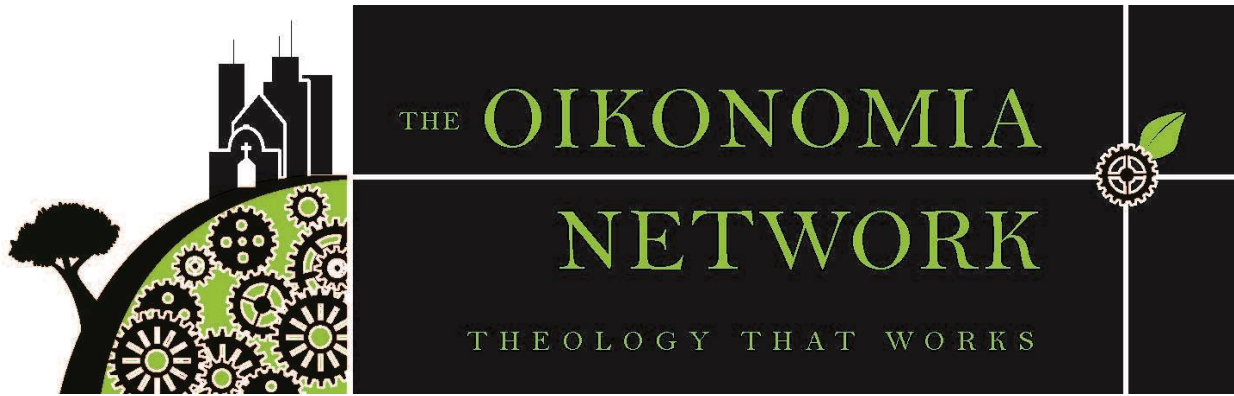


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How are work & economics relevant when teaching The TORAH?

- Given the relevance of the principles/paradigm of Torah, case studies can be helpfully used to get student to think about “real life” application of Torah in ministry situations
- ANE context provides helpful insight to understanding text Ex: Abraham’s negotiations for purchase of grave site grounds Patriarchal narrative in real economic situations
 - Lot & herdsmen
 - Jacob’s being deceived
- Trace work throughout OT & NT
- Noah’s century-long work to build ark was part of his calling
- Note that the Exodus/Sinai experience sets Israel on a course to be a witness to the nations as they live out life in the economy

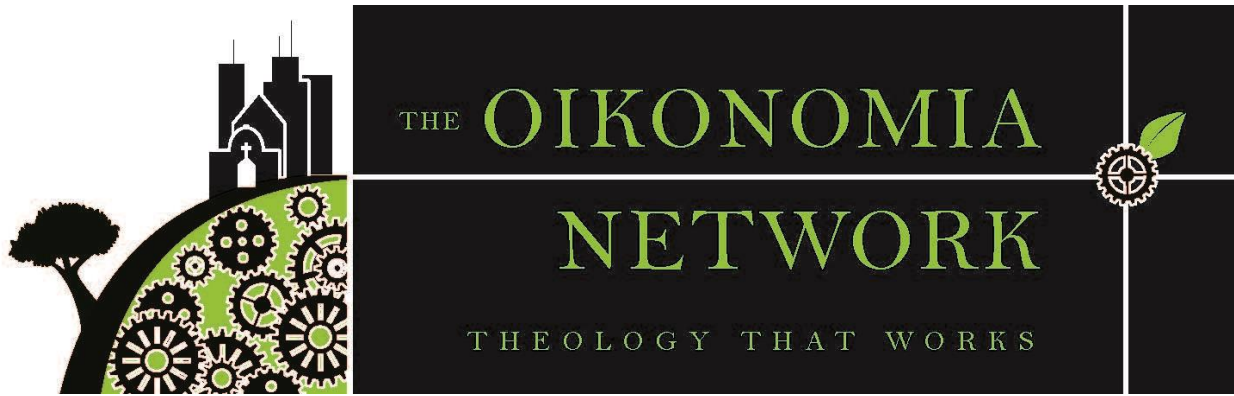


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The HISTORIES?

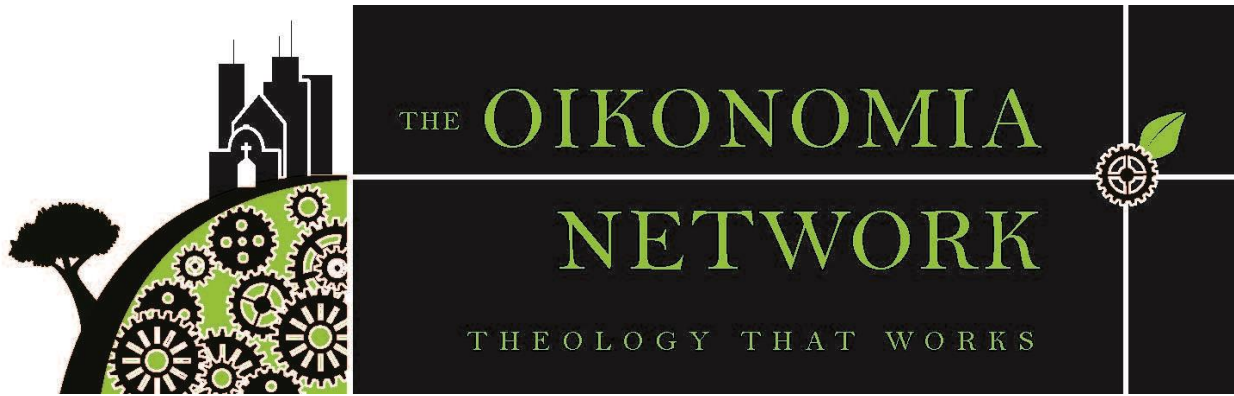
- A Deuteronomic Ethic Standard of Work
 - Work Thread Through the histories
 - Joshua
 - Judges
 - 1-2 Samuel
 - 1-2 Kings
 - Ezra – Non-leadership
 - Narratives – written to instruct
- 1. Man's called work
 - Natural Work
 - Called work
- 2. Man's actual work/actions
 - Fanta
 - Apostasy
- 3. God's work
 - Blessing
 - Judgment



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The WISDOM LITERATURE?

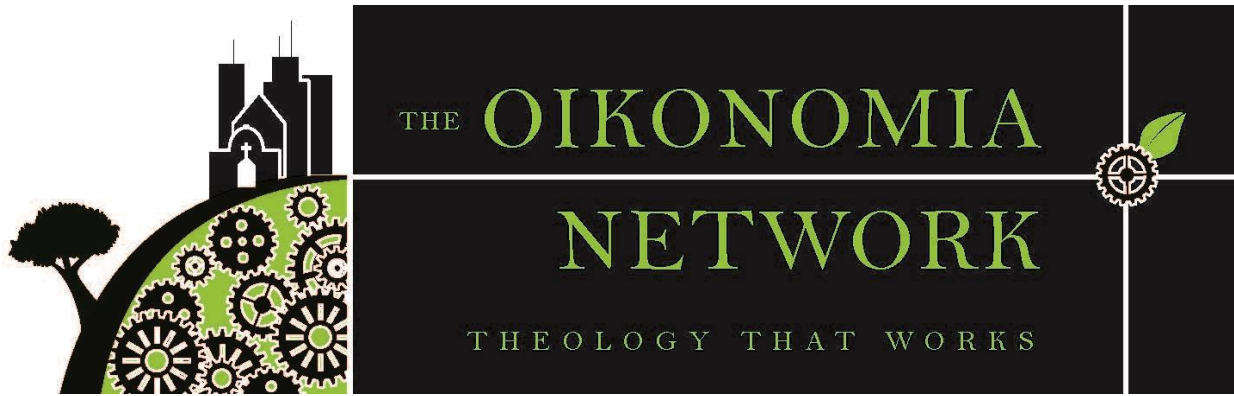


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The PROPHETS?

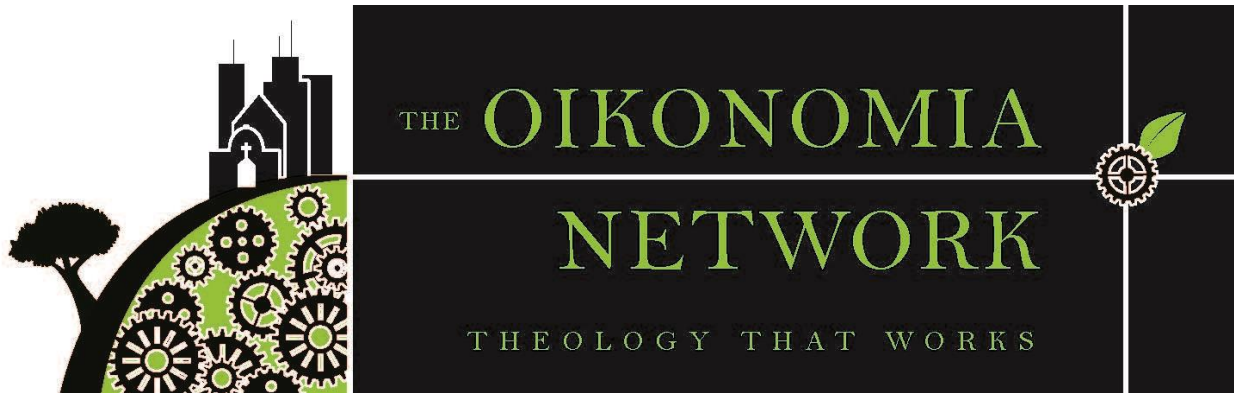
- Use specifically chosen passages as models for _____ since can't cover everything in survey course
- % of sins condemned = economic
- Sodom & Gamorrah in Genesis & Ezekiel
- Make as one of themes to take through the prophets



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How are work & economics relevant when teaching BIBLICAL THEOLOGY?

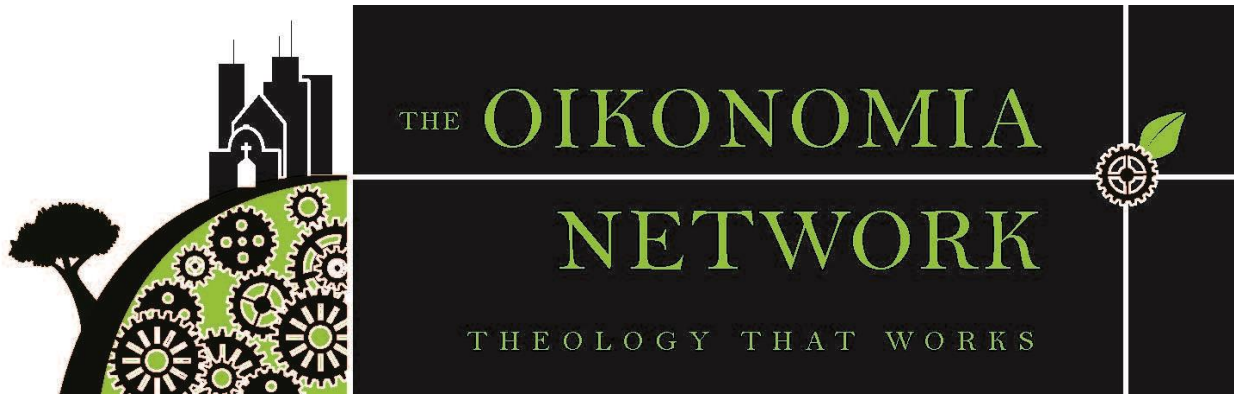
- Work and economics are based on foundation teaching in Genesis 1-3
- Do thematic studies of work & economics throughout the OT and NT
- Holistic view of life under the Lordship of God through Christ
- Contrast biblical teaching on and attitude toward work and economics with those of the ancient world
- Look at principles God gave Israel to function as a nation according to His values and as a testimony to who He is and what a life in relationship to Him is all about
- The whole Bible is based on real lives of people and Christ came into the world as God contextualizing Himself and His message for us
- The Bible teaches more through stories/narrative and using those can be effective with students



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OTHER IDEAS

- Seminarians tend to want to spiritualize work passages in OT, we should note this tendency, and counter it. We should model before the students a method that taken the work + economy passages at face value.
- Teach and preach on these themes in a way that connects with man
- Have students trace theme of work – economy through a text
- Be careful about me to me equivalency on OT issues like slavery, interest, aliens, theocracy, laity – priesthood, justice – moral justice



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