

PMP COURSE INFORMATION

Course OVERVIEW

This course offers a general introduction to the 16 literary 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. 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."

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 plus Lamentations.

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 any 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 July 31, 2020.

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 to the term paper is to submit an annotated outline of the readings in Peters.

Readings —Reading assignments are due at the time of the three exams, but try to read ahead. Deadlines are as follows:

EXAM I: Introduction through Micah, Due February 29, 2020

- C.H. Bullock, * *An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books* (1986), 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, as well as an inexpensive Kindle version. Otherwise a re-printed PB version is also available.

