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BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OTEN5322 English Exegesis: Jeremiah & Lamentations – Internet Fall 2015 (Online)

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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.

Core Value

Each academic year, a core value is emphasized. This academic year, the core value is MISSION FOCUS—Our Seminary does not exist merely to get an education or to give an education. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the literary, historical, and theological contents and contexts of the Old Testament. Significant interpretive issues are noted, major theological themes covered, and their relevance for Christian living addressed.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Apply his/her knowledge and comprehension of the literary, historical, and theological contents and contexts of the Book of Jeremiah to the practice of interpreting and communicating the Bible accurately to the community of faith.
2. Value the following concepts as needful in interpreting and communicating the Bible accurately: A) the authority of the Book of Jeremiah in matters of faith and practice for Christian living and Church growth; and B) issues of interpretation in the Book of Jeremiah and its major theological themes for Christian living.
3. Develop practical skill in studying the Book of Jeremiah through the use of standard resources.

Course Texts

The Holy Bible: Any modern version (preferably NASB, HCSB, NIV)

F. B. Huey, Jr. *Jeremiah, Lamentations*, in New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1993).

J. A. Thompson, *The Book of Jeremiah*, in New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980).

Course Requirements

- 1. Article Readings:** Read and review three articles related to significant issues in Jeremiah. Each review should be two pages, single-spaced. [Note due date in Schedule]
- 2. Bible Readings:** Read the chapters in Jeremiah being studied as well as related material in the required textbooks. Insights from reading will be incorporated into the discussions on the various texts examined throughout the course.
- 3. Exegetical Paper:** The exegetical project is a paper on Jeremiah 29:1-14.

This paper should include the following: a historical background related to the passage (i.e., How does the passage fit into its historical context?), one word study (i.e., What words are necessary to understand the meaning of the passage?), literary analysis of the passage (i.e., How does the literary structure of the passage help with meaning?), detailed explanation of the text (i.e., What did it mean to them?), a sermon brief/teaching outline (i.e., What is the passage saying to us?), and a bibliography.

- Turabian (6th ed.) will be consulted for matters of form.
 - Approximate length should be 10-12 pages.
- 4. Sermon/Teaching Briefs:** Prepare ten (10) sermon briefs/teaching outlines based on the text of Jeremiah. The student should consider the context of Jeremiah and the cultural/historical elements important in order to understand the principle of the passage. Application should then be made with a particular modern ministry in mind.
 - 5. Confessions Paper:** Write a paper on the confessions of Jeremiah. The paper should provide a survey of each of the confessions as well as a summary dealing with the theological implications of the confessions. [Note due date in Schedule]
 - 6. Exams:** Complete a mid-term and final exam.
 - 7. Discussion Board-** Students will participate in online discussion on various topics in Jeremiah. Students will post a minimum of two (2) original discussions and two (2) shorter replies every two (2) weeks.

- **All assignments are due Friday at midnight of the week assigned.**

Course Evaluation

- 10% -- Readings
- 10% -- Journal Reviews
- 15% -- Discussion Board
- 20% -- Exegetical Paper
- 15% -- Confessions Paper
- 10% -- Sermon Briefs
- 20% -- Exams

Note the dates for the Midterm, Quizzes, and Assignments. Exceptions must be approved by the professor prior to due date

(“5” points off per day for late work)

Grading Scale: A: 93-100% B: 85-92% C: 77-84% D: 70-76% F: below 70%

COURSE SCHEDULE FALL 2015

| Week/Unit | Date | Assignments |
|-------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Begins August 24 th | Survey of Jeremiah – Parts 1 & 2 My Servant David – Messianic Expectation in Jeremiah <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> |
| 2 | Begins August 31 st Discussion Board due this week | Introductory Issues related to Prophecy <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> |
| 3 | September 7 | Introduction to the Book of Jeremiah and Critical Issues in Jeremiah <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> |
| 4 | September 14 Discussion Board due this week | Jeremiah 1:1-6:30 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> |
| 5 | September 21 | Jeremiah 7:1-11:17 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> 3 Article Reviews due Friday at midnight |
| 6 | September 28 Discussion Board due this week | Jeremiah 11:18-16:21 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> 3 Sermon/Teaching Outlines due Saturday at midnight |
| 7 | October 5th | Jeremiah 17:1-26:24 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> |
| 8 | October 12 Discussion Board due this week | Discussion of Confessions <u>Readings due Friday @ midnight</u> Confessions paper due |
| Fall Break | October 19-23 | |

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| 9 and 10 | October 26 th | <p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 27:1-32:44 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> Mid-term exam due</p> |
| 11 | November 2 Discussion Board due this week | <p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 33:1-39:18 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> 3 Sermon/Teaching Outlines due Saturday at midnight</p> |
| 12 | November 9 | <p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 40:1-45:54 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> Sermon/Teaching Outlines due Saturday at midnight</p> |
| 13 | November 16 | <p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 46:1-52:34 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u></p> |
| Thanksgiving | November 23-27 | |
| 14 | November 30 | <p style="text-align: center;">Jeremiah 29 <u>Readings due Saturday @ midnight</u> Exegetical Project on Jeremiah 29:1-14 due Friday at midnight –</p> |
| | Dec 13 | Final Exam Due at Midnight |

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