

Prophetic Literature: Course Description, Outline and Bibliography

A. Course description

The objective of this course is to examine the salient features of prophetic literature. Among the topics the course will seek to examine are the concepts of prophet and prophetic literature, the rise and development of Israelite prophecy and the world of prophecy. It will also seek to study a selected prophetic book focusing attention on:

- a. The historical and social context of the prophet and the book
- b. The structure and the characteristic literary features present in the book and
- c. Identifying and discussing theological issues that are of special significance in the book.

B. The main objectives of the course are

1. To help students understand prophecy in the context of the Old Testament
2. To help students understand the prophetic phenomenon from its socio-historical context
3. To help students interpret a prophetic text (the book of Jonah) from its socio-historical context
4. To help students examine the present-day “prophetic” activities among some Christian groups.

C. COURSE OUTLINE

LECTURE 1: General Introduction

LECTURE 2: Defining “Prophet” and Prophetic Literature in OT Theology

LECTURE 3: Characteristics of Prophetic Literature

LECTURE 4: Development of Prophecy in OT

LECTURE 5: Biblical Prophetic Tradition and that of the Ancient Near East

LECTURE 6 Functions of a Prophet

LECTURE 7: False and True Prophets in OT

LECTURE 8: Mid Semester Exams

LECTURE 9: Theological Themes in the Prophetic Literature

LECTURE 10: the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Jonah.

LECTURE 11: Their Vocation Narratives /Socio-Historical Context

LECTURE 12: Their Text and Theology

LECTURE 13: Revision and Conclusion

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