

## **SUBJECT: Scripture - Old Testament**

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### **SSOT 400 Reading the Old Testament (3)**

The Israelites forged their identity as a people and sustained their common bonds through interaction and communication with YHWH. This course will examine the testimony of the Old Testament to this relational dynamic between YHWH, the people, and their leaders through the exegesis of representative texts from the Pentateuch, the Prophets, and the Writings.

### **SSOT 401 Biblical Hebrew (3)**

Study of the elements of Old Testament Hebrew, with emphasis on reading comprehension with the aid of a dictionary. The study of grammar and its practical application in reading Old Testament texts.

### **SSOT 406 Biblical History and Sites (1)**

This course forms the educational component for the study tour of the Holy Land. This course studies the lands which gave birth to the Bible, particularly Israel and Palestine. In addition to Istanbul, the Turkish sites include the cities mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Depending on the political climate, parts of Egypt, Sinai, or Jordan may be added. While the primary focus of the course is the historical and archaeological context for both the Old and New Testaments, the class also visits places held sacred by Christians as well as those revered by Jews and Muslims.

### **SSOT 410 Pentateuch (3)**

Survey of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy in the Hebrew Bible, introducing the student to their content, the traditions of interpretation and the methods employed in their exegesis. Themes of creating, liberating, and covenanting are emphasized.

### **SSOT 412 Prophetic Tradition (3)**

Survey of the writings of the prophets in the Old Testament with special attention given to the historical contexts of the biblical prophets and the language, genres, images, and theological content of various prophetic texts. Further consideration of the relevance of the prophetic message in contemporary church and society.

### **SSOT 414 Wisdom Tradition (3)**

Introduction to the wisdom material of the Old Testament with special attention given to the historical background of the wisdom tradition, and the structure and content of the wisdom books (especially Proverbs, Job, Qoheleth, Sirach and Wisdom), the development of the OT wisdom tradition in later writings including the New Testament, and the relevance of the wisdom tradition to the present.

### **SSOT 416 Psalms (1-3)**

Study of the backbone of Jewish and Christian prayer for three thousand years. In addition to the exegesis of selected psalms, topics include: the formation of the Psalter, various translations, the spirituality of the psalms, and the use of the psalms in Christian prayer, especially the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours.

### **SSOT 468 Topics in Old Testament Literature (1-3)**

Various topics offered. See schedule each semester for offerings.

### **SSOT 469 Topics in Jewish Biblical Theology (3)**

NO COURSE DESCRIPTION

### **SSOT 470 Independent Study (1-3)**

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