

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Pentateuch: Genesis-Deuteronomy

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Course Description

The first five books of the Old Testament are commonly called the Pentateuch. They tell the story of the nation of Israel from creation to preparation for the conquest of the Promised Land. But is the Pentateuch simply the historical account of God's chosen people, or is it something more? This course explores the books of Genesis through Deuteronomy, examining why they were written, what they meant to their original audience, and how we should respond to them today. This course is based on the lecture series, *The Pentateuch*, produced by Third Millennium Ministries and hosted by Dr. Scott Redd with contributions from a variety of professors.

Course Objectives

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

- Summarize the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of the books of Genesis through Deuteronomy.
- Explain how Moses' original audience would have understood the narratives contained in the first five books of the Bible and what these stories mean for modern believers.
- Provide outlooks and information on a variety of issues associated with the Pentateuch.

Course Lecturer



Scott Redd, PhD

Education:

- The Catholic University of America, MA, PhD
- Reformed Theological Seminary, MDiv
- The College of William and Mary, BA

Teaching Career:

- President and Associate Professor of Old Testament, Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. Campus
- Dean of Students, Reformed Theological Seminary Orlando
- Teacher at The Catholic University of America, the Augustine Theological Institute in Malta, and the International Training Institute in the Mediterranean basin

Publications:

- *Constituent Postponement in Biblical Hebrew Verse*
- Numerous articles, chapters and conference papers

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Calvin, John. *Commentary on Genesis Volumes 1 and 2*.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives. 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, activities, etc. that students may use to supplement their learning.

Course Requirements

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

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Reading:** Suggested readings that will supplement your learning.

- **Lectures:** 45-60 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
 - **Further Study:** Suggested further study that will help you dig deeper into the material.
2. 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.