Course Description

An examination of the challenges, both hermeneutical and homiletical, of preaching Christ from the Old Testament. Attention will be paid to interpretation of Old Testament passages in their historical and cultural context, the bridging from that context to the present day, and the task of preaching Christ from these passages.

This offering of DM852 will concentrate on the prophetic texts of the Old Testament. This course may be repeated for credit so long as it covers a different portion of the Old Testament canon.

Course Objectives

At the completion of the course, the participant will be equipped to:

- More effectively read Old Testament prophetic texts to understand the theological point of the text to the original audience
- More effectively connect Old Testament prophetic texts to their fulfillment in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- More effectively bridge from Old Testament prophetic texts to present-day applications
- Understand and evaluate present controversies regarding “first reading/second reading” approaches and the Christocentric nature of all Scripture

Course Outline

Topics to be covered will include:

- Hermeneutical foundations
- Hebrew poetry and exegesis of prophetic texts
- Approaches to finding Christ in the Old Testament
- Impact of trends in recent scholarship regarding Old Testament prophetic texts
- New Testament Use of Old Testament prophetic texts
- Preaching challenges of Old Testament prophetic texts

Required Readings

(Note: presence on this list does not automatically indicate endorsement of any author’s views, but instead indicates the student should be aware of this author’s work.)

If students have not previously read these texts, they are required. Students should then choose an additional 1200 pages of new reading from the “recommended readings” list. If students have previously read the required texts, they may either reread them or substitute additional reading from the recommended readings.


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Course Assessment

A dossier of 4 sermons on Old Testament prophetic texts will be due by November 15, 2014 to the RTS-Atlanta D.Min. registrar. The passages preached should be cleared with the professor in advance (a simple email communication will suffice). This dossier can be submitted as either manuscripts or audio recordings. Sermons will be evaluated primarily regarding how they responsibly and effectively preach Christ from the Old Testament. (This dossier is considered the equivalent of a 20-30 page paper.)

Please note that these sermons must 1) be based on Old Testament prophetic texts, and 2) represent new work by the student after the class.

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Course Objectives Related to DMin* Student Learning Outcomes

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<td><strong>In order to measure the success of the DMin curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the DMin outcomes.</strong></td>
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<td>Interaction with Old Testament texts, New Testament texts, and Christology</td>
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<td><strong>Biblical/ Theological Foundations:</strong></td>
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<td>Significant knowledge of biblical and theological foundations for pastoral ministry. (This includes interaction with Biblical texts, as well as awareness of Reformed Theology.)</td>
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