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Course Syllabus

Main Campus, Tuesday

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Pentateuch

Course Description

This course is an introduction and survey of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. Reading and understanding the Pentateuch is essential to having a firm grasp of the story, history, and theology of both the Jewish Bible and New Testament. Throughout emphasis will be placed on the connectedness of the biblical history, text, theology, and story of the Pentateuch with the remain books of the Scripture. Reading the Bible is both a science and an art. It requires a knowledge of both the whole as well as its parts. We will look at the Pentateuch as story with an emphasis upon *the world in-the-text*, and *the world before-the-text*. We will discuss various methods and approaches to studying Scripture. This course is designed to discuss essential matters of introduction and to offer a strategy, method, and framework for approaching the study of the Pentateuch.

Course Requirements

Reading the entire Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy). Complete assignments and attend class. Internet access is very important. Handouts will be kept at a minimum. Course notes and more will be posted on this web site (sacrapagina.com). Please register and sign in to access the course documents. Please check the site weekly for the notes before coming to class. If you have any problems and/or questions email me.

Course Outline

- Part 1: Introduction to the Pentateuch
- Part 2: Introduction to Genesis
- Part 3: Introduction to Exodus
- Part 4: Introduction to Leviticus
- Part 5: Introduction to Numbers
- Part 6: Introduction to Deuteronomy
- Part 7: The Old Testament in the New Testament