

COURSES TAUGHT

on a college / seminary / university level

1971-2001

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LANGUAGES

- Biblical Hebrew (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced) • Aramaic • Ugaritic

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT AND ITS TEACHINGS

- Old Testament Studies I:
Pentateuch and Historical Books (included an introduction to exegesis)
- Old Testament Studies II:
Prophets of Israel and Judah (included the writing of an exegesis)
- Old Testament Studies III:
Writings and Intertestamental Period (included the writing of an exegesis)
- The Religion of Ancient Israel (in the context of the ancient Near East)

METHODS OF BIBLICAL STUDY

- Old Testament Methods of Interpretation (included the writing of an exegesis)

BIBLICAL BOOKS

Exegesis/Interpretation. All courses included the writing of an exegesis

1. PENTATEUCH / תּוֹרָה *tôrāh*, Torah = “Teaching, Instruction, Revelation”
Genesis 1-11 (12:3) (in the light of Ancient Near Eastern Literature)

Titles: • From Adam and Eve to Abraham and Sarah
• Adam and Eve & Cain and Abel

2. PROPHETS / נְבִיאִים *nəbî'im*, Nevi'im = “Prophets”

Isaiah (in the Light of Northwest Semitic Studies)

Titles: • The Isaiah Pericopes in the Christian Church Year
• The (So-called) Suffering Servant Songs
• Second Isaiah: The Obedient and the Disobedient Servant

Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea (in the Light of Northwest Semitic Studies),
prepared, but not taught, because of lack of opportunity

3. WRITINGS / כְּתוּבִים *kəṭūbîm*, Kethuvim, “Writings”

Psalms (in the Light of Northwest Semitic Studies)

Titles: • Psalms: Prayer and Worship in Israel and Judah
• Psalms: Thanksgiving and Lament
• Arguing With God: Selections from the Psalms. The law-court pattern of prayer.

Job (in the Light of Northwest Semitic Studies)

Titles: • The Book of Job and the Theology of Suffering

- Job--Challenger of God
 - Arguing with God: Job and the Biblical Arguing with God Tradition
- Proverbs, Qohelet/Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs (in the Light of Northwest Semitic Studies). The content of these books are seen as examples of how to live the mind of G-d, the Spirit of the Torah.
- Titles:
- Wisdom, Eros and Faith
 - The Power of Eros: A Study of the Sublime Song
 - Human Sexuality and Love Lyrics in the Bible

LESSONS/PERICOPES READ IN HEBREW

- Titles:
- Reading Next Sunday's Old Testament Pericope in Hebrew
 - The Old Testament Pericopes for the Church Year Read in Hebrew in Preparation for Preaching, with comments and notes

GRADUATE BIBLICAL SEMINARS

- Titles:
- An Introduction to Northwest Semitic Studies
 - Old Testament/Tanakh and Northwest Semitic Studies
 - Study of the Various Major Critical Exegetical Methodologies
 - Biblical Words and Concepts, Creation, etc.
 - Hebrew Poetry in the Service of Exegesis and Theology
 - The Servant in Isaiah II
 - The Yahwistic and Priestly Writers in Genesis 1-11
 - Job: An Intensive Study of Selected Passages in the light of Northwest Semitic Studies
 - Psalms: An Intensive Study of Selected Psalms in the Light of Northwest Semitic Studies
 - Advanced Biblical Hebrew in the Service of Exegesis and Preaching: An Introduction to Northwest Semitic Studies, Comparative Semitics and Biblical Hebrew Poetry with Examples from Psalms, Job and other biblical texts

BIBLICAL THEMES:

- Titles:
- The Biblical Faith: From Moses to the Post-Exilic Times
 - Death and its Contradiction in the Old Testament
 - How To Read and Understand the Bible
 - Naming God: Names and Epithets of God in the Tanakh/Old Testament
 - God (in the Old Testament/Tanakh)
 - Biblical Covenants and Commandments
 - Arguing with G-D: How to file a law-suit against the biblical God. A study and meditation of the law-court pattern of prayer (*riḇ*) in Psalms, Jeremiah and Job

DEFINITIONS:

TANAKH is a Jewish term. It is an acronym for תּוֹרָה *tôrāh*, Torah, = "Teaching, Revelation" (Christians use the term "Law" with the implied, and misleading, sense of "legalism"), נְבִיאִים *nəḇî'im*, Nevi'im, = Prophets; קְטוּבִים *kəṭūbîm*, Kethuvim, = "Writings")

OLD TESTAMENT is the Christian term for the TANAKH with a derogatory connotation

HEBREW BIBLE is a secular attempt to name the same literature
