

RESEARCH PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

CHRI 5310 | Christian Scriptures I

A 10-page research paper will be required for each student. The topic of the paper should be selected from the following topic list:

- The Covenant Ceremony in Genesis 16
- Ancient Near Eastern Influences on the Creation and Flood Stories
- An Exegetical Study of any Wisdom Psalm
- The Problem of Evil and the book of Job
- A Careful Analysis of Exodus 24
- The Golden Calf Incident and Jeroboam's Calves
- The Divine Attributory Formula (Ex. 34:6-7)
- The Oracles of Balaam
- The Code of Hammurabi and the Structure of Deuteronomy
- Canaanite Religion
- The Rape of Dinah (Genesis)
- The Story of Judah and Tamar and its implications for Israelite belief
- The Poem of Job 28
- Proverbs 31- Godly Woman, or a Personification of Wisdom?
- Theophany and Epiphany – Physical Manifestations of Yahweh
- The Tent of Meeting and the Pillar of Cloud and Fire
- Exodus 19
- The Importance of Casuistic Law and its Contemporary Application
- Sacred Space – Tabernacle, Temple, Eden, and Access to God
- A poetic and theological analysis of Exodus 15
- A poetic and theological analysis of Deuteronomy 32
- Egyptian and Mesopotamian Influences on Biblical Wisdom Literature
- Other topics by approval of the professor (especially if you have biblical Hebrew skills and you wish to use them)

This paper is worth 300 points total, divided in the following ways:

- ***Preliminary Bibliography - 50 points***
- ***Rough Draft - 50 points***
- ***Final paper - 200 points***

Preliminary Bibliography

At the end of Module 2, you must submit a preliminary bibliography for your research paper as a Microsoft Word document.

Requirements for this bibliography include:

- At least 8 “possible” sources, including three journal articles or essays from a monograph (a scholarly piece of writing on one topic). You may use online library resources or internet resources that include articles published in the last 5 years, with the exception of Wikipedia and Dictionary websites.
- Use New Times Roman 12 font
- Arrange according to Turabian format with full information. Please refer to the Formatting Guide for further instructions on Turabian format.

This bibliography may change once you have fully read the materials. You may add to or delete sources from the final bibliography as needed.

This bibliography is due by 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Sunday of Module/Week 2.

Rough Draft

At the beginning of Module 5, you must submit a rough draft of your research paper as a Microsoft Word document.

Requirements for the rough draft include:

- Reference page
- At least 2000 words (5 pages)
- Current APA format for all elements in the paper
- Double spaced, New Times Roman 12 font
- Outline of your paper (in addition to the 2000 words)

Your assignment will be checked for originality via the SafeAssign plagiarism tool upon submission. The rough draft is due by 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Sunday of Module/Week 5.