

BS630 Prophetic Literature: Covenant, Faithfulness, and Justice in the 8th Century Prophets (Amos, Hosea, Micah & Isaiah)

Instructor	Dr. Rebecca Hancock
Schedule	Thursdays, 6 – 8 :30 pm
Description	This course will examine historical, literary, and theological dimensions of the 8 th century prophetic texts of Amos, Hosea, Micah and Isaiah (of Jerusalem). Attention will be paid to a variety of aspects of prophecy in Israel—including Israelite prophecy in the context of the ancient Near East; prophetic forms of speech; poetry; metaphors; rhetoric, and social function. In addition, the books of Amos, Hosea, Micah and Isaiah will be examined closely in light of the historical context out of which they arose and the major theological themes encountered in them, including creation, covenant, faithfulness, and justice. Students will engage current issues in contemporary scholarship on the 8 th century prophets, and explore the theological and ethical implications of their message for both ancient and contemporary communities of faith.
Requirements	Reading
	Writing
	Other Assignments

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Cook, Joan E. <i>Hear, O Heavens and Listen, O Earth</i> . Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780814651810, 5181	\$26.78	122 pages
Nogalski, James D. <i>Interpreting Prophetic Literature: Historical and Exegetical Tools for Reading the Prophets</i> . Louisville: Westminster, 2015. ISBN 9780664261207	\$28.00	144 pages
Anderson, Bernhard W. <i>The Eighth Century Prophet: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah & Micah</i> . Wipf and Stock, 2003. ISBN: 9781592443543	\$18.96	128 pages
An academic study Bible: 1. <i>The SBL Study Bible</i> (HarperOne, 2023), ISBN: 978-0062969422, based on NRSVue (The older version of this Bible is also acceptable – <i>The HarperCollins Study Bible</i> (HarperOne, 2006), ISBN: 978-0060786847, based on NRSV). 2. <i>The New Interpreter's Study Bible</i> (Abingdon Press, 2003), ISBN: 978-0687278329. This is based on the NRSV.	\$23-\$35	85 pages

<p>3. <i>The Catholic Study Bible</i> (Oxford University Press, 2016), ISBN: 978-0190267230 (this is 3rd ed.; earlier editions are OK). This is based on the NABRE.</p> <p>4. <i>The New Oxford Annotated Bible</i> (Oxford University Press, 2010), ISBN: 978-0195289602 (4th or 5th edition).</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If a student already owns a different academic study Bible, he or she can petition the instructor for permission to use that Bible instead. The exemption is entirely at the prerogative of the course instructor granting that exemption.</p>		
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