

BS 1C4: Hosea - Micah
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Course purpose: to provide an in depth study of the role and message of the early written prophets, generally known as the Minor Prophets, from Hosea to Micah.

Course objectives: to acquaint the student with:

1. Biblical understanding of the role of prophets and nature of prophesy in the Old Testament;
2. Understand the historical context that each prophet addressed, and the message of God to the people of God living at that time;
3. Understand how the books were interpreted by the New Testament authors;
4. Understand how the theological message to the original audience applies to God's people today.

Course requirements: Students taking this course for credit will be required to:

1. Attend all class sessions and take notes on class lectures and discussions;
2. Read all materials assigned;
3. Write one sermon/lesson for each of the six prophets;
4. Be prepared to be tested over the readings and the class content.

Course Outline

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- I. Biblical review of the role of prophets in the Old Testament.
- II. Exegesis and application of Hosea
- III. Exegesis and application of Joel
- IV. Exegesis and application of Amos
- V. Exegesis and application of Obadiah
- VI. Exegesis and application of Jonah
- VII. Exegesis and application of Micah

Required Text:

Lewis, Jack P. The Minor Prophets (Baker Book House: Grand Rapids, MI) 1966.

Lewis, Jack P. Ethics of the Prophets (Hester Publications Edition: Henderson, TN) 2001.

Recommended Resources:

Bland, David and Fleer, David, Preaching the Eighth Century Prophets(A.C.U. Press: Abilene, TX), 2004.

Lewis, Jack P. “An Exegesis of Hosea, Joel and Amos” in Truth for Today Commentary, gen. ed. Eddie Cloer (Resource Publications: Searcy, AR), 2018.

Roper, Coy D. “The Minor Prophets, 1: Hosea, Joel and Amos” in in Truth for Today Commentary, gen. ed. Eddie Cloer (Resource Publications: Searcy, AR), 2012.

Roper, Coy D. “The Minor Prophets, 2: Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Haggai” in Truth for Today Commentary, gen. ed. Eddie Cloer (Resource Publications: Searcy, AR), 2013.

Week One

Reading: I Kings 12:1 through II Kings 17:41

Lewis, The Minor Prophets pg. 7-15

Lewis, Ethics of the Prophets pgs. 1-35