

## BT707 Advanced OT Synthesis II: Prophets

**Course:** BT707 Advanced OT Synthesis II: Prophets  
**Credits:** Three Credits  
**Semester:** Spring 2025, Session 1  
**Dates:** January 13 – March 7, 2025  
**Time:** Tuesdays 6:00–9:00 pm Central Time  
**Place:** Microsoft Teams  
**Professor:** Dr. Jeremy D. Lyon, Ph.D.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the historical backgrounds, arguments, biblical theology, and interpretive issues in the Prophets section of the Hebrew Bible. Students will study the history of Israel in its Ancient Near Eastern context and see how God blessed and judged the nation of Israel based on their obedience or disobedience to the Mosaic covenant. Students will study the Messianic prophecies in these books and do exegetical studies in the Hebrew text of these Old Testament books.

*This is a blended class, meaning that both campus and online students take this class together. Campus students attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. All interaction and assignments for campus and online students are done in the online classroom.*

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student who successfully completes this course should . . .

1. *Strengthen* proficiency in biblical Hebrew and *develop* exegetical skills in the Hebrew text (PLO 1) (A 1-7)
2. *Understand* the literary structure, major themes, and theology of the Prophetic Books, including the inter-textual relationship of each book with other books in the canon (PLO 2) (A 1-7)
3. *Develop* an understanding of the nature and development of the Abrahamic Covenant, Mosaic Covenant, and Davidic Covenant in the Hebrew canon, and the prophetic history of the nation of Israel (PLO 2, 4) (A1-7)

4. *Develop* an understanding of the eschatological and messianic teaching in the Prophetic Books (PLO 2, 4) (A1-7)
5. *Articulate* the basic literary structure and message of the Prophetic books (PLO 2) (A1-7)
6. *Learn* from and interact with past and contemporary scholarship in the field (PLO 4) (A1-7)
7. *Apply* teachings from the Prophetic Books to their life and ministry (PLO 3) (A1-7)

### COURSE TEXTBOOKS

*The Holy Bible*. A translation based on formal equivalency such as the NKJV, NASB, or ESV is required in every course at Calvary University.

Dorsey, David A. *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis–Malachi*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1999. (ISBN: 0-8010-2793-4; Amazon \$32 or less)

Hays, J. Daniel. *The Message of the Prophets: A Survey of the Prophetic and Apocalyptic Books of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010. (ISBN: 978-0-310-27152-9; Amazon \$43 or less)

Rydelnik, Michael and Edwin Blum, eds. *The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy: Studies and Expositions of the Messiah in the Old Testament*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2019. (ISBN: 978-0-8024-0963-8; Amazon \$33 or less)

### COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

**Assignment 1** – The student will read *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament* by David Dorsey on the Hebrew books covered in class and write a book review (4 pages double spaced) **(100 points)**

**Assignment 2** – The student will read *The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy* on the Prophetic books and write a book review (4 pages double spaced) **(100 points)**

**Assignment 3** – The student will read *The Message of the Prophets* by Daniel Hays and write a book review (4 pages double spaced). **(100 points)**

**Assignment 4** – The student will give a 30–45 minute presentation in class on a Hebrew text from the Prophets section of the Hebrew Bible. The text from the Hebrew Bible will be selected by the professor. **(100 points)**

**Assignment 5** – The student will answer questions in Discussions **(200 points)**

**Assignment 6** – The student will write a 25–30 page Hebrew exegesis paper on a text from the Hebrew Bible selected by the student and approved by the professor. The research paper must follow Turabian style. **(300 points)**

**Assignment 7** – The student will present a 30 minute lecture using Powerpoint on the Hebrew exegesis paper to the professor and students in the final class **(100 points)**

## **POINTS AND FINAL GRADE**

960-1000 points	A
940-959 points	A-
920-939 points	B+
880-919 points	B
860-879 points	B-
0-859 points	F

## **HELP FOR STUDENTS**

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator ([aso@calvary.edu](mailto:aso@calvary.edu)) of any disabling condition that may require support.

The Clark Academic Center ([learning@calvary.edu](mailto:learning@calvary.edu)) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.

## **EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STUDENTS**

Attend class in Microsoft Teams. Each PhD student is expected to be at every class on time. Make class attendance a priority.

Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (F) grade and the student will be reported to the Ph.D. director.

Use Turabian style for all research papers. All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 edition.

**SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Arnold, Bill T. and H. G. M. Williamson, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005. (ISBN: 978-0-8308-1782-5; IVP \$60)
- Boda, Mark J. and J. Gordon McConville, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2012. (ISBN: 978-0-8308-1784-9; IVP \$60)
- Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1997. (ISBN: 978-1-6830-7352-9; Amazon \$60 or less)
- Gelston, Anthony. *Biblia Hebraica Quinta: The Twelve Minor Prophets*, vol. 13. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2010. (ISBN: 978-3-4380-5273-5; Amazon \$48 or less)
- Schnittjer, Gary Edward. *Old Testament Use of Old Testament: A Book-by-Book Guide*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2021. (ISBN: 978-0-3105-7110-0; Amazon \$55 or less)