

BIBL 529: JEREMIAH, THE WEeping PROPHEt

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1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Jeremiah is remembered as the weeping prophet, one who foresaw and experienced unbearable grief. The book of Jeremiah is so critical that correct interpretation of this one book facilitates a proper understanding of Israelite prophecy as a whole. Join us as we examine Jeremiah from a historical, literary, and theological perspective. Hear the prophet in his original context and explore the hermeneutical principles that enable us to bring his message alive today.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Interpret the book of Jeremiah in keeping with its original intention.
2. Understand the original historical setting of the book in the neo-Babylonian period.
3. Recognize and understand the conventions of Hebrew narrative and poetry (in English translation).
4. Take the skills learned for the interpretation of the book of Jeremiah and apply them to the other prophetic books of the Old Testament.
5. Understand how the life and message of Jeremiah anticipates the coming of Jesus Christ.
6. Recognize the continuing relevance of the message of Jeremiah for the individual, church, and society in the twenty-first century.
7. Hear the voice of god speaking through Jeremiah.
8. Teach or preach from the book of Jeremiah.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 Hermeneutical Preamble, Introduction to the Prophets

Day 2 The Historical and Literary Background to the Book of Jeremiah

Day 3 Covenant and Judgment: The Theological Message of Jeremiah

Day 4 Covenant and Salvation: The Theological Message of Jeremiah

Day 5 The Book of Jeremiah from a Christian/New Testament Perspective

REQUIRED TEXTS

W. Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*, 2nd edition (Fortress Press, 2001). ISBN: 0800632877. \$26.99

D. E. Gowan, *Theology of the Prophetic Books: The Death and Resurrection of Israel* (Westminster John Knox, 1998). ISBN: 9780664256890. \$45.00

W. VanGemeren, *Interpreting the Prophetic Word* (Zondervan, 1996). ISBN: 0310211387. \$41.99

All prices subject to change without notice. The Regent College Bookstore offers a 20% discount on regularly priced books (some exceptions may apply).

Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.

The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. Full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details, is available on Moodle: moodle.regent-college.edu/login

