

4NT522 HEBREWS – REVELATION

Reformed Theological Seminary

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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 Self-Service course homepage.
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. A mid-term exam worth 30% of the final grade. This exam will be taken in-class on Friday night of the third weekend of the course (November 18).
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 (Saturday, January 7, by 12:00 noon).
5. Two assignments examining key passages from Hebrews and Revelation. For those who have had Greek, the assignment will be to translate the passage in English (without using an English translation) and list 5 exegetical, theological or practical observations *per verse*. For those who have not had

Greek, the assignment is to outline the passage and list 15 exegetical, theological or practical observations *per verse*. These assignments are each worth 10% of your final grade (combined 20%).

Passages to be examined:

Hebrews 10:26-31 (due at the beginning of class on 10/14).

Revelation 12:1-6 (due at the beginning of class on 12/9).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Weekend 1 (September 23-24): Hebrews

Weekend 2 (October 14-15): Hebrews; James, 1-2 Peter

Weekend 3 (November 18-19): Mid-term exam
1, 2, 3 John; Jude; Revelation

Weekend 4 (December 9-10): Revelation

Extension Policy

All assignments and exams are to be completed by the deadlines announced in this syllabus or in class.

Extensions for assignments and exams due within the normal duration of the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. Extensions of two weeks or less beyond the date of the last deadline for the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. A grade penalty may be assessed.

Extensions of greater than two weeks but not more than six weeks beyond the last deadline for the course may be granted in extenuating circumstances (i.e. illness, family emergency). For an extension of more than two weeks the student must request an Extension Request Form from the Student Services Office. The request must be approved by the Professor and the Academic Dean. A grade penalty may be assessed. (RTS Catalog p. 42 and RTS Atlanta Student Handbook p. 14)

Any incompletes not cleared six weeks after the last published due date for course work will be converted to a failing grade. Professors may have the failing grade changed to a passing grade by request. (RTS Catalog p. 42)