

Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BIB328NT – Old Testament: The Prophetic Literature

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

An expository study of the message and times of the preexilic, exilic, and postexilic prophets (Isaiah through Malachi). The course will focus on the biblical theology of these books, their genre, and their major themes (judgment and restoration, promise and fulfillment, the coming Day of the LORD, Messiah, and Kingdom). Skills will be developed for the communication and application of the text with an eye to personal discipleship and ministry in the local church.

BIBLICAL & THEOLOGY STUDIES PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

	<i>By the completion of the Biblical & Theology Studies program, students will be able to</i>
1	Apply basic research methods and utilize quality resources for personal Bible study, sermon/lesson preparation, and academic theological research.
2	Implement sound principles of biblical interpretation to understand and apply the biblical text in proper historical context through exegesis and theology.
3	Demonstrate a functional understanding of Christian Scripture, Christian heritage, Christian beliefs, and Christian living.
4	Identify the relationship between biblical and theological knowledge, a personal relationship with God, and a commitment to service in the local church.
5	Evaluate differing viewpoints on key biblical and theological issues to identify biblical and logical consistency.
6	Support a commitment to the authority and inerrancy of the Word of God for all matters of faith and practice.
7	Formulate a system of doctrine that is thoroughly biblical, internally consistent, and functionally relevant for faith, life, and ministry.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

	<i>After completing this course, the student will be able to...</i>	Bloom's*	PLOs~
1	Describe the basic historical, political, social, and religious context for the books covered in this course.	2	1,2,3
2	Describe the prophetic office in Israel.	2	1,2,3

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3	Analyze key passages relating to themes of judgment and restoration, promise and fulfillment, and the coming Day of the Lord, Messiah, and Kingdom.	4	1,2,3
4	Perform competent exegesis of selected passages in the Prophetic Literature, demonstrating literary discernment and theological acumen.	6	1,2,3,6
5	Develop applications from the Old Testament Prophetic books that pertain to personal spiritual growth and ministry in the local church.	6	1,2,3,4

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

In this course on the Old Testament prophets, the biblical worldview is integrated into the curriculum in the readings, discussions, and assignments. This course aims to foster spiritual formation and practical application of the biblical prophets in each student on a weekly basis. Throughout the course, students will engage in discussions centered on spiritual formation, guided by questions encouraging introspection and connecting biblical texts to modern day challenges. This integration also includes essay assignments designed to deepen comprehension and stimulate critical thinking, challenging students to explore the relevance of the prophetic texts to their lives. Both the discussion forums and assignments are informed by our readings. The goal is to empower students to apply the teachings of the Old Testament prophets to their daily Christian living, fostering a holistic understanding of the scriptures and cultivating a transformative impact on their spiritual journey. By the end of the course, students will have gained academic insights and the ability to translate the wisdom of the prophets into meaningful practices within their Christian faith.

Media to Purchase:

Gentry, P.J. (2017). *How to Read and Understand the Biblical Prophets*. Crossway. 9781433554032.

Goldingay, J. (2022). *The Lost Letters to the Twelve Prophets: Imagining the Minor Prophets' World*. Zondervan Academic. 97803010125570.

Tully, E.J. (2022). *Reading the Prophets as Christian Scripture: A Literary Canonical and Theological Introduction*. Baker Academic. 9780801099731.

Grading Grid:

Assessments	Total Points
Weekly Discussions (8) – 25 pts. Each	200
Challenges in Understanding the Prophets	50
2 Tim 3:16 Paper Proposal (1)	50

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2 Tim 3:16 Paper Bibliography (1)	50
2 Tim 3:16 Paper (1)	150
Quizzes (5) – 50 pts. Each	250
Midterm (1)	100
Final Exam (1)	150
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Koning, Course Overview Video
2. Koning, Week 1 Overview Video
3. Tully, Chapters 1-3
4. Gentry, Introduction and Conclusion
5. Bible Project Video – “How to Read the 15 Prophetic Books in the Bible”
6. Isaiah 1-12

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Challenges in Understanding the Prophets – See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 1-2 Quiz
3. Wk1 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Koning, Week 2 Overview Video
2. Tully, Chapters 6 & 9
3. Gentry, Chapters 1-2
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Isaiah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview (Part 1)”
5. Bible Project Video – “Book of Isaiah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview (Part 2)”
6. Isaiah 24-27, 49-63

Assignments:

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1. Assignment 2-1 2 Tim 3:16 – Proposal – See instructions in the course
2. Assignment 2-2 Quiz
3. Wk2 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Koning, Week 3 Overview Video
2. Tully, Chapter 10
3. Gentry, Chapters 3-4
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Jeremiah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
5. Jeremiah 1-10, 30-33, 62

Assignments

1. Assignment 3-1 2 Tim 3:16 - Bibliography
2. Assignment 3-2 Quiz
3. Wk3 Discussion - See instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. Koning, Week 4 Overview Video
2. Tully, Chapter 11
3. Gentry, Chapter 5
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Ezekiel Summary: A Complete Animated Overview (Part 1)”
5. Bible Project Video – “Book of Ezekiel Summary: A Complete Animated Overview (Part 2)”
6. Ezekiel 1-11, 34-48

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Midterm
2. Wk4 Discussion - See instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Koning, Week 5 Overview Video
2. Tully, Chapter 12
3. Gentry, Chapters 6-7
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Daniel Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
5. Daniel 1-12

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Quiz
2. Week 5 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Koning, Week 6 Overview Video
2. Tully, Chapters 13-18
3. Bible Project Video – “Book of Hosea Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Joel Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
5. Bible Project Video – “Book of Amos Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
6. Bible Project Video – “Book of Obadiah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Quiz
2. Week 6 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Koning, Week 7 Overview Video
2. Tully, Chapters 19-24
3. Bible Project Video – “Book of Jonah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Micah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
5. Bible Project Video – “Book of Habakkuk Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
6. Bible Project Video – “Book of Nahum Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 2 Tim 3:16 – Final Project
2. Week 7 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. Koning, Week 8 Overview Video
2. Goldingay, Chapter 1
3. Bible Project Video – “Book of Zephaniah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
4. Bible Project Video – “Book of Haggai Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
5. Bible Project Video – “Book of Zechariah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”
6. Bible Project Video – “Book of Malachi Summary: A Complete Animated Overview”

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Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Final Exam
2. Wk8 Discussion – See instructions in the course