



UNIVERSITY OF THE NATIONS

READINGS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

CHR 215

Course Leaders:

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Course Description:

The Readings in Biblical Studies course is a program designed to expose the student to an initial overview of biblical studies, church history, and theology. The result should be a solid foundation for a lifetime of study, teaching, and ministry. During the course, the student will read a large volume of reference literature and relevant historical information. Books are also included that provide interpretive insights. This 12 credit course will extend over 16 weeks.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to instill confidence to be a Bible teacher through biblical, historical, and theological readings. It will equip students with a deeper understanding of:

- Biblical Studies
- Biblical History
- Church History
- Theology

This should assist in students becoming better teachers.

Requirements:

Reading & Written Assignments: Completion of all assignments

Meetings: Required weekly cohort meetings

We anticipate the course will require 25 hours per week.

Resources Needed:

Google Classroom app (free)

Zoom app (free)

Books: While we attempt to find ways for students to access books for free, nevertheless, it is the student's responsibility to obtain all books.

1. **How to Read the Bible Book by Book** - Fee & Stuart (422 pages)
2. **IVP Bible Background Commentary Old Testament** by Walton. Genesis (50), Deuteronomy (40), Ezra (13), Job (16), Ecclesiastes (6), Song of Solomon (5), Isaiah (60), Jeremiah (44), Ezekiel (40), Daniel (22), Zechariah (12). (308 pages)
3. **Alexander the Great** - Philip Freeman (418 pages)
4. **The Jewish Wars** - Josephus (427 pages)
5. **Paul: A Biography** - N.T. Wright (476 pages)
6. **How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth** - Fee & Stuart (298 pages)
7. **The History of the Church** - Eusebius (512 pages)
8. **Evangelical Dictionary of Theology** - Elwell (Read A-K @ 472 pages)
9. **IVP Bible Background Commentary New Testament** by Keener. Read Matthew (90), John (70), Acts (100), Romans (37), 1 & 2 Corinthians (65), Hebrews (30), Revelation (54). (446 pages)
10. **Evangelical Dictionary of Theology** - Elwell (Read L-Z @ 492 pages)
11. **Church History in Plain Language** - Bruce L. Shelley (534 pages)
12. **Revelation: Four Views** - Steve Gregg. Read only "Introduction to the Book of Revelation" (pages 11-76). Or listen to Steve Gregg's "Revelation Introduction" parts 1-4
https://thenarrowpath.com/verse_by_verse.php#Revelation
13. **Raptureless** - Jonathan Welton (243 pages). Free download
<https://weltonacademy.com/products/raptureless-first-edition-free-download>
14. **Speaking of Jesus** - Carl Medearis (194 pages)
15. **New Testament** (432 pages) - 260 chapters or 21.6 chapters per week
(5,739 pages / 12 week = 478 pages/week. 5,739 / 16 weeks = 359 pages/week)

Evaluation & Grading:

Assessment Weighting

Reading 50%

- assessing completion of course material

Participation & Discussion 20%

- assessing ability to discuss concepts from reading
- assessing critical thinking and implicational thinking based on reading. "What does this mean for my life/beliefs/ministry?"
- reflecting on Bible reading and what God is speaking through that particular aspect of the course
- assessing participation in course meetings

Written reports 30%

- aid in evaluating what has been read and key points of material
- assessing ability to apply to life or ministry

Grading Scale

Letter	Description	Points	Percentage
A	Excellent	5	90-100
B	Good	4	80-89
C	Satisfactory	3	70-79
D	Borderline	2	60-69
F	Failing	1	Under 60

Course Schedule:

Weeks	Dates	Books	Bible (260 ch.)
1		How to Read the Bible Book by Book	Matthew
2		IVP Bible Background Commentary Old Test. (Gen, Deut, Ezra, Job, Ecc, SoS, Is, Jer, Ezek, Dan, Zech.)	Mark
3		Alexander the Great	Luke
4		The Jewish Wars	John
5		Paul: A Biography	Acts 1-14
6		How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth	Acts 15-28
7		The History of the Church	Romans
8		Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (A-D)	1 Corinthians
9		Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (E-K)	2 Corinthians
10		IVP Bible Background Commentary New Test (Matt, John, Acts)	Gal, Eph, Phi
11		IVP Bible Background Commentary New Test (Rom, 1 & 2 Cor, Heb, Rev)	Col, 1&2 Thess
12		Church History in Plain Language (I-IV / Jesus to Hus)	1&2 Tim, Titus, Phile
13		Church History in Plain Language (V-IX / Luther to Global South)	Heb,

14		Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (L-Q)	James, 1 & 2 Peter
15		Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (R-Z) / Revelation: Four Views (Introduction only)	1-3 John, Jude
16		Raptureless / Speaking of Jesus	Revelation

Attendance Policy:

If the student misses 2 cohort meetings in the quarter, the student receives an "Incomplete" grade at the end of the school.

Code of Conduct:

All students enrolling in the UofN are expected to be committed Christians who aim to glorify God in their lives. Therefore, faculty and staff have high expectations for each student. The UofN modular education system demands concentrated study and continuous diligence because the academic content of each school is equivalent to several traditional university courses. The development of Christian character is an integral part of our training and a central ongoing goal of the UofN. Consequently, we expect that the conduct of UofN students will be in keeping with biblical standards. Any compromise of academic integrity, including cheating and plagiarism, any verified violation of biblical standards or of local community-living guidelines at the location where the course takes place, and any violation of the law of the land, including visa and immigration procedures, may be considered grounds for disciplinary action or dismissal.

Financial Information:

Tuition fees are C Country USD \$30, B Country \$60, A Country USD \$90. See <https://uofn.edu/nation-category-list>. 50% of school Fees are due by Friday of the first week of class. All school fees need to be paid by the end of week 6 for that quarter. School fees paid are not refundable.

You can pay your school fees using the following link:

<https://buy.stripe.com/fZe9BO67m2u2bFm28d>

Please also email us the transaction details as soon as you make payment to:

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