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Exposition of Revelation Syllabus

Course Description

This course is an expositional study of the book of Revelation.

Course Objectives

After completing this course the student will:

1. Remember the basic content and message of Revelation.
2. Identify the major themes of Revelation.
3. Know major problem passages and their possible solutions related to Revelation.
4. Gain a greater appreciation for the canonical contribution of Revelation.
5. Grow in spiritual maturity through careful and consistent application of the principles found in Revelation.

Course Textbooks

1. The Bible
2. Class notes

Course Assignment Description

1. Revelation at least twice during the length of the course. There is no substitute for reading the Scriptures!
2. Keep a notebook (preferably a 3-ring binder) devoted *specifically* to Revelation. The notebook should contain the course handouts, your notes, and any assignments that you do for this course. Organizing these materials now will make them accessible in the future as you continue your studies and as you may have opportunity to teach the book.

Graded Option

Students interested in an enhanced learning experience can elect to participate in a graded option. For the voluntary graded option the student will be required to do the Bible reading, three additional written assignments, take the exam, and attend 75% of the class sessions (cannot miss more than 8 sessions or 4 nights). The student should let the instructor know that they want to participate in this option. **This option is completely voluntary.**

Course Schedule

Class times are 7:00–7:55 (15 min. break), 8:10–9:00

Day	Session	Content To Be Covered	Reading Due
1–10	1	Introduction to the course and Revelation	NONE
	2	Revelation 1:1–8	
1–17	3	Revelation 1:9–20	Rev 1:1–2:11
	4	Revelation 2:1–11	
1–24	5	Revelation 2:12–29	Rev 2:12–3:6
	6	Revelation 3:1–6	
1–31	7	Revelation 3:7–13	Rev 3:7–22
	8	Revelation 3:14–22	
2–7	9	Revelation 4:1–11	Rev 5:1–6:14
	10	Revelation 5:1–14	
2–14	11	Introduction to the judgments	Rev 6:1–17
	12	Revelation 6:1–17	
2–21	13	Revelation 7:1–17	Rev 7:1–9:21
	14	Revelation 8:1–9:21	
2–28	15	Revelation 10:1–11	Rev 10:1–11:19
	16	Revelation 11:1–19	
3–7	17	Revelation 12:1–17	Rev 12:1–13:18
	18	Revelation 13:1–18	
3–14	19	Revelation 14:1–13	Rev 14:1–15:8
	20	Revelation 14:14–15:8	
3–21	21	Revelation 16:1–8	Rev 16:1–21
	22	Revelation 16:9–21	
3–28	23	Revelation 17:1–18	Rev 17:1–19:5
	24	Revelation 18:1–19:5	
4–4	25	Revelation 19:1–10	Rev 19:6–21
	26	Revelation 19:11–19:21	
4–11	27	Revelation 20:1–6	Rev 20:1–15
	28	Revelation 20:7–15	
4–18	29	Revelation 21:1–27	Rev 21:1–22:21
	30	Revelation 22:1–21	
4–25	31	Exam and Review	NONE
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SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Aune, David E. *Revelation*. 3 vols. Word Biblical Commentary. Dallas: Word, 1997, 1998.
Aune's work is a very technical and extensive (over 1,300 pages) treatment of the book. He deals extensively with the extrabiblical literature, focusing in particular on perceived Greco-Roman parallels. There is a wealth of data here but it will be of limited use for the non-specialist.
- Beale, Gregory K. *The Book of Revelation: A Commentary on the Greek Text*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
This is another recent, technical and extensive (over 1,200 pages) contribution to the study of Revelation. Beale is probably a bit more useable and useful than Aune for the non-specialist.
- Beasley-Murray, G. R. *The Book of Revelation*. New Century Bible. London: Marshall, Morgan, & Scott, 1974.
A helpful exposition from a non-dispensational but premillennial perspective.
- Cohen, Gary. *Understanding Revelation*. Chicago: Moody, 1968.
This is not a commentary, but rather a helpful examination of the chronology and interpretation from a pretribulational, premillennial perspective.
- Gregg, Steve, ed. *Revelation, Four Views: A Parallel Commentary*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1997.
This is not a traditional commentary where the author presents his or her own interpretive approaches while interacting with other approaches. Instead, Gregg lays out in parallel fashion the different interpretive approaches so that the reader can easily see how a proponent of a given approach on Revelation interprets a given passage.
- Hailey, Homer. *Revelation: An Introduction and Commentary*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.
Homer writes from a preterist amillennial perspective.
- Johnson, Alan F. "Revelation." In *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Hebrews–Revelation*. Vol. 13. Edited by Tremper Longman III and David E. Garland. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.
Johnson's work is a relatively brief but helpful non-dispensational but premillennial exposition. This is a revision of his 1981 commentary for the Expositor's series.
- Kistemaker, Simon J. *Revelation*. New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.
It is hard to pinpoint Kistemaker's approach, but he tends to favor an idealist approach. He has a number of helpful insights and generally fair in his arguments.
- Ladd, George Eldon. *A Commentary on the Revelation of John*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972.
Ladd's book is a very helpful volume written from a non-dispensational but premillennial perspective.

Mounce, Robert H. *The Book of Revelation*. Revised ed. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.

Mounce's book is very useful and readable commentary written from a premillennial perspective.

Keener, Craig S. *Revelation*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

Keener's work is a part of the NIV Application series. This series attempts to bridge the gap between the original meaning and the contemporary significance of the books of the Bible. It is not a detailed verse-by-verse commentary but Keener packs quite a bit into this volume.

Ryrie, Charles Caldwell. *Revelation*. Revised ed. Chicago: Moody, 1996.

Ryrie has written a basic lay-level commentary from a dispensational, pretribulational, premillennial perspective. Like his other writings, Ryrie writes in a clear, easy to understand style. This is a revision of his 1968 commentary.

Osborne, Grant R. *Revelation*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.

This book is a well-designed and attractively laid-out, semi technical commentary. Osborne writes in an informative well-reasoned manner.

Thomas, Robert L. *Revelation*. 2 vol. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody, 1992, 1995.

Thomas has written an exhaustive dispensational, pretribulational, premillennial exegetical commentary on the book. Thomas' strength is his ability to interact with the various interpretations.

Walvoord, John F. *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary*. Chicago: Moody, 1966.

Walvoord, the former chancellor emeritus at Dallas Theological Seminary has provided a very helpful commentary on Revelation. Walvoord combines readability with sound exegetical observations and insights.