

# NT 701 General Epistles & Revelation

## Course Syllabus

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### I. Course Objectives

1. Study the contents of the General Epistles (Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude) and of Revelation.
2. Learn the issues of introduction (author, date, setting, etc.) for the General Epistles and Revelation. For Revelation in particular, this includes study of the major approaches to this book.
3. Read and interpret the Greek text of selected passages to gain greater proficiency in Greek and exposure to these books.
4. Summarize the major contributions of these books to New Testament theology.

### II. Assignments

1. PRIMARY READING. Read all the General Epistles and Revelation in the translation of your choice (or in Greek if you prefer). You should finish this as soon as possible. You will be asked to locate certain distinct themes in these books by book and chapter on the final exam.
2. SECONDARY READING. Complete the following reading as soon as possible. You will be asked if you have completed this required reading on the final exam and tested on your knowledge of it.

Carson & Moo, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, 2d Ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005): pp. 596–725. ISBN: 0-310-23859-5

S. M. Baugh, “The Cloud of Witnesses in Hebrews 11,” *Westminster Theological Journal* 68 (2006): 113–32.

S. M. Baugh, “A Pregnant Parenthesis: Heb 7:11 and the People of God,” paper presented at the ETS Far West Region, 2003 (distributed in class).

Geerhardus Vos, *Redemptive History and Biblical Interpretation* (R. B. Gaffin, ed.; Phillipsburg: P&R, 1980): 126–233. ISBN: 0-87552-270-X.  
*Optional*: Geerhardus Vos, *The Teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews* (Phillipsburg: P&R, 1956): 49–87. ISBN: 0-87552-503-2.

Richard Bauckham, *The Theology of the Book of Revelation* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993) (entire); ISBN 0-521-35691-1

Dennis E. Johnson, *Triumph of the Lamb: A Commentary on Revelation* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2001) (entire); ISBN 0-87552-200-9

Epistle of Barnabas. (Any collection of the Apostolic Fathers.)

3. GREEK READING. Read **Hebrews 7–10** in Greek and complete and hand in your Greek reading notes with your final exam. See the “Greek Reading Notes Assignment” on my web page for the specifics of this assignment. *The Reading Notes are due at the time of the final exam.*

4. PAPER. Write an exegetical paper on **James 5:13–18** or **2 Peter 1:16–21**. This paper must be 18–20 typed, double-spaced pages—*no longer*.

The paper is to be an exegetical paper covering the standard exegetical topics such as: textual criticism, word and phrase study, Greek syntax, structure of the passage, and must interact with secondary literature in commentaries, monographs, journal essays, etc. The paper must conform to the *SBL Handbook of Style*. See the “NT Exegetical Paper Stylesheet” on my web page for some specifics. A digest of the *SBL Handbook* is available here:

[www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/SBLHS\\_SS92804\\_Revised\\_ed.pdf](http://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/SBLHS_SS92804_Revised_ed.pdf)

Your exegetical paper may not be submitted in identical form for another class for credit. Sample papers are on reserve in the library.

*The paper is due at 10 a.m. on Friday of the last week of class.*

5. FINAL EXAM. A comprehensive final exam will be given during finals week. The exam will cover:

a. Content of the required reading—you will be asked if you completed all the readings on the exam and your answers to the exam questions should integrate material from the assigned reading.

b. The content of the General Epistles and Revelation.

c. Class lecture material.

d. You will hand in your Greek Reading Notes at the time of the final exam.

***Summary of due dates:***

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| Exegetical Paper:    | Friday, last week of class at 10:00 a.m. |
| Greek Reading Notes: | At the time of the final exam            |
| Final Exam:          | Finals week                              |

### III. Grading

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| Reading             | 5%  |
| Greek Reading Notes | 15% |
| Paper               | 45% |
| Final Exam          | 35% |

Grades will be calculated on the following point scale:

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| A    | = | 93–100% |
| A-   | = | 90–92%  |
| B+   | = | 88–89%  |
| B    | = | 83–87%  |
| B-   | = | 80–82%  |
| etc. |   |         |

**WARNING!** Late assignments will be penalized 5 points per day (“A” to “A-”; “B+” to “B”; etc.). Unexcused absence from the final examination will result in a failing grade in accordance with the Seminary’s policy (see the current Catalogue). If you must miss the examination because of serious illness or a family emergency, you must either call me or get word to me in some other way BEFORE the examination is given if possible.

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