



AMBROSE SEMINARY

**OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew (Jonah) /
BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis (Jonah) (3)
Winter 2009
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Course Description

The study of an Old Testament book based on the Hebrew text provides an opportunity for the student to practice the integration of Hebrew language study and exegesis with an intensive study of a selected biblical book. Jonah will be the book studied for this course.

Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

- A. To build upon previously learned exegetical skills for the study of both narrative and poetic texts of the Hebrew Bible.
- B. To acquire an understanding of the goals, methodology, and procedures of Old Testament textual criticism
- C. To interpret the meaning of the text at its time of writing and to apply the text to our contemporary situation.
- D. To demonstrate passion, zeal, and love for God, His Word, His Church, and the world.

Required Texts

Sasson, Jack M. Jonah. Anchor Bible. New York: Doubleday, 1990.

Würthwein, Ernst, and Erroll F. Rhodes. The Text of the Old Testament: An Introduction to the Biblia Hebraica. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981.

Course Schedule

Students will be given worksheets to guide them in the study of the Hebrew text of the book of Jonah. Class sessions will primarily consist of working through student answers to these worksheets.

Jan	7	Introduction, syllabus
	14	
	21	
	28	Community Day (No class)
Feb	4	
	11	
	18	Mid-semester break (No class)
	25	
Mar	4	Notebook (first submission)
	11	
	18	
	25	
Apr	1	
	8	
	15	
	17	Notebook (second submission)
	16-22	Final exam (scheduled by the registrar)

Course Requirements / Learning Activities

A. Required reading and reading report (5%) Due February 4

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. Hendrickson Pub, 2006, pp. XI – XVIII (foreword), XLIV – L (sigla et compendia apparatus).

Scott, William R., and Hans Peter Rüger. A Simplified Guide to BHS: Critical Apparatus, Masora, Accents, Unusual Letters & Other Markings. N. Richland Hills, TX: BIBAL Press, 1995, pp. i-iii, 1-24, 33-34, 56-57, 90 (back cover).

Würthwein, Ernst, and Erroll F. Rhodes. The Text of the Old Testament: An Introduction to the Biblia Hebraica. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981.

B. Worksheets & Notebook (20% x 2 = 40%)

Throughout the semester students will receive worksheets to assist them in the study of the Hebrew text of the book of Jonah. The student will answer all of the questions on each worksheet. The answers to the worksheets will be submitted as a notebook twice during the semester (March 4 & April 17)

C. Class participation (10%)

Attendance at all class sessions is required and expected.

D. Final exam (45%)

Course Grade

A. Reading report	(5%)
B. First notebook submission	(20%)
C. Second notebook submission	(20%)
D. Class participation	(10%)
E. Final exam	(45%)

Important Notes

1. Last day to enter course without permission / last day to withdraw from a course and receive tuition refund: January 16
2. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from course or change to audit without academic penalty: March 13
3. *Paper Format*: Seminary papers are to follow the guidelines of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, by Kate L. Turabian (6th edition) and/or *The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (Fourth edition). The instructor will indicate where these guidelines may be waived or substituted. Students will identify, on the first or cover page of all assignments, the course name, the instructor's name and their own name (student ID numbers are optional). Papers should be double-spaced with regular spacing between paragraphs. Papers should also be paginated.
4. *Late assignments*: Students may not turn in coursework after the date of the scheduled final examination for the course unless they have received permission for a "Course Extension." Requests for course extensions or alternative

examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office two weeks prior to examination week (noted as the "Last Day for Alternative Exam or Course Extension Requests" on the academic calendar). Course extensions are normally granted "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

5. *Return of assignments:*

a. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your final assignments if you would like those returned by post. Assignments without postage and an envelope will be held at the reception desk for pick up.

b. Papers that are unclaimed and/or undeliverable will be held for one year from the due date, then destroyed.

6. Attendance: Students who miss more than three class sessions will need to see the instructor to obtain additional worksheets to make up for the fourth or any subsequent class absences. Each of these worksheets will be worth 6% of the course grade.

7. *Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty Policy.* The seminary maintains a zero tolerance policy on plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the seminary. Even unintentional plagiarism is to be avoided at all costs. Students are expected to be familiar with the policy statements in the current academic calendar and the student handbook that deal with plagiarism, academic dishonesty (cheating), and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean.

8. *Protection of Personal Information:* Personal information, that is information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual, may be collected as a requirement as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu

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