

## **Leadership in the Hebrew Bible: Journey to Transformation**

### **Description**

How does one become a leader within the Hebrew Bible? Does God elect the perfect leader or does God mold the elect? This webinar intends to explore the formation of leaders in the Hebrew Bible as they undertake transformative journeys. We will outline Campbell's journey of the hero, closely examine stories of flawed heroes, Jacob, Judah, Joseph, Moses, Israel, David, and Job, and compare them with anti-heroes, Saul, Solomon, and Jeroboam. In the end, we will underline the broad themes that connect the great leaders in the Hebrew Bible.

### **Objectives**

1. Learn about Campbell's journey of the hero
2. Learn about "heroes" in the Hebrew Bible who undergo journeys of transformation
3. Learn about common characteristics of good/bad leaders in the Hebrew Bible
4. Learn about different journeys of good/bad leaders
5. Learn about different theologies on trials/suffering

### **Meetings**

Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:00 pm (MST) - 10 meetings altogether

If enough participants (10) want an additional segment at a different time, I am open to holding another segment of the webinar.

### **Cost**

\$25 per session (at least 10 - limit 20). Participants can participate in any one session but the sessions are interdependent. To fully appreciate the topic, it is highly recommended that you attend all the sessions.

### **Prerequisite**

Basic knowledge of biblical characters in the Hebrew Bible

### **Requirements**

Participants are highly encouraged to do the weekly readings to understand the discussions.

### **Required Books**

Bible. *New Revised Standard Version*. (or any other version)

### **Social Media Requirement**

Weekly reading assignments, recommended readings, questions, and conversations will be posted on a closed group page on Facebook. Therefore, all participants will need to have a FB page.

### **Teaching Style**

The webinars will be part lecture but mostly interactive discussions.

### **Assumptions about the Bible**

Stories in the Hebrew Bible are not inerrant, historical faith statements but inspired literary narrative. They contain truths that reflect human encounters with the divine, not the definitive experience of God or expression of the ultimate divine will. Therefore, a careful study of the stories will give insights into people's differing theologies and therefore of the human experience.

### **Outline**

1. Journey to Transformation
2. Jacob: The Deceiver
3. Judah: The Heartless
4. Joseph: The Brat
5. Moses: The DIY
6. Israel: The Helpless
7. David: The Justified
8. Job: The Atlas
9. Anti-Heroes: Self-Ambition
10. Synthesis