

OLD TESTAMENT

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The following subjects will be discussed in the class. Please keep up to date on the readings in order to facilitate discussion.

Required Books: The Bible
Understanding Genesis by Nehum Sarna

Introduction to the Patriarchal Story: Genesis 12-50
The Significance of the Patriarchal Story
The Origin and Growth of the Patriarchal Story
The World of the Patriarchal Story and the Question of the Time of the Patriarchs

Abraham and the Kings: Genesis 14:1-24

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

Abraham's Sacrifice: Genesis 22:1-19

Sarah's Death and the Purchase of the Burial Cave: Genesis 23:1-20

The Birth of Esau and Jacob: Genesis 25:19-28

Jacob's Dream and Vow at Bethel: Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob and Laban: Marriage with Leah and Rachel: Genesis 29:1-30

The Attack on Jacob at the Jabbok: Genesis 32:23-33

Dinah and the Shechemites: Genesis 34:1-31

Introduction to the Joseph Story: Genesis 37-50
The Joseph Story and Wisdom
The Joseph Story and the Patriarchal Traditions
The Origin and Growth of Genesis 37-50
Parallels and Egyptian Background

Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37:1-36)

Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38:1-30)

Joseph and His Master's Wife (Genesis 39:1-23)

Joseph Interprets the Dreams of the Cupbearer and the Baker (Genesis 40:1-23)

Pharaoh's Dreams and Joseph's Elevation (Genesis 41:1-57)

The Book of Esther

The Book of Daniel

THERE WILL BE AN IN-CLASS MIDTERM AND A FINAL EXAMINATION

**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. FOR EVERY THREE ABSENCES YOUR
GRADE WILL BE LOWERED A FULL LETTER.**