

COURSE SYLLABUS

Numbers-Joshua: The Tragedy of Fear and the Glory of Faith

Course Lecturer: Douglas Stuart, PhD

Course Description

Numbers-Joshua: The Tragedy of Fear and the Glory of Faith is a study of contrasts. Israel's fear prevented them from entering the land God promised to give them, resulting in the story of wandering and death recorded in Numbers. In contrast, the books of Deuteronomy and Joshua record the preparation and triumph of faith as the people allowed God to win the Promised Land for them.

Course Objectives

1. To introduce you to survey information of the Old Testament
2. To help you develop critical and practical aptitudes in understanding the Bible
3. To provide scholarly information that will help you better understand the historical and biblical context of the Old Testament

Course Lecturer



Douglas K. Stuart, PhD

Education:

- Harvard University, PhD
- Yale Divinity School, graduate studies
- Harvard University, BA

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Old Testament, specializing in Assyrian and Babylonian languages and literature, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Co-chair of the Old Testament Colloquium for the Boston Theological Institute
- Visiting professor, guest lecturer, and speaker at colleges, seminaries, and universities across the United States

Other Career Highlights:

- Activity in several organizations, including The Evangelical Theological Society, the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies, and the Society of Biblical Literature
- Radio and television broadcasts, including appearances in both *Mysteries of the Bible* and *Christianity: The First Thousand Years*
- Ordained minister, pastoring numerous churches in Massachusetts and New Hampshire
- Ministry work among gypsies in Eastern Europe
- Fluent in several languages and able to navigate through several others, including Arabic, Aramaic, Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian, English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Romanian, Syriac, Targumic Aramaic, and Ugaritic

Publications:

- Author of several books, including *Old Testament Exegesis: A Primer for Students and Pastors*, *Studies in Early Hebrew Meter*, and various Bible commentaries including volumes on Hosea, Ezekiel, Malachi, and Jonah. His most bestselling book, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, has been translated into more than 20 languages.
- Author of numerous journal articles for publications such as *Christianity Today*, *Decision Magazine*, the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and *Hebrew Union College Annual*

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in three easy-to-use formats: video, audio, and PDF text. Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.