The Penn West Academy has four regular sessions during the academic year.

The dates for 2020-2021 are:

- September 11-12, 2020
- October 16-17, 2020
- March 12-13, 2021
- May 7-8, 2021

**Texts for the Course**

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (second edition) by John J Collins

Suggest NRSV particularly Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha

**Outline for the Year**

Theme--- Endings and Beginnings

Intertestamental Literature and the Pentateuch

Bible Gateway is a great source to see various translations online

The Bible Project website does awesome short summaries and literally draws a picture of what's in most books in the Protestant version of the Bible

**The Intertestamental Period**

**September 11-12, 2020**

The Bible that most Protestants have in the pew end the “Old Testament” end with Malachi, and with maybe a blank page before the “New Testament” book of Matthew.

It presents an appearance that nothing happens between the two major collections. **This is a totally wrong deception.** Like “Columbus sailed the Ocean Blue” and the 2020 election cycle occurred on successive days.

Maps for the Hebrew scriptures shows a small area of the middle east --- Israel and some areas to the north west.

Maps for New Testament require the addition of maps north to Turkey and east to at least Italy

**Class Assignments:**
Read the books of First and Second Maccabees. Two versions of a major revolt in Israel.

Read Text Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Second Edition by John L Collins Pages 584-590 & Keep an eye on hart on page 583 which shows the sweep of major events

**No written assignments this time**

**October 16-17, 2020**
**The Book of Genesis**
Class Preparation:

Watch Bible Project video and print out on Genesis

Read Text Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Second Edition by John L Collins... pages 85-105

Scan though the text of Genesis focus from 11:26- 50:26

**Assignment:** The book of Genesis is about Beginnings and more

I think of it mainly as a tribal history.

Indulge my perspective and please write 2-3 pages about what is important to a tribe in general and what event in this book was a tribal crisis and how it was resolved. We will share these in class.

**March 12-13, 2021**
**The Book of Exodus and Leviticus**

View Bible Project video on these 2 books and look at the chart that they create

Read Text Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Second Edition by John L Collins... pages 125- 140 especially the chart on page 130 on Lists of the Ten Commandments

**No written assignment**

**May 7-8, 2021**
**Numbers and Deuteronomy**

Watch Bible Project videos and print outs on these two books

Read Deuteronomy 1:1 to 4:43

**No written assignment**