

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BNT 641 Preaching Through Revelation

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course seeks to explore the meaning of the book of Revelation in its historical and social contexts with a view towards developing sound biblical, theological, pastoral and prophetic preaching material. Preaching themes for the 21st century will emerge as a way to enhance this material for preaching. Content will also receive attention along with a survey of a variety of hermeneutical approaches.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, the student should be able to:

1. To interpret better a New Testament passage, especially apocalyptic genre;
2. To construct a better expository sermon;
3. reflect a greater knowledge of the content of Revelation, literary and social backgrounds of Revelation, and the theology of Revelation;
4. Evaluate the various interpretive approaches to Revelation;
4. express a greater appreciation for the New Testament, for teaching preaching ministries, and for personal and professional responsibilities as taught in Revelation.

TEXTBOOKS

Required

Bauckham, Richard. *The Theology of the Book of Revelation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Mounce, Robert H. *The Book of Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1977.

Wainwright, Arthur W. *Mysterious Apocalypse*, Abingdon Press, 1993.

Recommended

Barclay, William. *Letters to the Seven Churches*, Abingdon Press, 1957.

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Pate, C. Marvin, Gen. Ed. *Four Views on the Book of Revelation*, Zondervan Publishing Co.: 1998.

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COURSE OUTLINE

1. Unit 1: Introduction
2. Unit 2: Chapter 1
3. Unit 3: Chapters 2-3
4. Unit 4: Chapters 4-6
5. Unit 5: Chapter 7
6. Unit 6: Chapter 8
7. Unit 7: Chapter 9
8. Unit 8: Chapter 10
9. Unit 9: Chapter 11
10. Unit 10: Chapter 12
11. Unit 11: Chapter 13
12. Unit 12: Chapter 14
13. Unit 13: Chapter 15
14. Unit 14: Chapter 16
15. Unit 15: Chapter 17
16. Unit 16: Chapter 18
17. Unit 17: Chapter 19
18. Unit 18: Chapters 20-22
19. Exam

METHODOLOGY

1. Lecture
2. Discussion
3. Reports
4. Research
5. Sermon preparation
6. Examination

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Class attendance (See the Handbook for policy).
2. Prepare for each class by being attuned to the advance of the class and noting the course outline.
3. Class participation.
4. Reports
5. Prepare six sermons in detailed outline form—ready to preach.
6. Take an exam (Friday, April 25; 7:30 AM).

GRADING PROCEDURE

1. Daily class participation 50 points
2. Exam 100 points
3. Sermons 35 points each

4. Averaged number of points and appropriate percentage:
 - 95-100%=A
 - 90- 94%=A-
 - 87- 89%=B+
 - 83- 86%=B
 - 80- 82%=B-
 - 77-79%=C+
 - 73-76%=C
 - 70-72%=C-
 - 65-69%=D

NOTE: Late assignments may be penalized.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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