

V. SPECIAL INTRODUCTION

In this section of our notes we look more particularly at matters of special introduction, having surveyed matters of lower criticism and canon. Special introduction takes up such things as authorship and integrity and materials not needed for a preliminary study but necessary for a literary study. Our major division is on the Pentateuch but following that we take a bit of time for the prophets and the poets and the various divisions of the Old Testament. And finally, with a great hurry, we will take up matters of interpretation, etc., but in another section, of course. The material on the Pentateuch is long and complicated so...brace yourself.

General Outline for Special Introduction:

- A. The Pentateuch
 - 1. The Pentateuch in general
 - 2. Authorship
 - 3. Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch
 - 4. Examination of critical theories for the partitioning of the Pentateuch.
 - 5. Trends in development of critical ideas
 - 6. Unity of the Pentateuch.
- B. The Former Prophets
 - 1. Introductory notes
 - 2. Problems of History
 - 3. Study principles
- C. The Latter Prophets
 - 1. Introductory notes
 - 2. Special problems in the Prophetic Books
 - 3. Purposes of Prophecy and Prediction
 - 4. Observations
 - 5. Prophecy and Fulfillment
- D. The Hagiographa
 - 1. Introductory Notes
 - 2. The Message
 - 3. Critical problems.

Added Bibliographic Notes

These are mentioned in addition to our more formal bibliography presented at the beginning of the syllabus.

Aalders, G.C. A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE PENTATEUCH...conservatively oriented.

Green, W. H. THE HIGHER CRITICISM OF THE PENTATEUCH...older and strong conservative opinion