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TITLE: Introduction to the Old Testament

TERM: 20109 (September 2010)

PROFESSOR: Igal German

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 20

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This online course provides an introduction to the Old Testament and its three main canonical divisions with an emphasis on theological interpretation, including creation, law, covenant, kingship, exodus, exile, prophecy, and monotheism. Students will be familiarized with the biblical books and their literary-historical context. The course also explores the history of biblical interpretation with an application to Old Testament texts. Development of exegetical skills. Lectures, assigned readings, online participation, assignments, final paper (assignment & exegetical paper).

COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:

An appropriate implementation of the course should enable students to:

- Understand the form and contents of the Hebrew Bible and its development.
- Identify the major events of Israelite history as they preserved on the pages of Scripture.
- Demonstrate a foundational knowledge of key figures, dates and places in the Old Testament.
- Articulate the major critical issues raised by contemporary scholars in Old Testament studies.
- Work diligently with the biblical text and develop the necessary exegetical skills.

PREREQUISITES:

There are no prerequisites for the course.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- A modern English version of the **Bible** (e.g., NRSV, NIV, NAB).
- **Textbook:** Henry Jackson Flanders, Jr., Robert Wilson Crapps, David Anthony Smith. *People of the Covenant: an Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996. A copy of this book can be purchased at Crux Books (Wycliffe College @ the ground floor).

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Lectures, assigned readings, online participation, assignments, final paper (assignment & exegetical paper).