Course Description

Drawing on biblical scholarship and pastoral insights, this course offers strategies for reading and responding to the Old Testament in ways that are both faithful and constructive. Emphasis will be placed on how this sacred text, despite its oddities, can inform Christian life and faith today. This course is taught by Ryan Bonfiglio.

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Resources for Further Study

- Matthew Schlimm, *This Strange and Sacred Scripture*
- Phyllis Trible, *Texts of Terror*
- Ellen Davis, *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*
- Marcus Borg, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*
- Luke Timothy Johnson, *Scripture and Discernment: Decision Making in the Church*