

OT Prophetic Literature
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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Goal —The OT Prophets will give a general introduction to the 16 literary prophets of the OT, as well as Lamentations: cultural backgrounds of the era, spiritual threats from within and outside the nations of Israel and Judah, the theocratic ideal, and the prophet as God’s covenant messenger to call His people back to the terms of the Sinaitic Covenant. There will be a special introduction to each prophetic book. The student will learn the time frame of each prophetic book, main emphases and key arguments of each, the relation to NT citations, and the interpretation of key passages and select “problem passages.”

Memory Work —Be able to list the 16 “latter prophets” in canonical order as well as in chronological order (either in their time period or with one of their contemporary monarchs). Due November 27 in class.

Term Paper —For your academic edification and so that you can claim to be an expert in one area of the prophets, you should plan on completing an 8-10 page term paper by December 4.

Proper thesis form should be followed; end notes or “in-text” references in parentheses are permissible. Internet references are allowed, but a minimum of five library references should be cited.

An Alternative would be to submit an annotated outline of the readings in Peters.

Readings —Reading assignments are due at the time of the three exams. They are as follows:

EXAM I

- Bullock, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books* (1986 or 2007), Introduction and Part 1
- George N. H. Peters, *The Theocratic Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus, the Christ* (1884), Vol. 1, Props. #1-4,16-22; 24-26; 30-48

EXAM II

- Bullock, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books* (1986 or 2007), Part 2
- George N.H. Peters, *The Theocratic Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus, the Christ* (1884), Vol. 1, Props. #49-52; 56-63; 66-68
- W.J. Dumbrell, *Covenant and Creation*, (1984), chpt. 5: pp. 164-205 (on Reserve)

EXAM III

- Bullock, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books* (1986 or 2007), Part 3
- All the OT prophetic books in English translation. These really should be read through the term as class discussion deals with particular books.

Exams —

1. Take-home Exam over Introductory Material through Micah, due October 9
2. Take-home Exam over Isaiah through Lamentations due November 6
3. Final on December 11

Grading —

Three exams — 65%
Term paper — 14%
Attendance — 5%

Readings — 15%
Memory Work — 1%

Plan of lectures —We will follow the chronological order of the prophets.

*For Bullock's text you may substitute

O.P. Robertson, *The Christ of the Prophets*

Willem Vangemeren's, *Interpreting the Prophetic Word*

Robert Chisholm, Jr., *Handbook on the Prophets*

Hobart Freeman's, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets* (out of print)