



# Syllabus: SCS 110 Bible Interpretation: Hebrew Scriptures

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## Dates/Time

January 17- Feb 14, 2026  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## On-line via Zoom

(A zoom link will be sent by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Sponsored by Unity of Gaithersburg  
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Gaithersburg, MD

## Course Instructor

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## Recommended Course Prerequisite

SCS 100 Overview: Hebrew Scriptures

## Course Description

Beneath the literal sense of the Bible, interpreters have for over 2,000 years discerned allegorical meanings related to divine truths and spiritual realities. In this course you will experience a practical process of Bible interpretation by metaphysically and maieutically interpreting passages from Hebrew Scriptures. You will learn a step-by-step method for interpretation and how Bible interpretation can add meaning to your life.

## Instructor

I have been a member of Unity since 1978 when I joined the Unity Church of Washington DC. Upon finding Unity I felt like I had come home for the first time. Over the years I studied the principles by attending SEE classes at Unity Village and at Unity churches in DC, Fairfax, VA and Gaithersburg, MD. I finished my education as a Licensed Unity Teacher in 2010. My Unity passion is preparing and teaching SEE Bible classes. I have taken several journeys led by biblical archeologists to Israel, Jordan and Egypt exploring antiquities sites.

## Learning Objectives

At the end of this course you will be able to:

- ♦ Provide an historical overview of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- ♦ Be familiar with the timeline and organization of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- ♦ Describe the Unity approach to metaphysically interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures.
- ♦ Interpret metaphysically a Hebrew Scripture reading.
- ♦ Relate the metaphysical interpretation from the Hebrew Scriptures to your spiritual journey.

## Required Textbooks/Readings

- Borg, Marcus, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, Harper: San Francisco, 2001.
- Turner, Elizabeth Sand, *Let There be Light*, Unity Village, MO, 1954.
- Bible (New Revised Standard Version)

## Recommended Readings

- *The Revealing Word* by Charles Fillmore
- *The Metaphysical Bible Dictionary* by Charles Fillmore
- *TruthUnity.net (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary)*

## Course Requirements and Assignments

Students will be expected to:

- Participate actively in each class activities.
- Complete reading assignments.
- Participate in creating maieutic and metaphysical Bible interpretations.
- Submit a paper after the completion of the course on an interpretation of a reading from one of the books from Hebrew Scriptures. Describe the context of the book, what happened in the story, your interpretation of it and how it may apply to your life. Due date will be determined in class. Send paper via email to Jane.McCarthy@unf.edu

## Student Evaluation

- S (Satisfactory) met all requirements.
- I (Incomplete) waiting for final assignment.
- AU (Audit) not seeking credentialing (no assignments required)
- NC (No Credit) did not complete final assignment within three months of the end of course and/or did not meet attendance requirements.

Ten credits will be granted when the student has successfully completed the class. Unless special permission is requested and granted, students are expected to attend all five two-hour classes.

## Instructor's Commitment

As your class facilitator I will be prepared to share with you my own experiences about interpretations of the Bible. I will share with you my own experiences about my personal journey. I will strive for a safe space allowing dialogue with an openness and respect for ideas and equal participation for all.

## Course Schedule and Assignments

The course is divided into ten units and will be covered in five two-hour sessions. Below the topics for each unit is given along with assignments. Students will participate in group discussions and complete a paper.

Unit	Topics	Homework
<b>Unit 1</b> Hour 1	Introductions – what do you know about the Hebrew Scriptures? What do you hope to gain from this class? Review of syllabus, textbook, handouts Go over Reflection Paper Assignment	Handouts – Pre-Test Steps of Metaphysical Interpretation Steps of Maieutic Interpretation
Hour 2	Overview of Hebrew Scriptures(slides)  Introduction to Hebrew Scripture interpretation	<i>Assignment for Unit 2:</i> <i>Read Borg chapter 2 and 5;</i> <i>Read Turner Chap VI p 56-80</i> <i>Watch You Tube Hebrew Scriptures overview by Dr Christine Hayes</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mo-YL-lv3RY&amp;list=PLh9mgdi4rNeyuvTEbD-Ei0JdMUujXfyWi&amp;index=2&amp;t=0s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mo-YL-lv3RY&amp;list=PLh9mgdi4rNeyuvTEbD-Ei0JdMUujXfyWi&amp;index=2&amp;t=0s</a>
<b>Unit 2</b> Hour 1	Thoughts on Borg chapters 2 and 5, Turner p 68-80 and lecture by Dr. Christine Hayes  Slides - The Torah  Reading the Pentateuch Again - Borg Interpretation  Metaphysical Interpretation of the Ten Commandments by Turner	
Hour 2	Group Discussions	<i>Assignment for Unit 3:</i> <i>Read Turner Chapter XIII: 8<sup>th</sup> Century Prophets of Judah</i> <i>Read Borg chapter 6</i>

<b>Unit 3</b> Hour 1	Thoughts on Borg chap 6 and Turner Chapter XIII  The Prophets (slides)  Isaiah	
Hour 2	Group Discussions	<i>Assignment for Unit 4:</i> <i>Read Turner Chapter XVII The Restoration</i> <i>Read Borg chapter 7 Reading Israel's Wisdom Again</i> <i>Watch – Dr Christine Hayes –The Restoration: 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDYJwHW1IsM&amp;list=PLh9mgdi4rNeyuvTEbD-Ei0JdMUujXfyWi&amp;index=22">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDYJwHW1IsM&amp;list=PLh9mgdi4rNeyuvTEbD-Ei0JdMUujXfyWi&amp;index=22</a>
<b>Unit 4</b> Hour 1	Thoughts on Borg chap 7 and Turner p 219-230  The Wisdom Literature (slides)  Ezra and Nehemiah  Job	
Hour 2	Group Discussions	<i>Assignment for Unit 5:</i> <i>Read Turner Chapter XVIII – Intertestamental Period</i> <i>Book of Joel; Book of Ruth</i> <i>Handout – Dead Sea Scrolls</i> <i>Watch Dr Christine Hayes - Daniel and Apocalyptic Literature</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J6q1J09oNw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J6q1J09oNw</a>
<b>Unit 5</b> Hour 1	Thoughts on Turner p231-262 and Dead Sea Scroll handout  The Intertestamental Period (slides)	
Hour 2	Group Discussions Go over Pre-Test	Set due date for Reflection paper for SEE credit