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Course Submission

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Contact Information

Submitting Course Component Assignments - you are provided with a convenient online coursework upload form. This will reduce the number of steps required for coursework submission. The online address is: https://ims.mdivs.edu/students-alumni/course-submission-form/
Please use this form for all your assignments unless for some reason your computer, smart pad, or other device is incompatible.

In the information give later in this study guide, you will see that coursework can also be sent as an email attachment to: lessons@mdivs.edu. This is NOT the preferred method, but as noted above, because some computing devices may have difficulty processing the upload form, you are provided with an alternative coursework submission method. Please use the email attachment method only as an alternative. It is more difficult, but it works with all email clients.

• Contacting the University or the Course Professor - the same is true for contacting the University or your course professor. You use email, but you are provided with a convenient online contact form that makes the process easier, and actually speeds up the reply process. The form address is: https://ims.mdivs.edu/students-alumni/contact-us/

Now, may God encourage your spirit as you begin this course.

"He will guide you into all truth" (Jor

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Course Study Guide

Bible Mastery BM-501

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A student who downloaded an earlier version may have slightly different requirements. In such a case, the student may elect to complete either the requirements of this study guide (recommended), or the earlier version.

Welcome to this course! The completion of this course will prove to be a significant blessing to you both academically and spiritually. We recommend that you thoroughly read the entire study guide before you actually begin working on the Course Projects. If you are uncertain or unclear on any matter, contact the University for clarification (1-800-933-1445 ~ 1-812-471-0611 ~ lessons@mdivs.edu). Above all other things, we encourage you to pray for God's guidance before you begin this course, and each time you work on it.

Become totally familiar with the Master's Online Digital Library, and make ample use of its resources throughout this course. The address is: <u>http://odl.mdivs.edu</u>. You will need your student ID# and a password. This information was sent to you shortly after your initial enrollment. Contact Master's if this has been misplaced or forgotten.

Follow the instructions given later in this study guide related to course formatting and submission. You may also refer to your original Student Orientation Page. IMPORTANT: The instructions on the study guide always supersede any other instructions. If there seems to be a conflict between this study guide and other instructions, always follow the instructions on the study guide.

Your Master's Student Portal is also a convenient place to get information on most subjects related to your student status. Go to: http://ims.mdivs.edu/students-alumni/

We strongly recommend that you use reliable word processing software and make frequent use of the spell checker and grammar suggestion aspects. Be sure to save your work frequently, and back up your files! Master's cannot be responsible for keeping backup copies of course work you have submitted.

If you need to contact the professor for this course (or the academic office), we recommend that you do so first by email. If the professor's email address is not listed on this study guide you may request it by email: <u>lessons@mdivs.edu</u>.

The total length of time required to complete this course is different for each person. This is because already acquired knowledge of the subject, previous education, and personal situations all influence study habits and ability.

However, on average, one course credit usually requires between 35-40 clock hours of study. For example, a three-credit course will require between 105-120 hours. Since you are not restricted by classroom hours, on average you might expect to complete a three credit course in about eight to nine weeks by devoting four study hours per day four days per week (i.e. two hours morning and evening). Obviously, these are only general estimates, bearing in mind personal study habits and differing course requirements.

The time between the submission of your coursework, until it is returned to you (graded) will vary, but generally courses sent by postal mail may require as much as two weeks in transit (to and from), and another two weeks to get through the recording and grading process. Email submissions (preferred) generally require about two weeks. These are only averages.

Some courses require a final proctored written final summative exam. If so instructions will be included, further down in this study guide. Be sure to follow very carefully these instructions, and contact the University if you have. If no final exam is required, there will be no instructions given.

Please keep the University informed if you change your email, postal mailing address or telephone numbers.

Students with Disabilities

Students with documented disabilities who may need special instructional accommodations should notify the University.

May God bless you in your studies, and as you follow the timeless encouragement given by the Apostle Paul as recorded in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Also, his words in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Identifying Course Projects - This study guide contains assignments that are related to the required textbook(s), instructional materials, lectures (if any), online or off-line research, as well as optional books along with other course materials. The combination of these assignments is called a *Project* or an *Assignment*.

You will complete Projects and/or Assignments for this course then be instructed as to how to submit these for grading. About half way through most courses, you will be asked to complete a Self-guided Personal Assessment. This assessment is not to be submitted for grading, but is designed to assist you in recalling and reaffirming your learning experience up to that point.

After you have completed the requirements for this course (if so required), you will be ready to take your final proctored summative exam (not all courses require a final written exam. Follow the instructions. If there are no such instructions, then this course is not one that requires a final proctored exam.

Instructional Methods - All of the distance education courses at Master's are taught using a variety of instructional methods including reading (lectures in some cases), research (both online and off-line in some cases), self-directed study, demonstration of comprehension through project creation and assessment, a self-directed mid-course personal assessment, and in some cases, a final proctored summative examination.

Course Information

Instructor: Dennis D. Frey, M.Div. Th.D.

Instructor's email address: mailto:drfrey@mdivs.edu

More information about your professor may be found on the faculty page located online at: <u>http://ims.mdivs.edu/team/</u>.

Course Purpose:

This course will provide the master's level student with an opportunity to demonstrate a personal comprehension of the Bible as a continuum from the creation of the current heavens and earth to its recreation in perfection and righteousness.

To provide the student with an opportunity to demonstrate a mastery of the entire Bible in such a way as to confirm in the student's thinking a connected generic whole of the content of the Scripture.

To encourage the student to utilize the knowledge gained in this study to develop a comprehensive overview of the entire general meaning and purpose of the Bible.

Required Textbooks: If possible, we recommend that you purchase your textbooks from the Master's Online Bookstore: <u>http://www.mdivs.christianbook.com/</u>.

<u>Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps & Time Lines</u>, Rose Publishing. This amazing resource can be purchased in several editions, and formats. All are acceptable. Select the edition and format you prefer. All formats are available through the <u>Divinity School's</u> <u>online bookstore</u>. You will find this book a treasure trove of Biblical information. It is a "must have" for every student of the Bible.

SPECIAL NOTE: The only other required book for this course is your own personal study Bible. HOWEVER...we strongly recommend that you make full use of the Master's millennium³ Online Digital Library. The access for this is: <u>http://odl.mdivs.edu/</u>.

Recommended Supplemental Resource:

<u>The Bible in World History: Putting Scripture into a Global Context</u>, by: Stephen Leston, Barbour Press, ISBN: 1602606455, ISBN-13: 9781602606456, 288 pages, 2011. NOTE: Dr. Stephen Leston is a graduate of Master's International School of Divinity. This book may now be out of print (or between printings). However, it is highly recommended, and purchasing a used copy (available from <u>amazon.com</u>) is a worthy investment.

Adams Chronological Chart or Map of History Foldout, by: Sebastian Adams, published by Master Books, ISBN: 0890515050, ISBN-13: 9780890515051, 2007.

INITIAL COURSE COMPONENTS:

Part One: Using your own personal reading bible, read the entire Bible from Genesis through Revelation. Write a one-sentence affirmation that you have read the entire Bible (this is to be done even if you have read the Bible through previously) as a requirement for this course. Also keep a simple reading log of the times spent in completing this reading. Include the reading log along with your affirmation.

Part Two: This project will require that you write a brief, but concise summary of the major theme of each Book of the Bible. Use not more than 250 words for each of the sixty-six Books. This becomes your own personalized summary of the Bible.

Important: By limiting your personal summary to 250 words for each Book, you will force yourself to include only what you believe to be the most salient points. Your summary must include at least the following: In addition to the summary, you must include the title of the Book, author, date of writing, number of chapters, to whom it was written, and for what purpose was it written.

Layout each summary as follows:

Book of the Bible

Author

Date of Writing

Number of Chapters

To Whom Written

Purpose of the Writing

Your Personal Summary

Do the same for each of the sixty-six books of the Bible.

This is the end of the assignments for the initial course component. You are now ready to send Parts One and Two for grading. Send according to the instructions listed near the end of this study guide.

MID-COURSE SELF- DIRECTED ASSESSMENT TOOL

This Self-directed Assessment Tool is provided to serve you in two ways.

First, this tool is a vehicle for you to use to go back over the work you have completed up to this point by solidifying terms, concepts, and knowledge that you have encountered along the way.

Second, it helps you to stay focused on your work because all of your course work for the First Component of this course must be submitted for grading prior to beginning this assessment. In this way, as a result of grading the First Component of this course, your grading instructor can better understand where you may need assistance as you go forward. If there are any serious concerns, you will be contact right away.

You should also take this time to contact the University if you need to ask questions or clarify points of concern. Remember, if you are encountering difficulties, it is your responsibility to contact us: <u>http://ims.mdivs.edu/students-</u> <u>alumni/contact-us/</u>

We are here to assist you!

The Mid-term Self-Directed Assessment Instructions:

- 1. Go back through the work that you have just submitted for grading. Reread your own work, looking for areas where you may still feel unclear or uncertain.
- 2. After identifying areas where you may feel unclear or uncertain, return to the section of the textbooks or other resources where that information is to be found.
- 3. Locate the area(s) of your concern, and attempt to clarify and strengthen your understanding of the issue(s).
- 4. If you are still not satisfied, contact your professor for the course or the University for assistance. We recommend that you do so first by email. If

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the professor's email address is not listed on this study guide you may request it by email: <u>lessons@mdivs.edu</u>.

- 5. Finally, consider the length of time it has taken you to complete the First Component of this course. Are you satisfied with your time management, study habits, location of study (home, office, library, etc.)? Do you feel you have sufficient resources? Have you made good use of the Master's Online Digital Library <u>http://odl.mdivs.edu</u>? In what ways are you able to improve your study habits and conditions? Did you actually stop to pray before you started each study session, and did you prepare your mind and spirit to undertake the task? Are you sharing what you have learned with others?
- 6. Are you satisfied with the quality of your work, including English composition, logic, topic concentration (staying on message), and the general quality of your scholarship?
- Whatever things are working to the benefit of your study ought to be continued, and whatever things may be hindering your study ought to be reassessed and wherever possible, adjusted in your favor.

You are now ready to begin Course Component Two (you do not need to wait until you receive a grade for the First Component). If your grading professor determines there is a significant cause for concern, you will be contacted.

FINAL COURSE COMPONENTS

Part Three: Carefully read and study <u>Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps & Time</u> <u>Lines</u>. Note: For this course, you may omit reading the section on "Christianity, Cults & Religions." However, though not directly relevant to this course, you will find it a concise and rich source of information. Keep a simple log of your reading and study time. Include the reading log along with your affirmation.

Part Four: Using the Dates of the writing of each Book of the Old and New Testament (as you have already documented in Part Two above), create a basic chart or diagram* of the sixty-six (66) Books from the Oldest to the latest (i.e., Genesis – Revelation), noting the date of writing and the date that the content of the Book actually covers.

For example, even though Moses wrote the Book of Genesis much later than the actual events, the content of the Book covers the period from Creation to the Egyptian co-mingling. Thus, arrange the books in the order of actual historical events.

Next, list at least three of the major corresponding events of world history next to the Book or collection of Books in any given period (give only a sentence or short paragraph description for each).

For example, the Gospels all cover the exact same historical period (the approximate 33 years of the life and ministry of Jesus), whereas the Book of Genesis covers a vast period of time. An example of major non-Biblical historical events would include the rise of the Chinese dynasties, the rise of the Greek and Roman empires, et al.

*Note: You may wish to use a spreadsheet or some other word processing tool. The main idea is to keep the timeline chronological, but also basic.

YOUR FINAL COURSE ASSESSMENT PROJECT (to be submitted along with Projects Three & Four of Component Two):

This is the final project, and must be completed only after you have finished all of the projects above. Write an assessment of the course. Include in this assessment how this course has impacted your understanding of the Bible; has helped you in the application of the Bible to your personal life; and how this understanding has changed the way you think and react in matters related to the Bible as a whole. Use not less than 500 words (about two the three pages).

Please note Students are evaluated according to their overall grasp of the subject matter, the clarity of explanation, the extent and depth of integration, and the quality of research demonstrated in their paper. Additional research and resource materials are available through Master's On-Line Library at http://odl.mdivs.edu. Grammar and spelling are important. Include proper footnotes/endnotes (MLA, APA, or Chicago-Turabian are acceptable) and a bibliography.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to inform us of any change to your email address, postal address or telephone numbers. . You are now ready to send Parts Three and four for grading. Send according to the instructions listed on the next page of this study guide.



GENERAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COURSEWORK

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ALL COURSES SENT ONLINE MUST BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

ALL course assignments MUST be completed in the form of a single document file transfer attached to an email message. DO NOT paste your assignments into the body of the email message. Be sure the assignment is attached as a single file transfer. ALL assignment files must be sent in either one of two forms: 1. Microsoft Word© - or - 2. Any form of text (such as ASCII, Text Only, RTF, Text, etc.). Assignments submitted in unreadable formats will be returned for resubmission in the proper format. Send your assignments to <u>lessons@mdivs.edu</u>.

MAKE BACK UP COPIES OF EVERY COURSE!

TIP: You may create your lesson in your favorite word processor, and when you save it, select "Save As," and then select: .doc, .docx, .rtf, .txt. Remember, all the text types are simple, clean and easy way of submitting your courses.

HOWEVER, only the .rtf format is likely to retain all or most of the text formatting that you may have worked so hard to produce. THEREFORE, if you are not submitting your coursework in Microsoft Word (recommended), we strongly suggest that you save to .rtf formatting.

<u>DO NOT</u> SEND COURSES IN ANY OTHER FILE FORMAT. <u>DO NOT</u> SEND COURSES AS A ZIP FILE. In only rare cases will you be instructed to sent course components in multiple files. Unless instructed to do so, always send a completged course component as a single file with all of the projects and assignments for that component saved within a single file. Courses not sent according to these instructions may be refused and a request will be made for resubmission.

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THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO MUST PRINT THEIR COURSE SUBMISSIONS AND SEND THEM BY POSTAL MAIL, AND FOR THOSE FEW COURSES THAT REQUIRE THAT THE COURSE BE SENT BY POSTAL MAIL.

Most of the instructions for sending courses apply whether you print and mail your courses or elect to send them online.

When printing be sure to print on only one side of the page, but be sure that your name, student number and the name plus number of the course is printed on each page (header or footer is acceptable).

If you wish to have us return your graded course, you must include with your submission a return envelop of sufficient size and affixed with sufficient postage to allow us to return your graded course. If you forget to do this, your student account will be charged for the cost of shipping and handling. Send your course submissions to: Master's International University of Divinity, PO Box 5009, Evansville, IN 47716-5009.

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BEFORE SENDING YOUR FIRST COURSE, PLEASE BE SURE TO READ VERY CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE A PART OF THIS PARTICULAR COURSE. IN MOST CASES (THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS) YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEND THE FIRST PART OF THE COURSE, COMPLETE A SELF-ASSESSMENT, THEN BEGIN THE FINAL PART OF THE COURSE, AFTER WHICH YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PROCTORED FINAL WRITTEN SUMMATIVE ESSAY EXAM. INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CURRENT STUDY GUIDE ALWAYS SUPERSEDE ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

NOW, LET US LOOK AT THE GENERAL PAGE FORMATTING & WRITING STYLE GUIDELINES THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR COURSE.

Page margins are one inch (top, bottom, left and right). Use page numbering, and place the page numbers at the bottom right of each page. Page number one (1) will be the very first page of your first course project and so-forth. Always double-space.

Use a font that is easy to read (Ariel, Century Gothic (preferred), Verdana, etc.) as well as a font size that is appropriate (usually 12 point so that it is not too small or too large).

Put your name, student number, degree level, and course name in the "Properties" section of your course file. To find the "Properties" box for your file (this may be different for your word processing program), click on "<u>File</u>" at the top left of your word processor. Next, select "Properties" and key in the required information. This will permanently identify your document. You may select any recognized writing style you prefer (A.P.A., M.L.A., Chicago/Turabian), but be consistent in your style selection.

Courses not sent according to the proper submission steps may be returned for proper compliance. PLEASE understand that with thousands of lessons sent each year; this requirement is a matter of high importance and self preservation for both you and our staff. Thank you for your understanding.

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When you send your lesson as a file transfer, use the course number followed by your first, middle (if you have a middle name), and last initials as the name for the file. For example: Let us say you are completing the course "Advanced New Testament I ANT-701." In this example, a course from, let us say, student Steve L. Pack, might have a file name of ANT-701slp.rtf (if it were saved as an RTF file), or ANT-701slp.doc if it is a Word document. The point being that the course number is followed by the initials of your name.

In order to be sure that your faculty member knows that the work on your lesson has actually ended, you "must" place the following statement on the last line of the last page of your component submission: **Last page of this lesson*.

Of course, you are ultimately responsible for creating and maintaining a secure backup file of all courses sent to Master's (online as well as offline). While the occurrence of a course being lost is rare, it does happen.

In some cases, it may be necessary for new students to take a computer/wordprocessing course from a vendor in his or her own community, or to secure the help of a friend who has mastered the basics.

Of course, as online skills relate specifically to the use of any of Master's Internet based resource, we certainly are prepared to assist you in any way possible.

If ever you are just "plain old stuck", send a message to: <u>lessons@mdivs.edu</u> explaining your situation in detail. There is a solution to every problem, and together we will find it.

Each course must be completed with a passing grade of not less than a "C" (75%) for undergraduate programs, and a "B" (85%) for graduate level programs. If a grade falls below the required minimum, you will not be automatically failed, but will be assisted in knowing exactly what is required for a successful re-submission. The goal is always to assure that you will receive the highest quality education possible, and you may be confident that we will actively work with you toward this goal. Please refer to the Course Evaluation Criteria located a couple of pages below.

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Be sure that the following information is *always* included at the very top of the first page of each and every Course Component.

Name:

Student I.D. Number: E-Mail Address: Date: Course Name: Level of Study and Program Area (Example, Bachelor of Ministry in Biblical Counseling): Postal Address: City: State: Postal Zip or country code: Country: Office Telephone & Home Telephone:

You MUST add the above information at the very beginning of your work. COURSES NOT SENT ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE, MAY HAVE TO BE REFUSED, AND A REQUEST WILL BE MADE FOR RE-SUBMISSION.

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HOW TO REQUEST YOUR NEXT COURSE IF THE ONE YOU ARE SUBMITTING IS NOT THE FINAL COURSE.

Except when you are submitting your final course for the program, it will be necessary for you to request your next course (it will not be sent to you automatically). BEFORE you do so, please read the following:

If you do not already have the study guide for your next course, you will need to request that it be sent to you. Except in very rare circumstances, we do not recommend that students request future study guides far in advance. Courses are constantly being up-dated, and study guides that were current many months ago, may have undergone revisions.

To order your next course, use the Study Guide Request Form on your Program Access Page or the Student Portal. You may also go to: <u>http://ims.mdivs.edu/students-alumni/request-a-study-guide/</u>

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Your study guides will come to you in one of three formats:

- 1. Adobe .pdf format. This is the standard file format in higher education, and is increasingly the standard in general. It is most likely that you already have an Adobe .pdf reader installed on your computer. If you do not already have the Adobe Reader, you may download it Free online at: <u>https://get.adobe.com/reader/</u>
- 2. Rich Text .rtf format. Most summative final exams are sent as an .rtf file. Your computer should have no difficulty reading this type of file.
- 3. A Web page (.htm or .html) format. Your study guide will open in your preferred Internet browser.



GENERAL COURSE EVALUATION CRITERIA USED BY MASTER'S

IMPORTANT: Undergraduate students must achieve not less than 75/C grade level, and graduate/doctoral students not less than 85/B. Student's failing to attain the minimum passing grade, will be asked to resubmit either the entire course, or the portion of the course needing remedy.

20 PTS. MAX	KNOWLEDGE: recalls details of learned material, including relevant facts and theories.
20 PTS. MAX	COMPREHENSION: Answers are relevant to questions and projects. Student grasps the meaning of the learned material. Correctly explains, interprets, and summarizes as appropriate.
20 PTS. MAX	APPLICATION: Applies rules, methods, concepts, and principles as required by questions and projects.
10 PTS. MAX	ACADEMIC LEVEL: Answers are insightful, original and developed with adequate detail and depth.
10 PTS. MAX	ACADEMIC LEVEL: Student follows accepted norms of written submission including spelling, grammar and syntax.
10 PTS. MAX	PROPER CITATION OF REFERENCES: References are appropriate.
10 PTS. MAX	SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: The course has been submitted neatly and in accordance with course submission guidelines.
100 PTS. MAX	100-96 = A $79-75 = C$ $95-90 = A$ - $74-70 = C$ - $89-85 = B$ $69-65 = D$ $84-80 = B$ - $64-60 = D$ -

ADDITIONAL GRADE CRITERIA

Exemplary development of Excellent recall of material. Submission requirements not fulfilled.

Strong in the area of References very strong Grammatical errors application.

intricacies of the issues

involved.

Unique and helpful expressions employed.

Nice mix of theological Overall work at the peak Overall work somewhat and/or pastoral ideas. of or above grade level. below grade level.

Aware of important

Lack of flow in

communication.

MASTER'S ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

The following statements express the p<mark>oli</mark>cy of Master's International University of Divinity pertaining to academic dishonesty:

Cheating/Plagiarism

A student who submits written material as his/her own work which has been copied in whole or in part from another person's writing without proper acknowledgment is guilty of plagiarism.

Material (whether published or unpublished), copied from another writer must be identified by the use of quotation marks and documentation with specific citation of the source. Paraphrased material must likewise be attributed to the original author. Copying another student's paper, with or without his/her permission, or using his/her ideas with only minimal reworking is plagiarism just as is copying material from printed books and magazines without giving credit to the original source. Having another person do his/her work and submitting it as his/her own is considered cheating.

Reporting Procedures

First Offense

The grading faculty member will confront the student and the student will be given an opportunity to respond. Taking the student's response into account, the professor will indicate to the student what action will be taken according to the University policy and what procedures will be carried out for reporting the matter to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

The professor may require that the student sign an academic misconduct incident report and give the student a copy of the report. If this is a first incident of plagiarism, the student will receive an "incomplete" for the assignment and the instructor will require the paper to be rewritten in correct form.

Second Offense

The student will receive a "0" for that assignment and will need to re-submit the assignment with a full letter grade reduction as penalty. A notice of the academic offence will be submitted to the Dean of Academic Affairs with a copy of the incident report form and the plagiarized paper or relevant material put in the student's file.

Third Offense

The Professor will send a copy of the incident report to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The student will meet by telephone conference or in person with the Dean of Academic Affairs for consultation regarding academic integrity. The student will fail the course. The student is placed on disciplinary probation. The offending course must be completely repeated if the student is to remain in the program.

** This is the end of this study guide. **