

4NT522 HEBREWS – REVELATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: “An introduction to the General Epistles and Revelation that includes the history, setting, theme, purpose, and message of each book.”

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

In addition to objectives indicated above, several other objectives will be pursued in this class:

1. To gain a working knowledge of the content of these biblical books, including outlines of each;
2. To highlight each book’s theological importance and contribution to the canon;
3. To encourage students who have had Greek to continue to use it;
4. To whet students’ appetites for further study and teaching/preaching of this relatively neglected portion of God’s Word;
5. To foster greater love for, obedience to, and worship of our triune God.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. Carson and Moo, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, Zondervan. Selected sections available online.
2. C. M. Pate, *Four Views on the Book of Revelation*, Zondervan.
3. H. Jones, *Let’s Study Hebrews*, Banner of Truth.
4. W. Hendriksen, *More Than Conquerors*, Baker.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Class attendance is required.
2. Completion of all required reading. On the final exam, students will be asked to sign a statement indicating the percentage of reading completed. 10% of final grade.
3. Students should read each biblical book covered in this class and write a one paragraph summary of the purpose and main theme(s) of each book. This is due at the beginning of class the day the particular book will be discussed. This means that students will need to bring their summary of Hebrews on the first day of class. 10% of final grade.
4. A final exam, worth 40% of your final grade. This exam will be a take-home exam, handed out on the last day of class. It will be due four weeks after the class is completed (Friday, 9/11, by 12:00 noon). The exam will be based on class lectures and all reading assignments.

5. An 8-10 page exegetical paper on one of the passages listed below. See handout for more details. This paper will be due at the same time as the final exam (either one can be turned in any time before that). (40%)

Hebrews 1:1-4
Hebrews 6:4-8
Hebrews 10:26-31
Revelation 12:1-6
Revelation 20:1-6

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture</u>
8/10	Hebrews
8/11	Hebrews; James
8/12	James; 1, 2 Peter
8/13	1, 2, 3 John; Jude
8/14	Revelation (Dr. Paul Gardner teaching)