

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – WASHINGTON, D. C.

COURSE SYLLABUS
ISAIAH TO MALACHI OT516

Spring Semester, 2009
Tuesday Evenings, 7:30pm to 10:00pm, February 3 to May 26¹
McLean Presbyterian Church

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- **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A Biblical-theological study and analysis of the message and times of the prophets that emphasizes major themes found within the prophetic materials of the Holy Scriptures with a goal of how to understand the prophetic office and idiom.

- **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**
 - Comprehension:
 1. To increase your knowledge of the English Bible of the prophetic literature.
 2. To increase your knowledge of the form, function and message of the prophetic office.
 3. To increase your knowledge of the development of redemptive themes as they progress in the prophetic books.
 - Competence
 1. To sharpen your ability to interpret the prophetic books in their historical, theological, and literary contexts.
 2. To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of the prophetic books in your own life and in the life of the local church.
 3. To prepare those who are called to the ministry for licensure and ordination exams at their local church assemblies and examination boards.
 - Character
 1. To be a person of growing faith.
 2. To be a person of increasing hope.
 3. To be a person of deepening love.

- **REQUIRED READINGS.**
 - Biblical books of Isaiah to Malachi in an English translation of student's choice.
 - R. Dillard and T. Longman, III. *Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994. Sections on Isaiah through Malachi.
 - Geerhardus Vos. *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1948. Pgs. 185-196.
 - Meredith G. Kline. *Images of the Spirit*. Self-published, 1986. Chapters 3 and 4.

¹ We will meet on April 7th, but not on April 21st, as I will be out of town that week.

- **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Attendance: Students are highly encouraged to attend class lectures. If you know you cannot make it to a class session, notify me in advance.
- Interaction Paper: Students will provide an Interaction Paper on one of the choices provided below. The paper will be a list of “reading discussion questions” with your answers for each section of the book. Students will be graded upon reading comprehension and critical analysis of the materials.
- Reading Report: Students will provide a reading report on the required readings of the course. See in-class handout for more details.
- Research Paper Assignment: You will turn in a term paper of 10-15 pages. The focus of this assignment is to see if you understand the concepts discussed in class, *not the length of your paper*. The due date is provided below. See in-class handout on the nature of the research paper.
- Final Exam: In order to fit in all the materials for this course in the given time, there will be only one FINAL EXAM. The date of the final is Tuesday, JUNE 2, at 7:30pm. More details regarding the exam will be provided as that time approaches.
- Due Dates of Assignments:
 - ✓ Interaction Paper Due April 28 (Tuesday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Reading Report Due May 26 (Tuesday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Research Paper Due May 26 (Tuesday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Final Exam On June 2 (Tuesday) – proctored by the instructor

- **TOTAL GRADE**: The final grade for the course will be the total of each of the required assignments listed above.

- Interaction Paper: 25% of total grade
- Reading Report: 10% of total grade
- Research Term Paper: 25% of total grade
- Final Exam: 40% of total grade

- **OFFICE HOURS:**

- Every Monday and Tuesday afternoon ~ 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the RTS office.
- Or by appointment (contact the instructor to setup a time and place).

- **INFORMATION ON PETER LEE**: If you have questions, cannot attend a class, or need any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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