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TITLE: Prophets, Psalms, and Wisdom Literature

TERM: Spring 2018-2019

NOTE: This is a hybrid class.

Week 1: in-class Tuesday and Thursday;

Weeks 2 – 13: Tuesdays – in-class; Thursdays – online.

PROFESSOR: Jerome Creach

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 2

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NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the prophetic books (Latter Prophets), Psalter, and Wisdom literature of the Old Testament with an exploration of factors that gave rise to and helped shaped this material. In addition to examining the background of prophecy in the cultures of the ancient Near East, attention is given to the specific content of these books, to the theology of the prophetic books, to the various literary genres (e.g., oracle, hymn, lament), to methods used in the interpretation of Scripture (source, form, redaction, literary, socio-cultural, canonical, and rhetorical criticism), and to the psalms as a product of Israel's cultic life.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: To seek a deeper understanding of core theological themes within the Judeo-Christian tradition, how these themes relate, and their significance in the Church and world today.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Michael Coogan and Marc Brettler, *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha*. Oxford University Press, 2018 (5th ed.), ISBN: 978-0190276072 , \$26.25, or Harold Attridge, ed., *HarperCollins Study Bible* (NRSV), HarperOne, 2006, ISBN: 978-0060786854, \$30.71
- James D. Nogalski, *Introduction to the Hebrew Prophets*, Abingdon Press, 2018, ISBN: 978-1426742286, \$19.40
- Nancy L. deClasissé-Walford, *Introduction to the Psalms: A Song for Ancient Israel*, Chalice Press, 2004, ISBN: 978-0827216235, \$20.01
- William P. Brown, *Wisdom's Wonder: Character, Creation, and Crisis in the Bible's Wisdom Literature*, Eerdmans, 1996, ISBN: 978-0802867933, \$21.46

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Two tests; one paper (grading to be determined)

ATTENDANCE: Required