Syllabus

Class Dates*: March 25, April 1, April 22 & April 29  
Class Time: Saturday Classes: 9:00AM to 4:00PM  
  *Attendance is required at all classes. All absences must be approved by the instructor.

Format of Presentations

The format of the class will be lectures, group work and discussion of assigned readings.

Format of Examinations

The midterm examination is a take home test and will be due on April 19, 2017. The final exam is also a take home test and will be due on May 8, 2017. Further instructions regarding length will be included on the test itself. You will email your exams to mcconnj@stthom.edu.

Course Grading

Your grade will be determined as follows:
  - Midterm Exam 45%
  - Final Exam 45%
  - Class Participation 10%

Required Textbooks

New American Bible
Lawrence Boadt, Reading the Old Testament

Additional reading

Joseph Blenkinsopp. A History of Prophecy in Israel
The New Jerome Biblical Commentary

Class One: Introduction to the Prophets 
  Historical Context of the Prophets
  Prophets of the Eighth Century 
  Saturday, March 25, 2017

Reading Assignments

Read Amos, Hosea 1-4, Isaiah 1-12, Micah 1-4
Read Boadt, pp. 254-268 (historical context pre-reading) & 270-292

Note that there are reflection questions at the end of each chapter in Boadt’s text. I would suggest that you use these to highlight the important aspects of the chapter and the selected readings from Scripture.
### Class Two: The Last Days of Judah
**The Prophet Jeremiah**
**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**Reading Assignments**
- Read Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah 1-3; 7-8; 18-20; 26-29; 30-31
- Read Boadt, pp. 296-334

### Class Three: Prophets of the Babylonian Period
**The Exile**
**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**Reading Assignments**
- Read Ezekiel 1-5; 16-18; 36-37, Isaiah 40-41; 51-55, Obadiah
- Read Boadt, pp. 335-378

### Class Four: Prophets of the Restoration & Postexilic Period
**Apocalyptic Thought**
**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**Reading Assignments**
- Read Isaiah 56-66, Haggai, Zechariah 1-4; 9-14, Jonah 1-4, Baruch, Daniel 1-3; 7-8
- Read Boadt, pp. 379-412, 436, 440-449