

The Drama of Redemption

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Course Format and Materials

High school students and their parents, college students, and other interested adults are all welcome. The primary course text is the Bible itself. In addition, students need a copy of [*According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*](#) by Goldsworthy; bring it to class every Friday, along with the journal homework. Optional additional resources are listed in the Course Description below.

Course Description and Assignment Overview

Each week students will be given a handout to follow along. Pastor Biggs will lecture on topics and encourage interaction from students. Students will be asked to memorize outlines of Biblical books and scripture passages. Students will be asked to prayerfully and carefully journal for each book of the Old Testament:

- What is the main theme of this book?
- What minor themes run through this book?
- How is God revealed?
- How is the end of God's story foreshadowed?
- How is Christ revealed?
- How is man revealed?
- How should we then live?

Assignments are flexible, geared to the student's level:

- **Intermediate Students** will read all of the Old Testament over the summer before classes begin. For help and accountability, see the resources at the end of this section! During the year, students will memorize all the books of the Old Testament, and learn to break them down into appropriate parts. Each week students will
 - read and memorize certain passages of Holy Scripture
 - complete a journaling outline
 - read assigned portions of *According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*
- **Advanced Students** Students will do all that is required of Intermediate students, and also read EITHER O. Palmer Robertson's [*Christ of the Covenants*](#) OR Keith A. Mathison's [*From Age to Age: The Unfolding of Biblical Eschatology*](#) as assigned
- **Super-duper Jedi-Advanced Students (i.e. seminary-level training!)** Students will do all that is required of Intermediate and Advanced, and also read Geerhardus Vos's much-loved and must-read classic [*Biblical Theology*](#) as assigned

For high school students, this provides a 1-2 credit theology course, depending on the level completed.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to articulate

- A brief introduction to each Old Testament book, along with basic outlines, memory verses, and practical applications
- The primary purpose/theological teaching of each Old Testament book
- The overall purpose/theological teaching of each book within the whole of the Biblical Story.

Further, students will

- Understand, appreciate, and interpret the Bible as literature, recognizing the different genres of the Old Testament books.
- Apprehend the unity of the Bible revealed in Creation, Fall, Redemption and New Creation.
- Learn to interpret scripture with scripture (*analogia fidei*).
- Recognize Christ as the “main character” of Scripture, particularly how He is revealed in the types and shadows of the Old Testament.
- Understand concepts such as Covenant and Kingdom and how they teach us about Jesus Christ.

Course Outline

1. Introduction to Biblical Theology
 - a. Luke 24:25-27, 44-48
 - b. From Genesis 1-Revelation 21-22
2. Introduction to Biblical Theology, Pt. 2
3. Creation-Protology
4. Fall-Hamartiology
5. Redemption-Soteriology
6. New Creation-Eschatology
7. Abraham to Moses
8. Moses to David
9. David to Birth of Christ
10. Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy): Covenant Law
11. Pentateuch, Pt. 2: Covenant Law
12. Prophets: Former (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings): Covenant History
13. Prophets: Former, Pt. 2: Covenant History
14. Prophets: Former, Pt. 3: Covenant History
15. Q&A
16. Prophets: Latter (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Book of the Twelve): Covenant History
17. Prophets: Latter, Pt. 2: Covenant History
18. Writings (Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Lamentations, Chronicles): Covenant Life
19. Writings, Pt. 2: Covenant Life- Worship
20. Writings, Pt. 3: Covenant Life- Wisdom
21. Writings, Pt. 4: Covenant Life-Way of Walking
22. Q&A