

**OT502: THE HEBREW PROPHETS (4 units).**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The course studies the contents of the Former Prophets (Joshua to Kings) and the Latter Prophets (Isaiah to Malachi), their possible historical backgrounds, different approaches to their interpretation, and their significance for us today.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon the successful completion of the course, students will have:

- Gained familiarity with the narrative in Joshua to Kings with its insight on human life, leadership, and the people of God
- Come to appreciate the way the prophets address the people of their day concerning their past, their present, and their future
- Reflected on issues concerning the historical nature of Joshua-Kings and the authorship of the prophetic books; and
- Considered ways in which the Prophets confront the church today and the difficulties they raise for it.

**COURSE FORMAT:**

The course will be conducted on the Internet using a 10-week lesson program aligned with Fuller's academic calendar. Lectures for each lesson will be available online. Students and instructor will interact with the material weekly through homework assignments and threaded discussions.

**REQUIRED READING:**

- NRSV Bible.
- Arnold, B. T., and H. G. M. Williamson, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. InterVarsity Press, 2005.

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

- Brenner, A., ed. *A Feminist Companion to Judges*, and *A Feminist Companion to Samuel and Kings*, and *A Feminist Companion to the Latter Prophets*. Sheffield Academic Press, 1993, 1994, and 1995
- Brueggemann, W. *Hopeful Imagination*. Fortress, 1986
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Prophetic Imagination*. Fortress, 1978
- Coggins, Richard, et al., ed. *Israel's Prophetic Tradition*. Cambridge University Press, 1982
- Eaton, J. H. *Mysterious Messengers*. Eerdmans, 1998.
- Gordon, Robert P., ed. *"The Place Is Too Small for Us": The Israelite Prophets in Recent Scholarship*. Eisenbrauns, 1995
- Knoppers, Gary N. and Gordon McConville, eds. *Reconsidering Israel and Judah: Recent Studies in the Deuteronomistic History*. Eisenbrauns, 2000
- Von Rad, Gerhard. *The Message of the Prophets*. SCM, 1968

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Weekly reading and homework assignments (20%)
- Weekly threaded discussions (20%)
- Two 10-page papers (60%)

**PREREQUISITES:** None.

**RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM:** Meets MDiv core requirement in Old Testament "B" (OTB); Ministry Focus Elective in MAGL program

**FINAL EXAMINATION:** No.

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