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The course follows the history of the period and is offered through the platform Coursera.

In the course, there are six lectures to watch English-language videos accompanied by Hebrew subtitles.

During the viewing of each lecture, short questions are included to test understanding. The questions are marked with yellow stripes in the lecture notes, and the answers are shown automatically after the response.

Additionally, there are quizzes (Quiz) at the end of each lecture or several lectures for the student to answer an online test.

It is possible to review and answer them without limit. Answers must be submitted by the day before the examination (weighing 10% in the final grade).

Final Exam: In the course, there is an exam in class that weighs 90% of the final grade.

The test is multilingual – the questions are written in both languages, and the student can answer in Hebrew or English, as they choose.

The final grade is calculated as follows:

\[ \text{Final Grade} = 0.9 \times \text{Class Exam Grade} + 0.1 \times \text{Online Quizzes} \]

The course consists of:

1. Introduction to Geopolitics and Geography of the Ancient Near East
   -迎来 the first module of "The fall and rise of Jerusalem," you enter into the geopolitical reality of the Assyrian and Neo-Babylonian empires after the rebellion.

2. Judah under Babylonian rule
   - Learn about the Babylonian conquest of Assyria and Judah, the events that led to the rebellion and its outcomes as well as the changes in Babylonian policy towards Judah following the rebellion.

3. Days of Jerusalem’s downfall
   - You are invited to learn about the Babylonian intervention, the reasons for the rebellion of Zedekiah, and the history of the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem as a result.

4. Gibeon son of Akikam in this module, we learn about the transfer of the capital city from Jerusalem to Gibeon and the administration of Gibeon’s descendant, Chedorlaomer.

5. Archaeology of the sixth century BCE
   - After learning about the destruction and its role in history, you are invited to watch the fifth module, which deals with the archaeology of the Babylonian period.

The module offers exciting discoveries at the level of Rachel, the seals, and what they teach us about the continuity and fate of Jerusalem and Judah after the destruction.

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The destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem and the Babylonian Exile were a great catastrophe in the history of the Jewish Nation. What really happened during that dark, fateful age, and how did new opportunities arise from the ashes?

1. Introduction to geopolitics and geography of the Ancient Near East
   Welcome to the first module of "The Fall and Rise of Jerusalem"! In this module, you will be introduced to the geopolitical reality of the time of the Assyrian empire, followed by the Neo-Babylonian.

2. Judah Under Babylonian Rule
   The second module deals with Judah under Babylonian rule. We will learn about the Babylonian Conquest of Hattu-land and Judah, the events that lead to Jehoiakim’s revolt and its outcome, and the changes in the Babylonian policy towards Judah following this revolt. You are welcome to raise questions for discussion regarding these topics.

3. The Days of the Destruction of Jerusalem
   This module deals with Zedekiah’s rebellion and the destruction of Judah. You are invited to watch the following units and learn about the Egyptian intervention, the reasons for Zedekiah’s revolt, and the history of the destruction of Judah.

4. Gedaliah son of Ahikam
   In this module, we will learn about the transition of the capital city from Jerusalem to Mizpah and the governorship of Gedaliah son of Ahikam in Mizpah following the destruction.

5. Archaeology of the sixth century BCE
   After learning of the days of the destruction and the historical role of Gedaliah son of Ahikam, you are invited to watch the lessons of the fifth module, which deals with the archaeology of the Babylonian Period. We will explore the magnificent finds from Ramat Rahel: the stamp impressions - and what they can teach us about continuity or discontinuity in this period and the fate of Jerusalem and Judah, following the destruction. I also recommend watching the optional videos, which deal with additional interesting research topics.

6. The restoration of Jerusalem in the early Persian Period
   The last module of our course will deal with different aspects of the Persian period: the cult of Jerusalem, changes in Jerusalem's status, the Judahite diaspora, the fall
of Babylon and much more. We hope you will enjoy this final module, which closes the story of Jerusalem’s fall and rise.

This is an on-line course on Coursera. It offers a novel learning experience, which allows the student to determine her or his own pace, and combines several mediums: pre-recorded short lectures, short readings from primary and secondary sources, and discussion questions. The course is offered in English, with Hebrew subtitles.

Requirements:

A final test that will account for 90% of the final grade. The test will take place in class. The multi-choice exam is held in both English and Hebrew.

Practice quizzes; 10% of the final grade. At the end of each week, you will find an online quiz. Use it as practice. All online quizzes must be completed before the date of the final exam.