BIB 517: Old Testament III: Poets

PURPOSE: This course will provide students will an overview of the poets and wisdom commonly called the Pentateuch or the Books of Moses. Students will be able to identify key Students will be able to give major themes of each book. Students will be prepared to licensure examination questions in this area of English Bible.

LECTURES

Poets – Dr. Richard Belcher

<https://subsplash.com/reformtheosem/learn-about-rts/ms/+mghnvgm>

READINGS

Van Pelt, Miles V. and J. Ligon Duncan, et. al. A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2016.

Belcher, Richard. Finding Favour in the Sight of God: A Theology of Wisdom Literature

Roberts, Dewey. Job and the Problem of Suffering. (when available)

Andrew Bonar - Christ and His Church in the Book of Psalms

https://www.monergism.com/christ-and-his-church-book-psalms-ebook

Summary of Requirements:

1. Listen to all recorded Lectures

2. Complete all Readings

Belcher -

Van Pelt – chapters 14-15, 18-20

3. Participate in Mentor Discussions

4. Midterm Exam

5. Final Exam

6. Submit Exegetical Paper

7. Submit Biblical Books Reading Reaction Papers

8. Complete Licensure Questions related to this section.

9. Book summaries for Job – Song of Songs, Lamentations.

Research Paper:

The student will write a 10-15 page exegetical paper on a passage of their choosing and approved by the proctor and/or mentor.

The following are criteria that will be used to evaluate the paper:

a. Cogency of argument - is there a thesis statement, how well does the argument hang together, and how well are pertinent and fundamental points brought out?

b. Discussions of historical context, genre, and redemptive history (where these are appropriate, but do not go overboard); just give the reader enough information to understand your paper.

Some issues, like authorship, can be omitted or issues and bibliography related to authorship can be given in footnotes.

c. The use of sources: this is a research paper so avoid study Bibles as a source; read as many commentaries as you can, including conservative commentaries, those from a critical perspective, and at least one older commentary, such as Calvin, Geneva series, etc. At least one journal article must be cited. Research is important and can be included in footnotes.

Think of at least 8 sources.

d. Do not make a Scripture reference as a footnote, but put it in parenthesis in the paper.

e. The paper should be 10-15 pages, double-spaced, pages numbered, and with one inch margins

on all sides, except the left margin should have a 1 1/4 inch margin.

f. You are expected to use as much Hebrew as you are able.

g. Use the guidelines in the current edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses,*

*and Dissertations*, by Kate L. Turabian.

h. Don’t leave blank space between paragraphs