COURSE SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR: Peter Y. Lee
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• COURSE DESCRIPTION: A Biblical-theological study and analysis of the message and times of the prophets that emphasizes major themes found within the prophetical materials of the Holy Scriptures with a goal of how to understand the prophetic office and idiom.

Students are very highly encouraged to take the Biblical Hebrew sequence, Genesis to Joshua before taking this course.

• COURSE OBJECTIVES:
  ◦ Comprehension:
    1. To increase your knowledge of the English Bible of the prophetical literature.
    2. To increase your knowledge of the form, function and message of the prophetic office.
    3. To increase your knowledge of the development of redemptive themes as they progress in the prophetical books.
  ◦ Competence
    1. To sharpen your ability to interpret the prophetical books in their historical, literary, and historical contexts.
    2. To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of the prophetical books in your own life and in the life of the local church.
    3. To prepare those who are called to the ministry for licensure and ordination exams at their local church assemblies and examination boards.
  ◦ Character
    1. To be a person of growing faith.
    2. To be a person of increasing hope.
    3. To be a person of deepening love.

• REQUIRED READINGS.

  ☐ Biblical books of Isaiah to Malachi in an English translation of student’s choice.


  ☐ Collection of articles on the subject of prophetism in Israel and related areas (these articles will be provided on the first day of class).
• **Requirements:**

  - **Attendance:** Students are highly encouraged to attend class lectures. If you know you cannot make it to a class session, notify me in advance.

  - **Interaction Paper:** Students will provide an Interaction Paper on a book outside of the required reading list (details of this report will be provided on the first day of class).

  - **Reading Report:** Students will provide a reading report on the required readings of the course (details of this report will be provided on the first day of class).

  - **Research Paper:** You will turn in a term paper of roughly 15 pages. The focus of this assignment is to see if you understand the concepts discussed in class, *not the length of your paper* (details of this research paper will be provided on the first day of class).

  - **Final Exam:** There will be ONE FINAL EXAM for this class (no Midterm). Details of this exam will be discussed on the first day of class.

  - **Policy to turn in assignments:** All assignments above are to be, 1) turned into the professor by the date assigned or earlier, or 2) mailed to the RTS/DC office (attn: Professor Peter Lee) at 1028 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101.

• **Total Grade:** The final grade for the course will be the total of each of the required assignments listed above (RTS grading scale)

  - Reading Report: 10% of total grade
  - Interaction Paper: 10% of total grade
  - Research Paper: 20% of total grade
  - Midterm Exam: 30% of total grade
  - Final Exam: 30% of total grade

*The following scale will be used to determine your final grade: A (97-100), A- (94-96), B+ (91-93), B (88-90), B- (86-87), C+ (83-85), C (80-82), C- (78-79), D+ (75-77), D (72-74), D- (70-71), F (below 70).*

• **Office Hours:**
  - By appointment (contact the instructor to setup a time and place).
# Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

**Course:** Isaiah to Malachi  
**Professor:** Peter Y. Lee  
**Campus:** Washington, D. C.  
**Date:** April, 2012

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| **Articulation** (oral & written)               | Strong | 1. Theology of the prophets  
2. Historical survey of the prophetical books  
3. Major term paper is assigned. |
| **Scripture**                                   | Strong | 1. Significant passages from OT texts are examined.  
2. Interaction is done with the Hebrew Scriptures.  
3. Discussion on the place of these texts in the history of salvation. |
| **Reformed Theology**                           | Strong | 1. References are made to reformed confessions.  
2. Discussion on covenant theology as foundation of prophets |
| **Sanctification**                              | Moderate | 1. Impact of the message of the prophets on the life of the student |
| **Desire for Worldview**                        | Moderate | 1. Message of the prophets impacts all of the life – from political to spiritual |
| **Winsomely Reformed/Evangelistic**             | Strong | 1. Discussion of critical schools where applicable  
2. Discussion on various eschatological positions – pros and cons. |
| **Preach**                                      | Strong | 1. Numerous passages are discussed with intent that they can be used for the pulpit or various other forms of Christian ministry |
| **Worship**                                     | None   |                                                                                  |
| **Shepherd**                                    | Moderate | 1. Use of the law and grace in personal life and ministry of the church. |
| **Church/World**                                | Minimal | 1. Discussion on Messianism and the need for a proper understanding in light of modern eccentric messianic movements. |