

# Studying Revelation



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# Studying Revelation: Outline

- ◆ **A. Organization of the course**
- ◆ **B. Bibliography**
- ◆ **C. How to approach Revelation**

## **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**
- ◆ **Guthrie**
- ◆ **Best technical**
- ◆ **Best short**
- ◆ **Modernist, but creative**
- ◆ **Good**
- ◆ **Good**
- ◆ **Very good**
- ◆ **Semipopular**
- ◆ **Very popular**
- ◆ **Semipopular**
- ◆ **Popular, thematic**

# 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.