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Wayland Baptist University Mission Statement

Wayland Baptist University exists to education students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success and service to God and humankind.

### Course and Number THST 5312 VC01

***Latter Prophets***

# Fall Semester, 2022: Session 2 (October 10-December 05, 2022)

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## Instructor Information

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**Class Time and Location:** This is an online course.

**Catalog Description:**  Intensive examination of the lives and literature of the major and minor prophets of the Hebrew Scripture in relationship to their historical and cultural setting and application of their message to the church of today.

**Prerequisites: RLGN 1301 and 1302**

**Required Textbooks and Resources:**

| Title | Editor/Author | Publisher | Ed | Year | ISBN |
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| NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible | Walton and Keener | Zondervan | 1 | 2016 | 978-0-310-43158-9 |
| The Message of the Prophets | Hays and Longman | Zondervan | 1 | 2010 | 978-0-310-27152-9 |
| The Prophetic Imagination | Walter Brueggemann | Fortress | 40th Anniv. Ed. | 2018 | 978-1-5064-4930-2 |

**Important message about Automatic Ebook:** If your course is using an E-textbook, please note that Wayland Baptist University has partnered with VitalSource to bring Inclusive Access, which is a digital copy of the required textbook available on Blackboard. You can access your textbook approximately one week before class begins. The prices are very competitive with the market and in most cases below the standard cost. If your course is using the VitalSource system, once you access the textbook on Blackboard you will be asked if you would like to opt-out. If you choose NOT to use the VitalSource provided textbook version, you MUST opt-out by the second week of class/census date or you will be charged (and refunds are not available). The price of the textbook will be billed automatically to your student account. To check the price of the textbook, please locate your required course material in Blackboard or go to your student services financial area.

Please keep in mind that VitalSource has to work with publishers to get your copy so check your Wayland email daily. A link may be provided in just a few hours, or it may take a few days.

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1. Every Course in Blackboard has a link to eTextbook [Vital Source] embedded in the course menu, with basic instructions.

2. Please encourage use of this textbook. Printed copies will NOT be available through our bookstore. Students can purchase via Amazon or similar vendor but the cost is usually substantially more expensive.

3. Student will “register”, just like you, to access their library, and opt out if desired.

4. They will be able to read and interact with their textbook from that location.

5. Some Cengage textbooks are just eTextbooks and will have direct Vital Source access in the classroom. Ask us if you are not sure.

6. IF your course is a Cengage, or Pearson with “access” to special courseware materials [MyLab, Mindtap with special assignments, accounting, etc.] you will need to set up the links to that in your Blackboard Classroom by Day 1 of the term. Students pay for the textbook and access via VitalSource, and be given a code in most cases, and will need that special link to the special materials you want them to access. WBUonline can assist you with this if you need help.

**Optional Material:**

Additional material, if required, will be provided by the instructor

**Course Outcome Competencies:**

1. Demonstrate the ability to relate the prophetic tradition in ancient Israel within the history of that nation and describe the institution of prophecy in relationship to the ancient Near East.
2. Demonstrate a knowledge of the major issues in the criticism and interpretation of the prophetic books
3. Demonstrate a knowledge of the historical background and message of each of the Old Testament Latter prophets and relate that message to the contemporary world.
4. Conduct research and writing at the graduate level. Access academic sources and integrate them into coherent research.
5. Lead the rest of the class in a discussion related to a theme in the Old Testament Prophets that resonates with current events.

###### Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

**Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty:**

Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

Disability Statement

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

#### Course Requirements:

1. Read the appropriate readings in the Bible and the textbook as assigned each week appropriate for **graduate students**. Weekly readings will be different from undergraduate students.
2. Complete six weekly Reading Guides on various prophetic books. These open-book quizzes will help you as you walk through the reading mentioned in item 1.
3. Discussion Boards: Regular discussion board forums weekly. **Graduate students** will facilitate at least one discussion board forum for undergraduate students.
4. Complete a Final Exam as instructed. It will be offered the week of December 5 and will be online.
5. Research and write a 10-12 page research paper on one of the following topics. See Style Guide Requirements in Turabian 9th edition. The Research Paper is due December 3. No late papers accepted.

Oracles against the Nations

Servant Songs

The Day of Yahweh in Prophetic Rhetoric.

The Little Apocalypse of Isa 24-27

The Prophetic Lawsuit

Widows and Orphans in Prophetic Rhetoric

Foreigners in Prophetic Rhetoric

The Exodus and Wilderness as Prophetic Motifs

Prophetic Suffering

The Temple and the Prophetic Message

Zion Theology and the Prophets

Is Daniel Among the Prophets?

The Prophets and the Political and Religious Establishment

The Good and Bad Figs of Jeremiah

The New Covenant in Jeremiah and Ezekiel

The Prophetic Call

Prophecy in the Ancient Near East

The Word of Yahweh

The Election of Israel and the Prophets

The Vineyard in Prophetic Rhetoric

Adultery and Prophetic Rhetoric

Symbolic Actions and the Prophetic Message

Yahweh, the Lord of History and the Prophetic Message

The Prophetic Call to Rebuild the Temple

Justice and Righteousness and the Prophetic Message

Prophetic Hope of the Restoration of Israel and Judah

Blessing and Curse in Prophetic Rhetoric

Prophecy and the Messiah

Iconoclastic Prophets in the Biblical Tradition

**Grading:**

Reading Guides: 120 points

Discussion Boards 20 points

Research Paper 100 points

Final Exam 100 points

Discussion Bd. Facil. 50 points

**Grade Appeal Statement**: “Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.”

**Tentative Schedule:**

Week of October 10

Introduction to Prophetic Literature

Prophecy in the Ancient Near East

Nature and Function of the Prophets

Week of October 17

Forms of Prophetic Speech and the Prophets in Contemporary Scholarship

The Prophetic Call and Prophetic Suffering

Justice and Righteousness in the Prophetic Message

Week of October 24

Writing and Non-Writing Prophets

Assyrian Expansion and Decline

Old Testament Motifs in the Prophets

The Day of the Lord

Week of October 31

Servant Songs and Messianic Prophetic Texts

Oracles Against the Nations and Foreigners in Prophetic Literature

Week of November 07

Covenants: Old and New in Prophetic Literature

Jeremiah’s Good and Bad Figs

Symbolic Actions in Prophetic Literature

Week of November 14

Iconoclastic Prophets in the Biblical Tradition

Zion Theology, the Election of Israel, and the Restoration of Israel

Week of November 21 (no class: Thanksgiving)

Week of November 28

The Fall and Rise of the Temple in Prophetic Rhetoric

Research Project Due

Week of December 05

Final Examination