

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY
RLGN 1301 VC05
COURSE SYLLABUS
WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Virtual Campus
DIVISION OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY
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University Mission: Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning, and service to God and humankind.

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Course Number and Title: RLGN 1301 VC05, Old Testament History

Class Time and Location: All work in this class will occur in Blackboard

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

Prerequisite: None

Resources

• **Required Texts**

- *Zondervan NIV Study Bible*, ISBN 978-0-310-93918-4
(we will use the notes/articles in the current version)

Course Outline and Calendar:

February 24	Introduction, Doctrine of Revelation/Inspiration
March 3	Canon, Archaeology, Geography
March 17	Genesis, Exodus
March 24	Leviticus, Numbers,
March 31	Deuteronomy, Conquest of the Land & Joshua
	Midterm Exam
April 7	Judges and Ruth
April 14	United Kingdom and the Samuels
April 21	Divided Kingdom and Israel in the North
April 28	Divided Kingdom and Judah Alone
May 5	Exile, The Return, and Wisdom Writings
May 12	Final Exam

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.

Course Requirements:

-Blackboard usage- Understanding and using the Blackboard system is vital for success in this course. Follow all University Guidelines for Blackboard usage including Discussion Board etiquette.

-Syllabus Quiz-

The Syllabus Quiz is located in Weekly Quizzes folder on Blackboard. Information to pass the Quiz is located in the Syllabus, Content areas of Blackboard, and Week 1 Lecture Notes. **You must get 9 of 10 right on this quiz to before any other work will be accepted for the course.** Any work done prior to taking this may not receive full credit. This grade does not count toward your term grade. This is just a method to ensure you understand the requirements for the class, have read the Syllabus, and can use Blackboard.

- E-mail Communications-

- Students must use their WBU student e-mail accounts for communication in this class. Exceptions will be made for military students with special needs.

- Quizzes and Exams-

Reading of biblical text assigned each week with quizzes over readings and lectures and lecture notes. Quizzes may be taken at any point during the semester prior to a major exam. **Quizzes 1-4 must be taken prior to the Midterm,** Quiz 5 is open the week of the Midterm, and **Quizzes 6-10 prior to the Final Exam opening.** Quiz questions are worth 1 point each for a total of 10 points per quiz.

- Two exams will be given (not proctored). The midterm exam covers materials from weeks 1-5 and the Final Exam covers weeks 6-10. The exams will consist of a set of objective questions taken online that cover all readings, class notes and videos provided for class content.

Midterm Exam	March 31-April 1
Final Exam	May 12-13

- **Weekly Requirements**

- Students will listen to weekly audio lectures while following along with an outline and additional notes provided in the Weekly Content Area in Blackboard. Quizzes and Exams will consist of information from these materials and the Biblical text. Supplemental Videos may be found in the Content area of Blackboard as well.
- Students will read
 - All messages posted by the instructor in Blackboard
 - Assigned readings in the lecture notes
 - Biblical passages referenced in the lecture notes
- Students must participate in Discussion Board questions facilitated by the instructor-
 - Students must post at least two messages per week as outlined in the schedule below.
 - There are 10 graded forums.
 - To receive full credit for the weekly Discussion the entries must be made before the deadline given below(Wednesday midnight for 1st post; Friday midnight 2nd post)
 - Proper grammar is expected when posting to the Discussion Board. If you need assistance with proper English grammar Wayland provides assistance in the writing lab.
- Weekly Quizzes

NOTE WELL: All communication with the professor must be sent to the instructor's email address.

Attendance - External Campuses

Students enrolled at one of the university's external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the campus dean. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university's attendance policy. A student may petition the Academic Council for exceptions to the above stated policies by filing a written request for an appeal to the provost/academic vice president.

Course Evaluation (Method of Determining Grade)

•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 and attendance requirements have been met. A grade of "CR" indicates that credit in semester hours was granted but no grade or grade points were recorded.**

•Procedure for computations of final grade:

Midterm	25%
Final Exam	25%
Discussion Board	25%
Weekly Quizzes	25%

Academic Honesty (Plagiarism):

University students are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with penalties associates with plagiarism stated in the catalog.

Services for the Disabled

It is university policy that no otherwise qualified disabled person 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 Dean of Students serves the University as coordinator or activities for the handicapped and should be contacted concerning initial contact with the Dean of Student's office as soon as possible before registration to ensure adequate time **for** assistance.

DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE
READING, QUIZZES, JOURNALS & LECTURE SCHEDULE

Week & Dates	Weekly Requirements
1 February 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topics: Doctrine of Revelation; Doctrine of Inspiration -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 1 -Read NIV Study Bible- Preface; Intro. page I-XVII; Genesis ch. 1-11 -Read Week 1 Lecture notes -Complete the Syllabus Quiz -Discussion Board #1 with Introductions by Wednesday Night -Discussion Board #1 response- -Quiz #1 -Review GloBible.com and consider using it for an electronic resource
2 March 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topics: Canon; Archaeology; Geography; Genesis 12-36 -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 2 -Read NIV Study Bible- Genesis 12-36 -Read Week 2 Lecture notes -Discussion Board #2 response by Wednesday at Midnight -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz #2
3 March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topics: Genesis 37-50; Exodus -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 3 -Read NIV Study Bible- Exodus -Read Week 3 Lecture notes -Discussion Board #3 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz #3
4 March 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topics: Leviticus; Numbers -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 4 -Read NIV Study Bible- Numbers -Read Week 4 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 4 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz #4

Week & Dates	Weekly Requirements
<p>5 March 31</p>	<p>-Topics: Deuteronomy; Conquest of the Land and Joshua -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 5 -Read NIV Study Bible-Deuteronomy and Joshua -Read Week 5 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 5 respond by Wednesday Night -Quiz # 5 is included in the Midterm Take the Midterm Exam, Opens March 31 and closes April 1 at midnight, Central Standard Time.</p>
<p>6 April 7</p>	<p>-Topics: Judges and Ruth -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 6 -Read NIV Study Bible- Judges & Ruth -Read Week 6 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 6 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz # 6</p>
<p>7 April 14</p>	<p>-Topics: The Monarchy; United Kingdom; Samuel -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 7 -Read NIV Study Bible- 1 & 2 Samuel -Read Week 7 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 7 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz # 7</p>
<p>8 April 21</p>	<p>-Topics: Divided Kingdom and Israel in the North -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 8 -Read NIV Study Bible 1 Kings -Read Week 8 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 8 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz # 8</p>
<p>9 April 28</p>	<p>-Topics: Divided Kingdom and Judah Along -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 9 -Read NIV Study Bible 2 Kings -Read Week 9 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 9 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz # 9</p>

Week & Dates	Weekly Requirements
<p>10 May 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topics: Prophets; Exile, The Return and Wisdom Writings -Listen to Audio Lecture for Week 10 -Read NIV Study Bible- Ezra; Nehemiah; Psalms Chs. 1-23; Proverbs chs 1-9, 30-31; Ecclesiastes; Isaiah 1-12; Jeremiah 1-13; Jonah; Micah -Read Week 10 Lecture notes -Discussion Board # 10 response by Wednesday Night -Respond to another student's Discussion Board by midnight Friday -Quiz # 10
<p>11 May 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topic: Conclusions and Review -No Required Readings -No Discussion Board -Take Final Exam: Opens at May 12 and closes May 13th at midnight, Central Standard Time.