

(Brief bio)

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Dr. Axton studied with Carl Roeder of the Juilliard School in New York and Victor Labunski at the Kansas city conservatory and received his B.A. Degree from Washburn University. He was a Whiting Scholar, a MacVicar Scholar and recipient of the Kappa Sigma Scholarship-Leadership Award. He received his Masters of Arts and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. After his tenure as Dean and Professor of Music and Philosophy at Schiller college in Germany he traveled extensively became a distinguished director of Broadway Musicals in Germany, Austria and Switzerland and conducted traditional concert repertoire with many orchestras including the Haag philharmonic, the Helsinki Philharmonic and the Berlin Symphony Orchestra. In his retirement he has devoted himself to Religious Studies and regularly teaches the Old Testament and Church History at The Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota.

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**SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY & DEVELOPMENT
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**SYLLABUS – THE PROPHETS I & II – OCT. 17/31
(four pages)**

INSTRUCTOR – PROF. CHARLES B. AXTON PhD.

The purpose of this instruction is to provide adult Christian education and training for:

Interested lay persons, persons interested in discerning a call to lay or ordained ministry, nominees to the vocational Diaconate and clergy seeking continuing education.

The course, in two sessions, is a survey and study of the prophets of the Old Testament, their position in biblical history and their contribution to the Hebrew Faith and ultimately to Christianity.

Skills to be emphasized:

- 1) Processing information both in terms of analysis and synthesis
- 2) Understanding the events portrayed in scripture with reference to history and to faith

3) Expressing concepts clearly in classroom discussion and in written papers.

Course Requirements

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Appropriate attire is expected (no bare feet & sandals, tank tops, t-shirts, etc.)

Preparation is necessary in order to be involved in the learning sessions. Those attending will be called upon to report on their research and readings.

Attendees are expected to check their e-mail regularly for updates and other information from the instructor and/or from the Diocese office.

Attendees are expected to acquire for their preparation – **and to bring to the instruction sessions !** – their own personal copies of:

1) the King James Version and

2) the New American Standard Bible. &

3) a 1” binder 3-ring notebook for the hand-outs

Preparation for Prophets I :Read in **both** bibles: I & II Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel

Research and identify the following: CHIUN – MOLOCH – CHEMOSH – ASTARTE – BAAL – TAMMUZ – TOPHETH – SIN (moon God) SHAMASH – ISHTAR – ERSHKIGAL -

MARDUK – EDOM - MOAB – AMMON. (try on-line encyclopedias – two sources)

Preparation for Prophets II

Read in **both** bibles: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, (suggestion: in the fourteen days between the sessions, read the book on one prophet each day and then take time to digest and review the readings)

Research and identify the following:

MANI (Prophet) – MONTANUS (Montanism) - JOSEPH SMITH, jr. – WILLIAM MILLER (Preacher) – JAMES WARREN “JIM” JONES (People’s Temple) – MARSHALL HERFF APPLEWHITE (Heaven’s Gate).....Try to identify and list other “false” prophets. (these are a “quick find” on the internet but read more than one source.)

IMPORTANT ! ! ! !

Written papers at the conclusion of instruction are to be done on a standard desk or lap top computer program (i.e. Word) and submitted as an e-mail

to Prof. Axton (cba-bla@comcast.net) and a “cc” to Archdean McManis (dmcmanis@episcopalswfl.org)

RESEARCH SOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SARASOTA LIBRARY:

ANCHOR BIBLE DICTIONARY
INTERPRETER’S DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE
HARPER’S BIBLE DICTIONARY
HARPER’S BIBLE COMMENTARY
HARPER COLLINS STUDY BIBLE
INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA
CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY
INTERPRETER’S BIBLE
OLD TESTAMENT LIBRARY

(Highly controversial !)
THE SCOFIELD BIBLE – 1917 Edition