

BSOT8302 OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS: THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

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SEMINARY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and The Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will entail a thorough study of selected texts of the Book of Jeremiah, with comparison of modern translations, and a study of the historical and cultural situation in the which the prophet spoke the message from the Lord. Students will develop principles for Christian living, preaching, teaching, and pastoral counseling.

CORE VALUES

1. Doctrinal Integrity - Study of the Hebrew Bible for teaching, preaching, and personal devotion.
2. Characteristic Excellence - Development of skill in Biblical interpretation and exposition.
3. Spiritual Vitality: Transforming Power of God's Word

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prior to Seminar Meeting

A. Reading

1. **Read** the entire book of Jeremiah twice in two different modern translations, such as the *NRSV*, *NASB*, *NKJV*, or *NLV*.
2. *The Book of Jeremiah* by J. A. Thompson. NICOT, (Eerdmans, 1980).
3. **One of:**
 - Jeremiah*, R. E. Clements, Interpretation (John Knox, 1988)
 - Jeremiah, Lamentations*, John Guest, The Communicator's Commentary (Word, 1988)
 - Jeremiah, Lamentations*, F.B. Huey, NAC (B&H, 1993)

B. Book Review (Choose **ONE** for class presentation, 3–5 pages)

1. *Jeremiah, Prophet Under Siege*, J.M. Efird (Judson Press, 1979)
2. *A Prophet to the Nations: Essays in Jeremiah Studies*, eds. L.G. Perdue & B.W. Kovacs (Eisenbrauns, 1984) chs. 2,10-11,13,16,18

3. *Prophecy and Religion: Studies in the Life of Jeremiah*, John Skinner (Cambridge, 1955)
4. *Order Amid Chaos: Jeremiah as Symbolic Tapestry*, Louis Stulman (Sheffield, 1998)
5. *The Prophetic Persona: Jeremiah and the Language of the Self*, Timothy Polk (Sheffield/JSOTS 29, 1984)

C. General Background Papers (12-15 pages)

Each student is required to write a background paper of no less than 12 pages, inclusive of bibliography. The student may choose one of the topics below (one student per topic), first choice upon e-mail to rdcole@nobts.edu . these will be presented during the two days of class.

1. The Life and Times of Jeremiah
2. The Influence of Hosea upon the Ministry of Jeremiah
3. Jeremiah's Concept of the Word of the Lord
4. The Identity of the Foe From the North
5. Jeremiah and the Reforms of Josiah
6. The New Covenant in Jeremiah
7. The Prayer Life of Jeremiah
8. Jeremiah's Teaching on the Heart of Man
9. The Temple Sermon and Israel's Concept of Religion
10. Jeremiah's Concept of God
11. Jeremiah and the False Prophets
12. Jeremiah as a Preacher of Judgement
13. Jeremiah and the Teaching of Jesus of Nazareth
14. Individual Responsibility in Jeremiah
15. Idolatry Polemics in the Book of Jeremiah
16. Jeremiah's Doctrine of Sin
17. The Doctrine of Inspiration and Revelation in Jeremiah
18. Jeremiah's Role as Prophet to the Nations
19. Messianic Thought in Jeremiah
20. Jeremiah and Ezekiel
21. Jeremiah as a Prophet of Hope
22. The 70 Weeks Prophecy in Jeremiah
23. The Use of Parables in Jeremiah
24. The Use of Symbolic Acts in Jeremiah
25. Forgiveness and Repentance in Jeremiah

Post-Seminar Meeting Assignment: Exegetical and Homiletical Paper

Each student is required to write an exegetical and homiletical paper of no less than 20 pages, inclusive of bibliography, on a portion of Jeremiah, chosen in consultation with the professor. The exegetical paper should also include a detailed Sermon Outline based upon the passage. The paper should be written according to Turabian style. The Bibliography should consist of a minimum of 10 entries, and periodical literature should be included.

Introduction – To the passage (not the entire biblical book) including the historical and cultural setting, important biblical background material, etc.
Exegetical Outline – Provide an exegetical outline of the chosen passage, with at least one but no more than two sub-levels. Option: Structural Analysis Outline.
Exegetical Notes and Discussion – Explicate the meaning of the text, highlighting words studies, structural elements, pertinent background material.
Homiletical Outline – Assuming you will be teaching or preaching from this material, provide an outline of your presentation, including Title, Theme or Key Point, Outline with two sub-levels, Conclusion.

EVALUATION

Background Paper	30%
Book Review	20%
Term Paper	30%
Reading & Class Participation	20%

COURSE SCHEDULE

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION

SESSION I Jan 12

Course Introduction.
 Jeremiah Among the Prophets
NICOT p.3-9, 81-85.
 Historical Setting Jer. 1, 52; 2 Kings 21-25, 2 Chronicles 33-36;
NICOT p. 9- 27.
 Call of Jeremiah Jer. 1:1-19
NICOT p. 139-158.

SESSION II Jan 12

Indictment of Israel Jer. 2:1-37
NICOT p. 159-87.
 Plea for Repentance Jer. 3:1-4 4:4
NICOT p. 187-217
 Judgment Announced Jer. 4:5-6:30
NICOT p. 217-71.
 Temple Sermon Jer. 7:1-8:3; 26:1-24
NICOT p. 271-96, 521-28.

SESSION III Jan 13

Ruin of Judah Jer. 8:4-9:26; 10:17-25
NICOT p.296-322; 332-39.
 Idolatry of Judah Jer. 10:1-16
NICOT p. 323-332.
 Broken Covenant Jer. 11:1-12:17, 17:1-18
NICOT p. 339-62, 416-31.
 Laments over the Nation Jer. 14:1-15:9
NICOT p. 375-91.

- SESSION IV Jan 13** Jeremiah and the Kings of Judah Jer. 21:1–23:8
NICOT p. 465-92
 Jeremiah and Jehioakim Jer. 35:1-36:32 *NICOT* p. 614-29.
 Jeremiah and Zedekiah Jer. 34:1-22; 37:1-38:28
NICOT p. 605-13, 629-43.
- SESSION V Jan 13** Confessions Jer. 15:10-16:21; 18:18-23; 20:7-18
NICOT p.391-416, 439-43, 456-64.
 Symbolic Acts Jer. 13:1-27;18:1-17; 19:1-20:6; 24:1-25:38
NICOT p. 362-75, 391–416, 431-56, 506-20.
- SESSION VI Jan 14** Jeremiah vs. False Prophets Jer. 21:1-23:40
NICOT p. 465-506.
 Jeremiah vs. False Prophets cont'd Jer. 27:1-29:32
NICOT p. 528-50
- SESSION VII Jan 14** Book of Consolation: Restoration & New Covenant
 Jer. 30:1-31:40 *NICOT* p.551–604.
- SESSION VIII Jan 14** Fall of Jerusalem Jer. 39:1-18, 52:1-34
NICOT p.643-649, 772-784.
 Jeremiah after Jerusalem's Fall Jer. 40:1–45:5
NICOT p. 650-84.
 Oracles vs. Foreign Nations Jer. 46:1–50:64
NICOT p. 685-771.

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