

**POETS
OT512
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Dates: September 23-24, October 7-8, October 28-29

PURPOSE, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSE:

- To encourage you in experiencing more of the abundant life that Jesus came to bring to the glory of God the Father and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOALS:

- Comprehension
 - To increase your knowledge of English Bible in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs.
 - To increase your knowledge of introductory issues in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs.
- Competence
 - To sharpen your ability to interpret Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs in their historical, theological, and literary contexts.
 - To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs in your own life and in the life of the local church.
- Character
 - To grow in your honesty in your relation with God, others, and self.
 - To grow in your wisdom as you live before God, others, and self.
 - To grow in your love for God, others, and self.

REQUIREMENTS

LECTURES

- See Class Schedule

READING

- Futato, Mark D. *Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2007).
 - You are assigned all 234 pages.
- Kidner, D. *The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1985).
 - You are assigned all 157 pages.
- Lucas, Ernest C. *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003).
 - You are assigned all 210 pages.

REFLECTION PAPERS

- You will write three reflection papers.
 - One on a text from the book of Psalms.
 - One on a text from the book of Proverbs.
 - One on a text from the book of Ecclesiastes or Job or Song of Songs.
- Each paper must 2 pages in length, double spaced, with 1 inch margins all around.
- These are not exegetical papers but are more like an extended journal entries that focus on what the meaning of the text for your life or ministry.
- You must read each text at least twice a day for six consecutive days before writing your reflection.

ASSESSMENTS

READING REPORT

- The reading report is worth 10 points.
- You will submit via email a reading report, stating the percentage of required reading done, *due on October 28 at 4p.*

REFLECTION PAPERS

- Each reflection paper is worth 10 points.
 - Reflection on the book of Psalms, *due on October 7 at 4p.*
 - Reflection on the book of Proverbs, *due on October 21 at 4p.*
 - Reflection on the book of Ecclesiastes or Job or Song of Songs, *due on November 4p.*

EXAMS

- You will take three online exams.
 - One covering the book of Psalms, *due on September 30 at 4p.*
 - One covering the book of Proverbs, *due on October 14 at 4p.*
 - One covering the books of Ecclesiastes, Job, and the Song of Songs, *due on November 4p.*
- Each exam is worth 20 points.
- Coverage
 - Exam #1: Lectures on Psalms and chapters 1-4 in *Interpreting the Psalms.*
 - Exam #2: Lectures on Proverbs readings on Proverbs in *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature.*
 - Exam #3: Lectures on readings on Ecclesiastes, Job, and the Song of Songs in *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature.*

SCHEDULE

WEEKEND 01 (SEPTEMBER 23-24)

- Topic: The book of Psalms
- To be read before class:
 - Lucas, Ernest C. *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003) Pages 1-77.
 - Futato, Mark D. *Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2007).

WEEKEND 02 (OCTOBER 7-8)

- Topic: The book of Proverbs
- To be read before class:
 - Lucas, Ernest C. *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003) Pages 79-201.
 - Kidner, D. *The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1985) Chapters 1-3.

WEEKEND 03 (OCTOBER 28-29)

- Topics:
 - The book of Job
 - The book of Ecclesiastes
 - The book of Song of Songs
- To be read before class:
 - Kidner, D. *The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1985) Chapters 4-8.

FURTHER READING

INTRODUCTION

- Berry, Donald K. *An Introduction to Wisdom and Poetry of the Old Testament* (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 1999).
- Estes, Daniel J. *Handbook on the Wisdom Books and Psalms* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2010).

HEBREW POETRY

- Petersen, D. and Richards, K. *Interpreting Hebrew Poetry* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 1992).

PSALMS

- Brown, William P. *The Psalms* (IBT; Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2010).
- Brueggemann, Walter. *The Message of the Psalms* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg, 1984).
- Keel, Othmar. *The Symbolism of the Biblical World: Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Book of Psalms* (New York, NY: Seabury, 1978).
- Kidner, D. *Psalms* (Tyndale OT Commentaries, 14a and 14b; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1975).
- Longman, Tremper III. *How to Read the Psalms* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1988).
- McCann, J. Clinton. *A Theological Introduction to the Book of Psalms: The Psalms as Torah* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1993).

WISDOM

- Murphy, Roland E. *The Tree of Life* (2nd ed.; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1996).

PROVERBS

- Bridges, Charles. *A Commentary on Proverbs* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1846).
- Garrett, Duane A. *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (The New American Commentary, 14; Nashville, TN: Broadman, 1993).
- Longman, Tremper III. *Proverbs* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2006).

- Waltke, Bruce K. *The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 1-15*. (NICOT; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004).
- ---. *The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 15-31*. (NICOT; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005).

JOB

- Anderson, F. *Job* (Tyndale OT Commentaries 13; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1976).
- Konkel, August H., and Tremper Longman III. *Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2006).
- Hartley, J. *The Book of Job* (NICOT; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988).

ECCLESIASTES

- Bartholomew, Craig G. *Ecclesiastes*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009).
- Konkel, August H., and Tremper Longman III. *Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2006).
- Longman, Tremper III. *The Book of Ecclesiastes* (NICOT; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1997).

SONG OF SONGS

- Longman, Tremper III. *Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2006).
- Longman, Tremper III. *Song of Songs* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005).

LAMENTATIONS

- Dearman, J. Andrew. *Jeremiah, Lamentations* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002).
- Hillers, D. *Lamentations* (AB 7a; Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1972).

Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

Course: 2OT512
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<u>MDiv Student Learning Outcomes</u>		<u>Rubric</u> > Strong > Moderate > Minimal > N/A	<u>Mini-Justification</u>
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Moderate	One reading helps students distinguish exegetical language from expository language. Papers must apply this distinction.
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances.	Strong	Course focus in on content of Job-Song of Songs. The students are required to write a paper on Psalm 23 and demonstrate interpretive skills.
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Minimal	Course deals with the Kingship/Sovereignty of God.
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Strong	Course objectives: 1) Grow in honesty in relation with God, others, and self. 2) Grow in wisdom before God, others, and self. 3) Grow in love for God, others, and self.
Desire for Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Moderate	
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos.	Strong	Course lectures aim to model this value consistently.
Preach	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Moderate	One reading helps students distinguish exegetical language from expository language. Papers must apply this distinction.
Worship	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	Moderate	Study of the Psalms will be applied to issues of modern worship.
Shepherd	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	Minimal	
Church/World	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Minimal	