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.....I'll begin with a word about the <u>mechanics</u> of this course. Now this course, it states in the catalogue, is limited to Seniors and graduates, that prophets is a prerequisite, but then I put on the sheet of peper I said it was open to anyone who had first year Hebrew, meaning that to be the latest statement. The reason for this is that though there are principles that are taken up in the prophets course which are necessary for the understanding of th certain of the prophets, and it is good to go from the more simple to the more difficult, dealing with the prophets. The book of Daniel, while it is not simple is different from most of the other prophetic books, and sufficiently different, that many of the principles which rank most important in the prophets course hardly have much relationship to the book of Daniel, and on the other hand there are certain very important features in connection with the book of Daniel which don't enter into other propetical books very much.

Now about the mechanics of it. I have thought about the possibility of this course being taken in any one of four different ways. First taking it as an undergraduate course for two hours of undergrad. credit. Under those circumstances you are expected to do two hours of **ix** study for each of the hours in class, so that it makes is six hours a week , which is our normal requirement fort two hours of undergraduate credit. But this thought occurred to me. That in this particular course the discussion and explanation that we will have is such a tremendously important part, that I would be willing if anybody wanted to, to have them take this course as a one hour undergrad. course, in which case they would have 2 hrs in class, and one hr of study a week, only looking up particular points of interest, and not any extensive reading of the Hebrew, only particular points they we deal with at length. Now the two others ways would be as a graduate course, either for one hour or two hours of credit. A grad. course requires 1 hr in class and 3 hrs of outside work. 2 hrs in class and 2hrs of study outside, would be 1 hr of grad credit, or 2 hrs in class and six hrs of study outside would be the regular of grad. study. And of course for anyone taking it taht way it would include the reading of all