

# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Curriculum Guide

Course Title: *Old Testament Survey A - Genesis to Ruth*

Grade Taught: *8<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Credits: *[One]*

### A. Course Goals:

1. Build familiarity with the major characters & narratives of Scripture (Bible content)
2. Spiritual formation through Bible memory, biblical interpretation, and application of the OT to the Christian life
3. Understanding the Bible as literature, i.e., authors, genres, structure, historical background, literary analysis

### B. Course Topics:

Topic	Instructional Materials	Measurement	Time (periods)
1. Course Intro & Book of Genesis	Bible, Class Handouts, Lecture Notes	Q(4), T(2)	24
2. Book of Exodus	Bible, OT Survey (Marston), Lecture	Q(3), T(2), WA (1)	24
3. Selections: Leviticus, Numbers, Deut.	Bible, OT Survey (Marston), Lecture	Q(3), T(2), WA (1)	24
4. Selections: Joshua, Judges, Ruth	Bible, OT Survey (Marston), Lecture	Q(3), T(2), WA (1)	24

### C. Student Materials:

1. TCS Classroom Bible (NASB); Old Testament Survey, by T. Marston (Logos School)
2. Bible memory cards (and ring); class handouts; classroom Bible dictionary

### D. Teacher Materials:

1. Old Testament Survey: Teacher Edition, by T. Marston (Logos School)
2. Chronological and Background Charts of the OT, John H. Walton (Zondervan)
3. (OT Surveys) The Kingdom of God: A Guide for Old Testament Study, by Francis Breisch; Dillard & Longman (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)
4. "OT Survey A" Teacher's Resource Notebook (TRN); TCS Bible Curriculum Overview (BCO)

### E. Classical Methodology:

1. "Grammar": Memory skills are essential to the course, e.g., books of the Bible, Scripture memory, key dates, detailed recall of lecture notes.
2. "Logic": The Bible is the primary source and textbook for the course and must be understood as literature, i.e., genre, structure, historical setting, etc.
3. "Rhetoric": Students are taught to identify and describe key themes that provide continuity across books of the Bible (e.g., the prophetic corpus) and across the two testaments of Scripture. This is the work of biblical interpretation (or biblical theology).