

**2NT701**  
***Revelation***  
Spring 2009, Orlando  
*Syllabus*

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Of all the books in the Bible, Revelation is the most intriguing with its images, figures, and numbers, and symbols. Yet this book is a fitting capstone of Scripture, because it incorporates countless allusions to the Old and New Testaments. In it you hear the voices of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the apostle John. The author wrote this book for the comfort and encouragement of the church today. And in this last book of the Bible, God permits us to see something of the victorious Christ and the church in heaven and on earth—and what we see is awesome indeed.

### **Textbooks**

Recommended textbooks for the course are:

- Beale, Gregory K. *The Book of Revelation: A Commentary on the Greek Text*. New International Greek Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998. ISBN 0-85364-851-4
- Kistemaker, Simon J. *Exposition of Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001. ISBN 0-8010-2255. Only available in the 12 volume New Testament Commentary set ISBN 0-8010-2606-7
- Morris, Leon. *Revelation*. Revised edition. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries series. Leicester: Inter-Varsity; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987. ISBN 0-8028-0273-7
- Osborne, Grant R. *Revelation*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, Baker, 2002. ISBN 0-8010-2299-1

### **Assignments**

Three tests are scheduled throughout the semester (March 3, April 7 and May5). In addition you are asked to write a paper of some 15 double-spaced pages (plus bibliography and appendices) on a Revelation-related topic. The due date for the paper is April 28, 2008.

You are advised to consult me on a topic as well as the scope, structure, and progress of your paper. I recommend some books that you find listed below. Consult the library holdings for additional books and articles. Please, keep me informed about your bibliography and the progress you are making in your writing. I advise you to consult Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* on writing an acceptable term paper.

I suggest that you do your reading for the course from the recommended books and are guided by the following schedule throughout the thirteen weeks.

### Schedule

*Feb. 3.*

**Introduction.** Pattern. Symbolism. Scripture. Authorship (External and Internal evidence). Johannine characteristics.

*Feb. 10.*

**Introduction.** Time, place, setting, interpretation, unity, acceptance.  
**Rev. 1.** Introduction, Jesus' glorious appearance

*Feb. 17.*

**Rev. 2 & 3.** Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea.

*Feb. 24.*

**Rev. 4 & 5.** God's throne. The sealed scroll. Worship of the Lamb.  
Reading Assignment:

*March 3.*

**Rev. 6 & 7. TEST** The 7 seals. Interlude: the saints. The 7th seal opened.

*March 10*

**Rev. 8 & 9.** The seven trumpets. Refusal to repent.

*March 17*

**Rev. 10 and 11.** The interlude, little scroll, 2 witnesses, 7th trumpet.

*March 31.*

**Rev. 12 & 13.** The woman, dragon, beast from sea, beast from earth.

*April 7.*

**Rev. 14. TEST** The Lamb of God. 4 Messages. God's wrath.

*April 14.*

**Rev. 15 & 16. Out.** The setting of God's judgment. 7 plagues poured out.

*April 21.*

**Rev. 17 & 18.** The Great Prostitute. Babylon.

*April 28.*

**Rev. 19 & 20. PAPER DUE.** Wedding banquet of the Lamb. Final battle of Christ. Defeat of Satan and his demise. The Millennium. Judgment.

*May 5.*

**Rev. 21 & 22. TEST** New Jerusalem. The Holy City. Conclusion

### **Topics**

1. The Throne of God (ch. 4)
2. A Survey of the Lamb in Revelation (chs. 5, 14)
3. The Rider on the White Horse (ch. 6)
4. The Number 144,000 (chs. 7, 14)
5. The Little Scroll (ch. 10)
6. The Two Witnesses (ch. 11)
7. Signs in Heaven (ch. 12)
8. The Antichrist (ch. 13)
9. The Great Harlot (ch. 17)
10. Babylon the Great (ch. 18)
11. The Thousand Years (ch. 20)
12. The Recapitulation
13. The Linear Theory

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### **Grading**

Three tests 20 % each	60
Paper 40%	<u>40</u>
Total	100

