

D. Some Basic Definitions: (oral)

1. Old Testament
2. Inspiration
3. Revelation
4. Illumination

It is likely you have met these before and certain 'you will meet them again. Therefore I lightly offer them here, not in a verbatim mode, but in the concept of thought and understanding. Note that if we begin discussing any subject which you cannot define, please stop us and ask for the defining concept.

E. Class Procedure

The class is not geared for continuous lecturing although it may easily fall into that. Discussion is expected, will be called for, and your participation may save us from the pit of dullness. Stay alert...we will try to take appropriate breaks so as to save you from collapse. Don't hesitate to question, offer contributions, and politely disagree...when needed.

II. Overall Summary Thoughts on the Old TestamentA. The Arrangement of the Old Testament

1. The English Bible

It is assumed every student in a course like this will know or does know the order of the books in the English Old Testament. This order is derived pretty much from the Vulgate order.

2. The Hebrew Order

This is the order we will follow in this course because, among other things, it groups the books of the Old Testament into more pragmatic divisions, as I see it. The reasons for this grouping are given in other courses in the Seminary but the result is this:

THE LAW: Gen. Ex. Lev. Num. Dt.

THE PROPHETS: Former: Josh. Judg. 1-2 Sam, 1-2 Kings
Latter: Isa. Jer. Ezek. The Twelve Minor Prophets

THE WRITINGS: Poetry: Psalms, Job, Prov.
Megilloth: Ruth, Song, Eccl., Lam. Esther
Histories: Daniel, Ez/Neh, 1-2 Chronicles