



2022 Fall Schedule
"Old Testament Literature"

Dr. Chris Miller: Senior Professor of Bible at Cedarville University

Clinton/Troy/Birmingham/Orion

September 13-16	Genesis 1-3
September 20-23	Genesis 4-11
September 27-30	Genesis 12-25: Abraham
October 4-7	Genesis 26-36: Jacob
October 11-14	Genesis 37-50: Joseph
October 18-21	Exodus 1-12
October 25-28	Exodus 13-40
November 1-4	(Law) & Leviticus
November 8-11	Numbers <i>(Election Day Tuesday 11/8. No child care for Troy a.m. Insights)</i>
November 15-18	Deuteronomy

Homework

The videos being shown in large group time are lectures from a class called “*Old Testament Literature*” taught by Dr. Chris Miller at Cedarville University. Since each of Dr. Miller’s teachings cover large portions of scripture, the best preparation for the week is probably reading (or listening) to the chapters of the Bible covered in his lectures. If you don’t have time to read the scripture, you will still be able to benefit greatly from just watching the videos.

In addition, there is optional homework that you can do in preparation for these lectures. It is divided into reading sections followed by a few questions that focus on the main events in the chapters covered.

As you read, it is helpful to think about: *What does this tell you about God? What does this tell you about human beings? What does this say about God’s relationship with mankind? What does this passage reveal about His promises and plans for us?*

Following the homework section is “**For Small Group Time**” questions that are for discussing in your small group after watching the video.

Resources being used:

Video Lectures: “OT Literature” by Dr. Chris Miller, Senior Professor of Bible at Cedarville University and Assistant Dean, School of Biblical and Theological Studies

<https://www.cedarville.edu/academic-schools-and-departments/biblical-and-theological-studies/bible-minor-project/old-testament-literature>



“*Old Testament Written Notes*” by Dr. Chris Miller:

<https://chrismiller.cedarville.org/ot/writtenNotes.html>

These notes provide a detailed outline of each book of the Bible. Occasionally Dr. Miller refers to these in his lectures.



VIDEO NOTES

NOTES

For Small Group Time - Genesis 1-3
“God, the beginning of the world, and a plan for salvation”

1. What did you find most interesting or meaningful to you in this lecture? What questions do you have?
2. Why did Dr. Miller say reading scripture with a theological approach, versus historical or moral, is the most fruitful? *
3. How did Moses divide up the book of Genesis? See 2:4,5:1, 6:9... What do those sections help us do with Genesis?
4. Why is the date given in 1 Kings 6:1 important?
5. Is Genesis 1 primarily addressing “Who, What, Why, When, or How”? Explain. *Although Chapter 1 does address “what”, why did Dr. Miller maintain that that is not the primary emphasis?*
6. What does God’s Word (“God said”) causing “the universe to explode into existence” say about God? Why is this the first thing God tells us about Himself? *e.g. What does it say about His Word? About trusting God as your friend?*
7. What does Genesis 1:1 say about the state of the world at creation? What did God do on days 1-3 and on days 4-6?
 - What did He do on Day 7? Why did God take 7 days and not create everything instantaneously?
8. From Genesis 1:26-28, what was man’s role? What might this have looked like in a perfect world?
9. What did Dr. Miller mean by saying that “God was passing the baton” to man? What happened to the “baton/scepter”?

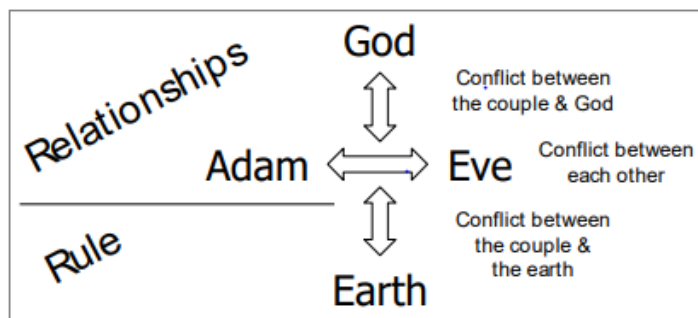


10. How did the word of the evil one challenge the word of God? i.e. What did he plant in Eve's mind by saying "Did God really say?" (3:1) and "You will not surely die." (3:4)?

- How did affect Eve's view of God?

11. When sin and the curse entered the world, what happened to **relationships**?

- What happened to mankind's **rule** of the earth? (In effect, to whom did Adam pass the "baton"?)



12. What judgment and promise were given in Genesis 3:15? How does this parallel John 3:16?

13. How would you answer Dr. Miller's questions at the beginning of the lecture? 1) *If you met someone who had never even heard of God, what is the very first thing about Him that you would tell him or her?* 2) *If two people are going to develop a deep friendship, what is necessary?*

* "The Bible is written to teach us first of all about God. The point of Scripture is to reveal who God is in order to draw the reader into relationship with him; therefore, the most profitable insights can be gained by asking the question, 'What does this passage teach me about God?'"

What exactly does God want us to See?

- *Historical* – inform the reader fact that happened in the past
- *Moral* – inform the reader about how to behave
- *Theological* – revealing WHO God is – to draw the reader into a relationship with Him"

- Dr. Chris Miller