The Pentateuch

Student Syllabus

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About Third Millennium Ministries

Founded in 1997, Third Millennium Ministries is a non-profit Evangelical Christian ministry dedicated to providing:

Biblical Education. For the World. For Free.

Our goal is to offer free Christian education to hundreds of thousands of pastors and Christian leaders around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry. We are meeting this goal by producing and globally distributing an unparalleled multimedia seminary curriculum in English, Arabic, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish. Our curriculum is also being translated into more than a dozen other languages through our partner ministries. The curriculum consists of graphic-driven videos, printed instruction, and internet resources. It is designed to be used by schools, groups, and individuals, both online and in learning communities.

Over the years, we have developed a highly cost-effective method of producing award-winning multimedia lessons of the finest content and quality. Our writers and editors are theologically-trained educators, our translators are theologically-astute native speakers of their target languages, and our lessons contain the insights of hundreds of respected seminary professors and pastors from around the world. In addition, our graphic designers, illustrators, and producers adhere to the highest production standards using state-of-the-art equipment and techniques.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The first five books of the Old Testament are commonly called the Pentateuch. They tell the story of the nation of Israel from creation to preparation for the conquest of the Promised Land. But is the Pentateuch simply the historical account of God's chosen people, or is it something more? This course explores the books of Genesis through Deuteronomy, examining why they were written, what they meant to their original audience, and how we should respond to them today. This course is based on the lecture series, *The Pentateuch*, produced by Third Millennium Ministries and hosted by Dr. Scott Redd with contributions from a variety of professors.

NOTE: This course includes the lessons that are also offered separately in the courses "Primeval History" and "Father Abraham."

PROFESSORS

In this course a wide variety of professors from different backgrounds and different denominations participate in the making of the videos. That list has been given at the bottom of this syllabus.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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In this course, we would like to accomplish the following:

1. We hope you will become more interested in studying the Pentateuch and in applying its teachings to your life.
2. We hope that you will make use of all the instructional elements of the course to learn why the books of the Pentateuch were written, what they meant to their original audience, and how we should respond to them today.
3. We hope that you will apply the teachings of the Pentateuch to your own life.