

Biblical Creation Seminar, 9759  
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 Course Outline

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

A seminar designed to develop a biblical theology of creation by evaluating differing evangelical interpretations of key creation motifs.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

In this seminar the student will

1. become conversant with the current issues on biblical creationism,
2. demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the current literature on each assigned article and book,
3. objectively evaluate the various articles and books assigned as reading in the seminar,
4. articulate a coherent view on the various creation motifs developed in the seminar, and
5. critically and humbly interact with the views of others on each assignment.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

#### 1. Critiques—**70% of grade**

a. Each student will do a critique of the following articles/books:

Jan 20 Class Introduction

Feb 3 Whitcomb, *The World That Perished*

Whitcomb, “The History and Impact of the Book, *The Genesis Flood*,” pp. i–iv

Hasel, “The ‘Days’ of Creation in Genesis 1,” pp. 5–38

Feb 17 Wise, *Faith, Form and Time*

Mar 3 Jordan, *Creation in Six Days*

Mar 17 Hagopian, ed., *The Genesis Debate*

Mar 31 Mortenson, ed., *Coming to Grips with Genesis*, pp. 15–210

Apr 14 Mortenson, ed., *Coming to Grips with Genesis*, pp. 211–463

Apr 28 Collins, *Genesis 1–4*

May 5 DeYoung, *Thousands Not Billions*

b. The article and book critiques are to be treated in this fashion.

- 1) On the top of the first page, you should have the name of seminar, date, article or book being critiqued, and your name.
- 2) Page numbers should be placed in the top right corner of each page of a paper.
- 3) Each paper should be single spaced with two pages as a maximum (if additional bibliographical entry is needed, this can be on page three). Two exceptions to the two-page limitation will be your critiques of *The Genesis Debate* and *Coming to*

*Grips with Genesis*. In both of these cases, the maximum number of pages is three (if additional bibliography is needed, this may go on page four).

- 4) The references should be in parentheses (Hasel, “Days” p. 5).
- 5) Excluding the sources listed in the “Course Bibliography” at the end of this course outline, you may include additional bibliographical entries. The additional bibliographical entries may be placed on a fourth page at the end of your critique.
- 6) Here is what the content for each paper should include: (a) explicitly state the thesis for an article or book; (b) concisely provide the major supporting arguments for each thesis of an article or book; (c) give a concise biblical evaluation of an article or book, which should include positive and negative features of an author as well as pertinent presuppositions of an author.

## 2. Discussion Leader—**10% of grade**

When a student is called on to lead the discussion, he will be evaluated as to his ability to direct the discussion and interact with his colleagues.

## 3. Class Participant—**20% of grade**

Each student will be evaluated on the quality and quantity of his class participation.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE:

There are no cuts allowed in this class.

### SCHEDULE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article/Book</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Feb 3	<i>The World That Perished</i> “The History and Impact of the Book, <i>The Genesis Flood</i> ” “The ‘Days’ of Creation in Genesis 1”	Mike Harding
Feb 17	<i>Faith, Form and Time</i>	Matt Postiff
Mar 3	<i>Creation in Six Days</i>	Joseph Coates
Mar 17	<i>The Genesis Debate</i>	Kit Johnson
Mar 31	<i>Coming to Grips with Genesis</i> , pp. 15–210	Mike Harding
Apr 14	<i>Coming to Grips with Genesis</i> , pp. 211–463	Matt Postiff
Apr 28	<i>Genesis 1–4</i>	Joseph Coates
May 5	<i>Thousands Not Billions</i>	Kit Johnson

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