

Prayer Revolution Bible Institute
BE 435 EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

Syllabus

Introduction and Course Description

The purpose of Prayer Revolution Bible Institute is to train leaders for the church and other places of ministry. The institute is designed to provide a Bible college-level training at no charge to the student, so that anyone with the desire to learn can get a Bible education. God calls all believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the systematic study and application of God's Word is the best way to grow spiritually. The Core Curriculum consists of six modules that progressively lead the student from the basic principles of Christianity to active evangelism. The Bible Exposition Courses build upon that foundation with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the truths of God's Word. These Bible Exposition courses are upper-level courses and contain a certain level of difficulty for the new student. Although each course is designed to be completed in fifteen weeks, the beauty of a self-paced online education is that the student can dictate his or her own pace.

Prayer Revolution Bible Institute is not currently accredited and therefore offers neither college credit, nor a college diploma. The student who completes the recommended course of learning, however, will have the personal satisfaction of achieving a good Bible education that will reap spiritual blessing and reward.

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Bible Exposition Course	Prayer Revolution Bible Institute
Designed as a one semester course	Textbook Author: Dr. Thomas L. Constable, PhD
Units: Equivalent of 2 credits (no credit is given)	Lectures: Dr. Thomas L. Constable, PhD
Designed for 2 assignments per week	email: support@prayerrevolution.org
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Be inspired through the amazing stories contained in the historical books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Learn about the return of the Jews from the Babylonian captivity to Judah to rebuild the Temple. Ezra includes the completion and dedication of the Temple. Nehemiah oversees the rebuilding of the city walls despite discouraging opposition. Esther courageously foils the plot of Haman to end the Jewish race.

Prerequisites

While students are encouraged to take all the Core Curriculum classes before taking any of the Bible Exposition Courses, this choice is not required. The Institute is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of the student according to the student's own needs and goals. The only requirement for this course is that the student must have completed CC 180 Old Testament Survey before taking an Old testament Bible Exposition Course and CC 190 New Testament Survey before taking a new testament Exposition Course. Therefore, the prerequisite for this course is CC 180 Old Testament Survey.

Bible Reading Assignments

Students will be required to read each chapter of the book of the Bible that is covered in that Bible Exposition Course. While students are only required to read each chapter one time, it is recommended that the student read each chapter twice as time allows.

Required Textbooks and Materials

The textbooks for this course are *Notes on Ezra*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Nehemiah*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, and *Notes on Esther*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, and are made available free of charge in pdf format by special arrangement with the author for students of Prayer Revolution Bible Institute. These materials are protected by Copyright laws and may not be reproduced or distributed outside of Prayer Revolution Bible Institute. Some of these materials are available for purchase in Christian bookstores.

Lectures

Audio lectures are provided for many of the Bible Exposition Courses. These lectures are provided by courtesy of Plano Bible Church in Plano, Texas, where these lectures were first presented. These lectures may also be heard at <https://planobiblechapel.org/> and some of them

are available in other languages. This course presents audio lectures for Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

Examinations and Major Assignments

Exams consist of questions on each chapter of the Bible that is covered in the course. Questions are made available by special arrangement with Enlightener.org. and are protected by Copyright law. The exams for this course are as listed below.

Examination Schedule

Week	Assignment	Bible Chapters Covered
7	Ezra Exam	Ezra 1-10
19	Nehemiah Exam	Nehemiah 1-13
30	Esther Exam	Esther 1-10

Students should print the exams if possible, so that they can easily take the exam, grade the exam, and keep the exam for their personal future records. No records are retained by Prayer Revolution Bible Institute. All exams are OPEN BOOK, which means you may find the answers to these questions in your Bible while you are taking the test. The purpose of the class is to learn the material, and an open book test still accomplishes this objective. However, students are asked to NOT look at the answers until they are finished with the test. Students may not search the internet during the exam to find the answers to the test. Students may NOT ask others for their help or input during the exam. The Bible is the only reference that may be used during an exam. Students may take the exam twice, if they wish, and retain the best grade.

There are 33 to 34 questions on each exam. The highest possible score is 33 or 34, depending on the number of questions. Record the number of correct answers and write that score at the top of the exam. Keep a record of your score for each exam and add those exam scores to get your final grade for the class. For example, if your total score for all exams was 88, then your final grade for this course would be 88. A score of 88 is a B+, according to the Grading scale below. Write your final grade at the top of your final exam.

Grading

Here is the Prayer Revolution Bible Institute grading scale.

LETTER GRADE	PERCENT GRADE	4.0 SCALE
A+	97-100	4
A	93-96	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1
F	Below 65	0

Remember to save your tests for your own records. Prayer Revolution Bible Institute does not maintain any student records. Exams make up the only grades for this course. To determine your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in the institute, add together all your final course grade point equivalents and divide by the number of courses you have taken so far. For example, if you took five courses, and the final grades were B+, C+, A, A-, and A+, then the grade point equivalents would be 3.3, 2.3, 4, 3.7, and 4. The total is 17.3. Divided by 5, the GPA would be 3.46 up to this point. **No grades are reported to the Institute.**

Study Habits

Remember that this is a college-level course. It is usually expected that students will spend approximately 1 to 2 hours of study time for each daily assignment in addition to listening to any audio lectures. Since this is a 2-unit class, you should expect to study an average of 2 to 4 hours each week. Some students may need more study time and some less. Since this course is self-paced, students might not be able to go at the accelerated rate and may need to take longer than fifteen weeks to complete this course, which is fine. It is better to take longer to finish the course than to not finish at all.

Course Goals and Primary Learning Outcomes

Course Goals:

By the end of this course:

1. The student should be able to understand the overall message of the bible chapters covered in this course.
2. The student should recognize the names of major bible characters presented in these bible chapters.
3. The student should be able to identify some spiritual truths that can be applied to believers today.

Course Schedule

Suggested Plan for Two Days per Week

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DAILY ASSIGNMENTS				
WEEK NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	BIBLE READING	TEXTBOOK READING	LECTURES
1	1	EZRA CHS 1,2	EZRA PAGES 1-7	EZRA 1
	2	3,4	8-14	2-6
2	3	5	15-21	7-8
	4	6,7	22-28	9-10
3	5	8,9	29-35	
	6	10	36-44	
4	7	OPEN BOOK	EZRA EXAM	EZRA 1-10
	8	NEH CHS 1,2	NEHEMIAH PAGES	NEHEMIAH
5	9	3	1-4	1-2
	10	4	5-8	3-7
6	11	5	9-12	1-2
	12	6	13-18	3-7
7	13	7,8	19-24	8-10
	14	9	25-29	11-13

8	15	10	30-34	
	16	11		
9	17	12		
	18	13		
10	19	OPEN BOOK NEHEMIAH EXAM NEH 1-13		
	20	ESTHER CH 1	EZRA TEXT PAGES	LECTURES
11	21	2	1-4	1-2
	22	3	5-8	3-4
12	23	4	9-12	5-7
	24	5	13-18	8-10
13	25	6	19-24	
	26	7	25-29	
14	27	8	30-34	
	28	9	35,36	
15	29	10		
	30	OPEN BOOK FINAL EXAM ESTHER 1-10		