

EXEGESIS of DANIEL
SPRING 2019
-COURSE REQUIREMENTS-

COURSE OVERVIEW

Survey of the history of interpretation of the book of Daniel; attention given to the critical attack upon the book; verse by verse interpretation of the text with selected translations from the Hebrew and introduction to the Aramaic portions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Introduce:
 - a. the critical attack on the Book of Daniel with a rational response in defense of the historicity and accuracy of the Book.
 - b. the book's historic provenance and internal structure in showing it's valuable place in the canon; reference will be made to the NT's use of Daniel, especially John's Apocalypse.
2. Apply principles of Hebrew exegesis throughout the Hebrew text of Daniel with a focus on Daniel's prophecies and prophetic images as assurances of covenant promises.
3. Discern the theological emphases within Daniel's message.
4. Master the English Bible content of each of Daniel's twelve chapters

COURSE OUTCOMES

1. The student will gain thorough familiarity with the shape and content of Daniel for easy reference to this book in counseling and preaching.
2. The student will develop skill in exegeting both Hebrew narrative and prophetic texts for properly approaching other Hebrew portions of the OT.
3. The student will grow in confidence in defending the reliability of the received books of the canon.

READINGS

- 1) Recommended: R.K. Harrison. "The Book of Daniel," in *ZPBE*, pp. 12-21. Read it by January 29.
- 2) Read the additions to Daniel in the Apocrypha: chpts. 3, 13,14. Due February 26.
- 3) Read a standard exegetical commentary in the range of 300+ pp. Stephen Miller's *Commentary on Daniel* in the New American Commentary Series is recommended; otherwise, Young's *Commentary* balanced by Archer's in the *Expositor's Bible Commentary* may be read. Due April 23.

QUIZZES

There will be 12 quizzes of about 4 or 5 detailed questions over the English Bible content of each of the 12 chapters. Plan on a quiz at the beginning of each class session. The quiz will be over the chapter scheduled for discussion that day.

EXAMS

There will be three exams.

- 1) Introductory Material due February 12
- 2) Chapters 1-6 — due April 2
- 3) Chapters 7-12 — due May 7

PAPERS:

You may select one of the following to be completed by April 30:

EITHER

- 1) A 10 page paper on the topic of your choice from the book of Daniel. Exegete a passage, develop a theme primarily from the book, or write on a critical problem; OR
- 2) Two five page papers; OR

(Papers, cont...)

- 3) A paragraph by paragraph (with occasional focus on individual verses) exegetical/theological **commentary** on Daniel based on your reading and on class discussions.

MEMORIZATION: February 26 = Daniel 4:34b,35
April 23 = Daniel 12:2,3

TRANSLATION: Daniel 9 and 12, due April 30

GRADING:
Three Exams - 60% Reading - 15%
Papers - 15% Translation - 5%
 Quizzes - 5%

2018 SCHEDULE:

January 22 = Introduction
January 29 = Intro & Daniel 1
February 5 = Daniel 2; first reading assignment
February 12 = Daniel 3; Introduction Exam due
February 19 = Daniel 4; second reading assignment
February 26 = Daniel 5; memory work from Daniel 4
March 5 = Daniel 6
March 12 = Daniel 7
March 19 = Daniel 8; Exam due over Dan 1-6
March 26 = SPRING BREAK
April 2 = Daniel 9; Exam over Chpts 1-6 due
April 9 = Daniel 9 & 10; finish commentary
April 16 = Daniel 11
April 23 = Daniel 12; written assignment due; memory work from Daniel 12
April 30 = Translate Daniel 9 & 12
May 7 = Final Exam over Chpts 7-12