

Isaiah-Malachi OT516
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Course Description

An expository study of the message of the prophets which looks at their meaning not only in the context of history but also in the context of the God's people today. Issues surrounding the interpretation of prophecy, the unfolding of revelation in relationship to the Messiah, and the significance of the prophets for ministry are emphasized.

Course Objectives

- 1) To set the prophets in their historical setting in order to better understand the message of the prophets.
- 2) To be able to summarize the message of each prophetic book.
- 3) To become familiar with some of the issues related to the interpretation of prophecy.
- 4) To see how the prophets lay the groundwork for the coming of the Messiah.

Textbooks and Other Materials

- 1) Ray Dillard and Tremper Longman III, *Introduction to the OT* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994), hereinafter *IOT*.
- 2) Willem A. VanGemeren, *Interpreting the Prophetic Word* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990), hereinafter *IPW*.
- 3) John C. Whitcomb, Jr., *Chart of Old Testament Kings and Prophets* (5th rev. ed.; Winona Lake, IN: BMH Books, 1977).
- 4) Additional Assigned Reading:
 - a) Richard Pratt, "Historical Contingencies and Biblical Predictions," *The Way of Wisdom* (eds. J. I. Packer and Sven K. Sonderlund; Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 2000), 180-203. Also available at thirdmill.org

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- b) D. Brent Sandy and Ronald Giese, Jr., *Cracking Old Testament Codes* (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 139-96, hereinafter COTC).
- c) John Walton, *Ancient Israelite Literature in its Cultural Context* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990), 201-228.
- d) B. B. Warfield, "The Spirit of God in the Old Testament," *Biblical Doctrines* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991), 101-129.

Assignments (do not have to be completed before class or the week of class)

- 1) Each of the prophetic books must be read, as well as the assigned reading.
- 2) A Prophetic Profile must be turned in on every prophet except Joel and Obadiah. The Profile will be based on your assigned reading in *IOT* and *IPW* and will follow a Prophetic Profile guideline.
- 3) Each class will begin with a quiz covering assigned outlines of certain prophetic books and material from the previous day's lecture.
- 4) There is an exam based primarily on the lectures. Questions will be given to help you study for the exam.
- 5) A paper is required. It should focus on a particular passage from the prophets (see the handout "Guidelines for the Paper").
- 6) Everything is due **Monday March 6, 2006** and so must be postmarked on that day. DO NOT FAX any assignments.

Grades

1) Exam	25%
2) Prophetic Profiles	25%
3) Paper	25%
4) Daily Quizzes	20%
4) Reading	05%

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Class and Reading Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Reading/Assign</u>
<u>January 16</u> Monday AM	Intro to Course OT Prophecy: Revelation versus Manipulation The Role of OT Prophets: Proclamation and Prosecution	
Monday PM	Prophecy: Definition and Interpretation	Pratt article IPW 1-3, 12
	Amos	IOT 373-84 IPW 127-37
		Walton Ch 8
<u>January 17</u> Tuesday AM	Hosea	IOT 353-62 IPW 105-120
	Jonah	IOT 391-96 IPW 146-149
Tuesday PM	Isaiah	IOT 267-84 IPW 246-89
	Micah	IOT 397-402 IPW 150-159
<u>January 18</u> Wednesday AM	Zephaniah	IOT 415-20 IPW 173-79
	Habakkuk	IOT 409-414 IPW 168-173
	Nahum	IOT 403-408 IPW 161-168
		COTC Ch 7
Wednesday PM	Jeremiah	IOT 285-312 IPW 290-320
		COTC Ch 8

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January 19

Thursday AM

Obadiah

IOT 385-90
IPW 141-46

Joel

IOT 363-72
IPW 120-27

Warfield article

Ezekiel

IOT 313-28
IPW 322-38

Thursday PM

Daniel

IOT 329-52
IPW 338-52

Walton 217-28
COTC Ch 9

January 20

Friday

Haggai

IOT 421-26
IPW 187-93

Zechariah

IOT 427-36
IPW 193-202

Malachi

IOT 437-42
IPW 202-210