

# 1 and 2 Samuel (OT205)

Australian College of Theology name: *Genesis, Deuteronomy, Samuel*

## Unit Description

Discover where the donkeys are! Look at the start of the monarchy in Israel and what it meant for the people whose king was (supposed to be) Yahweh. Explore the background issues and context of these two books of the former prophets, as you develop your exegetical and interpretive skills.

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## Learning Outcomes

On completion of the unit, you will:

### A. *Know and understand:*

1. The contents and structure of two of Genesis, Deuteronomy, 1 Samuel, and 2 Samuel
2. The themes and theological teaching of the selected books
3. The nature and basic methods of Old Testament exegesis

### B. *Be able to:*

1. Use sources such as biblical and theological dictionaries, commentaries and online resources
2. Recognise literary form and structure
3. Identify matters relating to authorship, date and purpose
4. Describe the historical, religious and socio-cultural background
5. Relate the text to the literary and canonical contexts
6. Comment on the meaning of significant words and phrases
7. Outline the contents and theology
8. Exegete the English text of a selection of passages from the selected books

### C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Exegete the English text of the selected books for personal understanding and for use in ministry contexts

## Prescribed Texts

1. Genesis 1–4, 6, 8–9, 11
2. Deuteronomy 5–8, 12, 16–18
3. 1 Samuel 1–4, 7–12
4. 2 Samuel 1–2, 5–7, 15–18, 24

You will complete any **two** of 1, 2, 3, 4.