

## **BIBL 511: LISTENING TO MICAH**

Bruce Waltke  
July 7-11, 2014  
8:00-11:00 am  
1 or 2 graduate credit hours



Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.  
The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information.  
Syllabi are available to Regent students at <http://www2.regent-college.edu/courses/login>

### **Course Description**

The Book of Micah opens with a thunderclap: “the word of the LORD.” God’s message “came” through Micah’s personality, spirit, language and voice. Micah was also the Lord’s pen. His voice led Hezekiah to repent (Jer 26:19). His pen guided the Magi to Bethlehem. The book still speaks. When the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. was rebuilt in the late 19th century prominent religious leaders, after considering notable quotes from all known religious literature, chose Micah 6:8 as the motto for the carrel of religion. This course aims to open the student’s ear to the Lord’s message. His book comforts the church in sorrow, restrains her from temptation, and nerves her to fidelity in testing.

### **Class Outline**

Monday, July 7	Introduction to the course, the book, and to prophecy
Tuesday, July 8	Chapters 1-2
Wednesday, July 9	Chapters 3-4
Thursday, July 10	Chapters 5-6
Friday, July 11	Chapter 7 and review

### **Assignments**

1. Quizzes  
Short quizzes on only the biblical text will be administered to 1 & 2 credit students on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at the beginning of lecture period.  
Due: Tuesday-Friday, July 8-11, 2014
2. Critical review (*Two-credit students only*)  
Two-credit students are to write a 3,750-word critical review of the introduction and the exposition, not exegesis, sections of Bruce K. Waltke, *A Commentary on Micah* (Grand Rapids, Michigan/Cambridge, U.K: William B. Eerdmans’ Publishers, 2007).  
Due: Monday, August 25, 2014

3. Take Home Final Exam

The examination will consist of the four following reflections and should be about five pages total:

- a) Reflect on your relationship with Micah.
- b) Reflect on Micah's critique of our contemporary culture.
- c) Reflect on your role in the history of salvation.
- d) Reflect on what you have learned about God from Micah's book.

Further instructions can be found on the full course syllabus (available on Moodle).

Due: Monday, August 25, 2014

**Evaluation** *(Please note that all the grading in this course will be done by the TA)*

	1 cr hrs	2 cr hrs
Quizzes	33.4%	20%
Exam	66.6%	45%
Critical Review	—	35%

**Required Reading**

The Book of Micah

Waltke, Bruce K. *A Commentary on Micah*. Grand Rapids, Michigan/Cambridge, U.K: William B. Eerdmans' Publishers, 2007. ISBN: 9780802864123.

Deadline for dropping the course with refund is 4:30 pm on July 7, 2014 (100% refund) or 4:30 pm on July 8, 2014 (75% refund). There is no refund of any tuition fees after the 75% refund deadline, but the course may be dropped, changed to audit, or reduced in credit hours up until 4:30 pm on July 11, 2014 (no refunds).