

11OT5350/01

Isaiah to Malachi

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Goals:

This course is not a survey. We will not spend time with all the incidentals that are normally covered in a survey course. Rather, it is our intention to get at the heart of the meaning and message of the prophets of the Old Testament. And we will attempt to set the prophets into the overall thrust of God's revelational history – thus, this is primarily a course on biblical theology. We will do this by tracing the prophetic history in the entire Bible and not just limit ourselves to the books called the Prophets. Therefore, we will consider topics such as the origin of prophecy, the nature of false prophecy, the schools of the prophets, and so forth. Understanding the development of prophecy in the Bible is one of our main goals. Another important goal is to see how the prophetic literature in the Old Testament is used in the New Testament – how does it point to Christ? And, finally, how is it to be used in the church today? How is it to be preached?

Textbooks:

The following books are required for the course:

1. W. C. Kaiser, **The Messiah in the Old Testament** (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995).
2. O. P. Robertson, **The Christ of the Prophets** (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 2008 abridged edition).

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3. G. McConville, **Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Prophets** (Downers Grove, IL: IV Academic, 2016).

Requirements:

1. Read through the English text of Isaiah to Malachi and the three textbooks. You will be required to report this reading on the last page of your paper that is due on Monday, November 30 at 5pm by email.
2. Paper. You will write a 12-15 page paper on a passage from the prophetic books. The exact requirements for the paper will be discussed during the first day of class. It is due to the professor by email on Monday, November 30 at 5pm. Late papers will be docked one grade letter per day. 50% of final grade.
3. There will be a take home final examination given to the student on the afternoon of Friday, October 9. The student has one week to complete the examination. It is due to the professor by email at 5pm on Friday, October 16. 50% of final grade.

Course Outline

Monday, October 5: Introductory Matters

Syllabus
Authority and Inspiration of Prophetic Literature
Origin of Prophecy
Titles Used of Prophets
False Prophecy
Prophets of Idolatry
Schools of the Prophets
Call of the Prophet

Tuesday, October 6: First Prophets of Israel

Samuel
Nathan
Case Study: Elijah

Elisha

Wednesday, October 7: The Eighth Century Prophets

Joel

Obadiah

Hosea

Amos

Isaiah: Case Study of the Four Servant Songs

Jonah

Micah

Thursday, October 8: The Seventh Century Prophets

Nahum

Zephaniah

Habakkuk: Case Study

Jeremiah

Friday, October 9: Prophets of Exile and Restoration

Ezekiel

Haggai

Zechariah: Case Study of the Visions

Malachi

Daniel

Paper Requirements:

12-15 pages in length.

Spacing 1.5.

Use footnotes, not endnotes: see standard journals, such as JBL, JETS for form.

Include *at least* three journal articles.

Include *at least* twelve sources i.e., books and articles.

Paper must have a title page in proper format.

Paper must have a bibliography in proper format.

The standard format for the paper is *The SBL Handbook of Style*, 2nd edition (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014). This may be found in the library, but you should own your own copy.

For an excellent example of this paper, see the Charlotte RTS web-site under Resources: Best Student Papers (see paper by K. McIlvaine).