

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Book of Isaiah

Course Lecturer: Allen P. Ross, ThD, PhD

Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Beeson Divinity School

Course Description

Few Old Testament books are as theologically rich and literarily compelling as Isaiah. Learners discover those dynamics as they complete an exegetical study of the Book of Isaiah. In addition to surveying the contents of the book, the course develops the understanding and skills of exegetical exposition. In the process, students examine key chapters in Isaiah, such as the Promise of Immanuel (7), the Message of Hope (40), and the “Suffering Servant” (53). The course demonstrates how the theology of the Messiah is integral to successful Christian life and ministry.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should have:

- Gained a better understanding of the Book of Isaiah, becoming familiar with the theological motifs, the hermeneutics of prophetic literature, and the major theories about the book.
- Come to a better understanding of the method of doing exegesis in the Old Testament prophetic literature, observing how the approach is used in passage after passage through the lectures and the reading, seeing how the details of exegesis must be carefully selected and arranged for interpretation, and in the process learning what books and procedures will be most helpful in the future.
- Learned how to adapt the findings of exegesis to exposition, and how to identify and apply the biblical theology of a passage, to word the ideas in an expository form, to correlate the subject matter with the New Testament, and to make useful applications.

Course Lecturer



Allen P. Ross, ThD, PhD

Education:

- St. John’s College of the University of Cambridge, PhD
- Dallas Theological Seminary, ThM and ThD
- Bob Jones University, BA

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Beeson Divinity School of Samford University (2002-present)

- Director, Christian Leadership Center
- Instructor, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry
- Chair, Old Testament Department at Dallas Theological Seminary
- Faculty, Bob Jones University's Graduate School

Other Career Highlights:

- Literary, exegetical, and theological works used as valuable resources for professors, pastors, and Christian lay leaders alike

Publications:

- Commentaries on Proverbs and Leviticus and *Creation and Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition of Genesis*
- Assisted in translating the *Living Bible* and *The New King James Bible*
- Numerous articles in scholarly journals

Course Texts

The student should have access to at least one version of the biblical text of Isaiah, preferably one that is new to the student and will require some comparison with the more familiar translations.

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Motyer, J. Alec. *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction and Commentary*. Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 1993.

Textbooks can be ordered through our online store at CUGN.org, through your local bookstore, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.