

**Alabama Course of Study  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Spring 2010 - March 26-27; April 23-24  
Assignment and Course Assignments**

**Course:** COS 511 – New Testament II  
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**REQUIRED TEXTS**

1. A Bible. The New Revised Standard Version is recommended, and is the one the instructor will be using in class. If you prefer a different translation, however, that is acceptable. We will use the Bible in class every day.
2. Holladay, Carl, *A Critical Introduction to The New Testament: Interpreting the Message and Meaning of Jesus Christ*, Abingdon Press, 2005. ISBN: 0-687-08569-1

**RECOMMENDED TEXTS** (for your personal study)

Carter, Warren, *The Roman Empire and the New Testament: An Essential Guide*, Abingdon Press, 2006. ISBN: 0-687-34394-1  
Johnson, Luke, *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*, Augsburg Fortress Press, 2002. ISBN: 0-800-63439-X

**REQUIRED READING**

1. Holladay, chapters 1-5, 7, 9, 22, and 27
2. The hand-outs given out in class.

**REQUIRED WRITTEN WORK**

1. A pre-course paper
2. A mid-course paper
3. A test

**THE PRE-COURSE PAPER**

Write a paper on "Old Testament Quotations and Allusions in the Book of Hebrews." Your paper should compare and contrast the meanings the Old Testament passages have in the Old Testament with the meanings which the author of Hebrews has ascribed to them. That is, you should first indicate the meaning each passage has in the Old Testament and then compare and contrast that meaning with the meaning the author of Hebrews has given the passage. You may not wish to tackle all the places where Hebrews quotes from or alludes to the Old Testament, since there are scores of such places. You should discuss enough of them, however, to make the point that in virtually every case the meaning given the passage in Hebrews is different from the

meaning the passage has in the Old Testament. After dealing with several such passages, indicate why you believe the author of Hebrews approached the Old Testament in this way, and whether or not you see this as a legitimate way of reading the Old Testament, explaining why you see it as legitimate or not legitimate.

*Your paper should be at least four pages long, but no longer than six pages. It should be written in complete sentences, containing correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling, and should be turned in on time. Late papers will be graded down.*

### **THE MID-COURSE PAPER**

A mid-course paper will be assigned during the first weekend of the course and will be due the Friday of the second weekend of the course. Late papers will be graded down.

### **THE TEST**

A test will be given the Saturday of the second weekend of the course. The questions may come from the Bible, the textbook, the handouts given out in class, and the material covered in class. As you take the test, you may consult the Bible, the textbook, the handouts, and the notes you took in class.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

The Pre-Course Paper - - - - - 40%  
The Mid-Course Paper - - - - - 20%  
The Test - - - - - 40%