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B 1302: Old Testament Introduction II

Time: Spring 2012, Thursdays 6.15 pm—7.55 pm

Credit: 2 credit hours

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Prerequisites: TP 2103; TP 2515; B 1311

Office Hours: Tues/Thurs 4:00-6:00 pm

Course Description and Objectives

This course is a general survey of the Old Testament (OT) literature, history and theology. It is designed to give students a basic knowledge of the contents of the OT with an emphasis on the literary artistry of the text. Students will be exposed to the various critical approaches to the study of the OT. Old Testament Introduction II focuses on the divided monarchy, exilic and postexilic writings (with emphasis on the prophetic, wisdom, poetic and apocalyptic literature).

The course seeks to (i) encourage the student to read the OT; (ii) provide an introduction to historical-critical and literary interpretive methods that have been employed in contemporary scholarship for evaluating and communicating the meaning of the text; and (iii) help the student acquire competent exegetical skills for teaching and preaching.

Required Texts

1. Anderson, B. W. *Understanding the Old Testament*. 5th edn. Prentice Hall, 2006 (ISBN 0-13-948399-3).
2. Birch, B. C., W. Brueggemann, T. E. Fretheim and D. L. Petersen. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Abingdon, 1999 (ISBN 0-687-01348-8).
3. Brueggemann, W. *An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination*. WJK, 2003 (ISBN 13: 978-0664-22412-7 or 10: 0-664-22412-1).
4. Coogan, M. D., ed. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*. 3rd (or latest) edn. Oxford: OUP, 2001 (ISBN 0-19-528485-2).

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance and participation in class discussions.
2. Careful reading and study of all the assigned texts.
3. A written paper (10 pages, double/single-spaced, excluding bibliography).
4. Midterm and Final Exams.