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COURSE SYLLABUS

BIBL 162

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A comprehensive study of the Revelation. Particular emphasis is given to understanding the correct method of interpreting the book. The verse-by-verse study will be supplemented with historical, doctrinal, and eschatological materials. The primary method of information delivery will be through Presentations, and reading and writing assignments.

RATIONALE

The book of Revelation is the climax of all of God's previous disclosures of Himself and His will to man. It is the conclusion of the canonical Scriptures and gives the most detailed glimpse into coming prophetic events. This book has captivated the attention of Bible students from the very time it was penned, and hundreds of books have been written to explain its visions and prophecies. As the capstone of God's revelation and of man's interest, it is fitting, indeed essential, to come to grips with this vital part of God's Word.

I. PREREQUISITES

None.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. RECOMMENDED READING

Blaising, Craig A., Bock, Darrell L., Gentry, Kenneth L., and Strimple, Robert B. *Three Views On the Millennium and Beyond*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999.

Hindson, Edward E. *The Book of Revelation: Unlocking the Future*. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2002.

Morris, Leon. *The Book of Revelation: An Introduction and Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 1987.

Thomas, Robert. *Book of Revelation*, 2 vols. Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1992.

IV. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Internet Access (broadband recommended)
- B. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

V. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Interpret the book of Revelation from a literal, pre-millennial perspective.
 - 1. Understand the historical, prophetic, and literary problems of the book.
 - 2. Be aware of the principal hermeneutical approaches to the book.
 - 3. Internalize into his life spiritual principles learned from the book.
 - 4. Gain an abiding confidence in the sovereignty of God over man and history and in the imminent return of Christ.
 - 5. Trace the author's thought throughout the book, chapter by chapter.
 - 6. Summarize the content of the book, chapter by chapter.
 - 7. Chart or outline the Revelation.
- B. Cognitive objectives:
 - 1.1 Understand the use of symbolism in Revelation.
 - 1.2 Understand the literary style of the Revelation.
 - 1.3 Know the author, date of writing, and purpose for the book.
 - 1.4 Understand the four, primary hermeneutical approaches to the book.
 - 1.5 Understand the three main eschatological models of the millennium.
 - 1.6 Know the key verse and outline of Revelation.
 - 2.1. Understand the use of metaphors and symbolism.
 - 2.2. Understand the spiritual state of each church.
 - 2.3. Recognize the spiritual truths conveyed in each letter to the seven churches.
 - 3.1 Understand the scene in the heavenly throne room.
 - 3.2 Know the various explanations/interpretations for the 24 elders, the 4 living creatures, the seven seals, and the seven Spirits of God.
 - 3.3 Know the events of the seven seals.
 - 3.4 Know the identities and activities of the four horsemen.
 - 4.1. Know and understand the seven trumpet judgments.
 - 4.2. Describe the character and general chronology of the coming Great Tribulation, with its main events, persons, and movements.

- 4.3 Know the identity and role of the two witnesses.
- 5.1 Know the identity of the 7 key figures.
- 5.2 Understand the symbolism in the prophecy (especially chapters 12 and 13).
- 5.3 Know the characteristics and role of the antichrist.
- 5.4 Know the characteristics and role of the false prophet.
- 5.5 Know the identity of the 144,000 servants of the Lamb.
- 6.1 Understand the various elements of the scene in heaven.
- 6.2 Know the events of the seven bowl/vial judgments.
- 6.3 Recognize the comparisons of the bowl/vial and trumpet judgments.
- 6.4 Understand the characteristics and symbolism of the great harlot.
- 7.1 Understand the effects of Babylon's destruction.
- 7.2 Understand the imagery of the marriage of the Lamb.
- 7.3 Know the setting and events of the coming of Christ.
- 7.4 Recognize the description of the King of Kings.
- 7.5 Understand the binding of Satan, the millennial reign, and Satan's last revolt.
- 7.6 Know the events of the Great White Throne judgment and who will be present.
- 8.1 Understand John's vision of the new heaven and earth.
- 8.2 Know the descriptions of the holy city, new Jerusalem.
- 8.3 Know the things which John sees in his vision, and the things which are absent.
- 8.4 Understand the imagery of the tree and river of life.
- 8.5 Know the content of John's final message, and the blessings, warnings, and declarations of his conclusion.

C. Affective objectives:

- 1. Gain a deeper interest in sound, intelligent interpretation of prophecy.
- 2. Apply the principles of perseverance, commitment, and expectancy to his own life.
- 3. Become more confident of God's sovereignty in the lives of men and nations.
- 4. Communicate the scriptural knowledge and spiritual principles learned to one or more people this semester.

VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentation/notes
- B. Research Paper
Write a research paper, at least 5 pages in length, double-spaced, on the following topic: Present the various views of the Millennium, with scriptural support for each; and identify and defend your view.
- C. Summary Paper
The Revelation will be read two times. Each reading should be from a different translation, and according to the reading schedule. Write a Bible chapter by Bible chapter summary (one paragraph per chapter) of Revelation.
- D. Textbook Review
The textbook will be read according to the Course Schedule. Write a 3 page summary of the Walvoord text. Your summary should include an overview of the book, strengths and weaknesses, and areas of personal growth or challenge.
- E. Tests (3)
Three unit tests will be given according to the Course Schedule. There will not be a cumulative final exam. These examinations are closed book, and should be taken from memory. A test review will be provided before each exam.
- F. Quizzes (5)
Quizzes are over the reading & study assignments will be given throughout the course. These assessments are closed book, and should be taken from memory.

VII. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

- A. Points

Research Paper	150
Summary Paper	100
Textbook Review	50
Tests (3 at 150 pts ea)	450
Quizzes (5 at 50 pts ea)	250
Total	1000
- B. Scale
A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599
- C. Disability Assistance
Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbook: Walvoord, *Revelation*. (2011).

WEEK/ MODULE	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Walvoord: Introduction, ch. 1 Bible Readings 1 presentation 3 lecture notes	Course Requirements Checklist Quiz 1	0 50
2	Walvoord: chs. 2–3 Bible Readings 1 lecture note	Quiz 2	50
3	Walvoord: chs. 4–7 Bible Readings 1 presentation 1 lecture note 1 study guide	Test 1	150
4	Walvoord: chs. 8–11 Bible Readings 2 presentations	Research Paper Quiz 3	150 50
5	Walvoord: chs. 12–14 Bible Readings 1 presentation 1 study guide	Test 2	150
6	Walvoord: chs. 15–17 Bible Readings 1 presentation	Quiz 4	50
7	Walvoord: chs. 18–20 Bible Readings 1 presentation	Quiz 5	50
8	Walvoord: chs. 21–22 Bible Readings 1 study guide 1 presentation	Summary Paper Textbook Review (Walvoord) Test 3	100 50 150
TOTAL			1000

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.