

and includes extensive reading in the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: NTST551 or equivalent.

**NTST608** (3-4)  
*Advanced Greek Grammar and Syntax*  
An intense and rigorous course to give students high proficiency in the Koine Greek of the New Testament and cognate literature. It presupposes a knowledge of vocabulary and paradigms equivalent to that attained by successfully completing NTST552.

**NTST618** (3-4)  
*Syriac*  
Basic elements of grammar and syntax with a practical vocabulary; attaining proficiency in reading to enable continued independent study; comparisons with Hebrew for a better understanding of biblical Hebrew in its Semitic setting. Repeatable.

**NTST665** (3-4)  
*Coptic*  
Basic elements of Coptic grammar and syntax, readings in the Coptic New Testament and other Coptic literature.

**NTST696** (3-4)  
*Seminar in Hellenistic Greek*  
Selected readings in and analysis of various sources such as the Greek New Testament, Septuagint, papyri, Josephus, Philo, Apostolic Fathers, or related texts. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

## INDIVIDUAL STUDIES

**NTST690** (1-4)  
*Independent Study*  
Research on an individual basis dealing with problems in the field of the New Testament. Open only to students who have completed basic courses in New Testament. Repeatable. See general guidelines under *Academic Information*.

**NTST890** (1-8)  
*Directed Reading in New Testament Studies*  
Independent reading in selected subjects. Repeatable.

# OLD TESTAMENT

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**OTST500** (3)  
*Survey of the Old Testament*  
An introductory survey of the history, literature, and backgrounds of the Old Testament for students who have not had such a course on the college level.

**OTST570** (3-4)  
*Readings in the Old Testament (English)*  
Covers selected books/passages of the Old Testament, based primarily on the English text with reference to the Hebrew/Aramaic original, normally offered off campus for the MA Min. students and others who have not taken Hebrew. Not applicable for MDiv credit. Repeatable.

**OTST607** (3-4)  
*Preaching from the Old Testament*  
An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to CHMN607.

**OTST640** (3-4)  
*The Old Testament and Its Translations*  
A non-technical survey of the text transmission from antiquity to the present. The terminology and particularities of recent Hebrew Bible editions. Examination in various modern translations of Old Testament passages of textual and theological interest.

**OTST659** (3-4)  
*Studies in Old Testament Issues*  
A study of selected issues such as the formation of the Old Testament canon, questions of introduction, historicity of Genesis 1-11, Messianism, and Old Testament eschatology. Repeatable.

**OTST820** (4)  
*Textual Criticism*  
Detailed comparative textual examination of challenging Old Testament passages involving the ancient versions and Qumran, using both text editions and manuscripts. Repeatable. Prerequisites: OTST654, OTST660, additional languages as needed. Admission by permission of instructor.

## THEOLOGY

**OTST520** (3-4)  
*Theology of the Old Testament*  
Introduction of Old Testament theology. Distinctive theological concepts of selected books and

major theological themes of the whole Old Testament from the perspective of Christian faith.  
**OTST620** (3-4)  
*Seminar in Old Testament Theology*  
Selected aspects of Old Testament theology, such as the nature and function of Old Testament theology, the method of Old Testament theology, and the development of major theological themes. Repeatable.

**OTST627** (3-4)  
*Jewish Life and Thought*  
An introduction to Jewish beliefs and theology, liturgy and festivals, and thinking and philosophy as they illuminate approaches to the Bible and Hebrew customs.

**OTST835** (4)  
*Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures*  
The theology of an individual book or block of books in 1 of the 3 divisions of the Hebrew canon: Torah (Pentateuch), Prophets, and Writings. Content announced in advance. Repeatable.

**OTST845** (4)  
*Methodology in Biblical Theology*  
The development of biblical theology from the Reformation to the present with special attention to current methodologies.

**OTST945** (4)  
*Seminar in Biblical Theology*  
Major theological themes and thought patterns of the Bible with special attention to such subjects as the unity of the Bible, the relation between the Testaments, and Biblical authority. Identical to NTST945.

## HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

**OTST510** (3-4)  
*Archaeology and the Bible*  
The assembling of archaeological and ancient textual material which, interpreted from the philosophical viewpoint of the Bible, emphasizes the accuracy and authenticity of the Scriptures. A study of cultures, customs, languages, and rituals that throw light on the statements of God's Word.

**OTST514** (3-4)  
*Bible Lands and Their Explorations*  
Countries of the Bible and archaeological explorations carried out in them during the past 150 years; the geographical setting of Bible history; the background, rise, and progress of biblical archaeology; methods employed by archaeologists in using material excavated and found in the Near East.

**OTST604** (3-4)  
*History of the Ancient Near East*  
An introduction to the history of the Ancient Near East up to the time of Alexander the Great. Topics alternate between the history of Egypt and the history of Mesopotamia. Emphasis on the intersection with biblical history. Students may take each topic once.

**OTST605** (3-4)  
*Seminar in Old Testament History*  
Individual research on specific problems for advanced students in Old Testament history. Prerequisite: OTST635 or OTST604 or equivalent. Repeatable.

- OTST614** (3-4) *Archaeology of Palestine*  
An introduction to the principles, methods, and results of archaeological research in Palestine, especially in how they impact biblical studies.
- OTST615** (3-4) *Seminar in Archaeology and History of Antiquity*  
The archaeology and historical discoveries and problems related to the Old Testament. Repeatable. Prerequisite: OTST510 or 514 or equivalent and OTST614 or equivalent.
- OTST630** (1-12) *Archaeological Field Work*  
In connection with the Andrews-sponsored archaeological expeditions, qualified students obtain practical training in archaeological field work by assisting in the supervising of excavations, drawing, registering, reading of pottery, and kindred work. Repeatable to 12 credits.
- OTST635** (3-4) *History of Israel*  
An introduction to the history of Israel in the pre-monarchical, monarchical, and post-monarchical periods.
- OTST638** (3-4) *Archaeology in Evangelism*  
An introduction to the use of archaeology in evangelistic settings. Field projects are observed and presented by students. Prerequisites: OTST510 and CHMN615.
- OTST810** (4) *Near Eastern Archaeology*  
Covers such periods of antiquity as the Bronze Age, Iron Age, Early Christian period, and Byzantine times. A study of ancient artifacts, architecture, and other mainly non-written materials. Repeatable. Prerequisite: OTST614 or equivalent.
- LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**
- OTST551** (3-4) *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*  
The fundamentals of biblical Hebrew: a small but practical vocabulary, an understanding of the grammatical structure of the language, and practice in the use of lexicons and commentaries. Aims to provide the minister with a practical study tool.
- OTST552** (3-4) *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew*  
Development of reading ability in narrative portions of the Hebrew Bible for the student who has OTST551 or its equivalent.
- OTST612** (3-4) *Ancient Near Eastern Languages*  
Basic elements of grammar and syntax, with a practical vocabulary, for one of the following languages: Akkadian, Egyptian, Ugaritic, Syriac, and Coptic. Language announced in advance. Repeatable.
- OTST625** (3-4) *Advanced Biblical Hebrew*  
The reading of substantial portions of various types of prose and poetry in the Hebrew Bible, with attention to matters of syntax. Prerequisite:
- OTST551 and 552 or their equivalent. Repeatable.
- OTST654** (3-4) *Biblical Aramaic*  
Study of the essentials of grammar and syntax (with some reference to biblical Hebrew) coordinated with reading and analysis of a substantial part of the Aramaic portions of the Bible. Prerequisite: OTST552 or its equivalent.
- OTST658** (3-4) *Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern Languages*  
A study of Ancient Near Eastern languages and/or texts not offered in other courses. Repeatable.
- OTST660** (3-4) *Readings in the Septuagint*  
Reading of selected texts in the Septuagint and learning how to use the apparatus in the standard editions of the Septuagint. Prerequisite: NTST552 and OTST552 or their equivalent.
- HEBREW/ARAMAIC EXEGESIS**
- Note: OTST exegesis courses focus primarily on the Hebrew/Aramaic text and require as prerequisites OTST551 and 552 (or their equivalents). Exegesis courses involving Aramaic may require the additional prerequisite of OTST654 (or its equivalent).
- OTST626** (3-4) *Seminar in Classical Jewish Literature*  
Readings in classical religious texts of Judaism. Sources include liturgical, Hellenistic, Rabbinic, and Medieval texts. Required languages vary according to the subject matter. Repeatable. Identical to NTST626.
- OTST628** (3-4) *Principles and Methods of OT Exegesis*  
Introduction to the Masoretic text (Masora, accents, apparatus) and to the various methods and tools of exegesis; provides basic training in applying the exegetical work to selected messages of the Hebrew Bible.
- OTST664** (3-4) *Pentateuch*  
Exegetical study in selected portions of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, or Deuteronomy. Repeatable.
- OTST666** (3-4) *Historical Books*  
Exegetical study in selected portions of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, or Esther. Repeatable.
- OTST668** (3-4) *Psalms/Wisdom Literature*  
Exegetical study in selected portions of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Qoheleth, or Song of Songs. Repeatable.
- OTST674** (3-4) *Daniel*  
Exegetical study in selected portions of Daniel. Recommended prerequisite: OTST654.
- OTST675** (3-4) *Minor Prophets*  
Exegetical study in selected portions of the Book of the Twelve ("Minor Prophets"). Content announced in advance. Repeatable.
- OTST680** (3-4) *Advanced Old Testament Exegesis*  
For students majoring in Old Testament, this course deals with sections of the Bible not covered in other courses. Repeatable.
- OTST685** (3-4) *Principles of Hermeneutics*  
An examination of hermeneutical presuppositions and formulation of sound principles of biblical interpretation with application to selected texts.
- OTST686** (3-4) *Major Prophets*  
Exegetical study in selected portions of Isaiah, Jeremiah, or Ezekiel. Repeatable.
- OTST940** (4) *Seminar in Old Testament Exegesis*  
Advanced work on selected passages of the Old Testament; building on other exegesis courses in Old Testament. Prerequisite: A thorough knowledge of basic biblical languages. Repeatable.
- INDIVIDUAL STUDIES**
- OTST690** (1-4) *Independent Study*  
Individual research work on specific problems for students who have completed basic courses in Old Testament. Repeatable. See general guidelines under *Academic Information*.
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Independent reading in selected subjects. Repeatable.