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Course Description:

This course delves into the rich tapestry of the Torah, the foundational text of Judaism and a cornerstone of Western civilization. We will examine the text itself, its historical and literary context, major themes, persons and events, and its ongoing relevance to individuals and society today.

Course Objectives:

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the content and structure of the Torah.
Analyze key themes and motifs within the Torah, such as creation, covenant, redemption, and civil law.
Connect the teachings of the Torah to contemporary life and personal values.

Course Texts:

The Holy Bible (Instructor generally uses and recommends NKJV)
A Survey of the Old Testament, Hill & Walton, 3rd edition, Zondervan
Additional readings assigned throughout the semester.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance and active participation in class discussions (20%)
Short written assignments summarizing each book (30%)
Midterm exam testing knowledge and comprehension (25%)
Final project exploring a specific aspect of the Torah (25%)

Grading Scale:

A: 90-100%
B: 80-89%
C: 70-79%
D: 60-69%
F: Below 60%