

Wesley Theological Seminary

Course of Study – Philadelphia Satellite

Fall 2018 | September 21-22, October 20, November 3, 2018

Course: CS-221 Bible II: Torah and Israel's History

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Objectives

This course interprets the critical events, developing institutions, and traditions of Israel. Attention is given to the earliest Covenants, to the Exodus, to the rise of the monarchy, and to other events up to the eighth century prophets.

Goals

1. Articulate a historical overview of the experience and faith of ancient Israel. 2. Exegete selected passages that illustrate crucial turning points in the history of Israel. 3. Apply exegesis to preaching, other pastoral responsibilities, and issues of the present day.

Texts

◆ Birch, Bruce, Walter Brueggemann, Terence Fretheim, David Peterson. A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, 2nd edition. Abingdon Press (2005)

◆ Coogan, Michael. The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction, 3rd edition. Oxford University Press (2013).

NOTE: The third edition is the text “officially” recommended but use of a prior edition is an acceptable alternative. If you use another edition, you must indicate in your written work that you have done so. Please see notes, below, regarding required citation for assignments.

◆ Fretheim, Terrence. The Pentateuch. Abingdon Press (1996).

Housing

Students requiring housing for the September weekend will be housed at the Comfort Inn Exton. https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/exton/comfort-suites-hotels/pa540?source=gyx_t

700 West Uwchlan Avenue

Exton, PA 19341

Wesley Seminary will make these arrangements for you so that we can obtain a group rate. Students are required to pay for their housing upon check out from the hotel.

Class will meet at the hotel for the September meeting and at West Chester UMC in West Chester, PA for the two Saturday meetings in October and November. Students needing lodging for the Saturday meetings should arrange their own hotel or Air B&B.

Assignment

Grades will be based on Full class participation and fulfilling the following assignments: A ten-page paper based on the assigned texts. It must include the following with annotations:

- a. A understanding of the formation of the Pentateuch, an understanding of the sources of its formation, a timeline of its formation, the theological themes found within it and then a personal statement on your view of the inspiration of this most foundational document. **Due on October Class**
- b. A five page exegetical Paper on a key passage from exodus with the use of at least six sources full annotations. **Due on October class**
- c. A five page sermon based on your exegesis. **Due on the November class**

All students have access to the **Course of Study student portal on Blackboard**. To access, please go to the "Current Student" page and log in with your student ID and password provided by Wesley. Select Blackboard. In the center of the screen you will see the link to the Student Portal. We are in the process of loading schedule information, required textbooks, writing helps and other information and resources to assist you with your coursework through Wesley Seminary.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is regarded as a serious offense and will result in substantial penalties, including the possibility of academic dismissal. The faculty regard the following as forms of plagiarism or dishonesty:

- ◆ copying from another student's paper
- ◆ giving or receiving unauthorized assistance to or from another person
- ◆ using unauthorized material during an examination

◆ borrowing and presenting as one's own (i.e. without proper attribution) the composition or ideas of another; this includes direct quotation and/or paraphrasing of others' words/ideas.

Questions regarding the course should be addressed to the professor.

Programmatic questions should be addressed to the COS Office at Wesley. 202-885-8688
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