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BIBHB 500: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
This course is designed to introduce and reintroduce you to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (OT/HB) and to its interpretive life forms in the church, in academia, and in the larger society. Although the course will give you an overview of the structure and content of portions of the OT/HB, this is not a survey course in the usual sense. The course rather presumes that it is vitally important to interpret the Bible with a deep sense of historical consciousness, theological depth, ethical sensitivity, cultural significance, and contextual relevance.

A. Bibles
The Jewish Study Bible featuring The Jewish Publication Society TANAKH Translation. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2004. (TANAKH or *JSB* in the Class Schedule)
The Harper Collins Study Bible. New Revised Standard Version. Wayne Meeks, ed. Harper Collins. (NRSV in the Class Schedule)

B. Introductory Text:
Brent A. Strawn, *The Old Testament: A Concise Introduction*. New York: Routledge, 2020.