

Messianic Jewish Rabbinat



BIB-201: Bible Exegesis – Early Prophets

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Course Identification:

Course Number:	BIB-201	Course Credits:	3 credit hours
Course Name:	Bible Exegesis – Early Prophets	Prerequisites:	Tanakh (OT) Survey (rec.)
Class Location:	online		

Course Description

Deeper study into the "historical books" of the Bible, e.g. Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- Da'at (Theoria): basic knowledge of the Early Prophets
- Binah (Praxis): ability to exegete the Early Prophets with respect to their own (Jewish) contextual environment and its Hebraic expressions.
- Chochma (Poiesis): practical exegesis of the Early Prophets and application to the student's halakha.

Required Course Texts & Course Materials

- Fox, Everett. *The Early Prophets*. The Schocken Bible Volume II; New York, N.Y.: Schocken Books, 2014. ISBN 978-0-8052-4181-5.
- Stuart, Douglas. *Old Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*. Fourth Edition (or later); Louisville, Ky.: Westminster/John Knox, 2009. ISBN 978-0-6642-3344-0.

Supplemental educational learning materials may include and are not limited to

- Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers* (8th 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 video presentations and skype support. Vocabulary and Grammar evaluations will be conducted regularly, and vocalization audits will be conducted by skype or phone.

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, two hour of out of class student work will be assigned. (For example, a 3-credit-hour course will include an average of 3 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
Total	1000

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 compete 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. For each reading assignment, read both the Biblical text and the commentary and footnotes in Fox's study.

MODULE / WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Joshua	Chapter Response	25
2		Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
3	Judges	Chapter Response	25
4		Chapter Response Essay on a Judge Quiz	25 100 20
5	1 Samuel	Chapter Response	25
6	2 Samuel	Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
7	Review modules 1-6	Midterm Examination (cumulative)	200
8	1 Kings	Chapter Response	25
9		Chapter Response Quiz	25 20
10	2 Kings	Chapter Response	25
11		Chapter Response Essay on a King 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

3-5 pages (1" margins, 12-point Times New Roman, double spaced) on (1) a Judge and (2) a King of either Kingdom using at least 3 sources beyond the Bible. Turabian format (footnotes and appendices are encouraged).

Capstone Project:

12 to 15 page paper analyzing any passage covered in this course. Follow Stuart's model to formulate your paper. Your Works Consulted (as opposed to Works Cited) section should reflect 3-5 sources for each page of written text (1" margins, 12-point Times New Roman, double spaced). Turabian format (footnotes and appendices encouraged).