

READING THE OLD TESTAMENT

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Class Schedule

- January 10** Introduction to Class
Syllabus
Getting to know one another
- January 17** The Pentateuch
RTOT
A Closer Look (Genesis 1-3; Exodus 14-15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- January 24** The Deuteronomistic History (Joshua – 2 Kings)
RTOT
A Closer Look (Judges 4; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; I Kings 21:1-29 & 2 Kings 23:1-20)
- January 31** The Prophets
RTOT
A Closer Look (Choose one of the call narratives and apply to your own sense of Call – Isaiah 6; Jeremiah 1:1-10; Ezekiel 1-2; Jonah 1:1-3)
- February 7** The Writings
RTOT (Class Projects)
A Closer Look: Psalm 23; I Kings 6:1-22 and I Chronicles 28:1-11)

Course Description

The course is designed as a general introduction to the Old Testament. The aim of this study is an understanding of the Old Testament for preaching, teaching and living in the church.

Course Objectives

- Introduce the learners to the principal parts of the Old Testament as well as the background, content, literary integrity, and message of the Old Testament.
- To engage learners in the reading and study of the Old Testament for their own lives.

- To challenge learners to understand, appreciate and consider the implications of the Old Testament on its own merit as well as for Christian proclamation.

Resources

1. The Bible (preferred translation The NRSV)
2. **Reading the Old Testament** by Barry Banstra (Third Edition - ISBN 0 - 534 - 61668 - 2 Amazon.com has used copies that are inexpensive)
3. Best Web Site on the Old Testament: www.prophetess.lstc.edu

Getting To Know You

- Who are you?
- Why are you here?
- What do you hope to know about the Old Testament after this course?
- Three verbs that describe your life last week?