

**NEWMAN BIBLE ACADEMY  
ONLINE COURSE SYLLABUS  
By Dr. Willis C. Newman**

**Course Title:** Old Testament Survey

**Abbreviation:** BI 103

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Instructional Hours:** 30

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**Catalog description:** This introductory course surveys the introductory issues of the Old Testament, its historical and cultural context, development, and a brief outline of each book of the Old Testament. Included are sections on God, creation, and the Historical Critical Method.

**Student Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the purpose of the Bible, and a general outline of Old Testament.
2. Understanding the political, cultural, literary, and historical context of the Old Testament.
3. Describe the relationship of Jesus Christ as Messiah in the Old Testament.
4. Evaluate special issues such as revelation, inspiration, canonicity, and the OT texts.
5. Understand the contribution of major people on development of the Old Testament.
6. Identify the nature of the OT, along with the major historical and literary divisions.
7. Explain various issues involved with the Historical Critical Method.
8. Demonstrate an awareness of the themes and outlines of the Old Testament books.
9. Be introduced to a selected evangelical bibliology regarding the Old Testament.
10. Gain an appreciation of the Old Testament relating to spiritual life and growth.
11. Expand on the student's awareness of the greatness and love of God, and His place in history.

**Course Requirements.**

Students have 10 weeks to complete the following course requirements. Final grades will be based on the total accumulated points from the examination plus the analysis papers.

**1. The reading and understanding** of the assigned ebook textbook and readings as explained below. I will email the ebook, *Old Testament Survey in Outline Form*, to you by email attachment in pdf format.

You are also required to read from your Bible Genesis and Exodus.

**2. Examination.** Required is one examination. The exam consists of 150 questions worth 1 point each. The examination will be sent to you by email along with the syllabus, and the study materials. You fill out the answers. The exam is open book. On a Word document, type out your answers to each question, then email it back as an attachment to me at drwillisnewman@gmail.com. Here is an example.

Give your name and course at the top of the page.

Example:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: BI 103 Old Testament Survey

Answers:

1. d
2. a
3. Write out your choice of answer for any fill in questions.
4. Write out True or False for any questions that call for such an answer.
5. c.

The exam answers can be found in the ebook, *The Old Testament in Outline Form*, as listed above under requirement one, plus the Bible.

**3. Two Analysis Papers:** For each of the two books of the Old Testament (Genesis & Exodus) you are required to read, write a five page essay for each book. Answer the following questions:

- a. What is the book?
- c. Who is the author?
- d. When was it written?
- e. Who was it written to?
- f. What is the theme of the book?
- g. What does the book teach you about the nature and activity of God?
- h. What does the book tell you about creation and the development of the human race?
- i. What does the book tell you about human institutions and great events such as marriage, family, the flood, exodus, nature of humanity, Ten Commandments, and/or Tabernacle?
- j. What does the book tell you about great men of the Bible?
- k. What stands out to you personally in the book? As you read through each assigned book, look for something that stands out to you, and that you can apply to your life or ministry. It may be an event, person, theological concept, ministry strategy, psychological insight, or attitude. Write at least one page on the insight God gives you.

Again, the assigned books are:

- Genesis
- Exodus

NOTE: Wait until you have completed both analysis papers, and then submit them as an attachment along with your exam to [drwillisnewman@gmail.com](mailto:drwillisnewman@gmail.com). Be sure to put your name and the course for each essay.

**4. Recommended Reading.** The preferred English Bible translations for the student to use are the New American Standard Bible, or the New King James Bible. Recommended study Bibles are The Ryrie Study Bible (Moody Press), and the Nelson Study Bible, NKJV (Thomas Nelson Publishers, Earl Radmacher, general editor). You may use a Bible in your own mother language.

**5. Total possible points:**

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|----------------------|------------|
| Examination:         | 150        |
| Two analysis essays: | <u>100</u> |
| Total                | 250        |

**6. Course schedule:**

The following schedule will enable you to finish the course in 10 weeks. It is important to stay on schedule so you do not get overwhelmed at the end of the course. These dates are guidelines, not deadlines. **NOTE:** wait until you have completed all the written work and exam, and then submit them to me all at once by email attachment.

Weeks one - two: Read/study ebook text pages, 1-45.  
Complete portion of examination related to the assigned pages.

Weeks three, four: Read/study ebook text, pages 46-81.  
Complete portion of examination related to the assigned pages.

Weeks five, six: Read/study ebook text, pages 82 to end of ebook.  
Complete the remainder of the examination.

Weeks seven, 8: Read/study Genesis.  
Write assigned essay analysis for Genesis.

Week nine, ten: Read/study Exodus.  
Write assigned essay analysis Exodus  
Complete all unfinished work.  
Send all your completed work to me by email attachment to  
drwillisnewman@gmail.com.

**Grading/Method of evaluation:** Your grade is determined by adding together all your earned points, then dividing that number by the total points possible. That results in a percentage number. The following chart indicates your grade.

**GRADE SCALE:**

| %   | GPA | Letter | %   | GPA | Letter |
|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|--------|
| 95% | 4   | A      | 85% | 3.2 | B      |
| 94% | 3.9 | A-     | 84% | 3.1 | B      |
| 93% | 3.8 | A-     | 83% | 3.1 | B-     |
| 92% | 3.7 | A-     | 82% | 3.1 | B-     |
| 91% | 3.6 | A-     | 81% | 3.1 | B-     |
| 90% | 3.5 | A-     | 80% | 3.0 | B-     |
| 89% | 3.4 | B+     | 79% | 2.9 | C+     |
| 88% | 3.3 | B+     | 78% | 2.8 | C+     |
| 87% | 3.2 | B+     | 77% | 2.7 | C+     |
| 86% | 3.2 | B      | 76% | 2.6 | C      |

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|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 75% | 2.5 | C  | 66% | 1.6 | D+ |
| 74% | 2.4 | C  | 65% | 1.5 | D+ |
| 73% | 2.3 | C- | 64% | 0.9 | D  |
| 72% | 2.2 | C- | 63% | 0.8 | D  |
| 71% | 2.1 | C- | 61% | 0.7 | D  |
| 70% | 2.0 | C- | 60% | 0.7 | D  |
| 69% | 1.9 | D+ | 0%  | 0   | F  |
| 68% | 1.8 | D+ |     |     |    |

**Technical requirements.** You will need a computer, printer, email account, and Microsoft Office 2003 – 2007. I would recommend that you use a free gmail account from Google for your email, and Internet Explorer for a browser. You will also need an adobe reader. If you don't have one, you can download one free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

**Purpose of Newman Bible Academy:** This Academy exists to train men and women for worldwide Christian ministry as pastors, missionaries, teachers, and lay-workers. Our goal is to train students by strengthening their Christian faith, in order to proclaim and defend the teachings of the inerrant Word of God. This purpose is pursued through training in Bible, theology, and practical ministry, plus the development of personal spiritual maturity and zeal. Our existence is grounded in the Great Commission, which is to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the entire world, and make disciples of all those who respond to Christ. The Academy is global in nature, and designed to provide training for those who can least afford it anywhere in the world.

**Study tips:** It is suggested that the student carefully study each reading. First, read through the assigned section to get a general overview. Reread the section, and write down important concepts as you read along. Review. Review. Review. Rehearse and visualize the contents. Memorize key concepts. Take the exam. The exams are open book, but realize that you must know the material very well to complete the exams within the time limit allowed.

**Book acquisition:** You do not need to purchase any books as everything you need is found on the internet. Of course, you will need a Bible.

**Additional Internet Resources.** Here are some Internet links where you can find commentaries, dictionaries, systematic theologies, history and other helps.

<http://www.ccel.org/>  
<http://creation.com/>  
<http://geocities.com/dennisjowers/resources>  
<http://www.abideinchrist.com/links/books.html>  
<http://www.iclnet.org/>  
<http://www.christian-apologetics.org/html/links.htm>  
<http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil/hall.htm>  
<http://www.thruthebibble.org> (J. Vernon McGee  
<http://www.ewordtoday.com/comments/>



