



**A SERIES OF TEN EVENING CLASSES COMMENCING
MONDAY 19TH APRIL
7.00 TO 9.00 PM**

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

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The Tanak [Hebrew Bible/Old Testament] contains some of the world's oldest literature. Its stories are well known to us: the Creation myths of Genesis, Adam and Eve, the Flood, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, the escape of Moses in the basket, the Burning Bush, the Ten Plagues, the Exodus the Ten Commandments, the Promised Land, the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, the Law Codes, the Psalms, Prophets and so many others. This introduction seeks to explore the Tanak in its literary dimension: who were its writers? where was it written? how do we recognise myth, legend, saga, proverbs, poetry and above all what, if anything, can they teach us about our world, our lives and their meaning today? This is not simply a literary archaeological dig, it is literature that is living and life-giving. It is more than simply a proof text for the Christian story, it is the story of the world seen through ancient eyes that can still see much today. As well as the Tanak literature itself, the literature of the ancient near east [Sumer, Egypt, Babylon] will also be used to throw light on aspects of its composition and content and ultimately its meaning.

Séamus lectures in Biblical Literature at the Franciscan International Study Centre and has published widely. A specialist on the literary dimension of the Bible he is also an authority on the literature of the Ancient Near East, especially Sumer and Babylon, which he often uses to illustrate Biblical texts.

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All fees are payable before the start of the course - thank you.

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Intro. Old Testament.....**£85.00**

Concessions available:.....proof of eligibility required

Students (16 yrs and over)**£50.00**

Over 60s**£50.00**

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Lecture Dates:

Monday 19 April 2010 to Monday 21 June 2010

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