

Course Title: Our Story: Contextual and Values-Based Study of Tanakh

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Course Description: This course will provide a broad and detailed overview of the books of Torah, Nevi'im and Ketuvim. Each lesson focuses on a period of biblical history and the books that accompany it. Each module addresses the following topics:

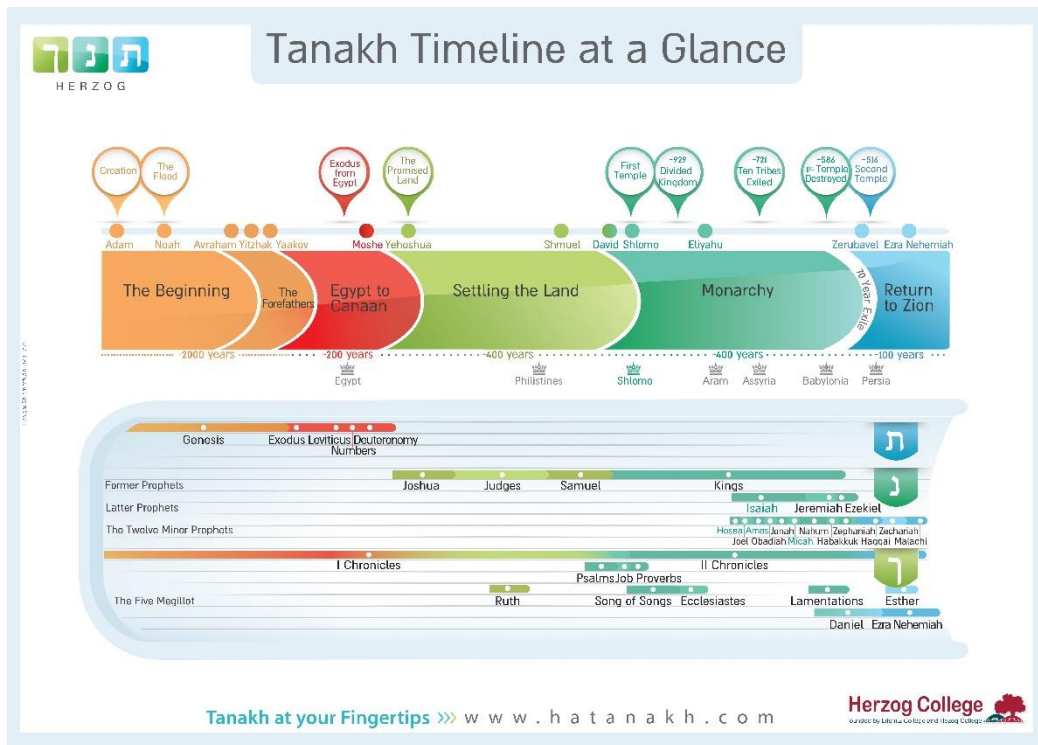
- Central themes and topics explored
- Brief explorations of focal figures,
- Study of writing style (historiographical, poetry, lamentation, etc),
- The period's central historical conflicts (when relevant).
- Modules will also include practical pedagogical suggestions for teaching these books in the Jewish studies classroom.

Course requirements:

- 1) **Internal unit assignments (HP):** Each module includes multiple interactive exercises to reinforce the unit. Some of these appear at the units end as opinion questions as well. Students will receive a grade for completion of these assignments which will be integrated into the final course grade. **(25% of the final course grade)**
- 2) **General unit assignments:** A longer homework assignment appears at the end of several modules. The goal of these assignments is to broaden the participant's academic horizons and practice critical reading skills surrounding real life issues relevant to the lives of students. The averaged grade of these assignments will comprise **40%** of the final course grade. **(40%)**
- 3) **Final assignment:** This assignment completed at the end of the course asks the students to choose a unit/book not spotlighted in the course and create their own virtual learning experience based on the study method illustrated in each module (Introduction, Writing Style, Themes, Who's Who, Virtual Tours, Reinforcement assignment). This assignment aims to reinforce all that has been learned in the course and will comprise **35%** of the final course grade. **(35%)**

Modules:

Unit 1: Torah at-a-glance and Zoom in on Breishit
Unit 2: Egypt to Canaan (Shemot-Devarim)
Unit 3: Synchronous Zoom meeting
Unit 4: Settlement Period (Joshua and Judges)
Unit 5: The Early Monarchy (Samuel)
Unit 6: Monarchy (Kings and Chronicles)
Unit 7: Yeshayahu and Tastes of Trei Asar
Unit 8: Destruction and Exile (Yirmiyahu and Eicha)
Unit 9: Life in Exile (Ezekiel, Esther, and Daniel)
Unit 10: Synchronous Zoom meeting
Unit 11: Biblical Poetry and the Books of Shlomo
Unit 12: The Return to Zion (Ezra/Nehemiah)



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