

BI620 Interpretation of the Old Testament in the Reformed Tradition
Distance Section, Fall 2024
Three Credits. Letter grade only

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OVERVIEW/COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the historical, literary, and cultural background and theological content of the Old Testament in light of the Reformed tradition.

This course is a required course for the M.A.R.T.

This course includes optional in-person learning at Providence Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, from Sept. 23–27, which will also be available through live-stream or by recording for those unable to attend.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By participating fully in this class, students will be able to:

1. Outline the basic storyline of the Old Testament and to identify major genres, characters and key passages.
2. Identify and to articulate key theological themes in the Old Testament especially as interpreted in the Reformed tradition.
3. Analyze key passages in the Old Testament and explain how they function in the canon and within the Reformed tradition.
4. Grow in their ability to interpret Scripture for the life of the Christian community.

M.A.R.T. Curricular Goals Fulfilled by This Course:

- Identify and articulate the core commitments of the Christian tradition with a focus on the Reformed tradition
- Analyze how key theological terms and concepts emerged and function within the Christian tradition and, more specifically, the Reformed tradition
- Describe and evaluate the core commitments of the catholic and Reformed tradition in conversation with historical and contemporary critics.

Course Requirements (1000 points total)

1. Conscientious weekly responses in oral and written form to assigned readings. (600 points)
2. Midterm and Final Exams (100 points each; 200 points total)
3. A final paper on a subject proposed by student and approved by instructor. (200 points)

REQUIRED TEXTS (You must have the edition noted by ISBN. You must have a print copy unless the pagination on the digital copy is identical to the print copy.):

Robert L. Hubbard, J. Andrew Dearman, *Introducing the Old Testament* ISBN: 9780802867902

George, Timothy

Reading Scripture with the Reformers, IVP Academic, 2011. ISBN 978-0-8308-2949-1

Either The Oxford Annotated NRSV Bible ISBN 978-0-19-027608-9

or

The CEB Study Bible

ISBN 978-1-6092-6028-6

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Calvin, John

Commentary on the Prophet Isaiah (Vol. 1), transl. by William Pringle. Baker Books, 22 vol. set, reprint. ISBN 0-8010-2440-4

Luther, Martin

Luther's Works, Volume 16 (*Lectures on Isaiah Chapters 1-39*), eds. Jaroslav Pelikan and Hilton C. Oswald. ISBN 978-0570064169

McKim, Donald K. (ed.)

Calvin and the Bible, Cambridge University Press, 2006. ISBN 978-0521547123