

BS563/BS 763 The Book of Job

Course Goal

The goal of this course is to provide the student with a careful look at the Book of Job, emphasizing its historical, cultural, literary, and theological contexts, with a concentration on how the Book has been interpreted over the centuries.

Reading Requirements

Timely completion of all assigned reading, about 50 pages a week.

Writing Requirements

Three short papers, 4 to 6 pages each (each worth approximately 15%; total 46%)

Two exegeses on selected passages (each worth 22% of final grade; total 44%)

Other Requirements

Class participation (10% of final grade)

To have fun.

Required Texts

1. A copy of the Book of Job. (RSDV, NRSV, JB.)
2. Marvin Pope. *Commentary on the Book of Job*. (New York: Anchor Bible Commentaries, 1965.)
3. Stephen Vicchio, *Job in the Ancient World*. Wipf and Stock, 2006. ISBN: 1-59752-532-4
4. _____, *Job in the Medieval World*. Wipf and Stock, 2006. ISBN: 1-59752-533-2
5. _____, *Job in the Modern World*. Wipf and Stock, 2006. ISBN: 1-59752-534-0