Bible and Theology Department
"Shaping Servant-Leaders"

— Course Synopsis —

COURSE NUMBER and TITLE: BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 **SEMESTER:** Fall 2020, Aug 24-Dec 18 **COURSE DAY/TIME:** Wednesdays, 2:00-4:45 **LOCATION:** AGTS 227	**PROFESSOR:** Roger D Cotton, Th.D. **PHONE: 417.865.2815 EX** 8876 Direct: 417-268-1076 **OFFICE:** AGTS 214 **EMAIL:** cottonr@evangel.edu **OFFICE HOURS:** posted by office door

REQUIRED TEXT:

Walton, John H. *Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament*. Rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994. ISBN 0-310-48161-9

Walton, John H. *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018. 9781540960214

Williams, William C., ed. *They Spoke From God: A Survey of the Old Testament*. Springfield, MO: Logion Press/Gospel Publishing House, 2003. ISBN 0-88243-694-5

For information on textbook pricing, go to
http://www.bkstr.com/evangelstore/home.

ABOUT THE COURSE:

This course is an introduction to studying the OT at a graduate level. That means that it deals with major scholarly issues and important ancient Near Eastern background information, as well as summarizing key content and concepts for understanding the message and teaching of the OT.

It is highly recommended that the student have read through the Old Testament in recent years. Such basic knowledge will be assumed in the course.

SUMMARY OF COURSE REQUIRMENTS:
Reading of the textbooks and numerous documents provided by the professor.

Short weekly assignments for the first five weeks dealing with how to study the OT and its background.

Reading of *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament* by John Walton with some additional ANE background reading and then an essay on insights from ANE background for understanding the OT. There is no research paper for this course. There is a comprehensive final exam over essential knowledge for studying and understanding the OT.

Details on the requirements and a bibliography will be a part of the syllabus, which will be available at least a week prior to class, through course commons.