

## BA3020P/ BA3029P Psalms: Exegetical and Theological Study

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**Intensive unit:** BA3020P - March 15, 16, 17, 29 & 30

Online: not offered in academic year 2019

### Description

This unit will introduce the Book of Psalms, and study the formation and development of the Psalter. It will give attention to the various forms of the Psalms, their setting and their functions within the historical experience of Israel. The course also seeks to provide critical knowledge of the theology inherent in the Psalms and explore the relevance, use and functions of the Psalms in today's context.

### Learning outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the formation and development of the Psalter
2. Analyse the various types of Psalms: their form, content, settings and functions.
3. Critically engage the Psalms and their varied theological positions.
4. Apply the Psalms and their message to contemporary situations.

### Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
<b>Classroom-based</b>	
Exegetical Essay (2000 words)	50%
Essay (3000 words)	50%
<b>Online</b>	
Exegetical Essay (1500 words)	50%
Essay (3000 words)	40%
Online Tutorial participation (500 words)	10%

**Pre-requisite:** BA - Life, History and the People of God in the Hebrew Scriptures

**Lecturer:** Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon

### Recommended reading

\* = set texts recommended for purchase

Allen, L. C., *Psalms 101–150*, WBC, Waco, Texas: Word, 1987

\*Brown, William P. (Ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of the Psalms*. OUP, 2014.

\*Brueggemann, W and Billinger Jr, William H. *Psalms*. New Cambridge Bible Commentary. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Craigie, P. C., *Psalms 1–50*, WBC, Waco, Texas: Word. 1983.

deClaissé-Walford, N. L., *Introduction to the Psalms*, St Louis: Chalice, 2004.

Gerstenberger, E., *Psalms 1–60 with an Introduction to Cultic Poetry*, Part 1, FOTL, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Psalms and Lamentations*, Part 2, FOTL, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001.

Gillingham, S. E., *The Psalms through the Centuries*, Volume 1, Oxford: Blackwell, 2008.

\*Jacobson, Rolf A. (ed.) *Soundings in the Theology of Psalms: Perspectives and Methods in Contemporary Scholarship*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2011

Tate, M., *Psalms 51–100*, WBC, Waco, Texas: Word, 1990.

## **BA9020P/ BA9029P**

### **Psalms: Exegetical and Theological Study**

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**Intensive unit:** BA9020P - March 15, 16, 17, 29 & 30;      **Online:** Not offered in academic year 2019

#### **Description**

This unit will introduce the Book of Psalms, and study the formation and development of the Psalter. It will give attention to the various forms of the Psalms, their setting and their functions within the historical experience of Israel. The course also seeks to provide critical knowledge of the theology inherent in the Psalms and explore the relevance, use and functions of the Psalms in today's context.

#### **Learning outcomes**

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the formation and development of the Psalter
2. Analyse the various types of Psalms: their form, content, settings and functions.
3. Critically engage the Psalms and their varied theological positions.
4. Demonstrate understanding and ability to work with a variety of methods and approaches to the interpretation of the Psalter
5. Apply the Psalms and their message to contemporary situations.

#### **Assessment**

<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Classroom-based</b>	
Exegetical Essay (3000 words)	50%
Essay (3000 words)	50%
<b>Online</b>	
Exegetical Essay (3000 words)	50%
Essay (2500 words)	40%
Online Tutorial participation (500 words)	10%

**Pre-requisite:** BA - Life, History and the People of God in the Hebrew Scriptures

**Lecturer:** Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon

#### **Recommended reading**

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