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## **BIB122 Pentateuch**

### **Mission Statement**

CST is committed to connect, serve, and train for Pentecostal ministry, leadership, and missions throughout the world.

### **Professor**

### **Course Description**

The biblical presentation of the following topics will be studied in this order: (1) origins of earth and people, (2) fall and redemption of people, (3) transition from primeval men to nations of people, (4) origin of God's chosen people, and (5) development of those people as His chosen nation. Genesis presents the beginnings; Exodus, the deliverance of God's chosen people from bondage; Leviticus, their way of worship; Numbers, their lengthy experience in the wilderness; and Deuteronomy, a review of their brief history and God's law in preparation for their entrance into the Promised Land.

### **Resources**

You will use Pentateuch, a Study Guide by George Assad, with the textbook it was written to accompany: God Spoke by Moses by Oswald T. Allis. The Holy Bible is also required. Quotations in the Study Guide are from the King James Version (KJV) unless otherwise noted. The New International Version (NIV) is very frequently quoted. Some assignments require you to access the Global University Library Web site or other academic sources. Instructions for accessing the Web site are provided in the Undergraduate Writing Assignment Guidelines (UWAG) in the Student Packet.

### **Objectives**

The key concepts presented in the lesson are derived from the objectives. Study each objective carefully as you begin each lesson. First, identify the key concepts presented in the objective, and second, identify what each objective is asking you to do with the key concepts. For example, in the objective, Assess the positive and negative ways that colonialism affected the spread of Christianity, the key concept is colonialism affected Christianity. In this objective you are asked to assess positive and negative ways—or show the good and bad effects colonialism had on the spread of Christianity.

### **Course Procedures**

Classroom lectures, group discussion, audio-visual presentations, handouts, and case studies constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives.

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## Course Introduction

Although some scholars do challenge the Mosaic authorship of the books of the Pentateuch, many sound biblical scholars attribute to Moses the authorship of these books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Those who challenge Mosaic authorship of these books (or parts of them) attribute their writing to a later date in Israel's history. In *God Spoke by Moses*, Oswald T. Allis devotes considerable space to sound biblical refutation of scholars who question Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch.

The course deals with three periods of antiquity: (1) the primeval period, (2) the patriarchal period, and (3) the period of Israel as a young nation. The first unit deals with the first two of these periods, then the remaining three units deal with the third period. The Great Flood began a time of transition from the primeval period of human history to the patriarchal period. The first unit ends with the death of Joseph, the last of the Hebrew patriarchs.

In the rest of this course, we find Israel in just two general geographical areas: in Egypt, and in other areas outside Canaan. Israel did not enter the Promised Land until after the time of the Pentateuch had ended. You will study the successes and failures of great individuals throughout the course. These individuals include Enoch and Noah of the primeval period and time of transition, the patriarchs from Abraham to Joseph, and Moses. You will be encouraged by Moses' great leadership of the young nation of Israel, but saddened by his death outside the Promised Land. Above all, you will be amazed by the grace and mercy of God in the wake of the failures of men! May your study of the Pentateuch help you to experience more of God's grace and mercy in your life, and help you to more effectively proclaim His grace and mercy to others.