



**Wayland Mission Statement:** Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Course Title and Number:** RLGN 1301 VC02 Old Testament History

**Term:** Fall Session 2 2025

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**Class Meeting Time and Location:** Asynchronous Virtual Campus delivery

**Catalog Description:** An introductory survey of the historical literature with special attention to the institutions, religion, and national life of the Hebrew people.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Required Textbooks and/or Resource Material:**

Title	Editor/author	Publisher	Year	Ed	ISBN
<i>Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey</i>	Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E Byer	Baker Academic	2015	3	978-0801049538
NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible		Zondervan	2016		978-0-310-43167-1

**Course Outcome Competencies:** Students will

- Demonstrate knowledge of the historical, religious, and social context of the Old Testament world.
- Demonstrate knowledge of some of the critical methods used in Old Testament studies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic content of the Old Testament and its main teachings (theological content).
- Demonstrate knowledge of the canonical process producing a more complete understanding of the Old Testament.

**Attendance Requirements:** WBU Online

1. Attendance for WBUonline courses is defined fully in the university catalog: [http://catalog.wbu.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#Class\\_Attendance\\_-\\_Online](http://catalog.wbu.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#Class_Attendance_-_Online)
2. Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses.
3. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus.
4. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements.
5. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8 week term, may receive an F for that course.
6. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given term is considered a "no-show" and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus.
7. When a student reaches a number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will submit a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress to the student’s WBU student email account and to appropriate university personnel.

**Disability Statement:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests (office (806) 291-1057. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

**STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM & ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Please click on this link to [WBU’s Statement on Academic Integrity](#) to understand policies concerning plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. All work must be the work of the student. In addition to normal means of plagiarism, the following policy concerning AI generated works also applies:

- No use of any generative AI tools permitted. i. Students are required to create and produce all work themselves or with assigned group members. Any work submitted that has used an AI generative tool like ChatGPT will be in immediate violation of the academic integrity policies for the course and WBU.
- All assignments must be fully created, designed, and prepared by the student(s).
- Any work that uses generative AI will be treated as plagiarism.

### Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:

- **Weekly Reading quiz** corresponding to the reading from the *Encountering the Old Testament* textbook 7 quizzes. Lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
- **Unit exams:** Three exams to be given during the session as listed in the course outline. **Unit Exam two will be proctored.**
- **Scripture Engagement Assignment:** Students will complete weekly scripture engagement assignments, examining and commenting on scripture prompts for each week in Blackboard. Each assignment counts as 12.5 points for a total of 100 points. This grade counts 20% of the final grade.

### Procedure for computations of final grade

- Unit exams 40%
- Reading quiz composite 40%
- Scripture engagement 20%  
100 %

- **University Grading System**

A	90-100	I	INCOMPLETE**
B	80-89	Cr	FOR CREDIT
C	70-79	NCr	NO CREDIT
D	60-69	WP	WITHDRAWAL PASSING
F	BELOW 60	WF	WITHDRAWAL FAILING
		W	WITHDRAWAL

\*\*A grade of incomplete is changed if the deficiency is made up by midterm of the next regular semester; otherwise, it becomes "F". This grade is given only if circumstances beyond the student's control prevented completion of work during the semester enrolled

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Executive Vice President/Provost to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

### Tentative Schedule:

WEEK	READING ASSIGNMENT	ASSIGNMENT
Week 1 10/9	<i>Encountering</i> 1-5	
Week 2 10/16	<i>Encountering</i> 6-9	Unit Exam One
Week 3 10/23	<i>Encountering</i> 10-14	
Week 4 10/30	<i>Encountering</i> 15-18	Unit Exam Two

WEEK	READING ASSIGNMENT	ASSIGNMENT
Week 5 11/6	<i>Encountering</i> 19-23	
Week 6 11/13	<i>Encountering</i> 24-28	
Week 7 11/27	<i>Encountering</i> 29-34	
Week 8 12/4	Course wrap up	Unit Exam Three

**Additional Information:**