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COURSE SYLLABUS

OT 5350 Isaiah – Malachi

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COURSE DATES

COURSE DATES: Hybrid; Mon – Fri 1 pm – 5 pm (1/11 – 1/15 2027)

COURSE OVERVIEW

This is a **HYBRID COURSE** that will incorporate e-learning components prior to the on-campus class dates. Course activities start the week of **November 30th**. Class meets **MONDAY – FRIDAY**, 1 pm – 5 pm, January 11th – 15th.

Summary: Students should think of the class as consisting of three parts.

Part 1: Six weeks of work required prior to in-person instruction

Part 2: One week of in-person instruction

Part 3: Four weeks after in-person instruction to complete reading, the final paper, and the final exam

DESCRIPTION (ACCORDING TO RTS CATALOGUE):

An expository study of the message and times of the prophets that emphasizes the themes day of the Lord, judgment, restoration, promise and fulfillment, Messiah, kingdom, and the new people of God.

COURSE DETAILS

1. GRADING SCHEDULE

The letter grading scale for this course follows the institutional catalogue and is summarized below.

Grade	Range	Quality Points	Grade	Range	Quality Points
A	97–100	4.00	C	80–82	2.00
A-	94–96	3.66	C-	78–79	1.66
B+	91–93	3.33	D+	75–77	1.33
B	88–90	3.00	D	72–74	1.00
B-	86–87	2.66	D-	70–71	0.66
C+	83–85	2.33	F	below 70	0.00

I (incomplete) · W (withdrawn) · S (satisfactory) · P (passing)

2. ATTENDANCE AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Attendance and prepared participation is required. If class is not attended, the student's final grade can be affected. Late assignments are reduced one letter grade per day.

3. SPECIAL NEEDS

In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g. tape recorders, special adaptive equipment) is strongly encouraged to contact the instructor at the beginning of the course. Lecture recordings are not permitted unless approved by the instructor.

4. DISCLAIMER

This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the learning objectives, instructional format and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may become necessary.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

PRIMARY TEXT READINGS (DUE JANUARY 8)

Isaiah – Malachi – Students should read each book prior to instruction in a translation of their choice. **N.B. Listening to the Bible does not count for this assignment.**

SECONDARY TEXT READINGS (DUE FEBRUARY 12)

Tully, Eric J., *Reading the Prophets as Christian Scripture: A Literary, Canonical, and Theological Introduction*. Baker Academic, 2022.

Chisholm, Robert B., *Handbook on the Prophets*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 2002. ISBN: 978-0801038600.

Van Pelt, Miles V., ed., *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2016. (Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, and 22)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Primary Reading. Read all Biblical books in English. This reading constitutes **5%** of the final grade.

2. Secondary Reading. Read all the textbooks. This reading constitutes **5%** of the final grade.

3. Remote Lectures: Listen to the lectures (see schedule below). **5%** of the final grade.

4. Biblical Book Summaries. Students must also write a one-page summary for each of the biblical books covered in the course, including the historical context, a very basic outline (general arc of the book, not chapter-by-chapter), and key themes of each book. Summaries are submitted via Canvas and are due on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:59 pm EST (see the schedule below; the two holiday weeks have a single Wednesday due date). These summaries constitute **50%** of the final grade. (See Canvas under Files for the rubric and an example.)

4. Final Paper. Write an exegetical or theological paper (2500 words). This paper will constitute **35%** of the term grade. Students who have taken Hebrew must write an exegetical paper. Paper requirements will be discussed in person during hybrid week.

Biblical Book Summary Due Dates (to be submitted via Canvas by 11:59 pm EST)

Due **Wed, Dec 2:** Hosea

Due **Fri, Dec 4:** Joel

Due **Wed, Dec 9:** Amos

Due **Fri, Dec 11:** Isaiah

Due **Wed, Dec 16:** Obadiah

Due **Fri, Dec 18:** Jeremiah and Lamentations (one summary each)

Due **Wed, Dec 23:** Ezekiel

Due **Wed, Dec 30:** Daniel

Due **Wed, Jan 6:** Jonah

Due **Fri, Jan 8:** Micah

Due **Wed, Jan 20:** Nahum

Due **Fri, Jan 22:** Habakkuk

Due **Wed, Jan 27:** Zephaniah

Due **Fri, Jan 29:** Haggai

Due **Wed, Feb 3:** Zechariah

Due **Fri, Feb 5:** Malachi

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES

Week 1: November 30 – December 4

- **Listen to Lecture Divination Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/sgmnf27-divination-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Divination Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/q6jmkyc-divination-part-2>
- **Listen to Lecture Proclamation:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/s386tp9-proclamation>
- **Listen to Lecture Interpretation Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/9z2ksn6-interpretation-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Interpretation Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/q44mw56-interpretation-part-2>
- **Biblical Book Summaries (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, December 2 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Hosea
 - Due **Friday, December 4 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Joel

Week 2: December 7 – 11

- **Listen to Lecture Isaiah 1-6:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/gj8bczv-isaiah-1-6>
- **Listen to Lecture Isaiah 7-39 Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/wwcm2qj-isaiah-7-39-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Isaiah 7-39 Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/6ypzgws-isaiah-7-39-part-2>
- **Listen to Lecture Isaiah 40-66 Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/xssf6w-isaiah-40-66-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Isaiah 40-66 Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/s4s3x8s-isaiah-40-66-part-2>
- **Biblical Book Summaries (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, December 9 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Amos
 - Due **Friday, December 11 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Isaiah

Week 3: December 14 – 18

- **Listen to Lecture Jeremiah Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/vynqcz3-jeremiah-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Jeremiah Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/s9stv2f-jeremiah-part-2>
- **Listen to Lecture Jeremiah Part 3:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/p72pyhh-jeremiah-part-3>
- **Biblical Book Summaries (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, December 16 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Obadiah
 - Due **Friday, December 18 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Jeremiah and Lamentations

Week 4: December 21 – 25

- **Listen to Lecture Ezekiel 1-32 Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/mxytk48-ezekiel-1-32-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Ezekiel 1-32 Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/xg6p7yq-ezekiel-1-32-part-2>
- **Listen to Lecture Ezekiel 33-48:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/ndvvwvk-ezekiel-33-48>
- **Biblical Book Summaries (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, December 23 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Ezekiel

Week 5: December 28 – January 1

- **Listen to Lecture Daniel 1-6 Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/5vmjy4y-daniel-1-6-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Daniel 1-6 Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/9cw8ctj-daniel-1-6-part-2>
- **Listen to Lecture Daniel 7-12 Part 1:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/gg47fb4-daniel-7-12-part-1>
- **Listen to Lecture Daniel 7-12 Part 2:**
<https://subsplash.com/u/reformedtheologicalsemin/media/d/wdv4hxp-daniel-7-12-part-2>
- **Biblical Book Summaries (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, December 30 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Daniel

Week 6: January 4 – 8

- **Complete Primary Source Reading: Give percentage complete on Canvas (due January 8 @ 11:59 pm EST)**
- **Biblical Book Summaries (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, January 6 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Jonah
 - Due **Friday, January 8 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Micah

Hybrid Week: January 11 – 15 – Class meets Monday – Friday, 1 – 5 pm. In-person lectures will be on the Book of the Twelve.

Post-Class Work: January 18 – February 12

- **Biblical Book Summaries continue weekly (submit via Canvas):**
 - Due **Wednesday, January 20 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Nahum
 - Due **Friday, January 22 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Habakkuk
 - Due **Wednesday, January 27 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Zephaniah
 - Due **Friday, January 29 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Haggai
 - Due **Wednesday, February 3 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Zechariah
 - Due **Friday, February 5 @ 11:59 pm EST:** Malachi
- **Complete Secondary Source Reading: Give percentage complete on Canvas, due @ 11:59 pm EST on February 12th.**
- **Final paper due @ 11:59 pm EST on February 12th.**

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Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

Course: Isaiah-Malachi (OT 5350)

Professor: Dr. Miles V. Van Pelt

Campus: Orlando

Date: Winter 2027

<u>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</u> <i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process.</i> <i>Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i> <i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i>		<u>Rubric</u> ➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None	<u>Mini-Justification</u>
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. Also includes ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Strong	Academic paper stresses articulation by engaging with primary sources and secondary literature.
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	• The prophets studied in their original contexts. • Interpretive strategies stressed throughout. • Engagement with original languages.
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Moderate	Historic Reformed faith and theological implications of the text stressed throughout.
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Moderate	• The Biblical text is an ordinary means by which God communicates grace. • Text will be applied throughout.
Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God. Includes ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader	Moderate	Desire to conform worldview to the Biblical text.

	worldwide church, and with significant public issues.		
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Strong	Academic integrity and warm piety expected when engaging the ideas of others.
Pastoral Ministry	Ability to minister the Word of God to hearts and lives of both church and unchurched, to include preaching, teaching, leading in worship, leading and shepherding the local congregation, aiding in spiritual maturity, concern for non-Christians.	Moderate	The course attempts to give the student knowledge of the biblical text and to prepare the student to engage secondary literature with discernment.