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Bible 221 – Torah and the Israel's History

This course interprets the critical events, developing institutions, and traditions of Israel. Attention is given to the earliest Covenants, to the Exodus, to the rise of the monarchy, and to other events up to the eighth century prophets.

Objectives

1. Articulate a historical overview of the experience and faith of ancient Israel.
2. Exegete selected passages that illustrate crucial turning points in the history of Israel.
3. Apply exegesis to preaching, other pastoral responsibilities, and issues of the present day.

Required Texts

Michael Coogan. *The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction*. Oxford, 2013

Terrence Fretheim. *The Pentateuch*. Abingdon Press, 1996.

Pre-Class Assignments

1. Read Fretheim, Chapter 1, and provide a 2-page summary.
2. Read Fretheim, Chapter 2, and provide a 2-page summary.
3. Read Fretheim, Chapters 3-7, and provide a 4-page summary of your observations of the historical patterns and theological themes in the Pentateuch.

Format:

- Students should submit their pre-class assignments electronically in Microsoft Word (.doc) format via Canvas
- Students are expected to cite their work appropriately with footnotes and a bibliography. View the [Scholarly Citation Examples using Chicago Humanities/Turabian](#) format guidelines.
- 12 pt, double spaced
- Pre-class due June 3, 2024