

Biblical Theology

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Course Information

I. Course Description

An overview of the covenantal structure of the whole of Biblical revelation, centering on the concepts of kingdom, covenant and mediator, and how these themes unify the Scriptures. These lectures were recorded in 1990.

II. Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to ...

... identify and outline the development of the key redemptive-historical themes of kingdom, covenant, and mediator;

... explain the contribution of each major section of Scripture to the development of each theme, with a particular focus on how each contributes to our understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ;

... explain the contribution of each theme to our understanding of God's redemptive purposes and work in history, especially as seen in the person and work of Jesus Christ, as they impact Christian life and ministry today;

... responsibly, graciously, and Scripturally interact with fellow believers about the structure and unity of Scripture.

III. Themes & Keywords

Biblical Theology, kingdom, covenant, mediator, creation, fall, judgment & covenant, covenant reconfirmed, Patriarchs, Moses & the Exodus, Sinai & Covenant, Promised Land, living covenantally, David, the Prophets, exile, Gospels, Acts, Epistles

IV. Texts

These books can be purchased from most Christian booksellers, or you can order them online from the Covenant Seminary bookstore by visiting www.covenantseminary.edu or by calling the bookstore at 314-434-0110 (toll-free 877-213-3353).

George E. Ladd, *A Theology of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974)

O. Palmer Robertson, *The Christ of the Covenants* (Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1980)

Gerard Van Groningen, *Messianic Revelation in the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1990)

Gerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976, 1980)

V. Class Calendar

Lecture 1—Biblical Theology (Part 1)

Lecture 2—Biblical Theology (Part 2)

Lecture 3—Creation, Fall, Judgment & Covenant (Part 1)

Lecture 4—Creation, Fall, Judgment & Covenant (Part 2); Fall, Judgment & Covenant Reconfirmed

Lecture 5—The Patriarchs (Part 1)

Lecture 6—The Patriarchs (Part 2)

Lecture 7—Moses: Exodus (Exodus 1-18)

Lecture 8—Moses: Sinai & Covenant (Exodus 19-34)

Lecture 9—Moses in the Desert (Leviticus, Numbers 1-20)

Lecture 10—Moses in the Land (Numbers 21-Deuteronomy)

Lecture 11—Living Covenantally (Part 1) (Joshua-Judges)

- Lecture 12—Living Covenantally (Part 2) (Ruth–1 Samuel)
- Lecture 13—The Covenant with David (2 Samuel)
- Lecture 14—The Davidic House (1 Kings-2 Chronicles)
- Lecture 15—The Prophets
- Lecture 16—Eighth Century Prophets to Judah
- Lecture 17—The Role of Jeremiah
- Lecture 18—Ezekiel, Daniel: Prophets in Exile
- Lecture 19—Revelation in the Post-Exilic Era (Part 1)
- Lecture 20—Revelation in the Post-Exilic Era (Part 2)
- Lecture 21—Revelation in the First Three Gospels (Part 1)
- Lecture 22—Revelation in the First Three Gospels (Part 2)
- Lecture 23—Revelation of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John
- Lecture 24—Revelation in the Book of Acts
- Lecture 25—Revelation in the Epistles of Paul
- Lecture 26—Revelation in James, Peter, Jude & John

VI. About the Professor

Gerard Van Groningen is Adjunct Professor of Old Testament. He holds the following degrees: B.A., Calvin College; B.D., Calvin Theological Seminary; Th.M., Westminster Theological Seminary; M.A., Ph.D., University of Melbourne. Professor Van Groningen served as a missionary to Australia for 14 years, serving 11 years as Professor of Old Testament in the Reformed Theological College in Geelong, Victoria. He subsequently taught at Dordt College and at Reformed Theological Seminary, and served as President of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois, until his retirement. He is the author of *First Century Gnosticism: Its Origin and Motifs*; he edited and contributed to the *Sabbath-Sunday Problem*; and he has contributed a wide variety of essays to various dictionaries, encyclopedias, and feschripts. His most recent work entitled *Messianic Revelation in the Old Testament* is considered by many likely to become a standard for Reformed studies on the Old Testament. He assisted in the development of a Th.M. degree for the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, and he has lectured in Brazil, Japan, and Nigeria, as well as conducted continuing education sessions for pastors and elders in the U.S.A.