

Old Testament Survey / Introduction

Tentative Schedule (each topic will be examined for two classes):

1. Introductory matters
2. Genesis Review (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Abraham)
3. Pattern for Redemption (Exodus)
4. New Life: Gift & Responsibility (Exodus—Deut)
5. Wilderness Temptations (Num—Deut)
6. Promised Land (Joshua)
7. God's Rule in God's Land (Judges—Kings/Chronicles, Elisha / Elijah)
8. Fading Shadows of Glory—Exile (Daniel / Esther, most of the writing prophets)
9. Exile & Return...An Unfinished Story (Ezra / Nehemiah, Malachi)
10. The Life of Faith (Wisdom Literature: Job—Song of Solomon)
11. Reviewing the Pattern of Redemption
12. New Creation for Us—Christ
13. New Creation Initiated in Us—Personal Re-creation
14. New Creation Consummated—Cosmic Re-creation

Recommended Resources:

1. **According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*, Graeme Goldsworthy
 - A popular-level 'big picture' theology of the entire Bible showing the progressive revelation of God's plan for redemption in history...ties together major biblical themes across the testaments
2. **Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament*, Christopher J.H. Wright
 - Another popular-level work investigating the significance of Jesus' person and work in light of the OT—focusing on Jesus' background, lineage, the prophetic promises, OT values, etc.
3. *The Goldsworthy Trilogy: Gospel and Kingdom, Gospel and Wisdom, Gospel and Revelation*, Graeme Goldsworthy
 - Three of Goldsworthy's books bound together, each dealing with how a different aspect of God's plan unfolds through the OT to the NT
4. *Christ of the Covenants*, O. Palmer Robertson
 - Traces the various OT covenants and how they point to and are fulfilled in Christ
5. *The Christ of the Prophets*, O. Palmer Robertson
 - A similar approach to the above book, focusing on the OT prophets and their message
6. *Old Testament Theology*, Paul House
 - A massive work that looks at the themes of individual OT books before looking at the overall message and direction of the OT
7. *Biblical Theology*, Geerhardus Vos
 - (Academic) A massive, classic work on the biblical theology...tough read but very informative

* Indicates must read books for every Christian! If you only read two Christian books besides your Bible in the next year (or ever), these should be the ones! In my opinion, no other books do such a great job tying the OT and NT together and making the OT come alive for ordinary readers. They will change the way you look at the plan of God, Jesus, the OT, and your faith/walk forever—really!