



**Nipawin Bible College**  
**BI4023 Minor Prophets (Deacon's Track)**  
**Fall 2022**  
**3 Credit Hours**  
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## ***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

The time has arrived! Now is the day when we open God's Word and study that most neglected section of the Bible, the Minor Prophets. These twelve books that are so often quoted in the New Testament need to be investigated as we strive to better learn how to worship our Lord. God repeatedly called His people back from the edge of destruction, but they chose not to listen. Destruction would be their reward, yet a remnant would survive and out of that remnant a way to right relationship with God.

These twelve books will be studied as a unified whole throughout this semester - one central message given to God's people for their good and God's glory.

## ***COURSE TEXTBOOKS***

*NOTE: Students are required to read, listening to their audiobook and following along with the written text.*

The Holy Bible - text & audiobook (a translation, *not a paraphrase*). Suggested translations are HCSB, CSB, ESV, NIV, NKJV, NLT, NASB... **Audio Bibles are available from a variety of sources including the YouVersion Bible App. As you listen, please follow along with the written text. Approx. 200 Pages.**

Goldingay, John. *The Lost Letters to the Twelve Prophets: Imagining the Minor Prophets' World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2022.

*NOTE: The above book is required to be purchased in audio book format: [https://www.audible.ca/pd/The-Lost-Letters-to-the-Twelve-Prophets-Audiobook/B09VR34YF3?qid=1660271768&sr=1-8&ref=a\\_search\\_c3\\_lProduct\\_1\\_8&pf\\_rd\\_p=b278ed0a-c3b2-4491-808c-7cb2190a487c&pf\\_rd\\_r=ZDAKZEPXQ42AWGWNJ0S0](https://www.audible.ca/pd/The-Lost-Letters-to-the-Twelve-Prophets-Audiobook/B09VR34YF3?qid=1660271768&sr=1-8&ref=a_search_c3_lProduct_1_8&pf_rd_p=b278ed0a-c3b2-4491-808c-7cb2190a487c&pf_rd_r=ZDAKZEPXQ42AWGWNJ0S0)*

## ***COURSE OBJECTIVES***

By the end of the course students will be able to...

1. Understand the purpose of the Minor Prophets in the Word of God.
2. Be equipped to learn and teach from the Minor Prophets in a personal or corporate church setting.
3. Apply the teachings of the Minor Prophets to their own life and circumstances for their edification and God's glory.

4. See the individual books of the twelve Minor Prophets as a unified whole with a common goal and divine purpose.

## **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Assignment #1 - Choose from either:**

#### **A. Quiz - 20%**

- The student will demonstrate their understanding of the assigned text through a quiz that will be given at the beginning of each class starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. The quiz will be taken out of the assigned textbook only, *The Lost Letters to the Twelve Prophets: Imagining the Minor Prophets' World*, and will be based upon the major concepts found throughout the assigned listening. This quiz will be primarily true/false and multiple choice in nature but may contain other testing tools. Each quiz will ask a personal question regarding the assigned text and how it applies to their life.

OR

#### **B. Audio report - 20%**

- The student will prepare a weekly, 3-minute audio recording detailing what they believed to be the primary points from the weekly audio assignment that they listened to. Answer the questions:
  - What book/books of the Bible were covered in the assigned audio book?
  - What were some of the major things that the author struggled with in his time or as a part of his ministry?
  - How do you think that the things that happened in this part of the Bible shape what you believe today?

### **Assignment #2 - Choose from either:**

#### **A. Exams - 40%**

- There will be a first-half exam (20%) and a non-cumulative second-half exam (20%). The exams will cover in-class material. Both exams will consist of 50 multiple choice questions. The exam will not cover dates unless the professor specifically says to remember a particular date. The student will have 1.5 hours to write the exam.
- The Exams measure how well the student meets course objective 1, 2, & 4.

***First-Half Exam Due: November 2 , 2022***

***Second-Half Exam Due: Exam Week***

OR

**B. Interviews - 2 interviews, each worth 20% (40% total)**

- Record a first-half interview (worth 20%) with some of your classmates (10 minutes max.). Approach your chosen Minor Prophets classmates and ask them if you can interview them regarding the assigned books that will be covered during the exam. You may ask each classmate to give you their favourite theological or cultural learning that they took from that book. You must then respond and tell them what your favourite thing you took from that book was. This process must be repeated until you have gathered all the assigned books due at that point with different classmates. The first interview will cover Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah. This is due at the start of class on **November 2**.

***DUE: November 2, 2022***

- The second interview (worth 20% - 12 minutes max.) will cover the books of Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah, and Malachi. The same requirements will be fulfilled through interviewing your fellow classmates. This final interview is due at the beginning of the scheduled exam time between **Dec 14-16**.

***DUE: On Course Exam Day***

**Cumulative Learning Exercise - 40%**

- Pick one of the books of the Minor Prophets. Choose to read/listen (listen while following along with the text) to this book a minimum of three times a week (minimum 3 different days) for two weeks. **Each time before** you listen or read that book, ask the Lord to speak to you through His Word.
  - For the first week, each time after you have listened to/read that book, record (either on paper or audio recording) what God is saying to His people and if He speaks to you personally, record that as well.
  - For the second week, each time after you have read/listened to the book, find someone (a different person each of the three times), to have a conversation with regarding what you are reading and how God is speaking to His people and/or to you. Record some insights from these conversations either on paper or through audio recording.
- Finally, go through all your recordings and see how God has spoken to you through His Word. Highlight areas of interest and focus on seeing where God is challenging you. Look back at what you recorded and reflect on the conversations that you had regarding the book. Make some notes for yourself and schedule a meeting with your professor to have a 10-15 minute discussion on your book and what happened during your reading. You will just be having a conversation with your professor, and he will mark you (20%) based on this discussion. The other 20% of your mark on

this assignment will be from completing the assignment. This will be established by filling out an assignment paper detailing when you completed your objectives, and signatures (or in the case of a long-distance conversation, the person's name) detailing your conversations.

***DUE: November 30, 2022***

Assignments will be due at the **beginning of class** on the date assigned.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

**LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY**

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

**Reading: 235 pages**

**Writing: 12 pages**

### **COURSE SCHEDULE:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT DUE</b>
<i>September 21</i>	Introduction Syllabus Religious, Cultural, & Political backgrounds		
<i>September 28</i>	The Book of the Twelve	Goldingay - Preface and Introduction	• Quiz 1 or Audio Report
<i>October 5</i>	Hosea	-Goldingay – Letters to Hosea -Read/Listen to Hosea	• Quiz 2 or Audio Report
<i>October 12</i>	Joel & Amos	-Goldingay – Letters to Joel and Amos -Read/Listen to Joel and Amos	• Quiz 3 or Audio Report
<i>October 26</i>	Obadiah & Jonah	-Goldingay – Letters to Obadiah and Jonah -Read/Listen to Obadiah and Jonah	• Quiz 4 or Audio Report
<i>November 2</i>	Micah & Nahum	-Goldingay – Letters to Micah and Nahum -Read/Listen to Micah and Nahum	• Exam 1 or Interview 1
<i>November 16</i>	Habakkuk & Zephaniah	-Goldingay – Letters to Habakkuk and Zephaniah -Read/Listen to Habakkuk and Zephaniah	• Quiz 5 or Audio Report
<i>November 23</i>	Haggai	-Goldingay – Letters to Haggai -Read/Listen to Haggai	• Quiz 6 or Audio Report
<i>November 30</i>	Zachariah	-Goldingay – Letters to Zachariah -Read/Listen to Zechariah	• Quiz 7 or Audio Report  • Cumulative Learning Exercise
<i>December 7</i>	Malachi	-Goldingay – Letters to Malachi -Read/Listen to Malachi	• Quiz 8 or Audio Report
<i>December 14-16 (Exam Week)</i>			• Exam 2 or Interview 2