



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *FROM THE DAWN OF ISRAEL UNTIL THE PERSIAN PERIOD - 13109*

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*HU Credits: 4*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: History of Jewish People & Contemporary Jewry*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Nili Wazana

Course/Module description:

*Integrative discussion of selected issues in the history of Israel from its beginning to the Persian period. We will look at possible historical reconstructions in the light of biblical and extra-biblical sources, and archaeological data.*

Course/Module aims:

- \* To introduce the major events, processes and issues connected to the reconstruction of the Biblical Period.*
- \* To draw a chronological outline of the history of Israel from its beginnings till the end of the Persian Period.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Recognize the events, processes and following institutions :*

- 1 ) The initiation of Israel*
- 2) The 'United Kingdom'*
- 3) Shishak's campaign*
- 4) The battle of Qarqar*
- 5) campaign against Mesha, king of Moab*
- 6) The conquests of Hazael*
- 7) Campaigns of Adad-Nirari III to the West*
- 8) conquests of Tiglath-pileser III*
- 9) the fall and destruction of the Kingdom of Israel*
- 10) Sennacherib's campaign against Judah*
- 11) The battle of Carchemish*
- 12) The exile of Jehoiachin*
- 13) The destruction of Jerusalem*
- 14) The declaration of Cyrus*
- 15) Return to Zion in the Persian Period*

Attendance requirements(%):

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal teaching accompanied by presentations .*

*Reading background material from class to class.*

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Course/Module Content:

- 1) Israel in the biblical period: geographical and chronological background;  
Research Review
- 2) The "Period of the Patriarchs"
- 3) The Land of Israel in the transition from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age - the Amarna Letters
- 4 ) Who is an Israeli - Merneptah stele , Archaeological data
- 5) Exodus , settlement and the "Period of the Judges"
- 6) The United Kingdom
- 7) Shishak's campaign
- 8) the ninth century: the Dynasty of Omri. Battle of Qarqar . Relations with Mesha, king of Moab. Aram -Israeli wars during the days of Ahab.
- 9) The second half of the ninth century: the revolution of Jehu, the conquests of Hazael king of Aram Damascus.
- 10) Days of Jeroboam II (son of Joash) - eighth century BCE.
- 11) Conquests of Tiglath-pileser III king of Assyria .
- 12) The destruction of Samaria and the exile of Israel.
- 13) The days of Hezekiah king of Judah: religious reform; Sennacherib's campaign.
- 14) Days of Manasseh.
- 15) Josiah's reform.
- 16) Judah between Egypt and Babylon, Battle of Carchemish.
- 17) the exile of Jehoiachin, the destruction of the kingdom of Judah, the Babylonian exile.
- 18) Return to Zion, Cyrus.
- 19) Persian Yehud.

Required Reading:

see Hebrew section

Additional Reading Material:

see Hebrew section

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 20 %

Other 0 %

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*Additional information:*

*At the end of the first semester proficiency examination will be held on I-II Kings.  
Bible should be brought to each lesson*