

Syllabus for OT 501: "Theology of the Pentateuch"
Winter Semester 2005; Mondays, 7:00-9:45 PM
Location: Park Street Church, 1 Park Street, Boston, MA

Instructor: Gordon Hugenberger

General Comments:

The primary objective of this course is to introduce the student to the theology of the Pentateuch, stressing its foundational relevance for a proper understanding of the whole of Biblical revelation. While attention will be given to the historical context, literary structure, and contents of each book, the emphasis of this course is biblical theology. Topics to be covered will include the relation of Genesis 1-11 to ancient Near Eastern mythology and modern science; the Covenant of Creation, the foundational importance of the Abrahamic covenant for the unfolding of redemptive history; the determinative typology of the Exodus recreation and Moses' role as deliverer and covenant mediator; the nature of the canon as a covenant document; the inner logic of Israel's sacrificial system; the relevance of Old Testament law for Christians; etc.

This course is an English Bible course, which, as an alternative to OT 502, "Introduction to the Old Testament," is designed to meet the Old Testament core requirement for the M.Div. program.

N.B.: Because of a degree of unavoidable overlap in subject matter, students who have taken OT 505, "Christ in the Old Testament," should consider taking OT 501 with Prof. Jeffrey Niehaus or perhaps taking OT 502 as an alternative to OT 501.

Specific learning objectives:

Background for the Pentateuch:

1) Geography: You will learn to identify on a map of the ancient Near East the major geographical features (land formations, bodies of water, cities, and political boundaries) which are required for an intelligent reading of the Pentateuch.

See the two maps and the diagrams of the tabernacle (not the diagram of the camp) found in T. Desmond Alexander, *From Paradise to the Promised Land*, 2nd ed., between p. xxi and p. 3. You will have to reproduce these on the mid-term examination.

2) History: You will read a modern scholarly survey of the history of the ancient Near East and Bible up to the period of the exodus. You will also learn a simple approximate time line, to enable you to place in proper chronological order the major persons and events mentioned within the Pentateuch and to set these within their proper ancient Near Eastern historical context.

3) Ancient Near Eastern Literature: You will read an English translation of the most important extra-biblical documents (i.e. primary sources) for a proper understanding of the Pentateuch within its ancient Near Eastern literary and cultural context.

Modern scholarly study of the Pentateuch

You will become acquainted with certain characteristic assumptions, methods, and representative conclusions of the modern critical study of the Pentateuch. This will enable you to benefit from the vast resources of modern critical scholarship, to appreciate the genuine strengths, as well profound limitations and weaknesses of this scholarship.

Content and Biblical Theology of the Pentateuch:

1) You will read through the Pentateuch in a modern English translation. This will require you to read about 20 chapters for each class period.

2) You will master a general outline of the contents of each of the books of the Pentateuch.

3) You will be helped to integrate the main theological concepts of the Pentateuch by class lectures, supplemented by a careful study especially of the work of the following Evangelical scholars: T.D. Alexander, M.G. Kline, J.J. Niehaus, V.S. Poythress, and J.H. Sailhamer.

Textbooks and Bibliography

The books listed below which are marked with an asterisk (*) and are printed in larger bold font are recommended for possible purchase, since most of them are relatively inexpensive and are books from which students will be required to read at least 100 pages. You will not need to own all of these, however, since in some cases you are given an option to read from one or another of them. To help you decide which books, if any, to purchase, consult the Reading Reports at the end of this syllabus.

Primary Sources

All primary sources which are required reading for this course can be found in Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer, *Readings from the Ancient Near East* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2002). They can also be found in the two volume paperback edition of Pritchard, James B., ed., *The Ancient Near East. Vol. 1: An Anthology of Texts and Pictures; Vol. 2: A New Anthology of Texts and Pictures* [Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1958, 1975], which is more complete than Arnold and Beyer, but less readable. This anthology is based on Pritchard's classic and much more extensive work, *Ancient Near Eastern Texts*. The three volumes by Hallo are the most up-to-date, authoritative, and readable collection of ancient Near Eastern texts, but regrettably they are quite expensive. **Accordingly, students on a more limited budget may want to purchase Arnold and Beyer, while those who have more interest and less budgetary constraints, may prefer Pritchard or, better still, Hallo.** The other works listed below provide alternative up-to-date translations of these texts that are more readable than will be found in Pritchard.

AEL = Lichtheim, Miriam, *Ancient Egyptian Literature. A Book of Readings*, 3 vols. (Berkeley: University of Calif., 1973, 1976, 1980)

***ANEAAnth* = Pritchard, James B., ed., *The Ancient Near East. Vol. 1: An Anthology of Texts and Pictures; Vol. 2: A New Anthology of Texts and Pictures* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1958, 1975). *ANEAAnth* provides a selection of texts from *ANET* and pictures from *ANEP*. Although some important texts are omitted or abbreviated, *ANEAAnth* is reasonably priced and will be serviceable for most students.**

ANEP = Pritchard, James B., ed., *The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament*, Second Edition with Supplement (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1969) -- a necessary, if expensive, resource for aspiring OT scholars

ANET = Pritchard, James B., ed., *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament*, Third Edition with Supplement (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1969). Though somewhat dated and not always readable, this remains the most complete source for ANE texts.

***Arnold and Beyer = Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer, *Readings from the Ancient Near East* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2002)**

Beckman = Beckman, Gary, *Hittite Diplomatic Texts* (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1996)

Coogan, M.D., *Stories From Ancient Canaan* (Louisville: Westminster, 1978)

Dalley = Dalley, Stephanie, *Myths from Mesopotamia. Creation, the Flood, Gilgamesh, and others* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1989 [paperback: 1991])

Driver, Godfrey Rolles, and John C. Miles, *The Assyrian Laws. Edited with translation and commentary* (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1935)

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Foster2 = Foster, Benjamin R., *From Distant Days: Myths, Tales, and Poetry of Ancient Mesopotamia* (Bethesda, Maryland: CDL Press, 1995). This is an abbreviated edition of Foster's earlier work

Hallo I = Hallo, William W. and K. Lawson Younger Jr., eds. *The Context of Scripture: Volume 1. Canonical Compositions from the Biblical World* (Leiden, New York, Köln: E.J. Brill, 1997) this three-volume work has already become the standard reference work in English for ancient Near Eastern texts, and it is now available in paperback [\$113 at Amazon.com].

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Heidel, Alexander, *The Gilgamesh Epic and Old Testament Parallels*, 2nd ed. (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1949)

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Jacobsen, Thorkild, *The Sumerian King List* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1939)

_____, "The Eridu Genesis" *Journal of Biblical Literature* 100 (1981) 513-529

Kovacs, M.G., *The Epic of Gilgamesh* (Stanford, 1989)

Lambert, W. G., and A. R. Millard, *Atra-ḫašis: The Babylonian Story of the Flood with the Sumerian Flood Story by Miguel Civil* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1969)

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Parpola and Watanabe = Parpola, Simo, and Kazuko Watanabe, eds. *Neo-Assyrian Treaties and Loyalty Oaths* (Helsinki: Helsinki University Press, 1988)

Richardson = M.E.J. Richardson, *Hammurabi's Laws: Text, Translation and Glossary* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000)

Roth = Roth, Martha T., *Law Collections from Mesopotamia and Asia Minor*, Society of Biblical Literature, Writings from the Ancient World (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1995)

Yaron, Reuven, *The Laws of Eshnunna* (Leiden: E. J. Brill and Jerusalem: The Magnes Press, The Hebrew University, 1988)

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Kline, Meredith G., "Genesis," in *The New Bible Commentary*, 3rd rev. ed., D. Guthrie, ed. (Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1970) 79-114

Sailhamer, John H., "Genesis," *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, Vol. 2, Frank E. Gaebelin, ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1990)

Sarna, Nahum M., *The JPS Torah Commentary: Genesis. The Traditional Hebrew Text with the New JPS Translation*, ed. Nahum M. Sarna and Chaim Potok, The JPS Torah Commentary (Philadelphia, New York, Jerusalem: The Jewish Publication Society, 1989)

Wenham, G.J., "Genesis," *New Bible Commentary. 21st Century Edition*, D.A. Carson, R.T. France, J.A. Motyer, G.J. Wenham, eds. (Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994)

_____, *Genesis 1-15*, ed. David A. Hubbard, Glenn W. Barker, and John D. W. Watts, WBC (Waco, TX: Word Books, Publisher, 1987)

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Currid, John D., *A Study Commentary on Exodus* (Auburn, MA: Evangelical Press, 2000)

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Milgrom, J., *Leviticus*, Anchor Bible (3 vols.; New York: Doubleday, 1991-2000)

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Wright, Christopher J.H., "Leviticus," *New Bible Commentary. 21st Century Edition*, D.A. Carson, R.T. France, J.A. Motyer, G.J. Wenham, eds. (Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994)

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Cole, R. Dennis, *Numbers: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture*, New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2000)

Naylor, Peter J., "Numbers," *New Bible Commentary. 21st Century Edition*, D.A. Carson, R.T. France, J.A. Motyer, G.J. Wenham, eds. (Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994)

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_____, *Treaty of the Great King. The Covenant Structure of Deuteronomy: Studies and Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1963)

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Provan, Iain W., V. Phillips Long, Tremper Longman III, *A Biblical History of Israel* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2003)

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Williamson, Paul R., *Abraham, Israel and the Nations: The Patriarchal Promise and Its Covenantal Development in Genesis*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series, 315 (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000)

Requirements, Testing, and Grading:

You will be graded on a 100-point scale as follows:

1) In-class participation first half term **5 pts.**

2) Mid-Term Reading Report (due on March 14, 2005) **5 pts.**

When you submit your Reading Report, you must also submit 2 pages of typed reading notes for each book and 1 page of notes for each article, which include 1) a summary of the major point(s) of the book or article; 2) a list of exceptional insights and their page locations; and 3) a list of difficulties and weaknesses and their page locations. Inadequate quality in these reports will result in an appropriate deduction from the points awarded for this reading assignment.

3) Mid-Term Examination on March 14, 2005, on lectures and reading assigned up to the period of the Mid-Term **30 pts.**

4) In-class participation second half term **5 pts.**

5) Final Reading Report (due on May 2, 2005) **5 pts.**

When you submit your Reading Report, you must also submit 2 pages of typed reading notes for each book and 1 page of notes for each article, which include 1) a summary of the major point(s) of the book or article; 2) a list of exceptional insights and their page locations; and 3) a list of difficulties and weaknesses and their page locations. Inadequate quality in these reports will result in an appropriate deduction from the points awarded for this reading assignment.

6) Final Examination on May 2, 2005, on all lectures, but especially on the lectures and reading since the Mid-Term examination. **50 pts.**

7) Up to 1.5 pts. of extra credit will be given to any student who reports on May 2, 2005, a significant degree of additional outside reading (excluding the Bible) from books or articles mentioned on this syllabus. ¹/₂ pt. will be awarded for each 100 pages read. **1.5 pts.**

When you submit your Extra Credit Reading Report, you must also submit 2 pages of typed reading notes for each book and 1 page of notes for each article, which include 1) a summary of the major point(s) of the book or article; 2) a list of exceptional insights and their page locations; and 3) a list of difficulties and weaknesses and their page locations. Inadequate quality in these reports will result in an appropriate deduction from the points awarded for this reading assignment.

Grades will be computed on the basis of the percentage of points awarded out of 100 -- so a total of 97 will convert into an "A+," 93 and above will earn an "A," 90 and above will earn an "A-." The lowest possible passing grade will be a total of 60 points, or a "D-."

Rules for Examinations

You are asked to bring with you an English Bible (and/or Hebrew Bible). It may have cross-references and a concordance, but it may not have any study notes in the Pentateuch, whether written by you or by the publisher. You will not be permitted to use a computer.

Class Schedule:

Monday, January 31, 2005

Class #1

Monday, February 7	Class #2
Monday, February 14	Class #3
Monday, February 21	PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY/READING WEEK
Monday, February 28	Class #4
Monday, March 7	Class #5
Monday, March 14	Class #6: MID-TERM EXAM (1 st Reading Report due)
Monday, March 21	NO CLASS DAY/READING WEEK
Monday, March 28	Class #7
Monday, April 4	Class #8
Monday, April 11	Class #9
Monday, April 18	PATRIOT'S DAY HOLIDAY
Monday, April 25	Class #10
Monday, May 2	FINAL EXAM (2 nd Reading Report due)

Other matters

Inclement weather

School cancellations are announced on WBZ radio 1030 AM, usually at 5 minutes and 35 minutes past the hour, starting at 5:05 AM; and on TV (channels 4 and 7). Cancellation announcements will also be recorded by 6:00 AM at the campus switchboard (for courses taught through CUME: 617-983-9393; and for courses taught at the South Hamilton campus: 617-468-7111).

For courses taught at Park Street Church, class cancellations will also be announced on a pre-recorded message through the church switchboard at 617-523-3383.

Auditors

Regularly admitted students may take this course as an official audit by securing the necessary approval from the registration office and by paying the appropriate fee. Please inform the professor so that your attendance will be noted.

Others may take this course as a courtesy audit if they are regularly admitted students at GCTS, GCTS employees, or the spouses of students or of employees. Only one courtesy audit is permitted per semester. Courtesy auditors are required to secure approval from the registration office and from the professor.

Taping Policy

If you so desire, you are welcome to tape class lectures and discussions, but only if these will be used exclusively for your personal use and ministry. Specifically, no tapes may be shared with fellow students, unless they regularly attend this course, or with outside ministerial professionals.

Byington Scholar (Teaching Assistant) and Office Hours

There will be a Byington Scholar (Teaching Assistant) for this course, who will be available to help answer questions, tutor, and otherwise assist in the teaching of this course. As soon as one is appointed, his or her contact information will be publicized.

If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to seek me out during my regular office hours, which will take place before and immediately after class on Mondays. I can also be reached at my office at Park Street Church, Boston (617-523-3383, ext. 410 – I prefer phone calls to e-mail), via e-mail (GHugen@parkstreet.org), or via regular mail c/o Park Street Church, 1 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108.

EXTRA CREDIT Reading Report for OT 501: "Theology of the Pentateuch"

NAME: _____

Box # _____

DIRECTIONS: Please fill out this Extra Credit Reading Report by indicating your name and box number above and by placing a check mark next to each item that you have carefully read (skimming is not reading). Fill in the summary statement at the end, sign the form and hand it in with your FINAL EXAMINATION, May 2, 2005.

Optional Reading in Ancient Near Eastern Primary Sources

- "The Sumerian King List" [late 3rd mill. BC] = *ANET*, 265-266 = Jacobsen, *The Sumerian King List* = **Arnold and Beyer, 150-151**
- "The Deluge" (also called The Eridu Genesis, or The Sumerian Flood Story) [early 2nd mill. BC] = *ANET*, 42-44 = *ANEAnth*, I:28-30 = Lambert and Millard, *Atra-ḫasis*, 140-145 = Heidel, *The Babylonian Genesis*, 102-106 = Jacobsen, "The Eridu Genesis." 513-529 = **Arnold and Beyer, 13-15** = Hallo I: 513-515
- "Atrahasis Epic" [early 2nd mill. BC] = Foster, I:159-183 = Lambert and Millard, *Atra-ḫasis*, 43-105 (the text in *ANET* is too dated to be of use; the text in Hallo I: 450-452, is condensed because the tablets are so fragmentary) = **Arnold and Beyer, 21-31** (this is abbreviated, but it is adequate for our purpose) = Dalley, 9-35.
- "Lipit-Ishtar Lawcode" [19th cent. BC] = *ANET* 159-161 = Roth, 23-35 = **Arnold and Beyer, 106-109** = Hallo II:410-414.
- "Sumerian Laws" [19th cent. BC] = *ANET* 525-526 = *ANEAnth*, II:35-36 = Roth, 42-45.
- "The Middle Assyrian Laws" [12th cent. BC] = *ANET* 180-188 = Driver and Miles, *The Assyrian Laws*, 381-453 = Roth, 153-194 = **Arnold and Beyer, 114-115** (this is abbreviated, but it is adequate for our purpose) = Hallo II:353-360.
- "The Hittite Laws" [mid-2nd mill. BC] = *ANET* 188-197 = Roth, 213-240 = **Arnold and Beyer, 115-116** (this is abbreviated, but it is adequate for our purpose) = Hallo II:106-119.
- "The Vassal-Treaties of Esarhaddon" [7th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 534-541 = *ANEAnth*, II:53-69 = Parpola and Watanabe, 28-58 ("Esarhaddon's Succession Treaty").
- "The Amarna Letters" [14th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 483-486, 490 = *ANEAnth*, I:262-269, 273-277 = Moran, *The Amarna Letters*, EA 137, EA 147, EA 367 [= RA, xix, p. 100], EA 234, EA 244, EA 245, EA 365 [=RA, xix, p. 97], EA 250, EA 252, EA 254, EA 256, EA 270, EA 271, EA 369 [= RA, xxxi, pp. 125-126], EA 280, EA 366 [=RA, xix, p. 106], EA 289, EA 290, EA 292, EA 297, EA 298, EA 320, EA 333 [= Letter from Tell el-Hesi].
- "The Mari Letters" [18th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 482-483 = *ANEAnth*, I:260-262.

Optional Additional Reading in Cultural Backgrounds

- Hoerth, *et al.*, *Peoples of the Old Testament World*, pp. 19-347
- Livingston, *The Pentateuch in Its Cultural Environment*, pp. 1-310.
- Saggs, *Civilization Before Greece and Rome*, pp. 1-301.
- Sasson, *et al.*, eds. *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East* [any 300 pp. — list the articles you read on back of this sheet]

Optional Additional Reading in the Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch

- Garrett, *Rethinking Genesis*
I READ _____ pages in addition to the required reading.

Optional Additional Reading in the Biblical Theology of the Pentateuch

- Kline, M.G. [any work by Kline is highly recommended]
I READ _____ pages in addition to the required reading.
- Sailhamer, *The Pentateuch as Narrative*
I READ _____ pages in addition to the required reading.
- ANY OTHER WORK listed on the Syllabus
I READ _____ pages in addition to the required reading. List the works that you read on the back of this sheet.

IN SUMMARY, I have read _____ pages of additional recommended reading for _____ points out of a maximum of 1 1/2 points of EXTRA CREDIT (give yourself 1/2 point for each 100 pages read; but give no points for 99 pages or less)

ATTACHED SHEETS: I have attached to this Report 2 pages of typed reading notes for each book I read, and 1 page of notes for each article (or portion of a book), which include 1) a summary of the major point(s) of the book or article; 2) a list of exceptional insights and their page locations; and 3) a list of difficulties and weaknesses and their page locations.

SIGNED: _____ Date _____

Second Reading Report for OT 501: "Theology of the Pentateuch" Due: May 2, 2005

NAME: _____

Address or GCTS Box # _____

DIRECTIONS: Please fill out this Reading Report and place a check mark next to each item you have carefully read (skimming is not reading). Fill in the summary statement at the end, sign the form and hand it in at the time of your FINAL EXAMINATION, May 2, 2005.

English Bible Reading Requirement

It is understood that many students will have read the Pentateuch some time in the past. In order to satisfy this reading requirement, however, you must read through the Pentateuch for this course. Accordingly, no Bible reading accomplished prior to January 1, 2005 will be accepted as meeting this requirement.

Check each portion of the Bible that you have carefully read for this course:

- Leviticus 1-27 [= 1/2 pt.]
 Numbers 1-36 [= 1/2 pt.]
 Deuteronomy 1-34 [= 1/2 pt.]

Ancient Near Eastern Primary Sources (approx. 25 pp.) [= 1/2 pt.]

Abbreviations are from the syllabus, where more complete bibliographic information is provided. NOTE: As you read each ancient Near Eastern primary source, write about a page of personal study notes, which you can review before the exams. In these notes 1) write a brief synopsis of what the text is about; 2) indicate the potential relevance of this text for a better understanding of some portion of the Pentateuch; and 3) list a few points of similarity and a few points of difference between this text and any comparable passages in the Pentateuch.

- "The Laws of Ur-Nammu" [21st cent. BC] = ANET 523-525 = ANEAnth, II: 31-34 = Finkelstein, "The Laws of Ur-Nammu," 66-82 = Arnold and Beyer, 104-106 = Roth, 13-22 = Hallo II:408-410.
- "The Laws of Eshnunna" [early 18th cent. BC] = ANET 161-163 = ANEAnth, I:133-138 = Yaron, *The Laws of Eshnunna*, 45-79 = Arnold and Beyer, 109-111 (this is abbreviated, but it is adequate for our purpose) = Roth, 57-70 = Hallo II:332-335.
- "The Code of Hammurabi" [mid-18th cent. BC] = ANET 163-180 = ANEAnth, I:138-167 [ideally you should read the poetic prologue and epilogue which are included only in ANET or Driver and Miles] = Driver and Miles, *The Babylonian Laws*, II:7-107 = Arnold and Beyer, 111-114 (you should supplement this brief selection by reading ALL of the laws, which are available in L.W. King's translation at <<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/medieval/hamframe.htm>>) = Roth, 71-142 = Hallo II:335-353 = Richardson, 28-135.

Biblical Theology of the Pentateuch (approx. 597 pp.)

- Kline, *Kingdom Prologue*, pp. 62-382 [= 1 1/2 pt. OR 100 pp. = 1/2 pt.]
- Sailhamer, *The Pentateuch as Narrative*, pp. 1-79 OR Poythress, *The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses*, pp. 3-136 [= 1/2 pt.]
- Kline, *The Structure of Biblical Authority*, pp. 7-203 OR Niehaus, *God at Sinai*, pp. 13-229 [= 1 pt. OR 100 pp. = 1/2 pt.]

IN SUMMARY, based on the point values indicated above, I have earned _____ pts. out of 5 pts. for the 97 chapters of the Bible and approx. 622 pages of other required reading listed above.

ATTACHED SHEETS: I have attached to this Report 2 pages of typed reading notes for each book I read, and 1 page of notes for each article (or portion of a book), which include 1) a summary of the major point(s) of the book or article; 2) a list of exceptional insights and their page locations; and 3) a list of difficulties and weaknesses and their page locations.

SIGNED: _____ Date _____

First Reading Report for OT 501: "Theology of the Pentateuch"
Due March 14, 2005

NAME: _____

Address or GCTS Box # _____

DIRECTIONS: Please fill out this Reading Report by indicating your name and box number above and by placing a check mark next to each item that you have carefully read (skimming is not reading). Fill in the summary statement at the end, sign the form and hand it in at the time of your MID-TERM EXAMINATION on March 14, 2005.

English Bible Reading Requirement

It is understood that many students will have read the Pentateuch some time in the past. In order to satisfy this reading requirement, however, you must read through the Pentateuch for this course. Accordingly, no Bible reading accomplished prior to January 1, 2005 will be accepted as meeting this requirement. Check each portion of the Bible that you have carefully read for this course:

- Genesis 1-50 [= 1/2 pt.]
 Exodus 1-40 [= 1/2 pt.]

Ancient Near Eastern Primary Sources (approx. 90 pp.) [= 1 pt. OR 50 pp. = 1/2 pt.]

Abbreviations are from the syllabus, where more complete bibliographic information is provided. Although all primary source texts will be found in Prichard's *The Ancient Near East* (2 vol. paperback anthology of texts and pictures), and many will be found in Arnold and Beyer, *Readings from the Ancient Near East*, the last translations listed under each heading are the most up-to-date and the easiest to comprehend.

NOTE: As you read each ancient Near Eastern primary source, write about a page of personal study notes, which you can review before the exams. In these notes 1) write a brief synopsis of what the text is about, including names of central characters; 2) indicate the potential relevance of this text for a better understanding of some portion of the Pentateuch; and 3) list a few points of similarity and a few points of difference between this text and any comparable account or passage in the Pentateuch.

- "The Creation Epic," also called "Enuma Elish," and Additions to "The Creation Epic" [early 2nd mill. BC? / 1100 BC?] = *ANET*, 60-72 (you may skim Tablets I-III) and 501-503 = *ANEAnth*, I:31-39 = Foster, I:354-401 = Foster2, 11-51 = Heidel, *The Babylonian Genesis*, 18-60 = **Arnold and Beyer, 31-50** = Dalley, 233-274 = Hallo I: 390-402.
- "The Theology of Memphis" [late 8th cent. BC text based on a 13th cent. BC source (or perhaps even a source from the 3rd mill. BC)] = *ANET*, 4-6 = *ANEAnth*, I:1-2 = *AEL*, I: 51-57 = **Arnold and Beyer, 63-65** = Hallo I: 21-23.
- "The Epic of Gilgamesh" and Additions to "The Epic of Gilgamesh" [standard 1st mill. BC version < late 3rd mill. BC] = *ANET*, 72-99 and 507 = *ANETAnth*, I:40-75 = Kovacs, *The Epic of Gilgamesh* [**Kovacs' translation is available on line at <<http://www.ancienttexts.org/library/mesopotamian/gilgamesh/index.html>>**] = Heidel, *The Gilgamesh Epic*, 16-101 = Dalley, 50-125 (Arnold and Beyer, 66-70, is inadequate because it includes only a portion of Tablet XI; Hallo I: 458-460 is inadequate because it includes only Tablet XI).
- "The Legend of Sargon" [1st mill. BC] = *ANET*, 119 = *ANEAnth*, I:85-6 = Foster, II:819-820 = Foster2, 165-170 = **Arnold and Beyer, 75-76** = Hallo I: 461.
- "Treaty between Mursilis and Duppi-Tessub of Amurru" [mid-2nd mill. BC] *ANET*, 203-205 = Beckman, 54-59 = **Arnold and Beyer, 98-100** = Hallo II: 96-98.
- "Treaty between Ashurnirari V of Assyria and Mati'ilu of Arpad" [8th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 532-533 = *ANEAnth*, II:49-51 = **Arnold and Beyer, 101** (this is abbreviated, but it is adequate for our purpose) = Parpola and Watanabe, 8-13.

- "The Story of Si-nuhe" [20th –19th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 18-22 = *ANEAnth*, I:5-11 = *AEL*, I:222-235 = **Arnold and Beyer**, 76-82 = Hallo I: 77-82.
- "The Story of Two Brothers" [13th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 23-25 = *ANEAnth*, I:12-16 = *AEL*, II: 203-211 [**Miriam Lichtheim's translation is also available on line at <<http://www1.hollins.edu/docs/academics/divisioni/classical%20studies/saloweica/clas%2060/brothers.html>>**] = Hallo I: 85-89.
- "The Journey of Wen-Amon to Phoenicia" [11th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 25-29 = *ANEAnth*, I:16-24 = **Arnold and Beyer**, 212-215 = *AEL*, II:224-230 = Hallo I: 89-93.
- "The Amarna Letters" [14th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 487-489 = *ANEAnth*, I:262-277 = Moran, *The Amarna Letters*, EA 286, EA 287, EA 288 = **Arnold and Beyer**, 166-68.
- "The Tale of Aqhat" [14th cent. BC] = *ANET*, 149-155 = *ANEAnth*, I:118-132 = Coogan, *Stories From Ancient Canaan*, 27-47 = **Arnold and Beyer**, 82-88 (this is abbreviated, but it is adequate for our purpose) = Hallo I: 343-356

Cultural Background (132 pp.)

- W.C. Kaiser, Jr., *A History of Israel: From the Bronze Age Through the Jewish Wars*, pp. xvii-128 [= 1 pt. OR 70 pp. = 1/2 pt.]. If Kaiser is out-of-print or inaccessible, Hoerth, *Archaeology and the Old Testament*, pp. 13-222 is a good substitute or Bright's *A History of Israel*, 4th ed., pp. 23-143.

Biblical Theology (253 pp.)

- T. Desmond Alexander, *From Paradise to the Promised Land*, 2nd Edition, pp. 97-280 [= 1 pt. OR 100 pp. = 1/2 pt.]
Keep in mind that you will have to reproduce the two maps and the diagrams of the tabernacle (not the diagram of the camp) found in Alexander, *From Paradise to the Promised Land*, SECOND Edition, between p. xxi and p. 1 on the mid-term examination.
- Kline, *Kingdom Prologue*, pp. 1-61 [= 1/2 pt.]

Higher Criticism (74 pp.)

- Garrett, *Rethinking Genesis*, pp. 13-87 [= 1/2 pt.]
Although T. Desmond Alexander now has a very balanced and scholarly discussion of higher criticism, which he provides on pp. 3-94 of the 2nd Edition of his book, I still recommend Garrett's book as more useful for this course. It is easier to follow for beginners, and it comes to more positive conclusions. If you have already read Garrett for another course, you may read Alexander, pp. 3-94 in place of Garrett for this part of the First Reading Report.
Keep in mind, however, that you are permitted to read Alexander pp. 3-94 for 1/2 pt. of extra credit on the Extra Credit Reading Report, which will be handed in with the Final Exam.

IN SUMMARY, based on the point values indicated above, I have now earned _____ pts. out of 5 pts. for the 90 chapters of the Bible and approx. 549 pages of other required reading listed above.

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SIGNED: _____ **Date** _____