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I. Course Description:

This course will provide an overview of the prophecies of Hosea and Amos.

II. Course Objectives

1. To identify the major theme of each of these prophecies.
2. To explain the significance of both the religious and civil sins of Israel that led to their corruption.
3. To explain the significance of God's judgment on the surrounding Gentile nations.
4. To identify and explain any indications of God's grace and redemption toward Israel as reflected in these prophets.

III. Course Textbooks

Required Texts:

Thomas L. Constable, *Thomas Constable's Notes on the Bible, Vol. V, Hosea-Malachi*, (Fort Worth: Tyndale seminary Press, 2014), ISBN 978-1-938484-12-4

David Allan Hubbard, *Hosea: An Introduction and Commentary*, (Downer's Grove, Ill: Intervarsity Press, 1989), ISBN 0-87784-248-5

David Allan Hubbard, *Amos: An Introduction and Commentary*, (Downer's Grove, Ill: Intervarsity Press, 1989), ISBN 0-87784-274-4

Recommended Texts for Additional Study:

John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck, editors, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 2 vols. (Colorado Springs, CO: Victor Books, 1985), ISBN 0-88207-813-5

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, (Chicago, Ill: Moody Press, 1976), ISBN 0-8024-5306-4

IV. Evaluation of Student Performance

1. **Class Attendance** – for **Campus** students, due to the concentrated nature of the lectures, one unexcused class absence will reduce final grade by a letter grade. A 2nd unexcused absence will result in an additional research assignment required for a passing grade. A 3rd unexcused absence will result in a failing grade. **Online** students must listen to the recorded lectures in their entirety and must fulfill all other format-specific requirements in order to receive a passing grade, including occasional interaction with the Advising Professor/Instructor. If the Online student is not responsive to Advising Professor/Instructor communication, the student may become inactive and receive a grade of incomplete on the course (I).
2. **Reading Assignments and Accountability** – Pages from the required texts will be read weekly according to the schedule in Section V of this syllabus and a one to two page single spaced summary for each reading will be written and submitted.
3. **Research Assignments** – All students will write one 12-15 page paper on one of the following topics:
 - a. Compare and contrast the subjects of grace and justice as contained in the prophecies of Hosea and Amos.
 - b. Write a detailed examination of how Hosea's family reveals God's message of judgment and restoration.
 - c. Discuss the meaning of the Tabernacle of David as used by James at the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15; justify your conclusion from the Scriptures.

A minimum of five references is required.

4. **Course Exams** – There are no exams for this course..
5. **Online Interaction** – Online students will have three online assignments each module: (1) email reading accountability to the Advising Professor/Instructor; (2) email a brief (50-75 words) observation of a key point from that module's lecture; and (3) respond to Advising Professor/Instructor questions and observations.

6. **Campus students** will submit assignments as directed by the Professor.
Online Students will submit assignments directly to the Advising Professor/Instructor.

7. **Scoring Rubric**

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Campus & Learning Center</u>	<u>Online</u>
Attendance or Online Participation	Pass/Fail/Reduction	25
Reading Component (Reading & Accountability)	30 (40 if no exams)	25
Research Component (Papers & Projects)	40 (60 if no exams)	25 (50 if no exams)
Exam Component (if applicable)	30 (if applicable)	25 (if applicable)
Total Points:	100	100

V. Course Outline & Assignments

Class 1 – Introduction; Hosea 1:1 to 2:23

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 10-22; Hubbard, *Hosea*, Introduction, pp. 19-50, Commentary, pp. 51-90. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 2 – Hosea 3:1 to 5:15

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 22-28; Hubbard, *Hosea*, pp. 90-124. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 3 –Hosea 6:1 to 8:14

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 28-34; Hubbard, *Hosea*, pp. 124-154. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 4 – Hosea 9:1 to 11:12

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 34-41; Hubbard, *Hosea*, pp. 154-201. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 5 – Hosea 12:1 to 14:9

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 41-46; Hubbard, *Hosea*, pp. 201-234. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 6 – Amos 1:1 to 2:16

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 73-84; Hubbard, *Amos*, Introduction, pp. 87-123; Commentary, pp. 125-146. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 7 –Amos 3:1 to 5:27

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 85-44; Hubbard, *Amos*, pp. 146-188. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 8 – Amos 6:1 to 7:17

Reading Component – Constable, 94-99; Hubbard, *Amos*, pp. 188-218. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.

Class 9 – Amos 8:1 to 9:15

Reading Component – Constable, pp. 99-104; Hubbard, *Amos*, pp. 218-245. Complete reading assignments as described in Section IV.
 Research Component – Term Paper due.

VI. Tyndale General Policies and Procedures

Assignment Format

All assignments and coursework are to be turned in via Tyndale student email (@tyndale.edu address). Students are not required to turn in assignments in hard copy. Students must send any required notes, questions, papers, etc. via email as separate attachments in .doc, docx, or pdf format.

Coursework should be submitted directly to the Professor/Instructor (for Campus and Learning Center students) or to the Advising Professor/Instructor (for Online students). The subject line for all submitted coursework should be formatted as follows to ensure receipt of the material:

<i>Campus Students:</i>	Professor Name, Class # & Name, Student Name, Assignment Title <i>(e.g.: C, Johnson, BIBL2301 Hermeneutics, Smith, Paper #1)</i>
<i>Learning Center Students:</i>	LC Location, Campus Prof. Name, Class # & Name, Student Name <i>(e.g.: Mason, Johnson, BIBL2301 Hermeneutics, Smith)</i>
<i>Online Students:</i>	Online Prof. Name, Class # & Name, Student Name, Assignment Title <i>(e.g.: O, Johnson, BIBL2301 Hermeneutics, Smith, Paper #1)</i>

Electronically submitted coursework will be returned along with a final grade via email after the course has been graded.

Assignment Due Dates

Campus/Learning Center students will submit all assignments according to the schedule as outlined in the syllabus. Final assignments are to be submitted no later than the last class period of the semester.

Online students will submit all assignments within the 12 week semester time limit, and must maintain interaction with Advising Professor/Instructor throughout the duration of the course.

Writing Guidelines

All research papers and theses are to follow Turabian guidelines as found in Kate L. Turabian *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations 7th Ed.* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007). All students are required to purchase a copy of *A Manual for Writers* to ensure the proper format. All work is to follow these guidelines:

1. Font & Font Size: Times New Roman, 12 point
2. Double space
3. 1-inch margins (File – Page Setup – Margins)
4. Indent paragraphs .5 inch (Format– Paragraph – Indent left)
5. Page numbers – lower center or upper right –beginning with the first page of text, but not on title page; Arabic numbers only (e.g., 1, 2; not Roman numerals); no other header or footer
6. Title page; then title again on page one (for formal papers)
7. In essay-type papers, ALWAYS write logically, persuasively, focused on the assigned topic; include a succinct introduction that informs the reader concerning the subject of your paper, and a succinct conclusion that summarizes your main points and expresses your resulting conclusion.
8. Use footnotes rather than endnotes, except in dissertation/thesis, where section endnotes are also acceptable.
9. All work should be proofread, as errors in spelling, grammar, and syntax will reduce assignment grade.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is against Tyndale policy, and any act of plagiarism will result in disciplinary action up to student dismissal from further study at Tyndale. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to quoting materials without proper citing or reference. Cutting and pasting of online and other materials requires proper citing via quotation marks and footnote.

Contact

If you anticipate difficulty in meeting any of these requirements, please contact your Professor (for Campus/Learning Center students) or your Advising Professor/Instructor (Online students) as soon as possible. A complete review of all Tyndale policies and procedures can be found in the [Tyndale Theological Seminary and Biblical Institute Academic Catalog](#).