

Suggested Reading List 2009 Second and Third Year Units

EM324/524 Evangelism Principles

There is no prior reading required for these units.

LA003 Biblical Hebrew

Those wishing to do Hebrew should have the following 2 books at the intensive:

Pratico, G.D. & Van Pelt, M.V. 2007, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*, 2nd edition, Zondervan, Grand Rapids

Pratico, G.D. & Van Pelt, M.V. 2007, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook*, 2nd edition, Zondervan, Grand Rapids

Also, it would be very helpful if students work through chapters 1 and 2 of the Grammar before the intensive since the more time they spend becoming familiar with the alphabet the better (this is recommended but not crucial as we will still go through both lessons in the intensive classes). However, the pronunciation I use is different to that of the grammar. Please see the included attachment which shows how we will be pronouncing the letters.

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NT424 Fourth Gospel NT434/634 Fourth Gospel

A copy of Allan Chapples Handbook on NT Exegesis has been handed to all NT434/634 students enrolled in this unit with a letter telling them how to use it over the summer.

If you have not received your copy please contact the college urgently.

Students are not required to purchase any textbooks, except the course book available in the first week of semester.

For those who want suggestions about commentaries they can buy: for Greek, Köstenberger (Baker Exegetical Comm); for English, Carson (Pillar Comm)—plus Morris (NICNT).

For a good introductory read: Köstenberger, *Encountering John* (Zondervan).

OT426/626 Psalter

It is important to read the whole Psalter before the end of the semester, so starting early is a good idea—it is quite long.

One of the following commentaries may be of use:

- Clifford, Richard J. *Psalms 1–72*. Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries. Nashville: Abingdon, 2002. A good balance, even if not detailed
- . *Psalms 73–150*. Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries. Nashville: Abingdon, 2003.
- Mays, James Luther. *Psalms*. Interpretation. Louisville, 1994. Good for preaching ideas.
- Schaefer, Konrad. *Psalms*. Berit Olam. Collegeville, Minn.: Michael Glazier, 2002. Good for structure.
- Terrien, Samuel L. *The Psalms: Strophic Structure and Theological Commentary*. ECC. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2003. Good for structure and themes.

Alternatively, save up your pesos and buy –

- Goldingay, John. *Psalms*. 3 vols. Baker Commentary on the Old Testament: Wisdom and Psalms. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2006–2008.

OT630 The Pentateuch (Hebrew)

We will be studying selected texts from Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy; so the highest priority for reading over the summer is to read these three books in their entirety, in English. This is important so that you have a clear picture of the context of the texts to be studied. In fact, if you have time, it would be better still to read the entire Pentateuch.

It will also be helpful to practise reading Hebrew as much as possible, with an English translation open alongside to help when needed. Suggested chapters to read are Genesis 1–4, Exodus 1–4, and Deuteronomy 5–6. Don't worry at this stage if you can't understand every word or grammatical form, so long as you can follow the flow of the story. Practise reading some of the texts aloud, and perhaps memorise a few key verses such as Genesis 1:1-3 and Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

For academic study of the Old Testament in English, students are advised to use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) and/or Today's New International Version (TNIV). For reading large sections at a time, it may be better to use a contemporary language version such as Today's English Version (TEV; also known as Good News Bible).

For secondary reading, I suggest one or more of the following works on the Pentateuch:

Alexander, T. Desmond (1995), *From Paradise to the Promised Land: An Introduction to the Main Themes of the Pentateuch* (2nd edn, 2002; Carlisle: Paternoster).

Clines, David J. A. (1978), *The Theme of the Pentateuch* (JSOTSupplement, 10; 2nd edn, 1997; Sheffield: JSOT Press).

Fretheim, Terence E. (1996), *The Pentateuch* (Interpreting Biblical Texts; Nashville: Abingdon).

Moberly, R. W. L. (1992), *The Old Testament of the Old Testament: Patriarchal Narratives and Mosaic Yahwism* (Minneapolis: Fortress).

van Wijk-Bos, Johanna W. H. (2005), *Making Wise the Simple: The Torah in Christian Faith and Practice* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans).

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TH403 / 603 Theology: The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology

There is no required textbook for this course. For those interested in doing some preliminary reading there are three books of interest:

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book 3, Chapters 1-19, 21-24.

A. A. Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future* (Exeter: Paternoster, 1978).

A. A. Hoekema, *Saved by Grace* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989).

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