

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Divided Monarchy

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Course Description

Success or failure starts at the top, and Israel learned the hard way that human kings were no substitute for the rule of God. This course covers the history of Israel from the beginning of Solomon's apostasy (I Kings 11) to the Babylonian captivity (II Kings 25). Learners explore the miraculous ministries of Elijah and Elisha, and survey the rise and fall of kings including Hezekiah, Ahab, Josiah, and Jeroboam. The course concludes by examining Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Jerusalem.

Course Objective

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Grasp the important theological and historical lessons which God has recorded for our learning in the books of Kings and Chronicles concerning His faithful dealings with His people.

Course Lecturer



John C. Whitcomb, ThD

Education:

- Grace Theological Seminary, BD, ThM, and ThD
- Princeton University, BA

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Theology and Old Testament, Grace Theological Seminary (1951-1990)
- Chairman for the Old Testament and Christian Theology Departments, Grace Theological Seminary
- Director of Doctoral Studies, Grace Theological Seminary
- Lecturer in Canada, Central African Republic, the Far East, Latin America, and Western Europe

Other Career Highlights:

- Recognized worldwide as a top-notch biblical scholar and expositor of the Scriptures

- President, Whitcomb Ministries, Inc.
- Founder and professor, Christian Workman Schools of Theology
- Helped establish a church in Puerto Rico
- Extensive mission work in Peru and China
- President, Board of Spanish World Gospel Missions, Inc. (40+ years)
- Board of Trustees, Grace Brethren Foreign Missions (20 years)
- Editor, *The Grace Theological Journal* (10+ years)
- World War II veteran

Publications:

- Numerous books, including *The Early Earth*, *The World that Perished*, *Esther: The Triumph of God's Sovereignty*, and *The Genesis Flood*, a book he coauthored with Dr. Henry Morris
- *Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth*, a 2008 Master Books publication, was written in Dr. Whitcomb's honor.

Recommended Reading

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

The Holy Bible: Preferably a wide-margin *American Standard Version (ASV) 1901* or a *New American Standard Bible*. The *New International Version* may also be used.

John C. Whitcomb, *Solomon to the Exile* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1971).

John C. Whitcomb, *Chart of Old Testament Kings and Prophets* (Winona Lake, Indiana: BMH Books) or the laminated notebook size on cardboard.

It is also helpful if the student has on hand a standard Bible Atlas. *The Macmillan Bible Atlas*, revised ed. or, *The Oxford Bible Atlas*, 3rd ed. is recommended.

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

Course Methods

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

Course Assessment and Requirements

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

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.

2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.