**General Information**

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March 13-14

**Course Purpose and Objectives**

The purpose of this course is to deepen our experience and understanding of God’s Word found in the poetic books. We will do this by gaining a familiarity with the message of the biblical writers and its meaning both for the ancient audience and for the believing community acquainted with the prophetic ministry of Jesus Christ. Emphasis will be placed on historical setting, literary structure, canonical situatedness, and the theological system communicated by the writers and their biblical interpreters.

Students will be required to demonstrate:

1. a familiarity with the content of the poetic books,
2. a grasp of the theological issues and patterns that arise from these books, and
3. an ability to interpret the poetic books in light of the person of Jesus Christ and communicate his message to others.

**Course Materials**

Kidner, Derek. *The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1985.

Futato, Mark. D. *Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2007). ISBN: 978-0825427657

Brown, William. *Seeing the Psalms: A Theology of Metaphor* (Louisville, KY: WJK, 2002)

ISBN: 978-0664225025

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations chapters from:

Dillard, Raymond B., and Tremper Longman, III. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. 2nd edition. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2006). ISBN: 978-0310263418

Van Pelt, Miles, V. (ed.). *A Biblical Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised*. (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2016) ISBN: 978-1433533464

Selected readings available on the course Canvas site.

**Course Assignments**

* Class Preparation and Participation (20%)
* Final Exam (40%) due April 3at 11:59 p.m.
* Paper (40%) due April 24 at 11:59 p.m. 3000 words

**Read Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations and the chapter for Psalms and Proverbs in Van Pelt before the first class gathering**. All other readings will be due on the paper due date of April 24. A statement of completion (“I have completed \_\_\_% of the reading”) should be included at the top of the paper.