

St. Nicolas College

College of Liberal Arts

1st Semester

2012-2013

Audience: First Year College-First Semester

Topic: Salvation History: Old Testament

Kind of Materials: LCD, laptop

Number of Sessions: 18 meetings/78 hours

Length of Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

PROFILE OF THE SCHOOL AND STUDENTS

Our school St. Nicolas College of Business and Technology, City of San Fernando Pampanga is presently applying as a Catholic Institution. One of the requirements demanded by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is to work for catechetical materials indicating on how to help our students participate more actively in our faith despite the fact that some of our students were not formed from Catholic School. In this Catechetical material that is to be produced, the students are to be assisted on how to really appreciate the Old Testament with the touch of Salvation History.

Specifically, the material aims at exposing the values that the students could possibly adapt from the teachings of the Old Testament. Do they benefit from the evidence of our faith, history, and understanding of the nature of God and of man? Knowing that they are in the College Level, the context of the catechesis to be expounded is basically experiential in approach. It basically challenges the students to apply the knowledge of their faith in different human situations. The relation of the experiences of the people of God into the experiences of the students must be incorporated. Hence, the students must be able to situate themselves with the different signification of the biblical theme and context. An experiential approach to the Old Testament may be helpful in enhancing the interest of the students in the study of scriptures and may even guide them to response in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

COURSE CODE: SS 101

ST. NICOLAS COLLEGE RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS:

First Year College:

First Semester: *SS 101 Salvation History/The Old Testament*

Second Semester: *SS 102 Christology/New Testament*

Second Year College:

First Semester: *THEO 101 Moral Theology*

Second Semester: *THEO 102 Catholic Social Teaching*

COURSE TITLE: SALVATION HISTORY: The Old Testament

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will explain study the world of the Pentateuch, Historical Books and the Prophetic Books, its peoples and cultures and stresses in its contents how the Old Testament is read in its own term but under the guiding light of Jesus Christ. An outline of each book and message will be presented. Student will be exposed briefly to the critical study of the Hebrew Bible, with special focus on the fulfilment of God's promise of a redeemer taken place in Jesus Christ. Finally, the Old Testament promise of salvation and redemption experienced in exodus and return from exile are fully realized in Jesus Christ's redemptive sacrifice that provides encouragement and hope in the life of the Church today. In sort, critical and pastoral look at the importance of the salvific act of God in the Old Testament for today and how we can apply it in our teaching and living.

CREDITS: 3 units

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

At the end of this course, the students are expected to:

1. know the different canons and parts of the Old Testament
2. better understand the various methods and issues involved in studying the Old Testament and as dynamic heritage part of the Catholic Christian tradition that touches their conviction, way of life, and worship
3. to have a deeper and more meaningful appreciation and give the underlying meaning contained in the Old Testament themes on creation, sin, call, covenant, prophets
4. learn to read in its own terms but under the guiding light of our Lord Jesus Christ and reveals the Triune God
5. address and response to the social problems encounter by the Christians in the postmodern world
6. to grow in one's faith and relationship with Jesus Christ in the process of the study

Required Text: Salvation History: The Old Testament by Dr. Maria Lucia C. Natividad (Ateneo Press.), Catechism for Filipino Catholics, Dei Verbum Summary, Bible (Community Bible or NRSV).

COURSE OUTLINE:

<p>I. Introduction to the Course</p> <p>An Introduction to Sacred Scripture Nature of Sacred Scripture, Biblical Interpretation, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, Division of Scripture (Canonization, Old Testament , New Testament, Deuterocanonical books), Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action</p> <p>Readings: I Tim. 3: 16-17 NRSV, CFC, CCC, Salvation History/Old Testament and DV. Movies: The Book of Eli & The Name of the Rose</p> <p>Website: Interpretation of the Bible in the Church: Catholic Interpretation The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church: CHARACTERISTICS OF CATHOLIC INTERPRETATION www.catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/PBC_Interp3.htm - Cached</p>
<p>II. Literary Tools for Old Testament Study</p> <p>The Bible as Literature and Salvation/Theological History, Principles for the Use of Scripture, Grounding a Holistic Approach to Scripture, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action</p> <p>Readings: Practical Catechism, CFC, NDCP and DV</p>
<p>III. Pentateuch/Torah</p> <p>The Five Books of Moses, Moses as Author, Wellhausen’s History of the Four Sources</p> <p>Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. Reading the Old Testament. New York. St. Paulist Philippines</p>
<p>IV. Creation</p> <p>The First Story of Creation (Gen. 1), The Six Days of Creation, Nature of Man and Woman, Sabbath Day, Second Story of Creation (Gen. 2), Ongoing Creation, New Creatio, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action</p> <p>Readings: Practical Catechism, CFC, CCC, DV and Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. <i>Reading the Old Testament</i>. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; and Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. Salvation History: Old Testament. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.</p>
<p>V. Genesis 1-11: The Preface to Israel’s Story</p> <p>Genesis: The First Book of the Bible, Genesis 1-11 as Preface, The Priestly Creation Story (Gen 1:1-2:4), The Yahwist Creation Story (Gen 2: 4-25), Is Genesis 1-11 Myth or History?, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action</p> <p>Readings: Practical Catechism, CFC, CCC, DV and Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. <i>Reading the Old Testament</i>. New York. St. Paulist Philippines</p>
<p>VI. Genesis 12-50: The Patriarchs</p> <p>The Patriarchs as “National Heroes”, The Story of Abraham (Gen 12-25), The Patriarchal Stories as Sagas, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship), Question/Reflection/Action</p> <p>Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. <i>Reading the Old Testament</i>. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. Salvation History: Old Testament. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.</p>
<p>VII. The Exodus from Egypt Narrative</p> <p>The Exodus Event, Egypt in the Period of the Exodus, Moses and the Struggle for Freedom (Ex 1-4), The Plagues and the Passover of the Lord (Ex 5-12), The Miracle at the Red Sea (Ex 13-15), Desert Escape (Ex 15-18), Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship), Question/Reflection/Action</p> <p>Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. <i>Reading the Old Testament</i>. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. Salvation History: Old Testament. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.</p>

VIII. The Covenant and Journey to Canaan (Exodus 19 through Numbers)

The Importance of the Sinai Covenant , The Pentateuch as Law, The Book of Deuteronomy, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship), Question/Reflection/Action

Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. *Reading the Old Testament*. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. *Salvation History: Old Testament*. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.

IX. The Israelite Possession of Canaan: The Books of Joshua and Judges

The Twelve Tribes, The Significance of the Land for Israel, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action

Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. *Reading the Old Testament*. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. *Salvation History: Old Testament*. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.

X. Siege of the Promise Land and Canaanite Religion and Culture

Divine Commission of Joshua, The Significance of the Land for Israel, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action

Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. *Reading the Old Testament*. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. *Salvation History: Old Testament*. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.

XI. Judges and “A King Like Those of Other Nation”: The Book of Samuel and Kings

Role of Samuel, Need for a King, Saul and David, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship), Question/Reflection/Action

Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. *Reading the Old Testament*. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. *Salvation History: Old Testament*. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.

XII. Unification of the Kingdom

Role of Samuel, David, Jerusalem as the Center of Government and Worship, Promise of Eternal Dynasty, Sins of David, King Solomon, Psalms of Praise, Thanksgiving, Lament, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship) Question/Reflection/Action

Readings: Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. *Reading the Old Testament*. New York. St. Paulist Philippines; Natividad, Maria Lucia C. 2006. *Salvation History: Old Testament*. Q.C. Ateneo De Manila University Press.

XIII. Schism

Solomon, Solomon’s Building Projects, Sins of Solomon, Division of the Kingdom, Integration (Doctrine, Morals, Worship), Question/Reflection/Action

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XIV. Jeremiah and the Deuteronomic History

XV. On Exile and Homecoming: The Literature of Restoration (Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zech, Malachi)

XVI. Suffering Servant Is. 52: 13-53:12

XVII. Conclusion/Synthesis

METHODOLOGY: Hevritah, Film Viewing, Bibliodrama, Immersion from different sectors of society (BEC, Urban Poor, Folk Fisherman, etc.,) Final Report Paper from the one day immersion.

References:

Broadt, Lawrence. 1984. *Reading the Old Testament*. New York. St. Paulist Philippines
Catechism for Filipino Catholics (CFC). Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines
Dogmatic Constitution On Divine Revelation Dei Verbum Solemnly Promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI On November 18, 1965
Roche, SJ., Fr. Joseph L. 2008. *Practical Catechesis: The Christian Faith as a Way of Life*. Phoenix Publishing House.
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