

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OTHB9450 OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS: JEREMIAH
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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 Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity by helping the student grow in the proper understanding of Scripture. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by providing the student the solid biblical foundation necessary for ministers of Christ. Mission Focus is emphasized by noting the missional aspects of the book of Jeremiah. This course addresses the competency of Biblical Exposition by preparing the student to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.

Course Description

This seminar is designed for intensive exegetical work in the Book of Jeremiah. Attention is given to the issues of background, history of interpretation, language, authorship, literary nature, and other critical problems as well as theology of the book.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, in order to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately, the student should:

1. Be able to demonstrate a mastery of the historical background, the history of interpretation, the critical issues, and the current status of the study of Jeremiah.
2. Value the contributions of Jeremiah to the theology of the Church.
3. Be able apply, into both scholarly and church settings, in-depth analysis of the various texts of Jeremiah, with the help of resources.
4. Be able to translate the Hebrew text of Jeremiah, with the help of resources.

Course Teaching Methodology

The methodologies for the seminar include:

1. The professor will employ the lecture method to introduce the seminar.
2. The student will prepare and present critical reviews of books and articles related to various issues of Jeremiah.
3. The student will discuss critical issues, such as composition, LXX and MT differences, historical background, Deuteronomistic reform, as well as theological teachings of the book.
4. The student will prepare and present background studies related to Jeremiah.
5. The student will translate, outline, and analyze a selected portion of Jeremiah.
6. The student will prepare and present a seminar paper related to Jeremiah.

Textbooks

1. J. A. Thompson, *The Book of Jeremiah*, in *New International Commentary on the Old Testament*.
2. William L. Holladay, *Jeremiah 1* in *Hermeneia*.
3. William L. Holladay, *Jeremiah 2* in *Hermeneia*.

Course Requirements

The student will:

1. Read and review a share of the books and articles related to critical issues in Jeremiah.
2. Translate, outline, and analyze significant portions of the text of Jeremiah.
3. Prepare and present background studies related to critical issues in Jeremiah.
4. Prepare and present a seminar paper related to issues in Jeremiah.
5. Complete a final examination.

Course Evaluation

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Class participation.	10%
Book/Article Reviews.	15%
Translation, Outline, and Analysis.	15%
Background Studies.	20%
Seminar Paper.	30%
Final Examination.	10%

Course Schedule

Aug 25	Introduction to the Course Distribution of the Work of the Seminar	
Sept 1	Critical Book Reviews ----- -----	- John Skinner, <i>Prophecy and Religion</i> - John Bright, <i>Jeremiah</i> , in Anchor Bible
Sept 8	Critical Book Reviews ----- -----	- Robert P. Carroll, <i>Jeremiah</i> , in OTL - Walter Brueggemann, <i>Jeremiah 1-25: To Pluck Up, To Tear Down and Jeremiah 26-52: To Build, To Plant</i>
Sept 15	Background Study ----- -----	- Masoretic Text versus Septuagint - Date of Jeremiah's call
Sept 22	Background Study ----- ----- -----	- The Foe from the North - Jeremiah and the Deuteronomic Reform - The Composition of Jeremiah
Sept 29	Translation, Outline, and Analysis -----	- Jeremiah 1-10 (Translate 1:1-19; 2:1-37; and 7:1-34)
Oct 6	Translation, Outline, and Analysis ----- 18:1-12; 20:1- 18)	- Jeremiah 11-20 (Translate 11:1-23; 12:1-17; 16:1-21;
Oct 13	Translation, Outline, and Analysis ----- 29:1-32)	- Jeremiah 21-29 (Translate 21:1-14; 23:1-32; 25:1-14;
Oct 17-21	Fall Break	
Oct 27	Translation, Outline, and Analysis ----- 39:1-18)	- Chapters 30-52 (Translate 31:1-40; 32:1-15; 37:1-21;
Nov 3	Review and Discussion of John Thompson's, <i>The Book of Jeremiah</i> in NICOT	

Nov 10 Review and Discussion of William Holladay's *Jeremiah 1* and *Jeremiah 2* in Hermeneia

Nov 17 Annual Meetings: Evangelical Theological Society/Society of Biblical Literature

Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 1 Seminar Paper Presentations

Dec 8 Seminar Paper Presentations

Dec 15 FINAL EXAMINATION

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Sample Topics for Major Papers

The Chronology of Jeremiah
Sin and Repentance in Jeremiah
The “Word of the LORD” in Jeremiah
Jeremiah's relationship with and teaching concerning other prophets
The influence of Moses on Jeremiah
Jeremiah's polemic against the Canaanite cult
Effect of Jeremiah's personal life on subsequent ministry
Individualism in Jeremiah as compared to Ezekiel
Attitude of Jeremiah toward ritual as compared to Ezekiel
Comparison of themes in Isaiah and Jeremiah
Wisdom and Jeremiah
Messianic themes in Jeremiah
Covenant themes in Jeremiah
The New Covenant - Implications and Applications