

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# Defending the Reliability of the Bible

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### Course Description

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Throughout history the truthfulness and accuracy of the Bible has been challenged. Is the Bible God's revelation to humanity? Is the Bible correct in what it teaches? Does the Bible contain errors? Has the text of the Bible been preserved accurately over centuries of translation? It's important for believers to understand the history and nature of the Bible and have confidence that what it teaches is true. In this course, we will examine the textual transmission of the Bible (i.e. how we came to receive the Bible we read today), several archaeological discoveries that support the historical accuracy of the Bible, and examples of prophetic fulfillment only the Bible can demonstrate.

### Course Objectives

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

- Explain what the Bible is and how it is viewed today.
- Provide a defense for the reliability of the Bible through evidence of its textual transmission.
- Provide a defense for the reliability of the Bible using archaeological discoveries.
- Provide a defense for the reliability of the Bible by pointing to prophetic fulfillment.

### Course Lecturer

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*David Frees, MDiv and ThM*

**Education:**

- Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, ThM
- Southern Seminary, MDiv

**Teaching Career:**

- Adjunct Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Simmons Bible College
- Adjunct Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Boyce Bible College

### Other Career Highlights:

- Director of Online Learning, Our Daily Bread University
- Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
- Associate Pastor, New Hope Community Church

### Publications:

- Contributor to several academic and pastoral articles in the areas of Theology and Biblical Studies

## Course Methods

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Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**  
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**  
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

## Course Requirements

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To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
  - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
  - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
  - **Lectures:** 40-minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Responding to the discussion questions for each lesson.
3. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.  
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.