

Nazarene University College
Introduction to the Bible, BL 240b (UoC 303)
Winter 2000, Tuesday/Thursday, 9:45-11:00
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I. Course Objectives

We continue our introduction to the Bible with an overview of the New Testament. The New Testament is a collection of writings that show a great variety of genre, purpose and style. Its contents rank among the most powerful and influential literature in the history of writing. The purpose of our study is to gain an appreciation of the chief types of literature represented and the critical themes and issues that they present to the modern believer. Our method will be a blend of historical enquiry, exegesis, literary analysis and presentation of the history of thought on selected books and issues in New Testament studies.

II. Course Schedule

Jan	18	Getting Back on Track	
	20	Politics of Palestine	
	25	Politics of Palestine	H&Y Quiz, Chapter 10
	27	Palestinian Religious Environment	
Feb	1	Jewish Sectarianism	Quiz on <i>Pharisaism in Context</i>, on 2-hr reserve in Thomson Library
	3	TBA	
	8	Jesus: The Centre of the New Testament	H&Y Quiz, Chapter 11
	10	Mark	Textual Questions on Mark due
	15	Mark	
	17	Class Debate on <i>Out of the Tombs</i>	
	22	John	H&Y Quiz on Chapter 12 and the class notes
	24	No class – Cat’s away....	
	29	– March 2, Mid-Term Break	
Mar	7	Acts	H&Y Quiz, Chapter 13
	9	Acts	
	14	Paul the Man	
	16	Thessalonians	Textual Questions on Thessalonians
	21	Thessalonians	
	23	TBA	H&Y Quiz, Chapter 14
	28	Romans	Textual Questions on Romans
	30	Romans	
April	4	Hebrews	
	6	Revelation	H&Y Quiz, Chapter 15
	11	Revelation	Answer paper on textual questions due
	13	Wrap-up Session	

III. Course Requirements

7 Quizzes	20%
Textual questions	20%
Answer Paper on Textual questions	30%
Final Exam	30%

IV. Late Policy

The instructor is under no obligation to accept work after the assigned due date. Students must obtain permission for a late submission prior to the due date. A substantial reason is required for an extension and a penalty of one full grade for each class missed will apply.

V. Absence Policy

After three (3) unexcused absences per term, the professor reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the class. A late arrival equals .5 absence.

VI. Required Texts

C.E. Hauer and W.A. Young, *An Introduction to the Bible: A Journey into Three Worlds*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1990.

New Revised Standard Oxford Study Bible, Canadian Bible Society.

VII. On Reserve

D. Neale, *None but the Sinners*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1991.