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The Book of Jeremiah

Judgment & Hope from an Unpopular Prophet

Syllabus

Course Description

This course is an exposition of the Book of Jeremiah.

Course Objectives

After completing this course the student will:

1. Remember the basic content and message of the Book of Jeremiah.
2. Identify the major themes in Jeremiah.
3. Know the major problem passages and their possible solutions.
4. Gain a greater appreciation Jeremiah's contribution to our understanding of divine judgment and future hope.
5. Grow in spiritual maturity by identifying, understanding, and rejecting those attitudes and actions that lead to divine judgment and understanding and appreciating God's grace in the midst of our failures.

Course Textbooks

1. The Bible
2. Class notes

Note: The student will be responsible for reading the Bible passage that will be discussed that day before each class and also any assigned class notes or handouts.

Course Assignment Description

1. Read the entire Book of Jeremiah at least once during the length of the course. There is no substitute for reading the Scriptures!
2. Keep a notebook (preferably a 3-ring binder) devoted *specifically* to the Book of Jeremiah. The notebook should contain the course handouts, your notes, and any assignments that you do for this course. Organizing these materials now will make them accessible in the future as you continue your studies and as you may have opportunity to teach the book.

Graded Option

Students interested in an enhanced learning experience can elect to participate in a graded option. For the voluntary option the student will be required to do the Bible reading, one additional written assignments, take the exam, and attend 75% of the class sessions (cannot miss more than 8 sessions or 4 nights). The student should let the instructor know that they want to participate in this option. **This option is completely voluntary.**

Course Schedule

Class times are 7:00–7:55 (15 min. break), 8:10–9:00

| Day | Session | Content To Be Covered | Assignments |
|-------|---------|--|--|
| 9-6 | 1 | Introduction to the course and to Jeremiah | |
| | 2 | Jeremiah 1:1–3:5 | |
| 9-13 | 3 | Jeremiah 3:6–6:30 | |
| | 4 | Jeremiah 7:1–9:26 | |
| 9-20 | 5 | Jeremiah 10:1–13:27 | |
| | 6 | Jeremiah 14:1–16:21 | |
| 9-27 | 7 | Jeremiah 17:1–20:18 | |
| | 8 | Jeremiah 21:1–23:40 | |
| 10-4 | 9 | Jeremiah 24:1–26:24 | A complete reading of Jeremiah |
| | 10 | Jeremiah 27:1–29:32 | |
| 10-11 | 11 | Jeremiah 30:1–32:44 | Worksheet assignment due for graded option |
| | 12 | Jeremiah 33:1–35:19 | |
| 10-18 | 13 | Jeremiah 36:1–39:18 | |
| | 14 | Jeremiah 40:1–43:7 | |
| 10-25 | 15 | Jeremiah 43:8–45:5 | |
| | 16 | Jeremiah 46:1–47:7 | |
| 11-1 | 17 | Jeremiah 47:8–49:39 | |
| | 18 | Jeremiah 50:1–52:34 | |
| 11-8 | 19 | Review and Exam | Test |
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SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Although there are no textbooks required for this course, you might want to consider purchasing one or more of the books below to enhance your personal study. In the case of Jeremiah there are a number of fine conservative commentaries available. The following list is a very select list of some that might be the most helpful for you. If you have specific questions please do not hesitate to ask or contact me.

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