

B9610: ISRAEL'S BEGINNINGS: THE BOOKS OF GENESIS AND EXODUS



*Artwork: Abraham and the three Angels, Marc Chagall, 1966.

SESSION TIMES

Sessions will be held:

9.30am – 4.00pm

On the following days:

17 – 21 July

PRE-REQUISITE

18 Biblical Studies credit points

COSTS

Degree and Non-Degree Students – **\$1920**
Audit Students – **\$550**
CISSA Fee – **\$10**

In 587 B.C.E. the Babylonian army under King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the city of Jerusalem along with its temple. Following the destruction of the city, many of the people were taken into exile in Babylon. Once in exile, the people began to reflect on the disastrous events that had taken place and to question why God had let them happen. The priests responded to the people by putting together the first part of the Jewish Bible, the Torah or Pentateuch, composed of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

To understand how Israel's defeat to the Babylonians had come about, it was necessary to begin at the foundation of Israel's relationship with God. This meant beginning with the story of the ancestors in the book of Genesis. However, the essence of the story lay in the Exodus from Egypt followed by the institution of the covenant on Mt. Sinai. The reason for the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile was Israel's failure to observe its covenantal promise with God. This master's unit will explore these first two books of the Pentateuch, Genesis and Exodus, and look at key texts in their contexts. It will also investigate how these ancient texts remain relevant for our own faith and culture.

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REGISTRATION

Final date for registration:

15 June, 2017

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