

COURSE INFORMATION

Course OVERVIEW

This course offers an introduction to the 16 canonical prophets of the OT, as well as Lamentations, including 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.

Course OBJECTIVES

The student will

1. Be familiar with the shape and relation of the latter prophets to the rest of the OT canon;
2. Be familiar with the historical context and chronological timeline of the prophetic period;
3. Be familiar with the role of the prophets as God's covenant messengers, and will know how they were different from contemporary pagan prophets;
4. Master the background, message, and general contents of each of the writing prophets and Lamentations, and will be familiar with NT citations from this portion of the OT canon.

Course OUTCOMES

1. Students will attain confidence in defending the canonicity and historicity of the OT prophetic books;
2. Students will gain an appreciation for the NT writers' use of the OT prophets in broadening their own theological grasp and in proclaiming God's unchanging message of the promised Messiah;
3. Students will more quickly be able to find key Scripture texts and themes in the OT Prophets and, especially helpful to ministerial students, will be able to offer general outlines and themes of each of the OT prophet books.
4. Students will firm up their eschatological perspective through the prophets' message of God's theocratic kingdom and coming King.

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 7.

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
This title is available as an eBook version on books.google.com, as well as on Kindle.

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 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 12
2. Take-home Exam over Isaiah through Lamentations due November 14
3. In class Final Exam on December 12

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*