



## Post-Exilic Prophets Rev. Mark Vander Hart

June 14, 16, 21, 28, July 1, 5, 7, 12  
(Tuesdays and thursdays - see class times below)

### PROFESSOR

Rev. Mark Vander Hart is Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies, Mid-America Reformed Seminary. B.A., Dordt College, 1975, M.Div., Calvin Theological Seminary, 1980; Th.M. Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education, 2001  
Previously taught at BRTS: Old Testament: Pre-Exilic Prophets; Ecclesiology; Pentateuch, Old Testament History

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will survey the post-exilic period in the history of redemption. Included in this survey will be an analysis of the method of interpretation appropriate to Old Testament texts dealing with the history of redemption in the post-exilic period. In particular, this survey will cover the books of Chronicles, Haggai through Malachi, and Ezra through Esther.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

- i. Attendance at all class sessions, unless there is a valid reason for absence.
- ii. There will be a mid-term and a final exam.
- iii. Read through the Biblical books of Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi in the student's first language.
- iv. Read through the following material and sustain a written test on the material:
  - 1 Longman, T. and R.B. Dillard, *An Introduction to the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995), pp. 169-198, 313-352, 421-442.
  - 2 VanGemeren, Willem, *Interpreting the Prophetic Word* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990), pp. 182-211, 321-353.
  - 3 Smith, Gary V., *The Prophets as Preachers* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994), pp. 251-338.
  - 4 Williams, Michael J., *The Prophet and His Message* (New Jersey: P&R Publishing, 2003), pp. 1-93.
  - 5 Eskenazi, Tamara, "Exile and the Dreams of Return," *Current Trends in Missions* 18 (1990) 192-200.
  - 6 Merrill, Eugene, *Kingdom of Priests* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987) 469-516.
- v. Submit an 8-10 page paper on the theme of *The Relevance of the Zechariah 1-6 and Malachi to Contemporary Believers in Latvia or Lithuania*. This could be a general paper on that topic, or an application of a narrower part of the course. There should be interaction with the ancient text and the contemporary situation.

### ABOUT THE CLASSES:

Riga	Vilnius
Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary, Akas Str. 13, <b>09:00 – 12:00</b>	Vilnius Pedagogical University (Distance education classroom, 4 <sup>th</sup> . floor) <b>18:00 – 21:00</b> With Translation to Lithuanian Language

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