

EXEGESIS of DANIEL
-COURSE REQUIREMENTS-
PMP 2007-2008

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course is a verse by verse study of the Book of Daniel that will enable the student to master the English Bible content of Daniel, and to become familiar with certain Hebrew portions of the book through translation and exegesis. The book's macro-structure in relation to its audience and argument will be considered, with a brief introduction to the biblical Aramaic of the middle section. The attacks of the higher critics will be surveyed with a biblical response.

READINGS:

- 1) R.K. Harrison. "The Book of Daniel," in *ZPBE*, pp. 12-21. Read it by February 1.
- 2) Read the additions to Daniel in the Apocrypha: chpts. 3, 13,14. Read by February 15.
- 3) Read a standard exegetical commentary in the range of 300+ pp. Stephen Miller's *Commentary on Daniel* in the New American Commentary Series is recommended, or Leon Wood's, *A Commentary on Daniel*; otherwise, Young's *Commentary* balanced by Archer's in the *Expositor's Bible Commentary* may be read. Due May 1.

QUIZZES: During June class sessions there will be 8 quizzes of about 4 or 5 detailed questions over the English Bible content of the pertinent chapter of the day.

EXAMS There will be three exams.

- 1) Introductory Material — due February 28
- 2) Chapters 1-6 — due June 20
- 3) Chapters 7-12 — June 27

PAPERS: You may select one of the following to be completed by July 31

Either

- 1) A 10 page paper on the topic of your choice. Exegete a passage or write on a critical problem; OR
- 2) Two five page papers; OR
- 3) A paragraph by paragraph (with occasional focus on individual verses) exegetical-theological **commentary** on Daniel based on your reading and on class discussions.

MEMORIZATION: These verses should be said or written for the student's proctor by the

following dates.
notation on the first exam.

The proctor will report to the instructor by email or by

January 11 = Daniel 4:34b,35

January 18 = Daniel 12:2,3

TRANSLATION: Daniel 9 and 12, due **March 31**. Please list on a parallel column all new words with 1 or 2 definitions that you look up in the lexicon.

GRADING:

Three Exams - 60%

Reading - 15%

Papers - 15%

Translation - 5%

Quizzes - 3%

Timeliness of Assignments: 2%