

BA2/3004W Promised Land and Exile (BA3704W - Online)

Offered: 2018: Semester 1 (Also offered online Semester 1 – as BA3704W)

A study of selected texts relating to the themes of land and exile in biblical theology. The unit will bring exegetical reflections into dialogue with contemporary issues of ecology, migration, spirituality of dispossession, and the theology of hope.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Distinguish between the theologies of land in Deuteronomy and Leviticus;
2. Describe a range of responses to the exile in the Old Testament;
3. Articulate similarities and differences between prophetic theologies of hope;
4. Discuss selected exegetical issues in relation to contemporary debates about ecology, migration, the spirituality of dispossession, or hope;
5. Reflect on the tension between land promises and exile in the Old Testament.

Prerequisites: Level 1 unit in Hebrew Bible / Old Testament

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:

Level 2:	One 1,500 word exegetical paper	(30%)
	One 2,000 word essay	(50%)
	One 500 word tutorial paper	(20%)

Level 3:	One 1,500 word exegetical paper	(30%)
	One 2,500 word essay	(50%)
	One 1,000 word tutorial paper	(20%)

Faculty: Mark Brett

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Brett, MG *Decolonizing God: The Bible in the Tides of Empire*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2008.

Brueggemann, W *Cadences of Home: Preaching Among Exiles*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997.

Chapman, C *Whose Promised Land? The Continuing Crisis over Israel and Palestine*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002

Goonan, M *A Community of Exiles: Exploring Australian Spirituality*. Homebush: St Pauls Publications, 1996.

Habel, N *The Land is Mine: Six Biblical Land Ideologies*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995.

Halvorson-Taylor, M *Enduring Exile: The Metaphorization of Exile in the Hebrew Bible*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2011.

Kelle, BE et al. (eds), *Interpreting Exile: Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts*. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.

Lee, NC and C Mandolfo (eds), *Lamentations in Ancient and Contemporary Cultural Contexts*. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.

Smith, AD *Chosen Peoples: Sacred Sources of National Identity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Smith-Christopher, D *A Biblical Theology of Exile*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2002.

Weinfeld, M *The Promise of the Land*. Berkeley: University of California, 1992.

Wright, C *God's people in God's land*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.