



**OT528
Daniel**

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I. DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

An in-depth study of the book of Daniel focusing on the prophetic message as the paradigm for understanding biblical Prophecy.

II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The prophecies of the book of Daniel are foundational for an understanding of a Dispensational/Premillennial perspective, and forms the basis for an understanding of all prophecy. Additionally, an in-depth study of Daniel sets forth the principles of a grammatico-historical hermeneutic methodology and demonstrates these principles by an exegesis of the book.

III. OBJECTIVES

1. By producing a research paper, students will be able to set forth and discuss the issues related to authorship and dating of the Old Testament book of Daniel.
2. By producing a research/exegetical paper, students will be able to discuss and defend a Dispensational and Premillennial eschatological perspective of the prophecies of Daniel *vis-à-vis* Preterist interpretations.

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES FOR THE COURSE

Howe, Thomas A. *Daniel in the Preterists' Den: A Critical Look at Preterist Interpretations of Daniel*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2008. ISBN 978-1556352737.

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Howe, Thomas A. *Daniel in the Preterists's Den*. Classnotes.

Jordan, James B. *The Handwriting on the Wall: A Commentary on the Book of Daniel*. Powder Springs, Georgia: American Vision, 2007. ISBN 09158156305

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSE

NOTE: All assignments are due on or before Sept. 9, 2016.

1. The student must read the Old Testament book of Daniel and the assigned textbooks in their entirety. This will constitute 20% of the final grade.
2. The student must produce a Critical Introduction Paper in which the student discusses the arguments pro and con of identifying the author of the book of Daniel, arguments

concerning the dating of the writing of the book of Daniel, the intended audience of the book of Daniel, and the structure, theme, and message of the book of Daniel. The student must consult at least two (2) books in addition to the two required textbooks. One (1) of these books must be from a critical perspective. One (1) of these books must be produced by authors who argue for a conservative view of the critical issues. This paper must adhere to Turabian formatting guidelines. This project will constitute 30% of the final grade.

3. The student will compose a research paper in which he critiques selected passages from James B. Jordan's book, *The Handwriting on the Wall*. The passages for this paper include, Dan. 2:1–49; 9:24–27; 11:1–45. The paper will also include a critical comparison of these passages with Thomas Howe's book, *Daniel in the Preterists' Den*. This paper must adhere to Turabian formatting guidelines. This project will constitute 50% of the final grade.

VI. GRADING

Grading Scale		
A = 97-100%	B- = 86-87%	D+ = 75-77%
A- = 94-96%	C+ = 83-85%	D = 72-74%
B+ = 91-93%	C = 80-82%	D- = 70-71%
B = 88-90%	C- = 78-79%	F = below 70%

Grade Percentages

Assessment	Percentage	Approximate Time
Required Reading	20%	27 hours
Introduction Paper	30%	40 hours
Research Paper	50%	68 hours
	100%	135 hours

VII. OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

- CHAPTER 1: THE PREPARATION OF DANIEL: 1:1–21 1
 CHAPTER 2: NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF WORLD HISTORY: 2:1–49
 CHAPTER 3: NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF GREATNESS: 3:1–30
 CHAPTER 4: NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF HUMILIATION: 4:1–37
 CHAPTER 5: BELSHAZZAR: 5:1–30
 CHAPTER 6: DARIUS THE MEDE: 6:1–28
 CHAPTER 7: THE KINGDOMS OF THE GENTILES: 7:1–28
 CHAPTER 8: DANIEL'S VISION OF THE RAM AND GOAT: 8:1–27
 CHAPTER 9: PROPHECY OF THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL: 9:1–27
 CHAPTER 10: THE PREPARATION OF DANIEL: 10:1–21
 CHAPTER 11: THE FUTURE OF THE NATIONS: 11:1–45

CHAPTER 12: THE END OF THE AGE: 12:1–13 AND CONCLUSION

VIII. CLASS SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Class Topic	Text Reading	Assignments
1	Monday June 6	Daniel Chapters 1 & 2	DPD* 63–122	Read the required texts in their entirety by Sept. 9, 2016
2	Tuesday June 7	Daniel Chapters 3–6	DPD 123–191	Complete Critical Introduction Paper by Sept. 9, 2016
3	Wednesday June 8	Daniel Chapter 7	DPD 192–268	Complete Research Paper Due by Sept. 9, 2016
4	Thursday June 9	Daniel Chapter 8	DPD 269–306	
5	Friday June 10	Daniel Chapter 9	DPD 307–441	
6	Saturday Morning June 11	Daniel Chapter 9	DPD 307–441	
7	Saturday Afternoon June 11	Daniel Chapter 10–12 Conclusion	DPD 442–699	

*DPD = *Daniel in the Preterists' Den*

IX. GUIDELINES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

Guideline for Research/Exegetical Paper

Passage
OT528 Daniel
Student's Name

TITLE OF PAPER HERE

Outline

Outline of Paper

- I. First Major Point
 - A. First Sub Point
 - B. Second Sub Point
 - C. Third Sub Point
- II. Second Major Point
 - A. First Sub Point
 - B. Second Sub Point
 - C. Third Sub Point
- III. Third Major Point
 - A. First Sub Point
 - B. Second Sub Point
 - C. Third Sub Point

Translation

Translation of Passage here (If the student is not trained in Biblical Languages, then the translation should indicate by abbreviation from which standard translation the passage is taken. For example, NASBU=New American Standard Bible: Updated; NIV=New International Version; KJV=King James Version; NKJV=New King James Version; ESV=English Standard Version, etc.).

Introduction

Introduction Here

Commentary

(The Commentary Should Follow the Student's Outline)

- I. First Major Point
 - A. First Sub Point
Include your commentary on this portion.
 - B. Second Sub Point
Include your commentary on this portion.

C. Third Sub Point

Include your commentary on this portion. Continue this process through your paper.

Conclusion

Include your conclusion here.

Application

Include your application here.

Bibliography

Include a full Bibliography of all works consulted. The Bibliography should include all material consulted whether or not the student cites the material in the paper.

X. SCHOOL POLICIES: ATTENDANCE AND PLAGIARISM

Attendance

Most three-hour courses meet for one, 165-minute session each week. Attendance is expected at all class sessions, except in cases of emergency. Students, on campus and online, are expected to attend (attendance for online students is equivalent to weekly logging in to their class online through the course delivery system) classes regularly. Students who are absent from two (2) classes (6 hrs) or two weeks (online) will have their course grade reduced by 1/3 a letter grade. Students who are absent three (3) classes (9 hrs) will have their course grade reduced by an additional 1/3 letter grade. Students who are absent from more than 25% of class meetings will be given automatic academic failure as a consequence.

Cheating and Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism and cheating, regardless of the reason, are considered unethical and a violation of the Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College student code of conduct. The first offense will result in an automatic academic failure for the assignment and/or the course by a decision of the professor and approval by the Academic Dean. A statement will be added to the student's file concerning the offense and consequence. A student may appeal this decision to the Academic Committee. Subsequent offenses or those involving a thesis or dissertation may involve suspension from the Seminary or Bible College upon recommendation of the Academic Committee and decision by the faculty for dismissal from the Seminary and/or the revocation of a degree. Decision by the faculty is final.

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