
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 discuss the canon of the New Testament;

4. To encourage students who have had Greek to continue to use it;

5. To whet students' appetites for further study and teaching/preaching of this relatively neglected portion of God’s Word;

6. To foster greater love for, obedience to, and worship of our triune God.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. English Bible (translation of student's choice; professor will use NIV) (You must read each of the biblical books covered in this course at least one time.)

2. Greek New Testament (if you have had at least Greek I & II and Greek is required for your degree program; if not, there will be additional reading assignments [on reserve in the library], indicated below [NO GREEK]) (selected texts)

3. G. K. Beale, The Temple and the Church’s Mission, Apollos/IVP (selected chs.)


7. W. Hendriksen, More Than Conquerors, Baker (all)

8. G. Fee and D. Stuart, How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, Zondervan (FS) (selected chs.)

9. C. M. Pate, Four Views on the Book of Revelation, Zondervan (all)


Several additional reading assignments (on reserve) will also be made during the semester as indicated in the course outline below. Please note that it is assumed that each student will personally and carefully do all the assigned reading.

COURSE PROCEDURES: Given the size of the class and the volume of material to be covered, much of the course will be devoted to lecture. Students are asked to submit questions in writing or e-mail them to the professor (direland@RTS.edu) rather than ask questions in class. The general outline of the course is indicated on the Tentative Schedule below. It should be noted that most of our time and attention in this course will be devoted to Hebrews and Revelation. The student is expected to be present and on time each time the class meets, unless providentially hindered.

COURSE GRADE/ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **Mid-term exam**—A mid-term exam will be given on March 30. The exam will be worth 225 points, and will cover all reading, lectures, content of biblical books (including outlines), and Greek translation (translation and parsing) up to the exam. For those students who have not had Greek (NO GREEK), there are additional pages of assigned reading, which will be tested in place of Greek. There will be a question on the mid-term exam (worth 25 points) asking whether you personally completed all the assigned reading up to the mid-term (including translations or substitute reading), and, if not, what percentage you did read.

2. **Final**—A final exam will be given during finals' week. The material to be covered on the exam will be announced in class. The exam itself will be worth 225 points. There will be a question on the exam, worth 25 points, asking you to report whether or not you have personally completed all the assigned reading since the mid-term (including translations or substitute reading), and, if not, what percentage you did read.

3. **Reading Report**—There will be a question on each exam asking whether or not you personally completed all the assigned reading (including translations or substitute reading), and, if not, what percentage you did read. The question will be worth 25 points on each exam, for a total of 50 points for the course (about 11% of the course grade).

Greek Reading/Discussion

For those students who have had Greek I & II and whose degree program requires Greek, extra sessions may be scheduled throughout the semester to read/discuss the assigned Greek texts with the professor and/or teaching assistant. These sessions will be optional and will not figure directly in the grade for the course. The intent is to provide a means to encourage students to work on the Greek assignments throughout the semester rather than just before exams.

The student's cumulative points will be divided by the total possible points (450) to arrive at a percentage which will then be given a letter grade according to the RTS catalog (p. 44).
# TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

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| Feb. 7 | *Hebrews 1:1-4*  
CM: Ch. 19  
Thielman: Preface, Introduction, Chs. 23, 31  
Translation: Hebrews 1:1-4 (translate and parse all verbs & verbals)  
| Feb. 9 | *Hebrews 1:5—4:13*  
FS: Introduction, Chs. 3-4  
Translation: Hebrews 2:1-4  
NO GREEK: G. Vos, *The Teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews*, Ch. I (on reserve) |
| Feb. 14 | *Hebrews 4:14—6:20*  
Translation: Hebrews 6:4-8  
NO GREEK: Vos, *Hebrews*, Ch. II |
| Feb. 16 | *Hebrews 7—8*  
Ladd: Ch. 40  
Translation: Hebrews 7:26-28  
NO GREEK: Vos, *Hebrews*, Ch. III |
| Feb. 21 | *Hebrews 9:1—10:18*  
Beale: Prefaces, Introduction, Ch. 9  
Translation: Hebrews 10:1-4  
NO GREEK: Vos, *Hebrews*, Ch. IV |
| Feb. 23 | *Hebrews 10:19—11:40*  
Translation: Hebrews 11:1-3  
NO GREEK: Vos, *Hebrews*, Ch. V |
| Feb. 28 | *Hebrews 12—13*  
NO GREEK: Vos, *Hebrews*, Ch. V (finish) |
| Mar. 2 | *James*  
CM: Chs. 20  
Ladd: Ch. 41  
Thielman: Ch. 24  
Translation: James 2:18-26  
NO GREEK: Guthrie, *NTI*, “James” |
Mar. 7  
*James*/*1 Peter*  
CM: Ch. 21  
**Ladd**: Ch. 42  
**Thielman**: Ch. 30  
**Translation**: 1 Peter 3:18-22  
**NO GREEK**: Guthrie, *NTI*, “1 Peter”

Mar. 9  
*I Peter* (cont.)  

Mar. 13-17  
*SPRING BREAK*

Mar. 21  
*2 Peter*  
CM: Chs. 8, 22  
**Ladd**: Ch. 43  
**Thielman**: Ch. 26  
**Translation**: 2 Peter 1:16-21  
**NO GREEK**: Guthrie, *NTI*, “2 Peter”

Mar. 23  
*2 Peter* (cont.)

Mar. 28  
*Jude*  
CM: Ch. 24  
**Thielman**: Ch. 25  
**Translation**: Jude 1-4  
**NO GREEK**: Guthrie, *NTI*, “Jude”

Mar. 30  
*MID-TERM EXAM*

Apr. 4  
*Introduction to Revelation*  
CM: Ch. 25  
**FS**: Ch. 13  
**Hendriksen**: Chs. 1-4  
**Ladd**: Ch. 45  
**Thielman**: Ch. 32

Apr. 6  
*Revelation 1—3*  
**Hendriksen**: Chs. 5-8  
**Pate**: Introduction & Ch. 1  
**Translation**: Revelation 1:1-3  
**NO GREEK**: Guthrie, *NTI*, “Revelation”

Apr. 11  
*Revelation 4—5*  
**Carson**: Audio tapes/CD on Revelation (RTS 2004 Missions Conference)  
**Hendriksen**: Ch. 9  
**Pate**: Ch. 2  
On reserve: C. P. Venema, *The Promise of the Future*, Banner of Truth, 2000, Ch. 8: “Premillennial Views”
Apr 11 (cont.)  **Translation**: Revelation 1:4-8  

Apr. 13  
*Revelation 6—9*  
**Pate**: Ch. 3  
**On reserve**: Venema, *The Promise of the Future*, Ch. 10: “Evaluating Premillennialism”

Apr. 18  
*Revelation 10—11*  
**Hendriksen**: Ch. 10  
**Pate**: Ch. 4 & Conclusion  
**On reserve**: Venema, *Promise*, Ch. 9: “Postmillennial Views”

Apr. 20  
*Revelation 12—16*  
**Carson**: Audio tapes/CD on Revelation (RTS 2004 Missions Conference)  
**Beale**: Ch. 10  
**Hendriksen**: Chs. 11-12  
**Translation**: Revelation 12:1-6  
**NO GREEK**: Clouse, *Millennium*, “Dispensational Premillennialism” (on reserve)

Apr. 25  
*Revelation 17—19*  
**Hendriksen**: Ch. 13  
**On reserve**: Venema, *Promise*, Ch. 12: “Evaluating Postmillennialism”

Apr. 27  
*Revelation 20—22*  
**Carson**: Audio tapes/CD on Revelation (RTS 2004 Missions Conference)  
**Beale**: Chs. 12-13  
**Hendriksen**: Ch. 14  
**Thielman**: Chs. 33-34  
**On reserve**: Venema, *Promise*, Ch. 11: “What About Revelation 20?”  
**Translation**: Revelation 20:1-6  
**NO GREEK**: Clouse, *Millennium*, “Postmillennialism” (on reserve)

May 2  
**New Testament Canon**  
**CM**: Ch. 26  
**On reserve**: W. Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, Chapter 3: “The Canon of Scripture” (pp. 54-72)  
**Ridderbos**: Introduction

May 4  
**New Testament Canon**  
**Ridderbos**: Ch. I

May 9  
**New Testament Canon**  
**Ladd**: Ch. 46  
**Ridderbos**: Ch. II

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**FINAL EXAM**
Summary of Required Reading

For Mid-term exam (Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude)

Beale: Introduction, Ch. 9
CM: Chs. 8, 19-22, 24
FS: Introduction, Chs. 3-4
Ladd: Chs. 40-43
Thielman: Introduction, Chs. 23-26, 30-31


Translation (translate and parse all verbs & verbals, for your own use [i.e., not to be handed in but subject to testing on exam]): Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 6:4-8; 7:26-28; 10:1-4; 11:1-3; 12:1-3; 13:20-25; James 2:18-26; 1 Peter 3:18-22; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Jude 1-4

G. Vos, The Teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews (on reserve)

Reading for Final (Revelation & NT Canon)

Beale: Chs. 10, 12-13
CM: Chs. 25-26
Carson: audio tapes/CD on Revelation
FS: Ch. 13
Hendriksen (whole book)
Ladd: Chs. 45-46
Pate (whole book)
Ridderbos (whole book)
Thielman: Chs. 32-34

On reserve (everyone): W. Grudem, Systematic Theology, Chapter 3: “The Canon of Scripture” (pp. 54-72)
C. P. Venema, The Promise of the Future, Banner of Truth, 2000, Chs. 8-12

Translation: Revelation 1:1-3; 1:4-8; 12:1-6; 20:1-6

NO GREEK: Guthrie, NTI, “Revelation”