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OT 503 Reading the Old Testament, Fall 2020

Lesson 2 Essay, September 27, 2020

### Bible Reading

On September 26, 2020 I listened to two hours and seventeen minutes of the book of numbers on Bible Gateway. I was able to listen to Numbers chapter one through Numbers chapter 25 in its entirety.

### Assigned Reading

I enjoyed the reading assignment this week. I thoroughly read chapter three. I read it twice and took meticulous notes. I found I had to really take my time to understand the Pentateuch as History section. Also, I skimmed through chapters four through eight. I completed all the reading.

### Video Requirement

I watched all this week's required videos. I watched and listened to all the videos of the OLD Testament on the Bible Project website. Also, I watch all the videos on Google Drive Lessons four through eight. The repetition is extremely helpful to understand the theme and identity of each book of the Law.

### Essay

The Pentateuch is God's revelation of himself and how he dwells among mankind. It documents his faithfulness to mankind even when mankind is unfaithful to him.

The purpose and message of each book of the Pentateuch supports the overarching unifying theme of Covenant. The purpose of the book of Genesis is to begin the story of the God's Covenant with mankind. The message is God is sin and rebellion separates us from God. The purpose of the book of Exodus is to show God redeeming his chosen people. The message is that God is a deliverer and is faithful to his elect. The purpose of the book of Numbers is to show God making a holy covenant so that he can dwell among his chosen people. The message of the book is God is holy and requires holiness from his people. The purpose of the book of Numbers is to show God's testing of and provision for his chose people (Hill and Walton p. 148). The message is God's patience as he purifies and provides for a stiff-necked people. Lastly, the book of Deuteronomy shows God's faithfulness to his covenant and to prepare his covenant people to inherit the promised land. The message of the book is the message of the law and the message of the covenant (Hill and Walton p. 168).

The event that was challenging to me was the death of Moses and the forbiddance of him going into the promised land. If he is a type of Jesus Christ, then it

was challenging to think of him being faithful, yet not inheriting or physically going into the promised land.

The fixed and relative chronological frameworks are issues that I would like to research further.