

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Reading in The Book of Samuel - 21112*

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*HU Credits:* 4

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

*Responsible Department:* Bible

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* Yearly

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

*During the course, students will experience a literary-critical study of the Bible. We will look at selected chapters from the Book of Samuel, through which students will become familiar with the critical way of studying a biblical book and the tools available to the researcher. Students will also become familiar with the various literary genres that exist in the Book of Samuel and the discussion of the editorial processes that the book went through.*

Course/Module aims:

*Experience in studying the biblical text in a critical way, and experience in the basic tools used in the academic study of the Bible.*

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

*Get to know the general structure of the Book of Samuel and the main contents in it.*

*Understand the discussion regarding the processes of composition, redaction and transmission that the book of Samuel underwent.*

*Use the basic research tools required in academic biblical research such as: concordances, dictionaries, grammar books, critical editions and textual witnesses, commentaries and academic articles.*

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

*The chapters of David's rise to the monarchy: 1Samuel 16 - 2Samuel 5.*

Required Reading:

*Full bibliography will be distributed at the beginning of the course.*

*A. Graeme Auld, I & II Samuel: A Commentary (OTL; Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011)*

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Antony F. Campbell, *Samuel*, 2 vols. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans, 2003-2005)

S. R. Driver, *Notes on the Hebrew Text and the Topography of the Books of Samuel* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1913)

Hans Wilhelm Hertzberg, *I and II Samuel: A Commentary* (OTL; London: SCM Press, 1964)

Ralph W. Klein, *1 Samuel* (WBC; Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1983)

P. Kyle McCarter, *Samuel*, 2 vols. (AB; Garden City, N. Y.: Doubleday & Co., 1980-1984)

Henry Preserved Smith, *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Books of Samuel* (ICC; Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1899)

שמעון בר אפרת, שמואל א-ב, שני כרכים (מקרא לישראל; תל אביב: עם עובד, תשנ"ו)

משה צבי סגל, ספרי שמואל (ירושלים: קרית ספר, 1964)

#### Additional Reading Material:

י"א זליגמן, "סיפורת עברית והיסטוריוגרפיה מקראית" (מקור גרמני: 1962), בתוך: הנ"ל, מחקרים בספרות המקרא 2 (עורכים: א' הורביץ ואחרים), ירושלים תשנ"ו, 46-61

Baruch Halpern, *The Constitution of the Monarchy in Israel* (Chico, Ca.: Scholars Press, 1981)

Hannes Bezzel and Reinhard G. Kratz (eds.), *David in the Desert* (BZAW 514; Berlin / Boston: de Gruyter, 2021)

John Van Seters, *The Biblical Saga of King David* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2009)

Julius Wellhausen, *Prolegomena to the History of Ancient Israel* (Cleveland, New York: The World publishing company, 1957); translation of *Prolegomena zur Geschichte Israels* (Berlin: G. Reimer, 1883), 245-272

#### Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 5 %

Project work 40 %

Assignments 40 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

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Quizzes 15 %  
Other 0 %

Additional information: