

Psalms and Ezra (OT208)

Australian College of Theology name: *Psalms, Post-Exilic Literature*

Unit Description

How did God's people respond to life and in particular to God's rule over his world? How were the promises of God being worked out among a people who kept failing? Explore these two Old Testament books in some detail and learn how to interpret them.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. *Know and understand:*

1. The contents and structure of two of the Psalms, Daniel, Ezra and Isaiah
2. The themes and theological teaching of the selected books
3. The nature and basic methods of Old Testament exegesis

B. *Be able to:*

1. Use sources such as biblical and theological dictionaries, commentaries and online resources
2. Recognise literary form and structure
3. Identify matters relating to authorship, date and purpose
4. Describe the historical, religious and socio-cultural background
5. Relate the text to the literary and canonical contexts
6. Comment on the meaning of significant words and phrases
7. Outline the contents and theology
8. Exegete the English text of a selection of passages from the selected books

C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Exegete the English text of two of Psalms, Daniel, Ezra and Isaiah for personal understanding and for use in ministry contexts

Prescribed texts

1. Psalms 2, 8, 16, 19, 22, 46, 51, 73, 99, 137
2. Daniel 1, 3, 5, 7–10, 12
3. Ezra
4. Isaiah 56–61, 65–66

You will complete any **two** of 1, 2, 3, 4.