

**Messianic Jewish Rabbinate**  
**BIB-420: Bible Exegesis – Romans**  
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**Course Identification:**

Course Number:	BIB-420	Course Credits:	3 credit hours
Course Name:	Bible Exegesis – Romans	Prerequisites:	BIB-301 (or equiv.), BIB-320 (pre-req), BIB-401 (pre or co)
Class Location:	online		

**Course Description**

Romans, like Hebrews, is widely misinterpreted and misapplied. This course examines the text through its proper Ancient Near Eastern lens.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

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

- Da'at (Theoria): a working understanding of Sha'ul's Epistle to the Romans with respect to its (Jewish) contextual environment and its Hebraic expressions.
- Binah (Praxis): ability to exegete Romans and defend its meaning in context.
- Chochma (Poiesis): practical exegesis of Romans and application to the student's halakha.

**Required Course Texts & Course Materials**

- Roth, Andrew Gabriel. *Aramaic English New Testament*. Netzari Press, 2012. ISBN 978-1-934916-42-1.
- Nanos, Mark D. *The Mystery of Romans: The Jewish Context of Paul's Letter*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press, 1996. ISBN 978-0-8006-2937-3.

**Supplemental educational learning materials may include and are not limited to**

- Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers* (8<sup>th</sup> Edition). Chicago, Ill.: University of Chicago Press, 2013.
- Internet access (broadband recommended)
- Microsoft Word (or something comparable)
- Media player software

**Course Format**

- This course will be conducted in an online format combining textbook readings and chapter response assignments.

## Assessment

- Essay assignments and research projects will be evaluated on a standard grading rubric. Written examinations will be graded according to content (multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, short answer, and/or essay).
- This course will be conducted in an **online** format combining textbook readings and assignments with email support.

## Student Homework Policy Statement:

Messianic Jewish Rabbinate (MJR) syllabi contain assignments in alignment with the federal government's definition of appropriate assigned homework for each unit hour. For each hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction, up to two hours of out-of-class student work may be assigned. (For example, a 3-credit-hour course will include an average of 6 hours of homework each week for 12 weeks). Assignments are directly relevant to course objectives and learning outcomes and are included at the end of the syllabi. Each assignment will be graded and recorded by the instructor.

## Course Requirements and Assignments

- Textbook readings
- Chapter Responses (10)
- Essays (2) and Capstone Project (1)
- Midterm Examination and 5 quizzes

## Course Grading and Policies

### Points

The grade for Messianic Apologetics will be based on the following:

Chapter Responses (10 at 25 pts each)	250
Quizzes (5 at 20 pts each)	100
Essays (2 at 100 pts each)	200
Midterm Examination	200
Capstone Project	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

### Scale

A = 940–1000; A- = 920–939; B+ = 900–919; B = 860–899; B- = 840–859; C+ = 820–839; C = 780–819; C- = 760–779; D+ = 740–759; D = 700–739; D- = 680–699; F = 679 and below

### Late Assignments Policy

If student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then they must contact the instructor immediately by email. Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

- Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
- Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
- Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.

- Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

#### Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the latest edition of the Turabian style manual. Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style.

NOTE: Each course week begins on Saturday evening after sunset and ends on Friday evening at sunset. Assignments date-stamped on the Sabbath will not be accepted.

MODULE / WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Nanos ch. 1	Chapter Response	25
2	Nanos ch. 2	Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
3	Nanos ch. 3, parts 1-2 Romans 14-16 & notes Ross appendix on "Legalism" (pp. 896-900)	Reading Response on <i>either</i> Nanos or Ross	25
4	Nanos ch. 3, parts 3-5 Romans 9-10, 4 & notes	Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
5	Nanos ch. 4 Carson article on "pistis" <sup>1</sup>	Chapter Response Essay on Romans 14:1-15:13	25 100
6	Review Nanos chs. 1-4	Midterm Examination (cumulative)	200
7	Nanos ch. 5 Romans 11 & notes	Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
8	Nanos ch. 6 Romans 12-13 & notes	Chapter Response	25
9	Nanos summ. & appendix 1 Gal. 2, Romans 7 & notes	Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
10	Nanos appendix 2	Chapter Response	25
11	Ross appendix "18 NT Misconceptions" pp. 794-814  Passages relevant to essay	Chapter Response Essay on any maligned text or concept from Romans Quiz	25 100 20
12	Work on Capstone Project	Capstone Project	250

## Project Descriptions

*Detailed rubrics will be provided nearer to the respective due dates*

## Midterm Examination

You will be tested on all reading and lecture content. Pay particular attention to things which are emphasized in both sources (repetition is a Hebraic method of conveying importance/emphasis).

## Essays

Essays should be 3-5 pages in length using a minimum of 3 sources (including textbooks). Format according to Turabian.

## Capstone Project:

5-7 pages on what has changed regarding your understanding of Romans since coming into the Messianic Movement (hopefully including content from this course). Format according to Turabian.

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<sup>1</sup> D. A. Carson, "Faith & Faithfulness," Ligonier Ministries (online: <http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/faith-and-faithfulness/>).