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ST. PAUL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver, and Western Canada

Old Testament - The Pentateuch, January and February 2024

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Course Description:

An attempt to understand the Five Books of Moses that combines the Jewish background, and Jesus Christ as the center around which prophecies and symbols revolve, as well as an attempt to respond to biblical criticism about these books.

Course Objectives:

- 1) - Recognizes the main features and ideas of each of the Five Books of Moses.
- 2) Connects the Pentateuch with the New Testament.
- 3) Defines the characteristics of Jesus Christ through Old Testament prophecies.
- 4) Appreciates the biblical texts and the extent of the blessing of the Word of God in the Old Testament.
- 5) Defends claims against the authenticity and integrity of the Pentateuch.
- 6) How to interpret the texts and verses of the books correctly.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

- 1) **Holy Bible**. Revised Standard Version (RSV) or New King James Version (NKJV) preferred.
- 2) J. A. Emerton, *Studies in the Pentateuch*, Published by Brill Leiden New York, 1990,
- 3) St. Cyril of Alexandria, "*On the Veneration and Worship in Spirit and Truth*" –
- 4) Waheb Gorge, Introductions to the Old Testament and discussion of objections, in Arabic
د. وهيب جورج، *مقدمات العهد القديم ومناقشة الاعتراضات*، رابطة خريجي الكلية الإكليريكية بالأنبا رويس،

ASSESSMENT:

- 1) Final Exam: A final exam will be administered based on the material that was discussed in the lectures and possibly additional readings. Open book
Final Exam: 70%
- 2) Paper: A paper about a topic on Literary issue will be agreed upon between the student and the instructor. Paper: 30%.

SESSIONS/COURSE OUTLINE:

The first lecturer	Session1	1 - Various trends in studying the Bible 2 - The meaning of the covenant in the Holy Bible 3 - The sanctity of the Bible	Waheb Gorge, Introductions to the Old Testament and discussion of objections
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	Session2	1 - History of the Bible. 2 - Biblical languages. 3 - Translations of the Bible, the most important manuscript versions.	
	Session3	1- General objections and responses First: The days of the Caliphate and modern sciences Second: The tree of knowledge of good and evil	
The Second lecturer	Session4	1 - The five books that Moses wrote 2 - The time of writing the Pentateuch. 3 - The stages that the Holy Books went through	
	Session5	An introduction to Genesis and a discussion of the objections	Waheb Gorge, Introductions to the Old Testament and discussion of objections
	Session6	Sections of Genesis Prophecies of Genesis Symbols in Genesis	
The third lecturer	Session7	Introduction to the Book of Exodus and discussion of objections.	Waheb Gorge, Introductions to the Old Testament and discussion of objections
	Session8	Sections of Exodus Prophecies of Exodus Symbols in Exodus	
	Session9	Introduction to Leviticus and discussion of objections	Waheb Gorge, Introductions to the Old Testament and discussion of objections
The Fourth lecturer	Session10	Sections of Leviticus Prophecies of Leviticus Symbols in Leviticus	St. Cyril of Alexandria, " <i>On the Veneration and Worship in Spirit and Truth</i> "
	Session11	Introduction to the Book of Numbers and discussion of objections	
	Session12	Sections of Numbers Prophecies of Numbers Symbols in Numbers	St. Cyril of Alexandria, " <i>On the Veneration and Worship in Spirit and Truth</i> "
The Fifth lecturer	Session13	Introduction to Deuteronomy and discussion of objections	
	Session14	Sections of Deuteronomy Prophecies of Deuteronomy Symbols in Deuteronomy	St. Cyril of Alexandria, " <i>On the Veneration and Worship in Spirit and Truth</i> "
	Session15	Christ is the focus of the books of the law	St. Cyril of Alexandria, " <i>On the Veneration and Worship in Spirit and Truth</i> "