

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – WASHINGTON, D. C.

COURSE SYLLABUS
ISAIAH TO MALACHI OT516

Winter Semester, 2010
Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, January 11-15
McLean Presbyterian Church

INSTRUCTOR: Peter Y. Lee

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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. 185-296.
 - Meredith G. Kline. *Images of the Spirit*. Self-published, 1986. Chapters 3 and 4.

- **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. More than one missed day of lectures is not permitted.
- Interaction Paper: Students will provide an Interaction Paper on one book on the prophetic books. 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 will be discussed on the first day of class. More details regarding the exam will be provided as the time approaches.
- Due Dates of Assignments:
 - ✓ Reading Report Due February 1 (Monday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Interaction Paper Due February 8 (Monday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Final Exam Due February 15 (Monday) – proctored by the instructor
 - ✓ Research Paper Due March 1 (Monday) in class to 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:**

- By appointment (contact the instructor to setup a time and place). I enjoy sharing thoughts with students, so do not hesitate to contact me.

- **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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