

COURSE SYLLABUS

Messianic Prophecy

Course Lecturer: Louis Goldberg, ThD
Former Professor of Theology and Jewish Studies at Moody Bible Institute

Course Description

From the protoevangelium in Genesis 3:15, proceeding through the other various Old Testament covenants, God's people anticipated the coming Messiah. Hundreds of prophecies were spoken, and those longing for God's kingdom reign waited for the day when their King would establish the throne of David forever. Still, when Jesus, the promised Messiah arrived, He received a mixed reception. Some embraced Him as the Savior of the world, while others rejected Him as a false teacher. But who was right? In this important study, Louis Goldberg takes learners through an in-depth study of Messianic prophecy. He explores the prophecies Jesus has fulfilled and those which will culminate in His future return.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Trace the development of Messianic prophecy from its origin in the Old Testament to the period of the 1st century AD.
- Show how Jesus of Nazareth, in His being, life, and work, fulfilled many Messianic prophecies and that He will yet fulfill many of the Old Testament prophecies in the coming prophetic kingdom.
- Indicate Jewish interpretations of Messianic prophecy in various Scripture passages.
- Develop discriminating judgment in exegesis as to what constitutes a legitimate Messianic prophecy and/or typology in the interrelation between the Old and New Testaments.
- Examine some of the national prophecies and typological teaching concerning Israel directly relevant to the ministry of Jesus the Messiah.

Course Lecturer



Louis Goldberg, ThD (1923-2002)

Education:

- Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Postdoctoral work in Jewish studies
 - Grace Theological Seminary, ThD
 - Roosevelt University, MA
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- Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, BD and ThM
 - University of Southern California, BS

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Theology and Jewish Studies, Moody Bible Institute (1965-1994)
- Recipient of the prestigious Faculty Citation award from the Moody Bible Institute Alumni Association (1977)
- Professor, Temple Baptist Theological Seminary (1962-1965)
- Spent summers touring and teaching in the Holy Land and preaching to Jewish congregations around the globe
- Teacher, Russian Bible Institute

Other Career Highlights:

- In 1968, Israel's government invited Dr. Goldberg to document the Israel people; he spent more than 30 summers interviewing political, social, and religious leaders in an effort to understand the Jewish culture
- Pastor at various churches in Illinois, Iowa, New York, and Tennessee
- Member of the advisory board of the American Messianic Fellowship
- Secretary/treasurer of the American Association for Jewish Evangelism
- President of the Evangelical Theological Society (1983)
- Member of the Evangelical Theological Society—frequent speaker and presenter
- Upon his death, Jews for Jesus renamed its official headquarters' library in New York City in his honor
- Hailed as a "man of peace" by Jews for Jesus founder, Moshe Rosen
- Named Scholar in Residence of Jews for Jesus (1994)

Publications:

- Regular contributor to numerous periodicals, including several contributions to the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*
- Numerous books, including *Our Jewish Friends*, *How Jewish Is Christianity?* and *God, Torah, Messiah*

Recommended Reading

It is recommended that you have a good Bible for use during the course. Dr. Goldberg recommends *The New American Standard Version* for this course.

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.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.