

PCB Graduate School  
Syllabus: Old Testament Introduction MBS630  
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## I. COURSE OBJECTIVES

### A. General: the student will:

1. Gain an understanding of the material needed for the study of the Old Testament.
2. Become familiar with the cultural background of the Old Testament.
3. Treat questions of criticism and interpretation of the Old Testament.
4. Receive information regarding the literature and composition of the Old Testament.

### B. Specific: the student will:

1. Study the history and development of the Old Testament text.
2. Survey the history of the Old Testament canon and consider canonical questions of Protestant and Orthodox bodies.
3. Analyze higher critical aspects of Old Testament criticism.
4. Observe the particular characteristics of the literary genre of the Old Testament.
5. Become familiar with the fields of study that affect Old Testament interpretation.
6. Gain a summary understanding of the theological importance and meaning of the Old Testament.

## II. CONTENT

A survey of materials needed for the study of the Old Testament including higher and lower criticism, analysis of literary materials, supplemental notes in archaeology, Bible geography and history.