**Class Title: Introduction to Biblical Studies: Old Testament- Pt 1**

**Instructor: Rev. Yolanda Harris-Jackson**

**Required Book:** The Bible, Introduction by Jerry Sumney

**Purchase Book:** See Rev. Jackson to Order

**Course Description:**

A academic survey of the Judeo-Christian canon of scripture from the history of the Hebrew people through growth of the New Testament church movement. Emphasis is given to patterns and themes within the biblical material.

**Learning Outcomes:**

In this class the students will learn the following from an academic point of view:

* How Did the Bible Came to Be?
* Fully Grasp the Story of the Hebrew Bible…The Old Testament
* Evaluate in-depth the Life and Journey of the Israelites
* Clearly identify the character of God and How He relates to His people

**Preparation for Class:**

The class process depends on your preparation and involvement in class. The instructor expects you to read your assignments before coming to class and participate fully with the discussion questions given on the class topics.

We will allow you the freedom to express your point of view, to disagree with gracefulness and intelligence. However, at the same time you will always be challenged to examine why you believe what you believe and be prepared as necessary to support that position with peer reviewed academic material.

**Class Schedule:**

Class #1: How Did the Bible Came to Be?…The Emerging Collection

* *Read Chapter 1*

Class #2: How Did the Bible Came to Be?… The Emerging Collection

* *Read Chapter 1*

Class #3: From Then to Now: The Transmission of the Bible

* *Read Chapter 2*

Class #4: Inspiration: The Claim that God Speaks in a Text

* *Read Chapter 3*

Class #5: The Pentateuch…The Creation Story (Genesis)

* *Read Chapter 4*
* *Read Genesis 1-5 (Creation Story)*

Class #6: The Pentateuch…The Birth of the Israelites (Genesis)

* *Read Genesis 6-11 (Noah)*
* *Read Genesis 12-17 (Abraham), 21-25 (Isaac)*

Class #7: The Pentateuch…The Birth of the Israelites (Genesis)

* + - *Read Genesis 27-33,35 (Jacob)*
    - *Read Genesis 37-47 (Joseph)*

Class #8: The Pentateuch…The Story of the Israelites (Exodus to Deuteronomy)

* *Read Chapter 5*
* *Read Exodus 1-5 (Moses)*
* *Read Exodus 12-14, 16-18 (The Exodus)*

Class #9: The Pentateuch…The Story of the Israelites (Exodus to Deuteronomy)

* *Read Leviticus 1, 11-13, 15, 18, 19, 23*