

Studying Revelation



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A. Organization of the Course

- ◆ **Purpose: understand and appreciate Revelation**
- ◆ **Strategy: focus on themes and issues**
 - **Counterfeiting (13:1-18)**
 - **Structure**
 - **Hermeneutical issues**
 - **Theophany (1:9-20)**
 - **Millennium (20:1-10)**
 - **Consummation (21:1-22:5)**

Assignments

- ◆ **General Epistles has its own assignments**
- ◆ **Reading**
 - **Revelation in translation**
 - **A few pages in various introductions**
 - ***The Returning King***
 - **Part of *Theophany***
- ◆ **A midterm examination**

Office Hours

Office hours will be announced in class.

B. Bibliography

- ◆ **Beale**
- ◆ **Beasley-Murray**
- ◆ **Caird**
- ◆ **Morris**
- ◆ **Mounce**
- ◆ **Dennis Johnson**
- ◆ **Wilcock**
- ◆ **Colclasure**
- ◆ **Poythress**
- ◆ **Best technical**
- ◆ **Best short**
- ◆ **Modernist, but creative**
- ◆ **Good**
- ◆ **Good**
- ◆ **Very good**
- ◆ **Semipopular**
- ◆ **Very popular**
- ◆ **Semipopular**

Topics in Bibliography

- ◆ **1. Commentaries**
- ◆ **2. Apocalyptic**
- ◆ **3. Hermeneutical issues**
- ◆ **4. The millennium**

C. How to Approach Revelation

- ◆ **Vision of God's victory**
- ◆ **Summarized by 1 John 5:4-5; Rev. 17:14; Rev. 12:10.**
- ◆ **God rules history, and will bring it to its consummation in Christ.**
- ◆ **You can understand.**
- ◆ **Sing it.**



Encouraging!

The Main Course Materials

- ◆ The main course materials are contained in The Book of Revelation: A Guide for Understanding, which can be downloaded.
- ◆ It contains almost all the visual materials shown on screen.
- ◆ In class, I advise you to listen and take notes without referring to the course materials.

Attentiveness

Multitasking?

- ◆ **Courtesy to teacher**
- ◆ **Depth and application**
- ◆ **No internet or computer games or cell phones**

Song from Rev. 19:6-7

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. (2X)

Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory unto him.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Song from Rev. 4:11

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Thou art worthy to receive glory,
glory, and honor, and power.

For Thou hast created--
hast all things created,
For Thou hast created all things.

And for Thy pleasure they are created;
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Song from Rev. 5:9-14

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lamb.

Thou art worthy To receive glory
And power at the Father's right hand.

For Thou hast redeemed us,
Hast ransomed and cleansed us,
By thy blood setting us free;

In white robes arrayed us, Kings and priests
made us, And we are reigning in Thee.