

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# Building Biblical Theology

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### Course Description

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Faithful Christians have always recognized the importance of the progress of biblical history, especially as it relates to humanity's fall into sin and to God's redemptive work. The discipline of biblical theology arose as a means to study this progress in responsible ways. Much like systematic theology, biblical theology organizes theological ideas in ways that increase our understanding of Scripture. But whereas systematic theology organizes its ideas according to topics, biblical theology organizes its findings in historical periods or epochs. Used rightly, biblical theology is a powerful and helpful tool for interpreting and applying the Bible.

### Course Objectives

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Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Express your own thoughts and attitudes regarding biblical theology.
2. Identify the meaning and importance of biblical theology, distinguishing it from systematic theology.
3. Explain the process of studying biblical theology.
4. Analyze examples of how biblical theology can help understanding of passages from the Old Testament and New Testament.
5. Identify key themes that lie behind the historical development of theology throughout the Scriptures.
6. Apply the teachings of the course to your own life.

### Course Lecturer

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*Richard L. Pratt, Jr., ThD*

**Education:**

- Harvard University, ThD
- Union Theological Seminary, MDiv

**Teaching Career:**

- Old Testament Department Chair at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL

**Other Career Highlights:**

- President and founder of Third Millennium Ministries

**Publications:**

- *Every Thought Captive, Pray With Your Eyes Open, He Gave Us Stories, and Designed for Dignity*

## Course Methods

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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.