

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Course Profile J Term 2008

BL-402 Hebrew II. Readings in the David Narratives

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Instructor: Ralph W. Klein

Goal: This course builds on the skills learned in Hebrew I and will help students translate and interpret significant portions of the David narratives in the Old Testament (1 Sam 16:14-1 Kgs 2:12). The class will also review the morphology and syntax acquired in Hebrew I and introduce the practices of textual criticism, including use of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint in reconstructing a more original Hebrew text. To balance the focus on language, the class will view and reflect on numerous paintings of the life and loves of David from the instructor's extensive electronic collection.

Work to be required: The students will translate each day, using translation aids provided by the instructor. There will also be training in Bible Works (computer concordance program).

Class Meeting times: The class will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 8-12. **At the first class session, we will negotiate for alternate meeting times if this time schedule is difficult for some students.** An alternate meeting time will also be selected to make up for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Required texts:

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia

Brown, Driver, Briggs, *Hebrew and English Lexicon*

McKenzie, Steven L. *King David: A Biography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Recommended: Bible Works

Klein, Ralph W. *1 Samuel*. Word Biblical Commentary 10.