

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BOT 538 Stu. in the Prophetical Books: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Micah

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Post Session 2008

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A section by section exegetical study of each of these four prophetical books with emphasis on theological themes, major concepts, and principlizing for the church today

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Discuss the meaning of key passages in each of these books as well as the structure, message, and theology of the book as a whole in relation to the times of the prophet.
2. Preach/teach the principles taught in these books to Christians today.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

The Holy Bible Contemporary English Version. New York: American Bible Society, 1995.

Stuart, Douglas. *Hosea - Jonah.* Word Biblical Commentary, vol. 31. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1987.

Waltke, Bruce K. *A Commentary on Micah.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.

Recommended:

Hubbard, David Allan. *Hosea: An Introduction and Commentary.* TOTC. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1989.

_____. *Joel and Amos: An Introduction and Commentary.* TOTC. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1989.

COURSE OUTLINE

Class

1. **Monday, June 30** Introduction and exegesis of Amos 1-3 with illustration of diagramming.
2. **Tuesday, July 1** Amos 4-6; Read Amos in CEV and commentary introduction.
3. **Wednesday, July 2** Amos 7-9; Do readings on OT prophetic ministry. Read Kaiser chap 9 on Amos 9.
4. **Thursday, July 3** Read Micah in CEV and commentary introduction. Micah 1-4
5. **Friday, July 4** **OFF** 4th of July holiday
6. **Monday, July 7** Micah 5-7
7. **Tuesday, July 8** Read Hosea in CEV and commentary introduction, Rowley on Hosea's marriage, and Limburg and De Roche articles on Rib, and Hosea 6 readings. Hosea 1-6
8. **Wednesday, July 9** Hosea 7-10; Turn in flow of thought diagram of chosen exegesis passage due.
9. **Thursday, July 10** Hosea 11-14; Do readings on Matthew's use of Hosea 11.
10. **Friday, July 11** Read Joel in CEV and commentary introduction. Do readings of Peter's use of Joel 2 in Acts 2. All of Joel

METHODOLOGY

Lecture, discussion, readings, exegetical research and writing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

During Post Session--Class attendance and participation is expected; maximum allowable absence is one class period. Please talk to the professor about any absences.

Do the following assignments according to the above calendar outline.

1. Read Hosea, Joel, and Amos in the CEV.
2. Read the introduction in the commentary to each book and the sections on the more important controversial or difficult passages.
3. Read the book of handouts for the course and any additional readings the professor may add, such as on Hosea 6 and Peter's use of Joel 2 in Acts 2.
4. Turn in on **Tuesday, July 6**, a flow of thought diagram of the passage chosen for the exegesis project. (Instructions will be provided.)

After Post-Session – due Friday, August 8

1. Turn in the accountability sheet provided for the readings, including finishing reading at least 50% of the commentary by Stuart on Hosea, Joel, Amos, and the one by Waltke on Micah, focusing on the important theological statements.
2. Write a take-home essay synthesis of the course over the flow of the messages of each of the three books as well as the major themes, principles, and passages discussed in class. This must include your own theological outline of the message, in terms of principles and themes, for each of the three books. (Instructions will be provided.)
3. Do thorough exegetical research and biblical-theological analysis of a passage of your choice of about 4 to 12 verses and either type up the results in a paper OR a thorough sermon or teaching outline. (Instructions will be provided.) A bibliography must be turned in of all sources consulted in the research.

Late work will be penalized 2 points per day late including weekends using a 12 point scale (12=A, 1=F) If you will be more than a day late call me. Also, I am flexible on the number of pages as long as the content is there.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Reading and Class participation	10%
Take-home synthesis essays	20%
Theological outlines of each book	10% each for Hosea, Amos, Micah, and 5% for Joel
Exegetical research paper or sermon	35%

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