

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 —Choose three passages from among the suggestions listed here. At least one selection must have been recited by the time of each exam.

Isa 53.6	Jer 33:3,4	Lam 3.22,23	Ezek 36.26,27	Dan 4.34b,35	Hos 6.1,3
Joel 2.12,13	Amos 8.11	Obad 15	Jonah 2.9	Mic 7.18,19	Nah 1.7,8
Hab 3.18,19	Zeph 2.3	Hag 2.6-8	Zech 12.10	Mal 4.2,3	

Term Paper —Plan on completing an 8-10 page term paper by December 8.

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.

As an Alternative Assignment, 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*, 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
An eBook version of this work is available on books.google.com. A printed PB version is also available.

EXAM II

- Bullock, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books* 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 Shelf)

EXAM III

- Bullock, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books* Part 3
- All the OT prophetic books. 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 13
2. Take-home Exam over Isaiah through Lamentations due November 10
3. In class Final Exam on December 15

Grading

Three exams — 60%
Term paper — 15%
Attendance — 3%

Readings — 20%
Memory Work — 2%

Plan of lectures —We will follow the chronological order of the prophets as suggested by Bullock.

*For Bullock’s text you may substitute one of these texts:
O.P. Robertson, *The Christ of the Prophets*
Robert Chisholm, Jr., *Handbook on the Prophets*