



**EXPOSITORY PREACHING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:
REVELATION**

**BSNT8301 Professional Doctoral Seminar
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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This seminar centers on preparing expository sermons and deriving homiletical values from selected portions of the Book of Revelation. The work is aimed at providing a model upon which students can establish an effective life-discipline of study and sermon preparation. The exegetical part is normally taught by a New Testament professor and the expository section by a Preaching professor.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student will have:

1. Gained a mastery of the historical background of Revelation.
2. Completed an exegesis of a selected passage from the English text of Revelation.
3. Developed a broad understanding of the text through exegetical and homiletical commentaries on Revelations.
4. Learned to appreciate the theological value of Revelation for preaching.
5. Developed sermon briefs from Revelation that will incorporate the results of exegesis as well as application and interpretation in a contemporary setting.

Course Teaching Methodology

The seminar will center around the assignments and presentations by the students. The Professors will facilitate discussions and dialogue regarding the texts and topics of Revelation. Assigned topics and scriptural passages will be designed to sharpen the student's knowledge and skills in important areas of study in Revelation. Small group interaction will also be employed.

Required Textbooks

Bandy, Alan S. and Benjamin L. Merkle. *Understanding Prophecy: A Biblical-Theological Approach*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2015.

Keener, Craig S. *Revelation*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

DeSilva, David A. *Discovering Revelation: Content, Interpretation, Reception*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021.

Akin, Daniel L. *Christ-Centered Exposition Exalting Jesus in Revelation*. Nashville: B&H, 2016.

Additional Resources

Commentaries

Beale, Gregory K. *The Book of Revelation: A Commentary on the Greek Text*. NIGTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.

Beasley-Murray, George R. *Revelation*. New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981.

Easley, Kendell H. *Holman New Testament Commentary: Revelation*. Nashville: Holman Holman Reference, 1998.

Ladd, George E. *A Commentary on the Revelation of John*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978.

MacArthur, John. *Revelation 1-11*. The MacArthur New Testament Commentary Series. Chicago: Moody Press, 2000.

_____. *Revelation 12-22*. The MacArthur New Testament Commentary Series. Chicago: Moody Press, 2000.

Mounce, Robert H. *The Book of Revelation*. Rev. ed. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997.

Paul, Ian. *Revelation*. TNTC. Downers Grove: IVP, 2018.

Patterson, Paige. *Revelation: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture*. New American Commentary. Nashville: B & H, 2012.

Reddish, Mitchell G. *Revelation*. Smyth and Helwys Bible Commentary. Macon, Ga.: Smyth & Helwys, 2001.

Expositions

Criswell, W.A. *Expository Sermons of Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1966.

Hobbs, Herschel H. *The Cosmic Drama: An Exposition of the Book of Revelation*. Dallas: Word Books, 1971.

Lotz, Anne Graham. *The Vision of His Glory: Finding Hope Through the Revelation of Jesus Christ*. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1997.

MacArthur, John. *Because the Time Is Near*. Chicago: Moody, 2007.

Rogers, Adrian. *Unveiling the End Time in Our Time*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2004.

Theology

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

Emerson, Matthew Y. *Between the Cross and the Throne: The Book of Revelation*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2016.

Gorman, Michael. *Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness Following the Lamb into the New Creation*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2011.

Kraybill, J. Nelson. *Apocalypse and Allegiance: Worship, Politics, and Devotion in the Book of Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2010.

Wright, N. T. *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*. New York: HarperCollins, 2008.

Assignments

Before the Seminar:

1. Background/Introduction Paper

Each student will prepare a 15-20 page, double-spaced **Background/Introduction Paper** on *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. The paper must address all four of the following topics:

Historical Context

- Authorship
- Date

- Patmos
- Recipients

Literary Context

- Imagery (figurative language)
- Old Testament (usage and allusions)
- Narrative (character of literature)
- Structure (major structural elements)

Interpretive Context

- Genre (apocalypse, prophecy, epistle)
- Prophecy (forthtelling vs. foretelling; preterist, historicist, futurist, idealist)
- Judgments (Seals, Trumpets, Bowls)
- Millennium (amillennial, premillennial, postmillennial)

The Background/Introduction Paper should be written in Turabian form and style, regarding title page, margins, pagination, headings/subheadings, footnotes, etc. The paper should involve a synthesis of the positions of **the required textbooks** and **at least two additional commentaries** from the list provided, student's choice. **Students may NOT use first person.**

The Background/Introduction is to be submitted to Blackboard no later than 11:59 pm, Sunday, May 8, 2022.

NOTE: The **Background/Introduction Paper** will be evaluated by the **Writing Assessment Coordinator** for Turabian 8th edition form and style

2. Theological Exposition Paper

Each student will prepare a 15-20 page, double-spaced **Exposition Paper**. A list of Exposition topics is provided below. (Students are to email Dr. Ogea (rogea@nobts.edu) with their first, second, and third choices. Dr. Ogea will assign the topics in the order in which he receives the emails.)

Theological Topics

- Sovereignty of God (Rev. 4–5; 6:10; 11:15–17; 19:6)
- Judgment of God (Rev. 14:7; 15:4; 16:7; 17:1; 19:2, 20; 20:10, 14–15)
- Creation and Eschatology (3:14; 4:11; 5:13; 10:6; 14:7; 21:5)
- Problem of Evil (Rev. 2:9; 2:13, 24; 3:9; 12:9; 22:2, 7)
- Cosmic War (1:16; 2:12, 16; 6:4, 8; 11:7; 12:7; 17; 13:7, 10, 14; 17:14; 19:11, 15, 19, 21)
- Christology (Rev. 1:5, 9–20; 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 7:10, 17; 8:1; 12:11; 14:1; 19:7; 21:22)
- Worship (4:8–10; 5:9–13; 7:12; 11:17; 14:3; 15:3; 19:1–6)
- New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

- Testimony: witness, persecution, perseverance (1:5, 9; 2:13; 3:14; 6:9; 11:3, 7; 12:11, 17; 17:6; 19:10; 20:4)

The Theological Exposition must reflect and reference the use of the required textbooks and the two additional sources selected for Assignment #1. **Each student will make a 15-20 minute presentation of the Exposition during the seminar, utilizing a visual platform, such as PowerPoint or something similar.** Consult Turabian as format and style guide for the Exposition, especially for footnotes, margins, page numbers, headings, subheadings, etc. No first person allowed.

The Exposition is to be submitted to Blackboard no later than 11:59 pm, Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Note from Dr. Ogea: Exposition is presenting, explaining, or expounding a text of Scripture, involving exegesis (a study of the historical, grammatical, and theological background of the text) and hermeneutics (interpretation that leads to application). The Exposition paper is not to be a sermon. It is material that one could use to develop a sermon. It is where you explain, argue, apply, and illustrate the material at hand. I don't just want to know what the commentaries say. It's like when you "expound" in a sermon, you use commentaries for the foundation, but you also tell the listeners how you interpret the text and how it applies to their lives. Think of it this way -- if I were completely unfamiliar with that passage of Scripture, and I read your Exposition, when I finished, would I be able to understand that text, what it meant in its context, and how it applies to my Christian journey now?

During the Seminar:

Each student should be prepared to participate in dialogue and discussion regarding the Background/Introduction Papers and be prepared to individually present their Theological Exposition Papers.

Following the Seminar:

Choose **ONE** (1) of the following for a **Final Paper**:

1. Develop a 15-20 page, double-spaced, **Preaching Plan** for a sermonic approach to *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. The Preaching Plan should include the following components:
 - a. a working definition of expository preaching.
 - b. a rationale for preaching through a Bible book.
 - c. a strategy for how to preach from *Revelation* in a local church setting.
 - d. a series of sermons (at least six, but not more than 10), composed around a selected theme. A one-page sermon brief should be prepared for each sermon, to include a sermon title, statement of the main idea or proposition, a one-paragraph Introduction, the outline of the sermon, including main points and subpoints, and a one-paragraph Conclusion. The student will select one of the sermon briefs and develop a complete sermon manuscript (no more than five pages, single-spaced), beginning with the Introduction through the sermon Conclusion.

2. Select eight (6) **Theological/Doctrinal Issues** from *Revelation* and develop a 15-20 page, double-spaced **Reflection Paper**, to include the following components:
 - a. a working definition of the issue, with regard to systematic theology and the Baptist Faith and Message.
 - b. cite the references from *Revelation* where the theological/doctrinal issue is located.
 - c. discuss three applications and/or implications of the issue for preaching in the 21st century church.

Note: The professors will give further clarification of the Final Paper at the end of the seminar. This assignment is not a formal paper re: Turabian form and style, but the use of footnotes, pagination, and margins should utilize Turabian. First person is allowed for this assignment.

The Final Paper must be uploaded to Blackboard later than 11:59 pm, June 13, 2022.

Seminar Evaluation:

The grade for the seminar will be divided equally as follows:

- 30% Background/Introduction Paper
- 30% Theological Exposition Paper
- 30% Final Paper
- 10% Seminar Participation