Overview

Much abused but little used, Revelation is one of the most fascinating books in the bible. Through an intensive study of the Greek text against its OT, Jewish, and Hellenistic background, we will seek to better understand the message of the Apocalypse in its first-century setting [Mission statement 1-2; reference included per ATS requirements]. We will then seek for responsible applications of the text for our own day [MS 1-2].

Textbooks

Required

*The Book of Revelation*, G.K. Beale

*The Revelation of St. John*, G.B. Caird [if available; if not, you can substitute Grant Osborne’s Baker commentary]

*The Theology of the Book of Revelation*, Richard Bauckham

*The Apocalyptic Imagination*, J.J. Collins

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On the Quizzes

The Greek Competency Quiz is required of every Greek exegesis class. You must pass this quiz to remain in the class. This quiz will be given the second class meeting and will consist of a translation passage from the NT with parsing and grammatical questions. The Final quiz is designed to ensure an active engagement with the Greek text, readings, and lectures. It will contain a translation section with related short answer questions, and short-answer questions pertaining to reading and lecture material.

On the Exegesis Paper

Each student is required to produce an exegesis paper of 12-15 pages (1.5 spacing, 12 point type; appendix accepted for charts, diagrams, illustrations, etc.) based on a portion of the Greek text of Revelation. You may choose a passage from anywhere in the book. Generally the passage should range from 6-12 verses, but there may be exceptions. This is meant to be an intensive exploration of the Greek text, and as such it should display the full range of exegetical skills developed in Interpreting the New Testament. The format should be a brief introduction followed by a verse-by-verse discussion in the style of the Harper’s New Testament Commentary series. Your interaction with the Greek text, however, should often be more detailed than in the Harper’s commentary.

Translation/Preparation

You are required to translate the entire Greek text of Revelation. At the end of the term you will be asked to submit a sheet stating what percentage of the translation you have completed.

Small Group Presentations

This is an experimental project in which the class will be divided into six small groups, each of which will be given the responsibility of presenting one of the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. Grading will be generous, but we expect everyone to do their very best for the sake of the rest of the class. Note that these presentations will be done during the third week of class.