

**THE PROPHETIC LITERATURE (82520)**  
**Spring 2007**  
**Tuesdays, 11:30 AM - 2:15 PM (1/29/2007 – 5/4/2007)**  
**Location: Norton 203**  
**Dr. Duane Garrett**

**Note: this syllabus is subject to change depending on how many students enroll and other factors.**

**Purpose of Seminar**

This course will focus on the exegesis of the Hebrew text of Amos. We will examine the theology, poetic method, structure, historical background, text criticism and Hebrew syntax.

**Required Textbooks**

- Shalom Paul, *Hermeneia: Amos*
- *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*.

**Recommended Text**

- Douglas Stuart, *Word Biblical Commentary: Hosea - Jonah*

**Required Software**

You must have software that allows you to convert your papers into a PDF format. This includes any Mac OS X computer (via print command), Adobe Acrobat for Windows or Mac, or various other software packages for Windows.

You will email a copy of each paper you write to the instructor and to every class member one week in advance. Use PDF format, and be sure that the fonts for your paper are embedded in the PDF.

When graded, your paper will be returned electronically.

**Class Requirements**

1. Attend all classes.
2. Pass with at least 80% an examination over the Hebrew text of Amos with translation of selected passages and parsing of selected verbs.
3. Read all student papers and be prepared to interact.
4. Read the articles for reviewing listed below and be prepared to interact.
5. Prepare 2 exegetical papers on selected passages from Amos (see the schedule below for the breakdown of the passages). You will do one paper from the units below for 1:1–5:15 and one paper from the units below for 5:16–9:15.
  - a. Be sure to interact with commentaries, journals, and other academic resources.
  - b. These two papers will each be a maximum of **10 double-spaced pages** in length, including bibliography.

- c. You have limited space. Do not be verbose and do not state the obvious. Focus on issues of significance and on texts that, for whatever reason, are problematic.
- d. Your papers should follow the format of the Word Biblical Commentary and deal with the following as applicable to the specific text.
  - i. Text critical issues in the text
  - ii. Historical context
  - iii. Literary context
  - iv. Structure of text
  - v. Moral issues
  - vi. Theological issues
  - vii. New Testament connections
6. You will write one review paper of one selected journal article (see the articles for reviewing and the schedule below). This paper is to be a maximum of **three pages double-spaced**.
7. You will write one paper on a topic of your own choosing but related to Amos. It may be a lexical study, theological study, historical study, or analysis of critical matters. This paper is to be a maximum of **four pages double-spaced**, including bibliography.

### Articles for Reviewing

- “Amos 5:13: The deadly silence of the prosperous.” Author: Smith, Gary V. Source: *Journal of Biblical Literature* 107 June 1988, p 289-291.
- “Amos and Amaziah in Context: Synchronic and Diachronic Approaches to Amos 7-8.” Author: Noble, Paul R. Source: *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 60 July 1998, p 423-439.
- “Hear This Word against You: A Fresh Look at the Arrangement and the Rhetorical Strategy of the Book of Amos.” Author: Möller, Karl. Source: *Vetus testamentum* 50 no 4 2000, p 499-518.
- “Skt (Amos 9:11): ‘booth’ or ‘Succoth’?” Author: Richardson, H Neil Source: *Journal of Biblical Literature* 92 no 3 S 1973, p 375-381.
- “Some Hebrew misreadings in the Septuagint of Amos.” Author: Gelston, Anthony. Source: *Vetus testamentum* 52 no 4 2002, p 493-500.
- “Telescoping N + 1 Patterns in the Book of Amos.” Author: O'Connell, Robert H. Source: *Vetus testamentum* 46 no 1 Jan 1996, p 56-73.
- “The historical background and dating of Amos vi 2: an archaeological perspective from Tell es-Sâfi/Gath.” Author: Maeir, Aren M. Source: *Vetus testamentum* 54 no 3 2004, p 319-334.
- “W‘dorek ‘al-bamotê ‘ares.” Author: Crenshaw, James L. Source: *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 34 Jan 1972, p 39-53.

## Schedule

01/30/07	Introduction to Seminar		
02/06/07	Exam over Hebrew Text of Amos		
02/13/07	Reading Day for paper preparation		
02/20/07	1:1-9	1:10-2:3	O'Connell
02/27/07	2:4-8	2:9-16	Gelston
03/06/07	3:1-15	4:1-13	Crenshaw
03/13/07	5:1-7	5:8-15	Smith
03/20/07	Reading Day for paper preparation		
03/27/07	5:16-24	5:25-6:8	Maeir
04/03/07	6:9-14	7:1-9	Möller
04/10/07	Reading Week		
04/17/07	7:10-17	8:1-8	Noble
04/24/07	8:9-14	9:1-15	Richardson
05/01/07	Four topical papers		
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