

Wesley Theological Seminary
Course of Study
Winter Hybrid | January 2016 on-line & February 26-27, 2016

CS-421 Bible 4: Prophets, Psalms, & Wisdom Literature

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Course Objectives:

This course examines God's Word as expressed through Israel's prophets, selected Psalms, and selected passages from Wisdom literature.

Students will be able to:

1. Understand the origin, history, and use of these forms of biblical literature among God's people.
2. Exegete these forms of biblical literature.
3. Apply exegesis to preaching, other pastoral responsibilities, and issues of the present day.

January Segment:

The January segment of this course will be taught on line (OL).

Your assignment for this first segment:

Read:

You Are My People: An Introduction to the Prophets by Louis Stulman and Hyun Paul Kim

A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, pp. 257-380

OL Work:

A series of discussion questions and exercises will be posted on line the week of January 4-9, 2016. I will post detailed instructions for this at the end of December.

This January OL work can be done at anytime during that week; it will be the equivalent of 10 contact hours in class. Please set aside time that week to complete this work.

Paper:

A ten-page paper is due January 15, 2016 by 3 p.m.

Please post your paper on Blackboard(BB). I will post detailed instructions on BB for this.

Paper topic:

Choose 2 pre-exilic prophets (Amos, Hosea, Micah, or Isaiah of Jerusalem [Isa 1-39]), and 2 exilic prophets (Jeremiah, Isaiah of Babylon [Isa 40-55], or Ezekiel).

Summarize the main message or theme of each prophet and the historical situation each was addressing. Please be specific; cite supporting texts from each one with chapter and verse (do not write out the entire quote). Be sure to reference the required readings in your answer.

Suggest one way in which each of the 4 prophets you have chosen addresses us today and why we need to hear what each has to say.