

**North Portland Bible College**  
**OTS 103 Old Testament Survey III (The Prophets--Isaiah to Malachi)**  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will survey the major writings of the prophets, their message and historic context into which that message was spoken. Emphasis will be given to the development of major themes, and especially the theme of Messiah revealed in the particular book.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify the major prophetic periods and key themes of these books
2. Understand the importance of the literary style of the book and how it affects our approach to understanding its message
3. Connect Messianic themes and their development in the New Covenant Scripture.
4. Construct a simple timeline of the prophets.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Reading: All assigned reading is to be completed prior to the beginning of each class. Supplemental readings or handouts will be for information or research unless specified.

Required Textbook: The required text is “What the Old Testament Authors really cared about”, by Jason DeRouchie (JDR). Also, any standard translation of the Holy Scripture is acceptable. . Students may e-mail how much of their reading was completed by the end of the class.

Major Assignments

- 1) Completion of text reading and Bible reading. Please note: *The assigned reading from DeRouchie will be the section relating to the particular prophet we are studying that week, with the exception of the first week.*
- 2) Interactive paper. An interaction paper is designed to give topical feedback that integrates all of the learning from the course. The learner will be reflecting upon and integrating all the information and experience accumulated to date through the prophetic books, class, discussions, presentations, experiences and feedback. This paper will be 6-8 pages in length (10 pages maximum, double spaced) and should address the content of the class. Do your best to be specific and concrete in discussing the learning about the prophets and what impacted you the most. Sources should be cited when quoting or referring to outside works.

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES**

### Attendance Policy:

All students are expected to attend a minimum of 8 of the 10 scheduled classes (Catalog pg 13). Please inform the instructor of planned absences in a reasonable time frame. In crisis or emergent situations, call NPBC and/or instructor as soon as prudent. In the event of inclement weather, the learner is urged to first call the college and confirm if classes are still to be held. Personal judgment regarding your own situation must be considered. No penalty in attendance will be incurred for such decisions by the student.

### Evaluation and Grading Policy

Letter grades will follow the “Academic Policies” section of the Catalog (pg. 13)

Grades will be weighed based upon the following value criteria:

1. Attendance and class participation 300 points
2. Reading Assignments 300 points
3. Interactive Paper 400 points

### Late assignment policy

The student will communicate with the instructor if an assignment is going to be late. Failure to do so will result in grade reduction after two days of no communication.

### Expectations regarding writing/format style for papers

All submitted papers will follow the MLA standards listed in the back of the Student Handbook. The MLA is also available in the College office.

**IMPORTANT:** All written work must have a Bibliography of not less than four entries. Any quotes, ideas or references by an author **must** have source citations. Ie. document it.

### Academic Integrity in writing:

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College.

### OTS 103—The Prophets Class Schedule

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reading/Assignment</b>
<b>1 General class orientation Intro to the Prophets</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>Role and function of the prophet in Israel</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>2 The Prophet Isaiah</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>JDR pgs. 278-292</b>
<b>3 The Prophet Jeremiah</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b>	<b>JDR pgs. 239-260</b>
<b>4 The Prophet Ezekiel</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>Ezekiel</b>	<b>JDR pgs. 261-277</b>
<b>5 The Book of Daniel</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	<b>JDR pgs. 409-419</b>
<b>6 The Twelve</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Hosea, Joel, Amos</b>	<b>JDR pgs. 297-317</b>
<b>7 The Twelve</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>Obadiah, Jonah, Micah</b>	<b>Supplemental handout</b>
<b>8 The Twelve</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>Nahum and Habakkuk</b>	<b>Supplemental handout</b>
<b>9 The Twelve</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>Zephaniah and Haggai</b>	<b>Supplemental handout.</b>
<b>10 The Twelve</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>Zechariah and Malachi</b>	<b>Supplemental handout</b>
<b>11 Review and Final</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>Final exam</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>

## OTS 103 Supplemental Reference Works

1. The 12 Prophets volume 1 & 2 by Rabbi Joseph Elias. Mesorah Publications 4401 Second Ave. Brooklyn, New York 11232 2005 Artscroll.com
2. Tyndale Old Testament Commentary Series. Individual authors for each of the prophetic books. Series published by Inter-Varsity Press, Downers Grove, Ill 60515
3. Tyndale Handbook of Bible Charts and Maps by Neil Wilson and Linda Taylor. Tyndale House Pub. Wheaton, Ill 2001 ISBN 0-8423-3552-8
4. Introduction to the Old Testament by E.J. Young W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Grand Rapids, Mi. 1975 ISBN 0-828-3310-1
5. A Survey of Israel's History by Leon J. Wood Zondervan Pub Grand Rapids , Mi. ISBN 13-978-0-310-34770-5 1986
6. The Prophets by Abraham J. Heschel Hendrickson Publishers 2010 (Third Printing). ISBN 978-1-59856-181-4 Two volumes in one.
7. The Hebrew Prophets and their Social World by Victor H. Matthews, second edition Baker Academic Pub. 2012 ISBN 978-0-8010-4861-6
8. The Prophetic Imagination by Walter Brueggemann 2<sup>nd</sup> addition. Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2001 ISBN# 0-8006-3287-7
9. The Practice of the Prophetic Imagination by Walter Brueggemann Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2012 ISBN# 97-0-8006-9897-3
10. Dictionary of the Old Testament Prophets by J. Gordon McConville and Mark Boda IVP Academic Press 2012 Dowers Grove, Ill.
11. Concise Bible Atlas by J. Carl Laney Hendrickson Pub. 1995. 5<sup>th</sup> edition 2003 ISBN 1-56563-366-0
12. The Book of Isaiah by E.J. Young, 3 volumes, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids MI. 1965 ISBN 978-0-8028-9551-6
13. The Gospel according to Isaiah 53 by Darrell Bock and Mitch Glaser Kregel Pub. 2012 Grand Rapids , MI. ISBN 978-0-8254-2593-6
14. The Twelve Prophets by Marvin Sweeney, Berit Olam Series volume 2, The Liturgical Press ISBN 0-8146-5091-0

15. Messiah In the Old Testament by Walter Kaiser Zondervan 1995 ISBN 0-310-2030-x