

SCS-501 Bible History: Hebrew Scripture

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Required Texts	Finkelstein, Israel, and Neil Silberman. <i>The Bible Unearthed</i> , New York, 2002. Friedman, R. E. <i>Who Wrote the Bible</i> . San Francisco: Harper, 2003.
Other Required Reading	Handouts
Recommended Reading	O'Dell, Donald. <i>How the Bible Became the Bible</i> . West Conshohocken, PA.: Infinity Publishing, 2006

Course Description

This an overview course about how the Hebrew Bible came into being, what stories it tells and why. It covers the history of the Israelite people as the writers imagined and created it. It covers how they went from Israelites to Jews. It shows how the Hebrew Bible was the foundation for the New Testament.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the writers of the Hebrew Bible and the period during which they wrote
2. Identify the significant events recorded in the Hebrew Bible
3. Discuss the historical and political events that influenced the redaction of the Hebrew Bible
4. Explain how the Hebrew Bible can be seen in light of the evolution of consciousness

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity and the Certificate in Unity Ministry.: Foundational Knowledge: Demonstrate professional competency through the integration of knowledge and methodology in the areas of scripture, theology, historical studies, communication, pastoral studies, leadership and administration.

Assignments - Two exams and one paper.

Selected Bibliography

Contact the faculty member for a copy of the complete syllabus.