

# Old Testament Concentration

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In relating the story of God and his chosen people, Israel, the Old Testament lays the foundation for the faith of Christians. The Old Testament concentration leads students to explore, through these ancient writings, the character of God, his commitment to restore his people and all of creation, and both positive and negative human responses to God's grace. Complemented by elective courses in other disciplines, this concentration encourages students to draw on the rich resources of the Old Testament in expressing their Christian faith, in addition to providing a firm foundation for advanced studies in Old Testament. Students are encouraged to meet with the coordinator early in their program in order to determine the overall shape of their concentration.

Concentration Coordinator: Iain Provan

Regular Faculty available to supervise in this area for 2009-2010: Phil Long (on sabbatical Winter 2010), Iain Provan

Other Approved Supervisors: Carl Armerding; Sven Soderlund

See the *Academic Catalogue* for specific information regarding program and concentration requirements for the MCS, MDiv and ThM programs. Note that a concentration is required for the MCS and the ThM; it is optional for the MDiv.

Due to the number of required courses in this concentration both in Old Testament and in Hebrew students are advised to plan their courses carefully from the beginning of their program. Failure to do so may entail taking courses beyond the minimum credits required for the program.

## **2009-2010 Old Testament Concentration Courses:**

*Concentration Courses offered in Fall 2009:*

BIBL 501 Old Testament Foundations (Provan)

BIBL 503 Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation (Phil Long)

BIBL 600 Biblical Hermeneutics and Criticism (Provan)

BIBL 617 OT Book Study: I & II Samuel (Phil Long)

BIBL 710 OT Seminar: Understanding the History of Ancient Israel

*Concentration Courses offered in Winter 2010:*

BIBL 503 Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation (Watts)

BIBL 519 Reading the Bible with the Damned (Ekblad)

BIBL 627 OT Book Study: Psalms (Provan)

BIBL 701 Advanced OT Exegesis: Deuteronomy (TBA)

BIBL 730 OT Seminar: OT Ethics (Provan)

*Concentration Courses offered in Spring & Summer Sessions 2010 (see Summer Term brochure for updates):*

BIBL 501 OT Foundations (Provan)

BIBL 503 Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation (Soderlund)

BIBL Genesis (Provan)

BIBL Proverbs (Waltke)