OBST 633

Isaiah

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From a Scale 1-10 (1 = low demands; 5 = moderate demands; 10 = very demanding), How would you rate the overall level of difficulty of this course?

Level of demand = 8
I would recommend taking no more than one other course with this one within an 8-week format.

From a Scale 1-10 (1 = low demands; 5 = moderate demands; 10 = very demanding), How would you rate the level of the reading requirements in this course?

Level of demand = 9
Student will read the book of Isaiah, significant portions of the two textbooks, and a handful of journal articles.

From a Scale 1-10 (1 = low demands; 5 = moderate demands; 10 = very demanding), How would you rate the level of the lecture requirements in this course?

Level of demand = 6
The course is divided into 19 lessons—there are lecture notes and/or powerpoint presentations for each lesson.

From a Scale 1-10 (1 = low demands; 5 = moderate demands; 10 = very demanding), How would you rate the level of the online exam requirements in this course?

Level of demand = 5
There are 3 exams for this course—they are all open book and open note. The first two exams are multiple-choice, true/false, or short answer. The final test centers around one major essay question. Students who have read through the course notes and textbooks will do well on these exams.

From a Scale 1-10 (1 = low demands; 5 = moderate demands; 10 = very demanding), How would you rate the level of the discussion board requirements in this course?

Level of demand = 8
This course contains four online Graded – Discussion Boards. There are time-sensitive requirements for each discussion board (meaning, the student must post within particular assigned weeks of the course) but the requirements are clearly stated and defined. The
last two discussion forums will require the student to read journal articles and deal with major interpretive issues in the book of Isaiah.

**From a Scale 1-10 (1 = low demands; 5 = moderate demands; 10 = very demanding), How would you rate the level of the written paper requirements in this course?**

Level of demand = 7
This course contains a major research paper (10-12 pages) that involves an expositional study of a passage from the second half of the book of Isaiah. Lesson 3 in the lecture notes provides a model for how to do this paper. The student is expected to demonstrate good research methods and to do a detailed analysis of the passage and the interpretive and theological issues that are central to the passage.

**Additional comments:**

The strength of this course is that it provides students with help in not only understanding the message of Isaiah but how to interpret prophetic literature in general. Students get the opportunity to dig into tough interpretive issues, and the discussion board assignments provide for good interaction and connection with the other students in the course. Students will also be better prepared to teach the prophets by understanding the practicality of the message of the prophets and seeing that the prophetic books have concerns that extend beyond eschatology. Would be helpful if student has taken OBST 592 (Old Testament Orientation II) before taking this class so that the student has a basic understanding of Isaiah and the prophets as a foundation for more in-depth study.
Syllabus

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM
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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS


COURSE DESCRIPTION
Careful attention is given to the special introductory aspects of the book: 1) unity, authorship, date; 2) historical background; 3) themes, motifs, or emphasis; 4) purpose(s); and 5) literary features. A detailed exposition of the major portions of the text will be presented, especially the Messianic sections.

I. RATIONALE
This course is an elective in the M.A.R. program.

II. PREREQUISITES
None

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES
A. The student should comprehend the historical background related to the setting of the book, including key kingdoms, personages, and the political climate within and without the nation of Israel/Judah.

B. The student should be able to express the theme/purpose of the book, and be able to develop the theme section by section, and express the major emphasis for these portions.

C. The student should be able to discuss the nature of several concepts presented in the book: the covenant setting, the Day of the Lord, the Messianic portions of the book including the servant songs and the identity of the King in chapter 14.
IV. MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
   A. Internet access, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint
   B. Lesson outlines (20)
   C. Textbooks

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS
   A. Readings: The student will read through the Book of Isaiah (using a translation,
      not a paraphrase). The student will also read the corresponding sections from the
      class textbooks in connection with the reading of the biblical text. (See
      READING.)
   B. Lesson Requirements: The student will follow the lesson guide for each lesson,
      completing, when directed: assigned readings from the required textbooks and
      other sources; textbook assignments; bible survey; review quizzes; and
      Discussion Board assignments involving interaction with other students.
   C. On-line Quizzes: the student will complete three on-line review quizzes. These
      quizzes are open-book: the student may use his/her Bible, class notes, and of
      course textbooks to answer the questions on the quizzes.
   D. Research/Exposition Paper: The student is to prepare a research paper that is an
      exposition of a passage from Isaiah 56–66. (See ASSIGNMENTS.)

VI. EVALUATION AND GRADING
   A. Weight
      The items below will constitute the following percentages of the final grade:
      
      | Component               | Percentage |
      |-------------------------|------------|
      | Reading Report          | 18%        |
      | Review Quiz 1           | 7.5%       |
      | Review Quiz 2           | 7.5%       |
      | Review Quiz 3           | 12%        |
      | **Total**               | **27%**    |
      | Exposition Paper        | 25%        |
      | Discussion Boards       | 30%        |
      | **Grand Total**         | **100%**   |

   B. Scale
      A = 94–100  B = 86–93  C = 75–85  D = 68–74  F = 0–67
VII. **Course Library Bibliography**


# OBST 633 Bb Course Chart 8-wk

## Course Chart

**Note:** Check each lesson guide for additional assignment info, reading materials, lecture notes, PowerPoint presentations, and links.

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| 1      | 1. Introduction to the Prophets, Part I | *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks*  
Chs. 1–2, pp. 19–57 |
| 1      | 2. Introduction to the Prophets, Part II | *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks*  
Chs. 3–4, pp. 58–102 |
|        | **Discussion Board** | |
| 2      | 3. How to Do an Exposition Paper | |
| 2      | 4. The Forms of Prophetic Literature | |
| 2      | 5. Historical Background and Setting of Isaiah | |
|        | **Museum Tour** | |
|        | **Bible Scan / Review Quiz 1** | |
| 3      | 7. Isaiah 6 | *Bible – Isaiah 6*  
*Isaiah: The NIV Commentary*, pp. 124–133 |
| 3      | 8. Isaiah 1–4 | *Bible – Isaiah 1–4*  
*Isaiah: The NIV Commentary*, pp. 71–108 |
| 3      | 9. Isaiah 5 | *Bible – Isaiah 5*  
*Isaiah: The NIV Commentary*, pp. 109–123 |
|        | **Discussion Board** | |
| 4      | 10. Isaiah 7–8 | *Bible – Isaiah 7–8*  
*Isaiah: The NIV Commentary*, pp. 134–158 |
|        | **Discussion Board** | |
| 4      | 11. Isaiah 9–12: The Promise of Messiah | *Bible – Isaiah 9–12*  
*Isaiah: The NIV Commentary*, pp. 159–195 |
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Isaiah: The NIV Commentary, pp. 196–220, 238–250 |
Isaiah: The NIV Commentary, pp. 278–313 |
Isaiah: The NIV Commentary, pp. 328–383 |
Isaiah: NIV Commentary, pp. 396–439 |
Isaiah: NIV Commentary, pp. 440–486 |
|        | 17. Servant of the Lord, Part I | Bible – Isaiah 49–55 |
Bible – Isaiah 56–59 |
|        | **Review Quiz 2**  
**Submit Exposition Paper** | |
| 8      | 20. Review Quiz #3 | |
|        | **Reading Report (fax to professor)** | |