HEBREW SCRIPTURES – SYLLABUS

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	Little 121

Instructor:                Office Hours:

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Purpose:

The primary focus of the course will be to acquaint the beginning student with the literary, social, historical, and religious contexts of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Required Texts:


*The Harper Collins Study Bible* (New Revised Standard Version)

Course grade:

25% Torah/Pentateuch Test
25% Deuteronomistic History Test
25% Prophets Test
25% Writings Test

Attendance is required at all class meetings. Excessive unexcused absenteeism will result in lowering of the student’s grade.

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Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.
## Assignments

It is important to remind students that lectures given in this class are the property of the University/faculty member and may not be taped without prior permission from the lecturer and may not be used for any commercial purpose. Students found to be in violation may be subject to discipline under the University Student Conduct Code.

In addition to the reading assignments listed below, some specific discussion topics will periodically be posted on the class website or emailed to the class listserv at least one day in advance of the topic to be covered.

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<td>Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xiii-xix, xxxi-xxxiii</td>
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<td>Early Near East History and the Nature of the Pentateuch; Creation and Flood</td>
<td>Collins, pp. 15-43</td>
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<td>Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxiv-xxxv, xlv-xlvi, lvii-lxv</td>
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<td>The Patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his Twelve Sons</td>
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<td>Genesis 12-50 (selections)</td>
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<td>Exodus from Egypt; Sinai and the Ten Commandments</td>
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<td>Exodus 25-34; Leviticus 11-26; Numbers 13-35 (selections)</td>
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30  **Torah/Pentateuch Test**

Feb 5  Joshua and the “Conquest” of the Land  
Collins, pp. 94-107  
Joshua

7  Judges and the “Conquest” of the Land  
Collins, pp. 108-115  
Judges

12  First Samuel - Saul and David - Political Intrigue  
Collins, pp. 116-122  
1 Samuel (selections)

14, 19  Second Samuel - David’s Rule  
Collins, pp. 123-130  
2 Samuel (selections)

21  First Kings - Solomon and the End of the United Monarchy  
Collins, pp. 131-139  
1 Kings 1-16

26  Second Kings - End of Independence  
Collins, pp. 141-152  
1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 25 (selections)

28  **Deuteronomistic History Test**

Mar 2-10  **SPRING BREAK**

12  Amos and Hosea – Kingdom of Israel  
Collins, pp. 153-163  
Amos and Hosea

14  Isaiah – Kingdom of Judah  
Collins, pp. 164-173  
Isaiah 1-39 (selections)

19  Jeremiah and Lamentations – Babylonian Exile  
Collins, pp. 174-184  
Jeremiah (selections)
21  Ezekiel – Babylonian Exile and New Jerusalem
    Collins, pp. 185-196
    Ezekiel (selections)

26  Second and Third Isaiah and Post-Exilic Prophets
    Collins, pp. 197-219
    Isaiah 40-66; Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Joel (selections)

28  Prophecy Test

Apr 2  Ezra and Nehemiah – Fixing What Went Wrong?
    Collins, pp. 220-228
    Ezra, Nehemiah (selections)

4    Chronicles – Revisionist History?
    Collins, pp. 229-235
    1, 2 Chronicles (selections)

9    The Psalms, Song of Songs, and Proverbs
    Collins, pp. 236-255
    Psalms, Song of Songs, Proverbs (selections)

11   Job and Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)
    Collins, pp. 256-267
    Job and Ecclesiastes (selections)

16   Ruth, Jonah, Esther – Foreign Relations
    Collins, pp. 268-277
    Ruth, Jonah, Esther

18   Daniel, 1,2 Maccabees – Regaining Independence
    Collins, pp. 278-292
    Daniel, 1,2 Maccabees (selections)

23   Writings Test