

AIM – FALL 2026

Syllabus

Core Course: Old Testament Survey 2

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Location : Court Street Baptist Church, Auburn, Maine (129 Court Street)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dates: September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; November 7

Required Texts:

Walton, John H. and Andrew E. Hill, *Old Testament Today, A Journey from Original Meaning to Contemporary Significance*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013.

Fee, Gordon D. and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014.

Course Overview: This course will survey the wisdom and prophetic literature of the Old Testament as divine revelation. This course will be focusing on the interpretation and place of the wisdom and prophetic books in our modern world and pastoral work among God's people.

Objectives:

In this class the student will:

1. Gain deeper familiarity and working knowledge of the historical and canonical contexts of both the wisdom and prophetic books of the Old Testament.
2. Become familiar with certain key concepts and major topics in Old Testament scholarship.
3. Develop an appreciation for biblical theology and the place of the wisdom and the prophetic literature in the overall story of God's redemptive work.
4. To grow in knowledge of God and deepen in faith commitment to His purpose.
5. To apply Old Testament wisdom and prophetic teaching to the current ministry context.

Class Schedule

Date	Class Topics and Assign Readings
Sept. 19	Class Topic: Course Overview Interpreting the Psalms Types of Psalms Psalms as Prayers Psalms as Worship Use of Psalms Today Assigned Readings: <i>Fee & Stuart</i>, pp. 212-232 <i>Walton & Hill</i>, pp. 331 -342, 367-378, 406-415
Sept. 26	Class Topic: Interpreting Wisdom Literature Proverbs Job Ecclesiastes Song of Songs Ancient wisdom and modern life Assigned Readings: <i>Fee & Stuart</i>, pp. 233-257 <i>Walton & Hill</i> pp.320-331, 343-367, 378-406 Proverbs 1-4, 8, 15, 22, 25, 31 Job 1-6, 38-42; Ecclesiastes 1-3, 12; Song of Songs 1,4,8 Quiz on O.T. books
Oct. 3	Class Topic: Wisdom literature exam review time Wisdom literature exam Assigned Readings: Review of textbook material and class notes Devotional two-page paper on prophecy of Psalm 22 due
Oct. 10	Class Topic: Interpreting Old Testament Prophecy Prophecy before the exile Hosea and Amos, Isaiah Assigned Readings: <i>Fee & Stuart</i>, pp 187-211 <i>Walton & Hill</i>, pp. 250-263, 266-280, 287-294 Hosea 1-3; 11-12, 14; Amos 1-5; Isaiah 1-12

Oct. 17	Class Topic: Prophecy during and after the exile Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi Significance of OT Prophecy today. Assigned Readings: <i>Walton & Hill</i> pp. 264-265, 281-287, 295-319 Jeremiah 1, 7-9, 16,18, 29-31 Ezekiel 1-4, 8-10, 18, 34, 37, 43:1-12; 47:1-12 Daniel 1-3, 7, 12:1-4 Devotional two-page paper on prophecy of Isaiah 53 due Isaiah 40, 42-45, 49, 52-53, 56, 61, 65-66; Haggai 1; Malachi 3-4
Nov. 7	Prophetic Literature Exam Review Prophetic Literature Exam Devotional two-page paper on prophecy of Micah 5:2 due

Class Content and Assignments: The reading assignments noted are important background material and should be completed in preparation for participation in class.

Evaluation:

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| 1. Quiz on order of Old Testament books | 20% |
| 2. Wisdom Literature Exam | 25% |
| 3. Two-page devotional paper on a chronological prophecy of each of the following:
Psalm 22
Isaiah 53
Micah 5:2 | 20% |
| 4. Prophetic Literature Exam | 25% |
| 5. Class participation | 10% |

Due Dates:

September 26	Quiz O.T. books
October 3	Wisdom Literature Exam
	First Paper: devotional two-page paper
October 17	Second Paper: devotional two-page paper
November 7	Prophetic Literature Exam
	Third Paper: devotional two-page paper

Parking:

1. There is parking available in the parking lot in front of the church.
2. There is additional parking in the parking lot across the street from the church
3. There is Mechanics Row Parking Garage down the hill from the church. Take the first right and the parking garage is right there. There is also a parking lot by the garage.
4. Street parking is restricted to two hours only