

BI 236E Vision and Mission of “Minor” Prophets (Spring 2025)

Elective, Asynchronous only

One Credit

Grade or Credit/No Credit

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the vision and mission of female prophets and prophets of the book of the Twelve, also known as minor prophets. It seeks to introduce their call, ministry, and theologies. It surveys themes such as prayer, repentance, resilience, hope, justice, theodicy etc. The goal of this course is to orient students to understand and appreciate the complexity of prophetic ministry of the “minor” prophets in their socio-political and religious context and preach them faithfully bearing witness to it as a Christian scripture.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to acquire knowledge and develop skills in the following

- Familiarize with the background of prophecy in ancient Israel and its neighboring contexts
- Develop appreciation for the mission and vision of the prophetic ministry
- Be able to view and interpret the prophets from intersectional lenses and preach them faithfully leading to the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Recognize the complex theological concepts and develop interpretative lenses to address them
- Integrate the messages of the prophets into both personal and ministerial spiritual practices

CLASS FORMAT

This course primarily consists of pre-recorded lectures posted to the course site. Students will participate through engaging in voice threads. All students are expected to complete all assigned readings prior to the class, watch the recordings and engage in conversation.

REQUIRED BOOKS

Fuhr, Richard Alan, and Gary E. Yates. *The Message of the Twelve: Hearing the Voice of the Minor Prophets*. Nashville, Tennessee: B & H Academic, 2016.

RECOMMENDED (couple chapters from this book will be required for class)

Gafney, Wilda. *Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets in Ancient Israel*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.