

Ezekiel and Job (OT207)

Australian College of Theology name: *Exilic Prophets and Wisdom Literature*

Unit Description

These two Old Testament books look at life when it is bewildering. Suffering, wisdom, the world, God and the devil all come under scrutiny in the pages of Job, while Ezekiel travels the path from evil and judgement to hope. Explore these two books in detail and the lessons they provide for our own faith journey.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. *Know and understand:*

1. The contents and structure of two of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Job, and Ecclesiastes
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 the selected books for personal understanding and for use in ministry contexts

Prescribed Texts

1. Isaiah 40, 43, 45, 49–50, 52–53, 55
2. Ezekiel 2–4, 8, 10–11, 36–37
3. Job 1–2, 9, 14, 19, 28, 38, 40, 42
4. Ecclesiastes 1–5, 9, 11–12

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