All precourse assignments should be emailed to the Course of Study Office by June 20, 2013. If you are attending the two/four week summer school session then the precourse work for this course is due May 1st with all other precourse assignments. If you are only attending the weekend session then your precourse work is due June 20th, and no precourse work will be accepted after June 20th.

Course Description
This course continues to examine the Word of God as it was expressed through some of Israel’s prophets, selected psalms, and passages from the Book of Job, interpreting the developing social institutions and religious traditions of ancient Israel and examining the varying ways in which Hebrew people understood God to be acting in critical events in their history. We will focus on the biblical books of, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Psalms, and Job.

Objectives
- To focus on the biblical message as a whole by integrating this year’s study with previous study of the Bible
- To develop greater familiarity with a number of the great passages in the designated books
- To continue exegetical practice
- To explore the assigned passages as relevant for preaching, mission, and ministry by today’s pastor and congregation

Course Requirements
- Class attendance and reading of the Bible and secondary texts
- Participation in class discussions
- An 8-10 page background research paper (precourse work)
- A 10-15 page exegesis assignment

Required Texts

Recommended Reading
**Required Advance Reading:**
- The biblical books of Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Psalms and Job, and Anderson and Darr, Parts II-III

**Precourse Work**
Select a passage of no more than one chapter from one of the biblical books listed in the required advanced reading and write 8-10 pages on the following: it’s historical setting, it’s literary structure, and it’s two primary meanings: the first being it’s meaning in biblical times, and the second being it’s meaning for today’s church. Use footnotes and bibliography.

**Course Schedule**

**Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6**

**First paper due – July 5: 8-10 page background research paper**

Biblical readings: Jeremiah and Lamentations

Additional readings: Anderson’s sections on Jeremiah and lamentations

- Overview of course and discussion of exegesis as a theological task
- Discussion of historical background to Jeremiah, and literary background of Lamentations
- Discussion of Jeremiah
- Discussion of exegetical approaches to Jeremiah and Lamentations

Biblical readings: Isaiah and Micah

Additional readings: Anderson’s sections on Micah, and Isaiah (pre AND post exilic)

- Discussion of historical background to Isaiah 1-39 and Micah, and discussion of literary issues raised by Isaiah 2 and Micah 4.
- Discussion of larger structure of Isaiah
- Discussion of Isaiah 1-39

**Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20**

**Final Paper Due: 10-15 page exegesis of your chosen passage**

Biblical readings: Isaiah and Micah

Additional readings: Anderson’s sections on Micah, and Isaiah (pre AND post exilic)

- Discussion of Isaiah 40-55
- Discussion of Isaiah 56-66 and exegetical approaches to Isaiah and Micah

Biblical reading: Psalms and Job

Additional Reading: Anderson’s sections on Psalms and Job

- Discussion of Wisdom literature, its literary forms and historical context
- Discussion of the Psalter, its history, literary forms and liturgical function
- Discussion of the theological background and literary parallels to Job
- Discussion of Job and exegetical approaches to the Wisdom literature
DIRECTIONS FOR EMAILING PRECOURSE WORK

Please read all the directions below before emailing your assignments to the COS Office, any emails received that do not follow the directions below will not be accepted. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt and if your email is not submitted correctly an email indicating you will need to resend your assignments.

1. Email only michelle.levan@emory.edu, do not email the instructor your assignment.
2. Emails must be received no later than 11:59pm on the June 20, 2013 deadline.
   a. Please note that the cut off time is EASTERN STANDARD TIME zone, so email your assignments accordingly.
   b. You will be drop from any course for which precourse work has not been received after June 20, 2013. No precourse work will be accepted after the June 20th deadline.
3. The course number and the phrase “precourse work” should be the subject of your email:
   Example - Precourse Work 113
   a. You will need to send a separate email for each course you are registered to attend.
4. Precourse work must be sent as an attached document and not in the body of the email.
   a. Any version of Microsoft Word or WordPerfect documents will be accepted; PDF and Mac-Pages documents will be accepted.
   b. All of your assignments for each course must be in one document, multiple documents are not acceptable. You should send only one attachment with course all assignments.
5. Your FULL name, phone number and email, should all be clearly included at the beginning of your email:
   Example: Michelle Levan
   404.727.4587
   michelle.levan@emory.edu
6. Plagiarism Policy and Plagiarism Defined paragraphs must be included in the body of your email (both are below), not within your precourse work. The inclusion of the policy and definition in the body of the email, verifies that you agree to it and your email will represent your signature. If the email does not include the plagiarism policy and definition it will not be accepted. Your email, with the plagiarism policy and definition will be printed and used as cover sheet for your precourse work, because it has the verification of date and time received, and your agreement to the plagiarism policy and definition, and your contact information.
   Plagiarism Policy
   I have read the plagiarism definition below and verify that this assignment represents my own work, except where credit is given. I have also made copies of this assignment and I will bring them with me to class in the event that any of my work is misplaced.
   Plagiarism Defined
   “You plagiarize when, intentionally or not, you use someone’s words or ideas but fail to credit that person. You plagiarize even when you do credit the author but use his exact words without so indicating with quotation marks or block indentation. You also plagiarize when you use words so close to those in your source, that if your work were placed next to the source, it would be obvious that you could not have written what you did without the source at your elbow. When accused of plagiarism, some writers claim I must have somehow memorized the passage. When I wrote it, I certainly thought it was my own. That excuse convinces very few.” From page 167 of The Craft of Research by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams, published in 1995 by The University of Chicago Press in Chicago.
7. If you do not follow the procedure your precourse work WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!!!!!