

Course Name: The Case for Messiah

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Day and time of course:

Tuesday, February 27 – May 7, 2024
16:00-19:00 (ZOOM)

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Course Description

In this course, we take in depth look at several passages which are fundamental to the Jewish-Christian debate about the person and work of the Messiah in the Hebrew Bible. For each passage, the strongest arguments against the Messianic interpretation is presented, followed by an exegetical defense of the Messianic interpretation.

Course Goals

1. To become familiar with the strongest arguments against the Messianic interpretation of key passages in the Hebrew Bible
2. To become familiar with the strongest exegetical responses in defense of the Messianic interpretation of key passages in the Hebrew Bible
3. To learn the essentials skills for a text-centered hermeneutic

Learning Outcome

1. To be emboldened to share the gospel from the Hebrew Bible
2. To be better equipped to defend the NT's interpretation of the Hebrew Bible as well as to defend the Messianic faith
3. To grow in a desire to carefully study the Scriptures

Course Structure

The lessons will be held through a Zoom format, consisting of lectures and interactive discussions between all participants. There will be 10 three-hour live zoom lectures (with breaks). Recordings will be available to registered students.

Requirements and Grading

Reading: The student will read at least 250 pages of essays from the book, <i>The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy</i> , ed. Michael Rydelnik and Edwin Blum (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 2019).	50%
Paper: The student must prepare an exegetical response to a YouTube video that seeks to refute the NT's interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. The paper must accurately summarize the video's arguments and offer an in-depth exegetical response. The paper must contain no less than 20 academic sources fairly representing arguments for and against the Messianic interpretation of the passage chosen by the students. The paper must 10-12 pages, double spaced, and follow Turabian's latest guidelines (https://www.scribbr.com/chicago-style/turabian/). On the cover page of the paper, students will state in writing that they have not written the paper with the help of AI or have committed any form plagiarism (the borrowing of ideas and/or written materials without proper accreditation). The paper is due on the final day of class. Late papers will not be accepted.	50%
Total Grade	100%

Main Texts

The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy, ed. Michael Rydelnik and Edwin Blum (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 2019)

Dates and Topics

27.02.2024	Genesis 3:15	Etiology or Eschatology?
05.03.2024	Isaiah 7	Virgin Birth?
12.03.2024	Isaiah 9	Past Fulfillment or Future Prophecy?
19.03.2024	Isaiah 53	Israel or the Messiah?
26.03.2024	Zechariah 12	Messiah son of Joseph or Messiah son of David?
02.04.2024	Psalms 2	King David or the Messiah?
09.04.2024	Psalms 22	Like a Lion or Pierced?
16.04.2024	Psalms 110	King David or the Messiah?
23.04.2024	Passover, no class	
30.04.2024	Daniel 7	Israel or the Messiah?
07.05.2024	Daniel 9	Temple Priest or King Messiah?

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