I. COURSE DESCRIPTION
An expository study of the message and times of the prophets, emphasizing the themes of the Day of the LORD, judgment, restoration, promise and fulfillment, Messiah, kingdom, and the new people of God. A Reformed biblical-theological approach (i.e., redemptive-historical method) will be used in order to unfold the meaning of the (Latter) Prophetical corpus in relation to its covenant Old Testament context. Its relation and significance to the New Testament will also be discussed.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of this course:
1) The student will be familiar with a couple of key interpretive approaches: a) the grammatico-historical method and b) the biblical-theological/redemptive-historical method.
2) The student will be able to identify the message, historical context, and literary structure of each prophetic book. In addition, the student will be familiar with certain key passages found within the Prophetic corpus that will have been examined and expounded in class (e.g., Isaiah 53; Daniel 9; etc.).
3) The student will be familiar with the office and function of the Prophets (i.e., prophetism) and their significance in both Old and New Testaments.
4) The student will be acquainted with the main interpretive issues concerning the interpretation of prophecy (e.g., conservative vs. liberal views of authorship/dating; genre considerations (e.g., literal or figurative/symbolic); literary structure (e.g., the use of recapitulation); etc.
5) The student will see the remarkable development of the Messianic promise found earlier in the Old Testament, e.g., Genesis 3:15, 49:10-12; Num. 24:15-19; 2 Samuel 7:14-16; etc., during the prophetic period.

III. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS
**Required:

3) **Supplementary Readings:


*Suggested Resources:*


4) *Kline, Meredith G. Images of the Spirit.* South Hamilton, MA: Meredith G. Kline, 1986. In print, this book has been subsequently reissued by Wipf & Stock.


**IV. ASSIGNMENTS**

1) **Assigned Readings:**

   i. Primary Literature: Each student is required to read the entire (Latter) Prophetic corpus. (e.g., *New Geneva Study Bible*, pp.1022-1495; 473 pp.)

   ii. Secondary Literature (See section III above)

2) **Supplementary Reading Reviews:**

   Each student must read, summarize, and critique the supplementary readings in a 2 page, double-spaced article review. The reviews should come in two parts: 1) summarize the work and carefully note significant points, and 2) critique the work based upon cogency, point of view, etc. The due dates will be announced in class.

3) **Paper:** Topic and due date will be announced in class (see handout)

4) **Final Examination:** A study guide will be provided. The date of the exam will be announced in class.
V. COURSE OUTLINE

Prolegomena: Introduction to the Prophets

Prophetism in Israel: Its Origin and Its Uniqueness within the ANE
Titles Used of Prophets
Prophets in Transition
The Call and Commission of the Prophet
True Versus False Prophets
The Role of the Law and Covenant in the Prophetic Books

Reading Assignment:
- COTP, chapters 1-4, pp. 9-119
- John H. Walton, Ancient Israelite Literature in its Cultural Context. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1990), pp. 201-228

The Eighth Century Prophets
Hosea
Amos
Micah
Isaiah
Joel
Obadiah
Jonah

Reading Assignment:
- Read the corresponding chapters in IOT
- COTP, chapter 8, pp. 201-25

The Seventh Century Prophets
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Jeremiah

Reading Assignment:
- Read the corresponding chapters in IOT
- COTP, chapter 9, pp. 255-282

Prophets of Exile
Ezekiel
Daniel
Reading Assignment:
- Read the corresponding chapters in *IOT*
- *COTP*, chapters 10-11, pp. 283-358

Prophets of Restoration
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Reading Assignment:
- Reading the corresponding chapters in *IOT*
- *COTP*, chapter 12, pp. 359-406

Exposition of Key Passages from the Prophets

Literary Analysis of the Prophets
The Nature of Biblical Prophecy

Reading Assignment:
- *COTP*, chapters 13-14 and Conclusion, pp. 407-502

VI. ATTENDANCE, LATE ASSIGNMENTS, AND GRADING
A. Attendance is not mandatory. However, lectures and materials covered in class will be covered in the final examination.

B. Late Assignments and Paper will be penalized one-half letter grade for every week (i.e., each class session) that it is not turned in.

C. Scale. The standard RTS grading scale will be used.
   - A  (97-100)
   - A- (94-96)
   - B+ (91-93)
   - B  (88-90)
   - B- (86-87)
   - C+ (83-85)
   - C  (80-82)
   - C- (78-79)
   - D+ (75-77)
   - D  (72-74)
   - D- (70-71)
   - F  (below 70)

D. Basis for computation
   - Final Examination 50%
   - Article Reviews 15% (5% per review)
   - Paper 25%
   - Assigned Readings 10%