

CSS-421 Hebrew Bible II  
2023

Pre-synchronous online work  
(To be completed and submitted before July 10, 2023)

A. Introductions (to be entered into Blackboard for all to see and respond to)

1. In two or three sentences, describe the congregation(s) you currently serve.
2. What three things would you like us to know about you?
3. If you've been to Wesley before, what has been your favorite part?
4. What are you most looking forward to about this class?
5. Does anything make you anxious thinking about this class?

After you have answered these questions, respond to the answer of a couple of your classmates as you would if you were in a face-to-face conversation.

B. "The Bible for Normal People"

You may have come across this podcast already, or it may be new to you. You may listen to it as a podcast or from their website. Find and listen to the first and last episodes of Season 1. These are episodes 1 and 33 of season 1.

Their over-arching questions are "What is the Bible?" and "What do we do with the Bible?" Give a synopsis of how they answer those two questions. How is their answer changed or expanded from the first to the last episode of the season?

In Episode 33 they assert that "The whole gospel depends on a reinterpretation of the Old Testament story." And they add, "that's scary for people." What do they mean by these statements?

Did you learn anything new from these podcasts? Did they raise any questions for you?