

# **Master's Level Biblical Competency {MLBS}**

## **Introduction**

This Module has three purposes. First, it provides the equivalent of the master's degree that is required to begin the Fast Track Combined Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees program. This Module has a 32 college credits value.

Second, the in-depth studies in both the Old and New Testaments will provide you with the biblical knowledge base you will find helpful in the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry courses.

Third, you will gain the writing experience and biblical foundation to successfully complete the Capstone Project and Essays Projects in the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry courses.

# Study Guide

## Section One: Old Testament

### Project One

*The Panorama of the Old Testament* is the required textbook for the Projects in Section One: Old Testament.

#### Competence in the Old Testament

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

Read the *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.

*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.*

### 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 Isaiah?” Your reply to this question should be the 50 words that you will write to summarize the book of Isaiah. Use this writing principle for all 39 books.

The 39 books in the Old Testament will result in a total of not less than 1,950 words to complete the 50 words for each book in the Old Testament. 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.

### 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 of the 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. This is a total of approximately 2,300 words.

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 as it is presented in *The Panorama of the Old Testament*.

### Submitting the Three Projects

**Go to the Resource Room download the *MLBS Online Cover Page for Section One and Section Two Projects Submissions in the Fast-Track M.Div. and Doctor of Ministry section*. Complete the required information and submit the Cover Page with the three completed Projects in Section One.**

### Important

**The Projects in Section One: Old Testament must be submitted as a single unit. The Projects Cover Page must be submitted in Microsoft Word, or Word compatible format, no pdf.**

When you receive a passing mark from the faculty for the three Projects in Section One, begin the Projects in Section Two.

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## Section Two: New Testament

### Project One

*The Panorama of the New Testament* is the required textbook for the Projects in Section Two: New Testament.

#### Competence in the New Testament\*

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

\*This text is available via pdf PowerPoint in your Resource Room. No textbook purchase is required.

Read the *Panorama of the New Testament*. As you read, make notes about facts in each New Testament book which are of special interest to you. You may decide to choose a theme, or themes, which flow through each New Testament book. These can be themes such as: God the Father; the Lord Jesus; the Holy Spirit; grace; salvation; prayer; sin; or the prerequisites for living a victorious Christian life.

Summarize these facts and discoveries in a paper titled, *Discoveries in the New Testament*. This paper must be not less than 1,000 words.

### Project Two

Write a brief and succinct 50 word summary of each New Testament book. As you write, think about what your reply would be if a person asked, "What is in the book of Romans?" Your reply to this question should be the 50 words that you will write to summarize the book of Romans. Use this principle for all 27 books.

The 27 books in the New Testament will result in a total of not less than 1,350 words to complete the 50 words for each N.T. book.

## Project Three

Using the 50 words you wrote to summarize each book in Project Two, or the notes that you wrote while reading the book, create two questions, each with brief answers, for each book in the New Testament. These should be questions regarding what you believe to be two of the major themes, or issues, in each of the 27 books.

The average number of words used for each question should be 10-12. The average number of words for each answer should be 12-25. This is approximately 50-60 words required for the questions and answers related to each New Testament book. This is a total of approximately 1,600 words.

As with the requirements for Project Two, these questions and answers can be used when you teach a New Testament book. Or, if you decide to teach a series on the entire New Testament, as it is presented in *The Panorama of the Old Testament*.

## Submitting the Three Projects

**Go to the Resource Room and download the *MLBS* Online Cover Page for Section One and Section Two Projects Submissions in the Fast-Track M.Div. and Doctor of Ministry section. Complete the required information and submit the Cover Page with the three Projects for Section Two.**

## Important

**The Projects in Section Two: The New Testament, are to be submitted as a single unit. The Projects Cover Page must be submitted in Microsoft Word, or in a compatible online format, no pdf.**

**When you receive a passing mark for Section Two, go to the Resource Room and download the Study Guide for the Master of Divinity Pre-Doctor of Ministry program to begin the next phase in your seminary education at the M.Div. level.**