

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
**MUHI 9303 Music and Worship in the Biblical World**  
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### **Seminary Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **Core Value**

Doctrinal Integrity -- Believing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit our lives to it. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

### **Seminar Description**

This course examines the development of music and worship in the Ancient Near East and in the Bible. Attention is given to archeological information, cultural context, historical development, worship design and content in the Old and New Testaments, instruments, and performance practice.

### **Objectives**

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of important sources in the area of worship and music in the Bible.
2. Students will demonstrate a grasp of foundational information regarding historical development of worship and music in the Bible.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of social and cultural backgrounds in the biblical world.
4. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the facets of events involved in worship in the biblical world.
5. Students will demonstrate knowledge of instruments and performance practice of worship in the Bible.

6. Students will demonstrate a capacity to make application of principles of biblical worship and music to the worship and music of the twenty-first century church.

### **Requirements**

1. Students will read all required textbooks. In addition, students are expected to read widely from the works listed in the seminar bibliography. Reading assignments in other books and journals will be made throughout the semester.
2. Students will write critical reviews of two books selected in consultation with the instructor. The reviews should be written in acceptable style and be 12-15 double-spaced pages following the guidelines of the current edition of Turabian. A brief presentation will be made in a seminar session with discussion from other students and faculty following. The review should include
  1. Biographical sketch of the author
  2. Summary of contents (5-6 pages)
  3. Statement of author's purpose and critical analyses of the author's success or failure to realize the purpose.
  4. Consideration of the uniqueness of the book
  5. Concluding evaluation, including an assessment of the book's contribution to worship, music, and biblical studies.
3. Each student will conduct research on the seminar topic each week and prepare
  1. An annotated bibliography, typewritten, and copied for each person in the seminar
  2. An outline of one recent journal article pertaining to the topic. The student will present the article in the course of the discussion of that session.
4. Students will complete and present one formal paper on a topic chosen by the student and approved by the professor. A problem statement and outline should be approved before work begins. The paper should be written in acceptable style and be 20-25 double-spaced pages of text, following the guidelines of the current edition of Turabian. Papers are due one week before presentation and copies should be provided for all students and professor. The presentation of the paper should be one hour in length and will be followed by response from seminar participants.
5. Students will turn in a criticism/reaction on the date of the presentation of each paper. These should be two to three pages in length. Copies should be provided for the presenting student and professor.

## Evaluation

Annotated Bibliographies, Article Discussions, and Readings	20%
Formal Paper Responses	20%
Book Reviews	20%
Formal Paper and Presentation	20%
Final Exam	20%

## Texts

Braun, Joachim. *Music in Ancient Israel/Palestine: Archaeological, Written, and Comparative Sources*. Translated by Douglas W. Stott. The Bible in its World, ed. David Noel Freedman. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2002.

Hill, Andrew E. *Enter His Courts with Praise!: Old Testament Worship for the New Testament Church*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House Co., 1996.

Idelsohn, A. Z. *Jewish Music: Its Historical Development* New York: Dover Publications, 1992.

Friedmann, Jonathan. *Music in Biblical Life: The Roles of Song in Ancient Israel*, McFarland, 2013.

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## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

### September 20-21 Seminar Introduction: Early History of Music in the Ancient Near East

Read Braun: Sections I - III; Friedmann, 1-2

#### Book Reviews:

Bayer, Bathja. *Material Relics of Music in Ancient Palestine and Its Environs*

Burgh, Theodore. *Listening to the Artifacts: Music Culture in the Ancient Palestine*,  
Bloomsbury/T & T Clark, 2006

Manniche, Lise. *Music and Musicians in Ancient Egypt*

Foster, John L. *Hymns, Prayers, and Songs: An Anthology of Ancient Egyptian Lyric  
Poetry*

Dumbrill, Richard. *Music of the Ancient Near East: The Musicology and  
Organology of the Ancient Near East 3500-500 BC*

Sachs, Curt. *The Rise of Music in the Ancient World (East and West)*

Suter, Ann. Editor. *Lament: Studies in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*

### November 8-9 Music in the Old Testament Research Paper Topics Due

Read Braun: Sections IV; Friedmann, 3-4

#### Book Reviews:

C. Hassell Bullock, *Encountering the Psalms*

Eaton, John. *The Psalms Come Alive: Capturing the Voice and Art of Israel's Songs*

Kleinig, John W. *The Lord's Song: The Basis, Function and Significance of Choral  
Music in Chronicles*

Pierce, Timothy M. *Enthroned on Our Praise: An Old Testament Theology of Worship*

Sendrey, Alfred. *Music in Ancient Israel*

Smith, John Arthur. *Music in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity*, Ashgate, 2011.

### December 6-7 Music in the New Testament and the Early Church

Read Braun Section V, Friedmann, 5-Conclusion

#### Book Reviews:

White, James F. *A Brief History of Christian Worship*

Hill, Andrew E. *Enter His Courts with Praise!: Old Testament Worship for the  
New Testament Church*

Peterson, David. *Engaging with God*

Comotti, Giovanni. *Music in Greek and Roman Culture*

B. Waltke & J. Houston, w/ E. Moore. *The Psalms as Christian Worship*

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