



OT101 Old Testament Foundations I

Dr Philip Satterthwaite | 3CR

About the Course

OT Foundations I and OT Foundations II together form an introduction to the Old Testament. Throughout, the Old Testament is interpreted as part of Christian Scripture, and out of a conviction that Christians cannot afford to neglect this first and larger part of God's Word.

Questions relating to history and the ancient Near Eastern context will not be ignored, but the main emphasis is on the meaning, theology and application of the text. OT Foundations I covers the Pentateuch and the Historical Books.

Dates (2020)

August 4, 18
September 1, 15, 29
October 13, 27
November 10

(7:15pm – 10:00pm)

Credits

3CR

Class Format

Blended Learning
(Live / Online
Lectures & Tutorials)

Location

TBA

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)
S\$240 (Audit)

* Students from Host Churches are entitled to 20% off credit courses only

About the Lecturer

Dr Philip Satterthwaite has been Lecturer in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at BGST since 1998. Before that he was Research Fellow in Hebrew & Aramaic at Tyndale House, Cambridge.

His main research areas are: the Old Testament Historical books; the Septuagint. In 2007 his book *Exploring the Old Testament 2: The Histories* (written with J.G. McConville) was published by SPCK/IVP. Philip has preached and taught in a number of churches in Singapore. He is a member of Prinsep Street Presbyterian church. He is married to Eileen. He was Principal of BGST from 2011 - 2019.



Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, it is hoped that the student will:

- i. have a better understanding of the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books (their contents and structure, their narrative techniques and their theological significance);
- ii. know more about the historical and cultural contexts in which these books originated, and be aware in particular of how knowledge of texts from the ancient Near Eastern may be significant for Old Testament interpretation
- iii. have a better idea of 'what to do' with the Old Testament books covered (how to apply their teaching to the modern world and to their own lives).

Academic Information

Course Texts:

1. G.J. Wenham, Exploring the Old Testament I: A Guide to the Pentateuch (SPCK/IVP, 2003);
2. P.E. Satterthwaite and J.G. McConville, Exploring the Old Testament II: A Guide to the Historical Books (SPCK/IVP, 2007).

Assignments:

1. Short Answers (10%)
2. Multiple-choice quizzes (10%)
3. Critique (20%)
4. Two Responses (20%)
5. Essay (40%)

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