

OT Prophets

Academic credits

6 CP (9 ECTS)

Prerequisites

Overview of the Bible

Elementary Biblical Hebrew

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Content (Course Annotation)

During this course students acquire a general insight into the prophecy literature of the Old Testament, an idea of the genre of prophetic literature, and the specific means of expression. Students are presented with the life of the Prophets of the OT and the context of action – the historical and geopolitical situation. (1) The Book of Isaiah, which describes the title of the Great Prophets of the OT; (2) the books of Amos, Joel, Micah, Zechariah and Malachi as examples of the Lesser Prophets. The OT prophets are viewed in the context of the Bible, in connection with the New Testament, as well as in the context of modern reality and the use of the prophets of the OT in liturgy.

Aims

- To form students' understanding of the prophetic literature of the Old Testament;
- help to see the importance of OT prophetic literature in the context of the New Testament;
- help to see the importance of preaching from OT prophets in the liturgical and homiletic context of the modern Church.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

The students will be able to:

- find OT prophets books in the Bible in translations of different languages and traditions;

Assessment

1st individual task
2nd individual task

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- recognize the prophetic genre and its specificity; 3rd individual task
- to refer to quotes from the prophets of the Old Testament in the New Testament; Final test
- mark the lifetime of the prophets on the OT timeline.

Skills

The students will be able to:

- use terminology related to the Old Testament prophets; 2nd individual task
- to explain the Christological and eschatological prophecy of the OT prophets' books in a reasoned way. 3rd individual task
Final test

Competencies

The students will be able to:

- according to their competence to preach and teach about the prophets of the OT. 3rd individual task
Final test

Assessment

	Learning Outcomes			% of the final score
	Knowledge	Skills	Competencies	
1. individual studies	+			15
2. individual studies	+	+		20
3. individual studies (Mid-term test)	+	+	+	30
Final test	+	+	+	35

FULL-TIME STUDIES

Lesson plan

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Ac. hours (45 min)</i>
1 Introduction. OT prophetic genre and its properties	6
2 Description of the OT Prophet Age (C9–5 BCE)	6
3 An overview of the books of Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel	6
4 Introduction to Isaiah. Prophecies on Judah and Jerusalem (1-5)	4
5 The prophet's appeal. Sons and signs (6-12)	4
6 Judgment for the peoples (13-23)	4
7 Destruction and recovery (24-35)	4
8 Historical insertion (36-39)	4
9 Chosen Servant and Israel (40-43)	4
10 God's power (44-48)	4
11 Victim Servant and his or her assignment (49-53)	4
12 Comfort and restoring of Israel (54-60)	4
13 Fulfillment of God's promises (61-66)	4
14 The minor prophets, their messages in biblical context, their place of preaching and their time.	6
15 Personality, working time, place of prophets Amos and Hosea	6

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16	Analysis of the contents of Amos	4
17	The challenges and prophetic meaning of the Joel	4
18	Time and tasks of the Prophets Haggai and Zechariah	6
19	Christological prophecy in Zechariah	4
20	The life of the Prophet Micah and the most important prophecy	4
21	Analysis of the contents of Malachi	4
	Total	96

Individual study plan

	Individual studies	Hours
1	Individual studies: geopolitical context of the action of an OT Prophet	20
2	Individual studies: Christological prophecy of an OT prophet	32
3	Research for individual studies (Major Prophets)	42
4	Preparation for final test (independent studies on sources of information)	50
	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>144</i>

Readings

Mandatory Readings

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Additional Readings

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