

Messianic Jewish Rabbinate



BIB-220: Bible Exegesis: Wisdom & Poetry

5776/2016 Syllabus & Schedule

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Course Identification:

Course Number: BIB-220 Course Credits: 3 credit hours
Course Name: Biblical Theology: Wisdom & Poetry Prerequisites: BIB-101 (recommended)
Class Location: online

Course Description

This 12-week course will cover exegetical analysis of Hebrew Wisdom Literature and poetry. The course will explore both Biblical texts and other significant Jewish literature (Midrashic, Tannaitic, Qumranic, etc.).

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- Da'at (Theoria): basic knowledge of Hebraic Wisdom Literature and Poetry
- Binah (Praxis): ability to read and comprehend Hebraic Wisdom Literature and Poetry within its own contextual environment
- Chochma (Poiesis): practical exegesis of Hebraic Wisdom Literature and Poetry and application to the student's halakha.

Required Course Texts & Course Materials

- Any formal equivalent (literal or near-literal) translation of the Bible
- Sneed, Mark R. *The Social World of the Sages: An Introduction to Israelite and Jewish Wisdom Literature*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press, 2015. ISBN 978-1-4514-7036-9.
- Glazer, Miriyam. *Psalms of the Jewish Liturgy*. New York, N.Y.: Aviv Press, 2009. ISBN 978-0-916219-41-3.

Supplemental educational learning materials may include but are not limited to

- Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. 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 discussion board assignments with video presentations and skype support.

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
- Discussion Board Forums (10): The Discussion Boards will cover the readings.
- 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:

Discussion Board Forums (10 at 25pts 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 students 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.

MODULE / WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Introduction to Wisdom Literature: Sneed (ch. 1)	Discussion Board: 1 original post on reading content and respond to 3 classmates' posts.	25
2	Proverbs: Sneed (ch. 9)	Discussion Board Forum 2 Proverbs Quiz	25 20
3	Job: Sneed (ch. 10)	Discussion Board Forum 3 Job Quiz	25 20
4	Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth): Sneed (ch. 11)	Discussion Board Forum 4 Qoheleth Quiz	25 20
5	Extrabiblical Wisdom Literature: Sneed (ch. 13)	Discussion Board Forum 5 Wisdom Poetry Quiz	25 20
6	Review covered chapters from Sneed	Midterm Examination (cumulative)	200
7	Glazer (ch. 1-2) and corresponding Psalms	Discussion Board Forum 6	25
8	Glazer (ch. 3-4) and corresponding Psalms	Discussion Board Forum 7 Essay 1	25 100
9	Glazer (ch. 5-6) and corresponding Psalms	Discussion Board Forum 8	25
10	Glazer (ch. 7-8) and corresponding Psalms	Discussion Board Forum 9 Essay 2	25 100
11	Glazer (ch. 9-10) and corresponding Psalms	Discussion Board Forum 10	25
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

To be presented later

Capstone Project

15-18 page paper comparing and contrasting Biblical Wisdom Literature (selection of your choice) to a similar text from non-canonical Jewish literature. Your Works Consulted 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).