

RELIGION 205: INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE: FALL, 1998

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TEXTS: Holy Bible, modern translation such as New Revised Standard, New English, Jerusalem Harris, Understanding the Bible

REQUIREMENTS: 4 tests and 1 paper, each counting 20%; attendance – each unexcused absence over 3 will deduct 2 points from final average

DATE	TEXT READING	BIBLE READING
Wed Aug 26	Introductory lecture	
Fri Aug 28	pp. 1-74	Genesis 1-4
Mon Aug 31	pp. 75-93	Genesis 5-36
Wed Sep 2		Genesis 37-50
Fri Sep 4	pp. 94-103	Exodus 1-24, 32-34
Mon Sep 7	Labor Day; no class	
Wed Sep 9	pp. 104-115	Deut. 5-7, 30-31; Leviticus 11-13, 16, 23, 26
Fri Sep 11	TEST # 1	
Mon Sep 14	pp. 116-127	Joshua 1-10,23-24; Judges 1-16
Wed Sep 16	pp. 128-132	1 Samuel
Fri Sep 18	pp. 132-136	2 Samuel
Mon Sep 21	pp. 136-142	1 Kings 1-12, 16-22
Wed Sep 23	pp. 143-155	2 Kings 1-11, 15-17
Fri Sep 25	pp. 156-164	Amos, Hosea
Mon Sep 28	pp. 164-168	Isaiah 1-9,11,36-39; 2 Kings 18-25
Wed Sep 30	pp. 174-178	Jeremiah 1-4,7,13,19,20,24,27,28,29, 30-32,39
Fri Oct 2	pp. 180-186	Ezekiel 1-7,16,18, 23,30-31,37,47-48; Isaiah 40-55
Mon Oct 5	TEST # 2	
Wed Oct 7	pp. 195-199,208-211	Proverbs 1-11,31; Ecclesiastes
Fri Oct 9	pp. 212-214	Psalms 1,2,6,8,22,23,24,32,46,100,105,121,130,137,139,150
Mon Oct 12	Mid-semester break	
Wed Oct 14	pp. 200-207	Job
Fri Oct 16	pp. 216-219,221-224	Ruth; Esther
Mon Oct 19	pp. 219-220,224-225	Song of Songs TERM PAPER TOPICS DUE
Wed Oct 21	pp. 235-253	Daniel
Fri Oct 23	pp. 307-334	Mark
Mon Oct 26		Mark
Wed Oct 28	pp. 334-352	Matthew
Fri Oct 30		Matthew
Mon Nov 2	TEST # 3	
Wed Nov 4	pp. 365-380	Gospel of John
Fri Nov 6	pp. 380-422	Acts 2,9; 1 Thessalonians
Mon Nov 9	pp. 424-427	1 Corinthians
Wed Nov 11	pp. 430-434	Galatians
Fri Nov 13	pp. 434-438	Romans
Mon Nov 16	TERM PAPERS DUE	
Wed Nov 18	pp. 450-453	1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus
Fri Nov 20	pp. 455-458	Hebrews
Mon Nov 23	pp. 468-490	Revelation
Wed, Nov 25 – Fri Nov 27	Thanksgiving break	
Mon Nov 30 – Fri Dec 4	Class presentations on term papers	
Mon Dec 7	Review; discussion questions for Test # 4 available	
Mon, Dec 14, 7:00-10:00 p.m.:	TEST # 4	

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RELIGION 205: INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE: TERM PAPER GUIDELINES

1. Term papers for this course should be directly related to the Bible.
2. There are essentially two directions for papers:
 - A) Paper on a topic within the Bible itself (e.g., "The Gospel of John as Anti-Semitic Literature")
 - or B) Relating Biblical material to another area (e.g., "Flannery O'Connor's Haze Motes and Tarwater Are Biblical Prophets" or "Is the Bible Anti-Ecological?")
3. Term papers must present a central theme or hypothesis and discuss it. No general surveys or re-telling of Biblical stories (e.g., "Great Women of the Bible")
4. One purpose of this paper is to familiarize students with library resources for Biblical studies. Papers must make use of standard reference tools such as Bible dictionaries, encyclopedias (NOT general encyclopedias), concordances, commentaries, journals of Biblical studies. A good place to start is with a Bible encyclopedia or dictionary; read articles on the topic of interest, and they will lead you to other, more detailed sources.

Some reliable, standard reference sources are Harper's Bible Dictionary, the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, the Anchor Bible commentary, etc.

5. PROPER REFERENCE CREDIT MUST BE GIVEN TO SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN PAPER, WHETHER QUOTED VERBATIM OR INDIRECTLY!!!
If it is not your original idea, give credit to the source! Any standard reference style is acceptable, so long as it is consistent (parenthetical, footnotes, end notes, etc.)
In citing the Bible, give information in the first note about what translation you are using; thereafter, you may simply include a parenthetical note of book, chapter, verse (e.g., Genesis 2:5-7).
6. Papers should be typed, double-spaced. Length depends on topic; you probably can't do an adequate job in fewer than 8 pages, and the instructor won't read more than 40 pages!
7. Papers are due at class time on the day indicated in the syllabus. A penalty of two points will be assessed for each day late.
8. The instructor will not suggest topics for papers, but after you have some idea of the topic(s) you're interested in, you may consult with the instructor about sources, approaches, organizing paper, etc.
9. The Emory/Oxford College Honor Code applies to all course work. Submission of a term paper in your name is your pledge that it is your work and not stolen from someone else.