

# Graduate Studies Preparation Module Study Guide

## *The Old Testament*

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The purpose of the required reading is to provide you with the biblical knowledge to move forward in the Curriculum required for the degree. The GPSM requires a complete reading of the Old and New Testaments.

### **Textbooks**

*Panorama of the Old Testament...* Thomas R. Rodgers

Note: A new Edition of [\*Panorama of the Old Testament\*](#) by Dr. Thomas R. Rodgers is now available. Originally written and published in 1988 and republished in 2003 and 2020, this highly regarded text has been updated with new research, revised page numbers, professional binding, and fresh imagery. You may purchase this text through Amazon. It is suggested to use this direct link for purchase, as older editions of [\*Panorama\*](#) are still available to purchase online and may be mislabeled by book distributors.

# Section One: The Old Testament Course Instructions

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## Section One: Project One

**Read *Panorama of the Old Testament*.** As you read, make notes about facts in each of the Old Testament books which are of personal or special interest to you. Summarize these facts and discoveries in a paper titled, *Discoveries in the Old Testament*. This paper must be not less than 1,000 words.

## Section One: Project Two

**Write a brief and succinct 50-word summary** of each Old Testament book. As you write, think about what your reply would be if a person asked, “*What is in the book of Genesis?*” Your reply to this question should be the 50 words that you will write to summarize the book of Genesis. Use this writing principle for all 39 books. The summaries will result in a total of not less than 1,950 words to complete the 50 words for each Old Testament book requirement for this Project.

Note: If you print this Project for your personal use, it could be expanded and will become an excellent hand-out paper which can be used for an Old Testament Bible study in either in your church, or in your home.

## Section One: Project Three

**Using the 50 words you wrote to summarize** each Old Testament book in Project Two, or the notes that you wrote while reading each book in Project One, create two questions, each with brief answers, for each book in the Old Testament. These should be questions regarding what you believe to be two of the major themes, or issues, in each of the 39 books.

The average number of words used for each question should be 10-12. The average number of words for each of your answers should be 12-25. Approximately 50-60 words will be required for the questions and answers related to each Old Testament book, which totals approximately 2,300 words required to complete this Project.

Note: As with the requirements for Project Two, these questions and answers can be used when you teach an Old Testament book; or, used as you teach a series about the entire Old Testament.

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## **Section One Project Submission**

After you have thoroughly read the texts for the Old Testament and completed Section One, submit all three Projects as a single unit using the course Cover Page (located in your Resource Room) and upload them through the project submission page. Your submission must be in a Microsoft Word format. When you receive a passing Mark from the faculty for the three Projects in Section One, you may begin Section Two: The New Testament.