

COS 221 – BIBLE II:

TORAH AND ISRAEL'S HISTORY

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

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.

Students will be able to:

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.

TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Michael Coogan: ***The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction***
- Terrence Fretheim: ***The Pentateuch***
- ***The Interpreters One-Volume Commentary***
- ***Oxford Bible Atlas***

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.