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*The theological position advanced at Bellevue is Wesleyan.*

Fall 2002: **Rel 121: Introduction to the Bible (3 units)**  
**THURSDAYS, 6:00-8:30 PM, OCTOBER 03, 2002-JANUARY 23, 2003**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
*Revised 09-2002*

Texts: *The Bible Book by Book* by G. Coleman Luck, Moody, 1955, \$6  
*Bible Workbook, Volume 1: Old Testament*, by Catherine Walker, Moody, 1952, \$9  
*Bible Workbook, Volume 2: New Testament*, by Catherine Walker, Moody, 1952, \$9  
*How to Study the Bible* by Ralph Earle, Beacon Hill Press, 1987 [out of print]  
*How We Got Our Bible*, Ralph Earle, Beacon Hill Press, 1992, \$13

*(Prices are subject to change.)*

Also required: Holy Bible, any translation. We recommend: *The Nelson Classic Personal Study Bible* (New King James Version) Thomas Nelson, Inc.. This Bible, unfortunately, is out of print. However, we are sometimes able to obtain a few copies; inquire if you are interested. [Price (subject to change) is \$35.] This edition of the Bible has excellent introductions to each section of the Bible and to each of the books as well as many helpful and informative notes and maps.

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a basic survey of the main content of the Bible together with a brief survey of its development in the form in which it exists today.

The assignments specified for each week are due the following class meeting. The *Workbook* pages are perforated and may be removed and submitted.

The *Bible Workbooks* were originally written with high school students in mind; however, as noted in the books' introductions, they have been successfully used in adult Bible studies and colleges. As you work through them, you will find that you are gaining or reinforcing a knowledge of the major characters and themes of the Bible, and afterward you will be well-prepared for the in-depth Bible studies you will be pursuing.

The *Workbooks* will occasionally instruct certain procedures such as memorizing verses, marking passages in your Bible, or doing projects for "presentation in class." While all of these will contribute to the value of your study, they are required for this course only if specifically mentioned by your instructor. If, however, the book calls for paragraphs to be written "on separate paper," they are to be written and submitted. Also, the maps included in the *Workbooks* are to be marked as specified and submitted. Be sure to **read and study** all material such as outlines found in the *Workbooks*.

There are no written assignments for *The Bible Book by Book*: rather, you are to study the appropriate

sections in conjunction with your work in the *Workbooks*. Similarly, there are no written assignments for the booklet *How to Study the Bible*. As you complete the reading of these booklets, sign and hand in the confirmation sheets located at the end of the syllabus.

BW1: *Bible Workbook* Volume 1

BW2: *Bible Workbook* Volume 2

BBB: *The Bible Book by Book*

HGB: *How We Got Our Bible*

As you work through each lesson in the *Workbooks*, be sure to read the specified portions of Scripture.

**Class Meeting: October 3**

**Assignment 1:**

BBB: Matthew and Mark

BW2: through page 22

**Class Meeting: October 10**

**Assignment 2:**

BBB: Luke and John

BW2: through page 38

**Class Meeting: October 17**

**Assignment 3:**

BBB: Acts

BW2: through page 56

**Class Meeting: October 24**

**Assignment 4:**

BBB: the Pauline epistles

BW2: through page 66

**Class Meeting: October 31**

**Assignment 5:**

BBB: the general epistles and Revelation

BW2: remaining sections

**Class Meeting: November 07**

**Assignment 6**

BBB: Genesis; BW1 through page 22

**Class Meeting: November 14**

**Assignment 7**

BBB: Job and Exodus; BW1 through page 32

**Class Meeting: November 21**

**Midterm exam (New Testament)**

**No Class Meeting November 28:**

**Thanksgiving**

**Class Meeting: December 05**

**Assignment 8**

BBB: Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua;

BW1 through page 42

**Class Meeting: December 12**

**Assignment 9**

BBB: Judges, Ruth, I, II Samuel, I, II Kings, I, II Chronicles;  
BW1 through page 52

**Class Meeting: December 19**

**Assignment 10**

BBB: introduction to Hebrew poetry; Psalms,  
Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon  
BW1: through page 60

**Class Meeting: January 09**

**Assignment 11**

BBB: the sections on the post-exilic books and the prophetic  
books, encompassing pages 65-72 and 96-158  
BW1: through page 67

The study questions for *How We Got Our Bible* are intended mainly to insure that the student has read and assimilated the reading material. Therefore, short answers (normally, one or two sentences) are sufficient.

**Class Meeting: January 16**

**Assignment 12:**

HGB: Read this short book (including the Epilogue.) Submit  
answers to the 36 end-of-chapter questions.

**Class Meeting: January 23**

**Final Exam (Comprehensive)**

I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, sections on the *post-exilic* books and prophetic  
books [pages 65-72 and 96-158]. [Assignment 11]

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, introduction to Hebrew poetry; Psalms, Proverbs,  
Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon [Assignment 10].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings, II  
Chronicles [Assignment 9].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua [Assignment 8].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, Job and Exodus [Assignment 7].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, Genesis [Assignment 6].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, the general epistles and Revelation [Assignment 5].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, the Pauline epistles [Assignment 4].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, the Acts of the Apostles [Assignment 3].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, Luke and John [Assignment 2].

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I have completed reading *The Bible Book by Book*, Matthew and Mark [Assignment 1].

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I have completed reading *How We Got Our Bible*.

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