

# THE OLD TESTAMENT

**A closed book? or An open wound?**

**A 5 session course on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7.30pm**  
**starting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Isn't it all irrelevant now we've got Jesus and the New Testament?

I don't understand how to make sense of it.

Hasn't most of it been scientifically disproved?

There's too much punishment and violence for me!

If you identify with any of these questions, or if you simply want to know more about the Old Testament, this course is for you!

*The aim is to understand how the Old Testament ticks and to discover the huge potential it has to allow us to hear the voice of the Christian God in today's society.*

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

A brief outline of evenings:

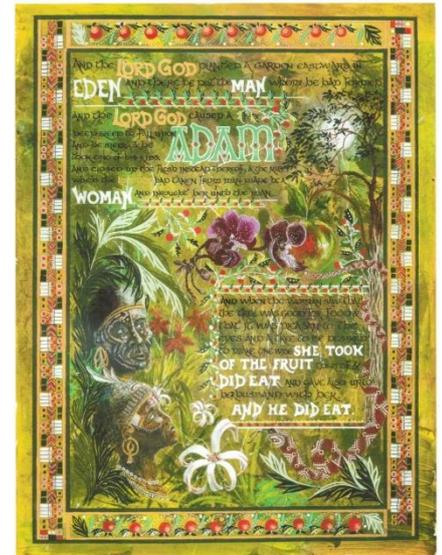
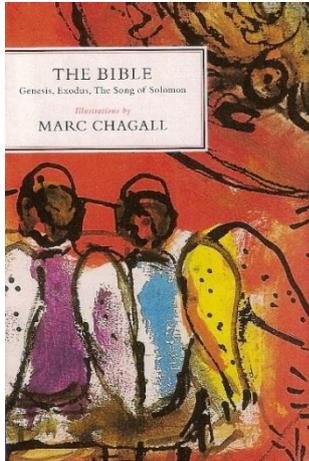
Session 1 7<sup>th</sup> Oct                      The Old Testament and the big story.

- If you were to sum up the Old Testament in one pithy sentence, what would you say?
- What questions are you bringing to the evenings?
- Who wrote the Old Testament?
- What does it say about who we are and the relationships we form?
- Why is the title of this course referring to 'an open wound'?

## Session 2 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

## The Patriarchs

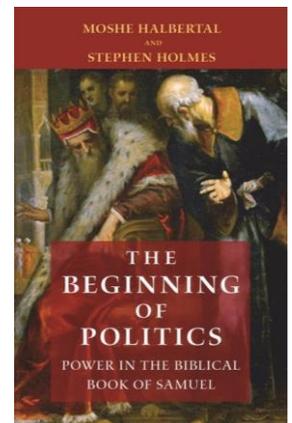
- Genesis and Exodus using art and embroidery.
- The Bath Abbey Diptychs and The Bible illustrated by Marc Chagall.



## Session 3 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

## History

- The books of 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings .
- The bible and politics and power.
- A look at human relationships (using *'The beginning of Politics'* by Moshe Halbertal and Stephen Holmes).



## Session 4 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

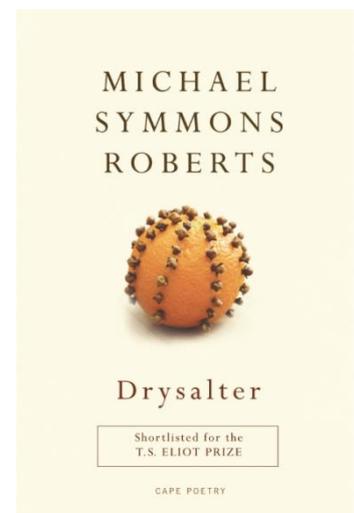
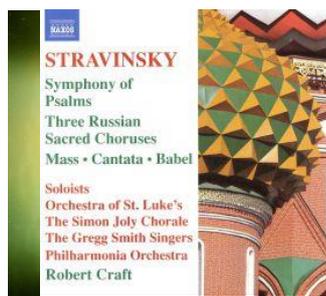
## Prophecy

- What is prophecy?
- Isaiah and Jeremiah.
- What the Bible has to say about Climate Change and Covid 19.
- What the role of the Church might be today.

## Session 5 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

## Worship

- Psalms and Lamentations.
- How can we worship when we're angry or depressed?
- Music and poetry in worship.
- Is there a psalm for today?



Please  
bring a bible!

All welcome,  
but it would help if you let me know so I know roughly how many to expect.

Here is the Zoom code. It should be the same for each meeting.

Topic: The Old Testament

Join Zoom Meeting

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