COURSE DESCRIPTION
An in-depth study of one of the most fascinating, complex and abused books of the NT. This course seeks to improve the students’ hermeneutical skills by focusing on exegeting the text against the OT, Jewish and Hellenistic backgrounds. Particular emphasis will be devoted to understanding apocalyptic imagery and literature and how to “translate” that understanding to a 21st century world.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will grow in his/her ability to read and faithfully interpret the Greek text of Revelation (Articles 1-2 of the GCTS Mission Statement).
2. The student will grow in his/her understanding of, and ability to appropriate, the theological and pastoral resources of Revelation and his/her ability to think critically and biblically about the issues raised in reading apocalyptic literature (Articles 1-4 of the GCTS Mission Statement).
3. The student’s life, theology and ministry will be more significantly informed by the message of Revelation (Articles 3-4 of GCTS Mission Statement).

REQUIRED TEXTS
It is assumed that the student will have a “good” study Bible and a number of modern day versions (English [NIV, ESV, NRSV], Spanish, or any other modern language) for his/her use.

2. Any other commentary of the student’s choosing with a different theological perspective than the student’s. See below for recommended commentaries.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. In preparation for each class, the student should read and analyze the assigned passages.

2. Read the secondary literature (the commentaries) that corresponds to the assigned passage.

3. **Exegesis paper**: The student will prepare an exegesis paper dealing with a passage in Revelation. The paper will discuss the meanings of key words and concepts, grammatical issues (as mentioned in the grammars and commentaries), the structure of the passage, and the author’s purpose in writing the passage.

4. **New Testament Theology paper.** The student will prepare a theology paper on his/her position relative to the millennium. The paper reflect a thorough acquaintance with Revelation 20:1-4 and the various millenial views evident in Christian theology(ies).

5. **Exegetical Notebook** The student shall prepare an “Exegetical Notebook” on the Book of Revelation in which he/she will record his/her reflections and analysis of each assigned passage on the schedule, along with other relevant exegetical and theological notes gathered from the reading, class lectures and the exegetical task. The exegetical notebook will be turned in on the last day of class

**COURSE EVALUATION**

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| Monday November 4       | Introduction to the course Introduction to Revelation | Read “introductions” in your texts  
Read though Revelation |
| AM                      | Revelation 1-3           | Study/Analyze 1:1-2:11                           |
| Monday November 4       | Revelation 4-5           | Study/Analyze 4:1-5:14                           |
| 7:00 PM-9:00 PM         |                          | Recommended reading: *1Enoch* 85-90; 93-1-10; 91:11-17. |
| Tuesday November 5      | Revelation 6:1-8:5       | Study/Analyze 6:1-7:4; 7:9-8:5                   |
| AM                      | Revelation 8:6-9:21      | Study/Analyze 8:6-9:21                           |
| Tuesday November 5      |                          | Recommended reading: *1Enoch* 1-36; *Testament of Levi* 2-5 |
| PM                      | Revelation 10:1-11:19    | Study/analyze 10-11                              |
| Wednesday November 6    | Revelation 12-13         | Study/Analyze 12                                 |
| AM                      | Revelation 14-16         | Read 4Ezra; 2Baruch                              |
| Wednesday November 6    |                          | Study/Analyze14                                 |
| PM                      | Revelation 17-18         | Study/Analyze 17                                 |
| Thursday November 7     | Revelation 19-22         | Study/Analyze 19                                 |
| AM                      |                          | Read *War Scroll 1, 15-19*  
*5Q15 (New Jerusalem.* |
Bibliography

Introductions

Bibles/New Testaments

Hebrew Concordances & Lexicons

Old Testament Biblical-Theological Dictionaries


**Hebrew Grammar**


**Greek Concordances & Lexicons**


**New Testament Biblical-Theological Dictionaries**


**Greek Grammar**


**Lexical Semantics**


**Semantic Structure Analysis**


**Historical-Cultural Background**


**Studies in Revelation**


**Theology**


**Biblical Interpretation**


