

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – WASHINGTON, D. C.

COURSE SYLLABUS
ISAIAH TO MALACHI OT516

Spring Semester, 2010
Tuesday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, February 8 to May 17
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, literary, and historical 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.

- **OFFICE HOURS:**
 - 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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- **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.
- Collection of articles on the subject of prophetism in Israel and related areas (these articles will be provided on the first day of class).

- **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 a book outside of the required reading list (details of this report will be provided on the first day of class).
- Reading Report: Students will provide a reading report on the required readings of the course (details of this report will be provided on the first day of class).
- Research Paper: You will turn in a term paper of roughly 15 pages. The focus of this assignment is to see if you understand the concepts discussed in class, *not the length of your paper* (details of this research paper will be provided on the first day of class).
- Final Exam: There will be ONE FINAL EXAM for this class (no Midterm). Details of this exam will be discussed on the first day of class.
- Policy to turn in assignments: All assignments above are to be, 1) turned into the professor by the date assigned or earlier, or 2) mailed to the RTS/DC office (attn: Professor Peter Lee) at 1028 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101.

- **TOTAL GRADE**: The final grade for the course will be the total of each of the required assignments listed above (RTS grading scale)

- Reading Report: 10% of total grade
- Interaction Paper: 10% of total grade
- Research Paper: 20% of total grade
- Midterm Exam: 30% of total grade
- Final Exam: 30% of total grade