



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BSCM 4318-01: OT Interp: Post-Exilic Prophets

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The mission of Leavell College 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 Spiritual Vitality: "We are a worshipping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word."

Course Description

Each interpretation course is designed to acquaint the student with pertinent background information for the books or passages being studied. After an examination of the introductory materials, the core of the class consists of a verse-by-verse exegesis of the writings of Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Old Testament Survey is a pre-requisite for this course.

Student Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Be able to give a critical introduction to Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
2. Be able to interpret the writings studied.
3. Be able to perceive truths based upon the historical setting for today.
4. Be challenged to internalize the truths found in the study of the Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi in each person's life.

Course Texts

The following textbooks are required:

Richard A. Taylor and E. Ray Clendenen. *Haggai, Malachi in the New American Commentary*, vol. 21A.

George Klein. *Zechariah in the New American Commentary*, vol. 21B.

The following textbooks are suggested for further reading:

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi in the Tyndale Old Testament Commentary, vol. 24.

Nahum-Malachi in the Holman Old Testament Commentary, vol. 20.

Course Requirements and Grading

1. As per the Leavell College Catalog, school policies regarding absences and tardies will be strictly enforced. Any student missing more than nine hours will automatically receive a grade of “F” for the course. (Each class period counts as three hours of class time.) Every three occasions of arriving late for class or leaving early from class will be counted as one hour of absence. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class period and after each break. The student is responsible for contacting the teacher if he/she is tardy and the roll has already been taken. The student is responsible for all material, including that which was covered during an absence. The student is responsible to get copies of notes and handouts. Any missed assignments must be made up within one week of the original due date or the student will receive a grade of zero for the assignment. **All late assignments will be penalized five points for the first day and one point per day thereafter.**
2. Each student will lead one devotional session prior to the beginning of instructional time. The devotional time should be between five to seven minutes in length and should be based on a passage from the course reading. The student will be assigned a specific date on which to lead the class devotion. The devotion will be worth 10% of the total grade.
3. The student will be required to read Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi in three different translations – NASB is required, and two others.
4. The student will be required to **read the assigned portions of Scripture and the corresponding sections of the commentaries before coming to class.**
5. The student will be required to **attend and participate** in all class sessions.
6. The student will prepare 4 one page essays on topics assigned in class. The topics will be assigned throughout the semester.
7. The student will be required to **complete a notebook** containing the following:
 - A. A table of contents
 - B. An introduction to each of the writings based upon class lecture and/or the required readings.

- C. Notes from class lectures.
 - D. Truths from each section studied.
8. Two sectional exams and a final exam will be required.
 9. Class participation is essential; therefore, a class participation grade will be given. Each student is responsible for being in class on time, dressed appropriately for class, reading the assigned chapters, and participating in class discussion. Absences and excessive tardies will affect the participation grade. The participation grade is worth 10% of the total grade.

Grading Methodology

Class Participation	10%
Required Reading of Translations	5%
Notebook	10%
Sectional One Exam	20%
Sermon Review and Analysis	15%
Final Exam	20%
Essays	20%

Course Outline

All topics and dates (except the final exam) are subject to change. Note: Readings should be completed prior to coming to class. Pop quizzes (as part of participation grade) may be given to assess whether or not students are reading the required material.

Week	Date	Topic	Readings
1	1/26	Course Overview; Introduction to Prophets	
2	2/2	Introduction to Haggai	
3	2/9		Hag. 1:1-15
4	2/16		Hag. 2:1-9
5	2/23		Hag. 2:10-23
6	3/2	Introduction to Zechariah	
7	3/9		Zech. 1-4
8	3/16	Mid-Term Exam	Zech. 5-8
9	3/23	SPRING BREAK—NO CLASS	
10	3/30		Zech. 9-12
11	4/6		Zech. 13-14
12	4/13	Introduction to Malachi	Sermon Reviews Due
13	4/20		Mal. 1:1-2:9
14	4/27		Mal. 2:10 – 3:5
15	5/4		Mal. 3:6 – 4:6
16	5/11	FINAL EXAM	

Additional Course Information

1. Computer/Phone usage policy: Using computers, smart phones, tablets, or other electronic devices is a privilege rather than a right, and student abusing the privilege will be asked to turn off such devices. Students should place electronic devices on silent mode during class time. Students needing to make or receive texts or calls should arrange to do so outside of class time. At no time during class hours should students use computers or tablets for anything other than class notes or assignments. The professor reserves the right to ask students to leave electronic devices at home.

2. Blackboard sites: Student should obtain and maintain a working email address and should enroll in the Blackboard section of the course. All communications outside of class will come as emails via Blackboard, and any written assignments will be submitted via Assignments in Blackboard. All written assignments must be submitted as Word documents (not PDF or WordPerfect).

3. Special instructions: In the event the seminary campus is closed, class will still meet in an online format. Should campus close for any reason, please take your textbooks with you and be prepared to move the discussion to an online format via Blackboard. I will post any necessary schedule revisions to the Announcements page of Blackboard.

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