

**WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY ALTUS CAMPUS**

**SPRING 2018**

**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 VC04 Old Testament History

**Term:** SPRING 2018

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

**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 Textbook(s) and/or Resource Material:**

NIV Study Bible (published in 2011 by HarperCollins)

Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E Byer. *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*,

3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015. ISBN: 978-0801049538. Available in the WBU Bookstore or you can purchase the eTextbook edition on Amazon for $25.76.

**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:**

1. Attendance for online 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&amp;navoid=80&amp;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 3 or more weeks of an 11 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 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 and Grading Criteria:**

 **Weekly Reading quiz** corresponding to the reading from the *Encountering the Old Testament* textbook. 10 quizzes. The two lowest quiz scores will be dropped at the end of the semester

 **Examinations:** Three exams to be given during the semester as listed in the course outline. The exams will be due on Sunday evenings of the week that the exam is scheduled. The final exam is not comprehensive, but covers material after the second exam. Exam three will be proctored. The student is responsible to secure an approved proctor: <http://www.wbu.edu/academics/online_programs/proctor/proctorrequest.htm>WBU testing sites do not require Virtual Campus approval. Online remote proctoring is an option if time or location hinders other approved testing venues.

 **Journal:** Students will complete a weekly journal assignment responding to a prompt by the instructor based on the reading materials for the week, including

the Bible, the textbook and the lecture notes. Detailed journal instructions will be found on Blackboard. Eight journals will be required during the term.

 **Participation:** Students are expected to participate in the virtual class with reading assignments, attendance and completion of all assignments.

 **Extra Credit:** No extra credit will be offered.

 **Procedure for computations of final grade**

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| **Exam 1,2,3 @15% each** | **45%** |
| **Weekly Journal** | **20%** |
| **Weekly Quiz Average** | **35%** |

**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.

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:**

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| Week Beginning | **Reading assignment** | **Other Assignment** |
| 1 Feb. 26 | *Encountering* 1-5 Introduction Genesis 1-  2 |  |
| 2 March 5 | *Encountering* 6-9 Gen 6-11 |  |
| Spring Break  March 12-16 |  |  |
| 3 March 19 | *Encountering* 10-13 Gen 12-25 37-50 |  |

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| 4 March 26 | *Encountering* 14-16 Introduction to Exodus  Exodus 1-12, 20, 32-34, Leviticus 16 | **Exam One** |
| 5 April 2 | *Encountering* 17-18 Deuteronomy 34  Excursus “The conquest and the Ethical Question of War” Joshua 24, Judges 4, 6-7, Ruth 1 |  |
| 6 April 9 | *Encountering* 19-21 1 Samuel 16-17, 2  Samuel 11-12, 1 Kings 3, 11 |  |
| 7 April 16 | *Encountering* 22-23 1 Kings 12, 17-22, 2  Kings 2-4 | **Exam Two** |
| 8 April 23 | *Encountering* 24-27 2 Kings 18-20, 22-23,  Isaiah 6, 7-11, 40 |  |
| 9 April 30 | *Encountering* 28-31 2 Kings 25, Jeremiah 7,  18-19, 30-33, Ezekiel 4-5, 37 |  |
| 10 May 7 | *Encountering* 32-34 Psalms Introduction  777-783, Psalm 1, 51, 69, Ecclesiastes 3, 9, Daniel 1, 6, 11-12 |  |
| 11 May 14 | Final Exam must be completed by May 19 | **Final Exam** |

**Additional Information:**

**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 pf 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.