

**POETS
OT512/1
SPRING 2008**

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Dates: February 15-16, March 14-15, April 11-12

PURPOSE, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSE:

- To encourage you in experiencing more of the abundant life that Jesus came to bring to the glory of God the Father and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOALS:

- Comprehension
 - To increase your knowledge of English Bible in Job-Song of Songs.
 - To increase your knowledge of introductory issues in each book from Job-Song of Songs.
- Competence
 - To sharpen your ability to interpret Job-Song of Songs in their historical, theological, and literary contexts.
 - To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of Job-Song of Songs in your own life and in the life of the local church.
- Character
 - To grow in your honesty in your relation with God, others, and self.
 - To grow in your wisdom as you live before God, others, and self.
 - To grow in your love for God, others, and self.

REQUIREMENTS

READING

- Futato, Mark D. Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2007).
 - You are assigned all 234 pages.

- Kidner, D. The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1985).
 - You are assigned all 157 pages.
- Longman, Tremper III. How to Read Proverbs (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2002).
 - You are assigned all 168 pages.
- Lucas, Ernest C. Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003).
 - You are assigned all 210 pages.

LECTURES

- See Class Schedule
- Lecture outlines will be available in electronic form on IQWeb.

PSALM 23 PROJECT

- You will write a paper on Psalm 23.
- Your research will follow the steps laid out in chapter 5 of Interpreting the Psalms.
- Your paper will follow the model set out in chapter 6 of Interpreting the Psalms.
- You may write up to 15 double-spaced pages with 1 inch margins on all sides and using a 12 point font.
- Your paper is due on Friday, April 11, at the beginning of class.
- We will have an in-class discussion of Psalm 23 on Friday, April 11.

ASSESSMENTS

- Psalm 23 Project:
 - 50 points.
 - Grading criteria: content, clarity, conformity (to the model set out in chapter 6 of Interpreting the Psalms).
- Final exam:
 - 50 points.
 - Coverage: lectures on Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes and reading on Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes in Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature.

SCHEDULE

WEEKEND 01 (FEBRUARY 15-16)

- To be read before class:
 - Futato, Mark D. Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2007).
 - Lucas, Ernest C. Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003) 1-77.
- Topic: The Book of Psalms

WEEKEND 02 (MARCH 14-15)

- To be read before class:
 - Longman, Tremper III. How to Read Proverbs (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2002).
 - Lucas, Ernest C. Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003) 79-201.
- Topic:
 - The Book of Proverbs

WEEKEND 03 (APRIL 11-12)

- To be read before class:
 - Kidner, D. The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1985).
- Topics:
 - Psalm 23 Project
 - The Book of Job
 - The Book of Ecclesiastes

FURTHER READING

HEBREW POETRY

- Petersen, D. and Richards, K. Interpreting Hebrew Poetry (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 1992).

PSALMS

- Brueggemann, Walter. The Message of the Psalms (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg, 1984).
- Longman, Tremper III. How to Read the Psalms (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1988).
- McCann, J. Clinton. A Theological Introduction to the Book of Psalms: The Psalms As Torah (Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1993).

WISDOM

- Murphy, Roland E. The Tree of Life (2nd ed.; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1996).

PROVERBS

- Garrett, Duane A. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs (Nashville, TN: Broadman, 1993).
- Longman, Tremper III. Proverbs (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2006).
- Waltke, Bruce K. The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 15-31 (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005).

JOB

- Anderson, F. Job (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1976).
- Konkel, August H. Job (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2006).
- Hartley, J. The Book of Job (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988).

ECCLESIASTES

- Longman, Tremper III. Ecclesiastes (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2006).
- Longman, Tremper III. The Book of Ecclesiastes (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1997).

SONG OF SONGS

- Longman, Tremper III. Song of Songs (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2006).
- Longman, Tremper III. Song of Songs (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005).

LAMENTATIONS

- Dearman, J. Andrew. Jeremiah, Lamentations (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002).
- Hillers, D. Lamentations (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1972).