

STILLMAN COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY
REL 333: *PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT*

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TEXTBOOK: Online Articles in Wikipedia. The syllabus is an essential document for the course. You must review your syllabus daily so that you don't miss assignments or deadlines. Written assignments should be turned in **BY THE NEXT CLASS SESSION** and on time! Each day late 5 points will be deducted. After 3 days you will receive a "0"

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a study of the prophetic movement in ancient Israel and its historical background in antiquity; attends to the ethics and theology of the prophets and their concern with the problems of justice in society.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this course is to introduce students to the prophets of the Old Testament; the situations that caused them to prophesy; the political and religious climate of their day; and what role prophecy played in the rise and fall of the state of Israel.

UNIT I **THE HISTORY OF PROPHECY:** Students will
Demonstrate knowledge about prophecy and its origins

UNIT II **THE 8TH CENTURY PROPHETS:** Students will demonstrate
Knowledge of the prophets that were called to speak out against
Israel's sin during the 8th century; the political and religious
climate that dictated the need for the prophets to speak out on
behalf of God; and Israel's response to the warnings of the
prophets; the Fall of the Northern Kingdom

UNIT III **THE 7TH CENTURY PROPHETS:** Students will demonstrate
knowledge of the prophets who prophesied during the 7th century;
the political and religious climates during that period; and the
content of the message

UNIT IV **THE 6TH CENTURY PROPHETS:** Students will demonstrate
knowledge of the prophets who prophesied during the 6th century;
the political and religious climates during that period; the content
of the message; the Fall of the Southern Kingdom and Babylonian
Exile.

UNIT V

THE 5TH CENTURY PROPHETS: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the content and message of the 5th century prophets; the Restoration Period; and the emphasis on identity.

UNIT VI

THE FEMALE PROPHETS: The bible mentions 5 prominent women as “prophets” and their contribution to bringing salvation to the people of Israel and the nations. Students will be made aware that there were both male and female prophets in the biblical period.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

TWO EXAMS: MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAM=200 points

2 WRITING ASSIGNMENTS: 50 points

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION – 50 points

ATTENDANCE: 25 points (login the course every day)

TOTAL POINTS: 325

COURSE OF STUDY

UNIT I

WEEK I THE HISTORY OF PROPHECY

Read Wikipedia Article on Prophecy.

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/prophecy-in-ancient-israel>

*******FIRST WRITING ASSIGNMENT DUE on the above article on Prophecy. It should be a 3-page summary, double-spaced, hand in a hard copy at the next class session. Use the following format: Introduction, Point 1, Point 2, Point 3, Conclusion. Points will be deducted each day the paper is late. After day 3, you will receive a 0 for the assignment.***

UNIT II

WEEK 2 THE 8TH CENTURY PROPHETS

Read article AMOS

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amos_\(prophet\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amos_(prophet))

Read article HOSEA

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hosea_\(prophet\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hosea_(prophet))

Read article MICAH

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micah>

Read article ISAIAH OF JERUSALEM (Chs 1-39)

<https://www.scs.earlham.edu/~bowenna/HST101/lecture/lect14.html>

WEEK 3 BETWEEN THE TIMES

Read article ZEPHANIAH

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zephaniah>

Read article NAHUM

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nahum>

UNIT III

7th CENTURY PROPHETS

Read article

HABAKKUK

<https://biblescripture.net/Habakkuk.html>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Habakkuk>

OBADIAH

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Obadiah

Read article

JEREMIAH

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeremiah>

UNIT IV

Week 4

6TH CENTURY PROPHETS

Read article

EZEKIEL

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ezekiel>

*******MID TERM EXAM!!!*******

Read article

SECOND ISAIAH

<https://www.cliffnotes.com/literature/o/old-testament-of-thebible/summary-and-analysis/deuteroisaiah>

Read article

HAGGAI

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haggai>

UNIT V

Week 5

Read article

ZECHARIAH

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zechariah_\(Hebrew_prophet\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zechariah_(Hebrew_prophet))

******SECOND WRITING ASSIGNMENT DUE: CHOOSE ONE OF THE PROPHETS FROM WEEKS 1-4. Answer the following questions: Who was the prophet, what was his message, who was his audience? The format should be set up in this manner: Introduction, Point 1, Point 2, Point 3, Conclusion. List each heading. Due date. Points will be deducted for each day late. After day 3, you will get a 0 for the assignment.**

WEEK 6

Read article

III ISAIAH

www.virtualclassroom.net/prophets/3isaiah/3isaiah.PPT

Read article MALACHI
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malachi>

Read article JONAH
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonah>

UNIT VI: *The Female Prophets*

THE FEMALE PROPHETS

MIRIAM
DEBORAH

HULDAH
ANNA (*New Testament book of Luke*)
4 DAUGHTERS OF PHILIP (*New Testament book of Acts*)

Powerpoint Presentations due

Final Exam (study guide will be provided)

******Powerpoint Format: Choose one of the prophets discussed in the syllabus. Include a minimum of 15 slides, pictures and narrative. Turn in the final draft to Dr. Bass before you present to the class. This is worth 50 points! You can do it solo or in a group of 3. Please submit your topic and group names by November 1.***

*******FINAL EXAM *******

SICK POLICY

****If you are feeling under the weather, please notify me asap and provide documentation of your illness. Send me an email and then get verification from Rev. Garner's office (VP of Student Affairs).**

**** No recording of the professor without prior permission and consent.**