

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Virtual Campus
SCHOOL OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Wayland Baptist University Mission Statement

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

RLGN1301 VC06
Old Testament History
Spring 2014

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Instructor Information

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

Required Textbooks and Resources

- NIV Study Bible (Zondervan is preferred – ISBN: 0310437334)
- Instructor's Lecture Notes – available as a free download in Blackboard

Course Outcome Competencies:

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

Attendance Requirements

- Students who miss more than 25% of class sessions will receive a grade of F for the term. Participation in a "class session" is defined (for this class) as failing to participate in all activities for a given week. This includes required assignments, discussion forums, and exams/quizzes.

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 education program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Course Requirements:

Syllabus quiz

- Students must complete a syllabus quiz with a minimum grade of 90 before any other work will be accepted in this class. The quiz may be retaken as many times as necessary to achieve this grade.

Weekly requirements

- Reading and lectures
 - Students will listen to weekly audio lectures while following along in the instructor's lecture notes (available through links in Blackboard). Questions for quizzes and exams will come from material covered in the recorded lectures.
 - Students will read
 - Assigned readings in the instructor's lecture notes.
 - Bible passages cited in the instructor's lecture notes.
- Discussion forum (8 graded forums)
 - Students are required to participate in Discussion Board questions posted by the Instructor.
 - Requirements are found in the document named, "Grading Rubric for Discussion Forum Postings" (found in the Course Documents page on Blackboard).
- Weekly quizzes (10 quizzes)
 - Weekly quizzes correspond to the assigned chapters for a given week.
 - Students may retake quizzes as often as needed to help learn the material.
 - Students may use the Bible and the lecture materials for help while taking quizzes.
 - All quizzes and exams require the use of the Respondus Lockdown Browser (available as a free download via the link provided on the class site in Blackboard).

Major Exams (2 exams)

- Exam 1 occurs in week 5 and covers the material in chapters 1-6.
- Exam 2 occurs in week 11 and covers the material in chapters 7-11
- Students may not use notes, the Bible, or any other resource when taking the objective exams.

Grade Computation

Chapter quizzes	10%	(average of 10 quizzes)
Discussion forum	30%	(average of 8 graded forums)
Exams	60%	(average of 2 exams)

Extra credit is available as described in the "Grading Rubric for Discussion Forum Postings 2013" (in the Course Documents folder on Blackboard).

Week & Dates	Weekly Requirements
1	<p>Subject: The Old Testament Canon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read the following chapters in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 1: The Geography of the Near East ○ Chapter 2: The Canon of the Old Testament • Introduce yourself on the Discussion Board. • Start taking Quiz 1 (there are no deadlines for the weekly quizzes)
2	<p>Subject: From Creation to Abraham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 3: From Creation to Abraham • Start taking Quiz 2 and continue retaking Quiz 1 • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night.
3	<p>Subject: From Abraham to the Exodus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 4: From Abraham to the Exodus • Start taking Quiz 3 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night. • Begin working on the essay for Exam 1 (available in the Week 5 folder)
4	<p>Subject: From the Exodus to Conquest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 5: From Exodus to Conquest • Start taking Quiz 4 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night. • Continue working on the essay for Exam 1 (available in the Week 5 folder)
5	<p>Subject: From Conquest to Monarchy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 6: From Conquest to Monarchy • Start taking Quiz 5 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Review all previous quizzes to prepare for Exam 1 • No Discussion Board postings are due this week. • Take the objective part of Exam 1 by midnight on Saturday night • Submit your essay for Exam 1 by midnight on Saturday night

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6	Subject: The United Monarchy: The Time of Saul, David, and Solomon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chapter 7: Period of the Monarchy – Saul to Solomon • Start taking Quiz 6 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night.
7	Subject: The Divided Kingdom and the Rise of the Prophets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chapter 8: The Divided Kingdom • Start taking Quiz 7 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night. • Begin working on the essay for Exam 2 (available in the Week 11 folder)
8	Subject: The Northern Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chapter 9: The Fall of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) • Start taking Quiz 8 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night. • Continue working on the essay for Exam 2 (available in the Week 11 folder)
9	Subject: The Southern Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chapter 10: The Fall of the Southern Kingdom (Judah) • Start taking Quiz 9 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night. • Continue working on the essay for Exam 2 (available in the Week 11 folder)
10	Subject: Exile and Return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the instructor's audio lecture for this week • Read in the instructor's lecture notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chapter 11: Exile and Return • Start taking Quiz 10 and continue retaking all previous quizzes • Post your response to the instructor's message by midnight on Wednesday night. • Post replies to other student messages by midnight on Saturday night. • Continue working on the essay for Exam 2 (available in the Week 11 folder)

Week & Dates	Weekly Requirements
11	Subject: Conclusion and Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retake quizzes for chapters 7-11 to prepare for Exam 2 • No Discussion Board postings are due this week • Take the objective part of Exam 2 by midnight on Saturday night • Submit your essay for Exam 2 by midnight on Saturday night

Course Evaluation (Method of Determining Grade)

- **University Grading System**

Symbol	Percentage
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

Other symbols used for grading include:

CR	Credit	Satisfactory, but without qualitative grading.
NCR	No Credit	Unsatisfactory, but without qualitative grading.
I**	Incomplete	May be given to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required for work reasons beyond the student's control.
IP	In progress	Assigned to a course indicating that at the conclusion of a term the course will still be in progress.
X	No grade	No grade has been submitted by the instructor. The course grade which will replace the X must be submitted within 30 days from the beginning of the next full term.
W	Withdrawal	Course dropped or withdrawal from the University.
WP	Withdraw passing	Course dropped or withdrawal from the University after deadline to withdraw with a W and prior deadline to withdraw with a WP or WF.
WF	Withdraw failing	Course dropped or withdrawal from the University after deadline to withdraw with a W and prior to deadline to withdraw with a WP or WF.

**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.

Procedure for computations of final grade:

To calculate your grade for this class, use the Student Grade Calculation Worksheet (download from Course Documents folder on Blackboard).

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 on page 88.