

Course Requirements

I. Course Description

An exposition of Revelation. Attention is given both to matters of special introduction and to an analysis of the book. (3 credit hours)

MBU Institutional Outcomes supported by this course:

1. Communication Skills: Students will demonstrate competence in written, oral, and aesthetic communication.
6. Biblical Knowledge: Students will acquire skills related to biblical study methods, interpretation, and doctrine.
8. Biblical Application: Students will use discernment in moral situations by applying biblical precepts and principles to contemporary issues and lifestyle choices.

II. Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able:

- A. To understand the various approaches to interpreting the book of Revelation.
- B. To defend a futurist interpretation of the book of Revelation.
- C. To state the purpose of the book of Revelation
- D. To outline the content of Revelation and relate each part to the purpose of the book.
- E. To explain the relationship of the seven churches in Revelation 2-3 to church history.
- F. To explain the relationship and timing of the seal, trumpet, and vial judgments.
- G. To correctly interpret the apocalyptic literature of Revelation, especially those passages that are problematic
- H. To make proper relevant application from Revelation to the contemporary life and ministry of the believer

III. Course Texts

- A. C. Marvin Pate, ed. *Four Views on the Book of Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1998.
- B. Robert Thomas. *Revelation 1-7: An Exegetical Commentary*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1992.
- C. Robert Thomas. *Revelation 8-22: An Exegetical Commentary*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

IV. Course Requirements

A. **Reading/Viewing**

Each week there will be several reading and viewing assignments. These will be called “content in” sections. They are designed for you to take in content which will be analyzed and responded to in “thought out” sections. Reading/viewing must be completed according to the class schedule. Reading reports are available in MyMaranatha for you to report your reading/viewing (under the course materials tab). This work must be completed and reported on time in order to get full credit.

1. Bible-- Each student must read through the book of Revelation two times. This reading should be done according to the class schedule. Your first reading of Revelation will be smaller segments of the book (according to the class schedule). Your second reading of Revelation should be done in one sitting. Read the entire book without interruption. The following method should be employed for all reading of Revelation: 1) prior to reading the text, spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to help you properly understand the text, 2) carefully read the text, 3) spend at least ten minutes meditating\thinking about the text (what it means and how to apply it), and 4) record daily applications on the reading report form. Only Bible reading done according to this method will be given credit for this class. **By the way, it IS appropriate to use your Bible reading for this class for your personal (devotional) time with God.
2. Commentary reading--The reading from the commentaries should be done according to the class schedule. You only need to read the pages in the commentaries assigned in the course schedule. You do not need to read the entire commentary. This reading must be reported on the Bible reading report form for each chapter that is assigned. I anticipate that you will skim some sections of the commentary—that is acceptable for your reading requirement.

B. **Devotional Meditation**

The student must write a devotional using the template provided. This devotional should be written on a passage of Scripture that was particularly relevant to you as you did your work for this course. The devotional must fit the space in the template perfectly (no shorter or longer devotionals allowed). Full disclosure: these devotionals may be used in a future Maranatha Baptist Seminary publication. You might want to keep that in mind when writing since you will be identified as the author.

C. **Commentary Review**

1. Read Pate, *Four Views on the Book of Revelation*, pages 37-232 in preparation for this assignment. Your reading need **not** be extremely thorough. Skimming is expected and appropriate. You should attempt to understand the major concepts for each of the four views. You must report the completion of this reading when you turn in your commentary review.
2. Select 10 commentaries from the bibliography provided for you. Only commentaries may be used; no journal articles or theology books allowed.
3. Identify the hermeneutical approach (e.g., futurist, preterist, etc.) of each of these 10 commentaries. Some commentaries are difficult to label and some use multiple approaches. Be careful to correctly identify the approach of the author.
4. Provide two examples from each commentary that demonstrate how the author uses his hermeneutical approach in the book of Revelation. Provide both quotations and page numbers. A brief explanation after each quotation would also be helpful.

D. **Christology in Revelation**

Construct a list of 5 characteristics of Christ in the book of Revelation. In other words, explain what John says about these characteristics of Christ in the book of Revelation.

1. Create a list of every reference to Christ in the book of Revelation. Your list should include both the reference and a gloss of the text of the verse. Feel free to use a program like BibleWorks or Logos to create this list. However, make sure that you do not miss a reference to Christ because His name is not specifically mentioned in a particular passage. This list is separate from your actual list of characteristics and must be turned in with the list of characteristics.
2. Choose the 5 characteristics you wish to discuss. Each of the 5 characteristics must include the following:
 - a) Statement of the characteristic
 - b) The verse(s) in Revelation that mention the characteristic.
 - c) A brief commentary of the verse(s) in order to explain how the characteristic you chose is taught in that verse(s). This commentary should be approximately 1-3 paragraphs long.
 - d) A statement of praise to Christ for that characteristic. For this prayer you may find a verse of a hymn, write a chorus/hymn, write a poem, or write out a prayer.

3. Please make sure that you organize your work in a way that clearly separates each of the 5 characteristics. Also, it should be easy to locate the four required parts for each characteristic. If it is not clear where one characteristic ends and the next begins, your grade will suffer.
4. Consult at least 10 sources for this paper. READ these sources. Do not just pad your bibliography. You must include a bibliography with the paper.

E. **Discussion Forums**

1. Several discussion forum (DF) assignments will be required throughout the course. Students must provide a meaningful contribution to the DF that has adequate depth, breadth, and clarity.
2. Students must also respond to the posts of at least two other students for each DF. These responses must interact with post with some depth. Provide examples, corrections, pertinent clarifications, questions, etc.

F. **Exams**

There will be two exams: a midterm and a final. These exams will cover the material in the course notes. The exams will not cover specific textbook content, although, it may be helpful in preparing for the exams.

V. Course Grading

A.	Bible/Com. Reading	20%
B.	Devotional Meditation	5%
C.	Commentary Review	15%
D.	Christology in Revelation	15%
E.	Discussion Forums	25%
F.	Exams	20%

VI. Course Policies

- A. Late Work- All work is expected to be completed on time. All work is due at the beginning of the class period for which it is due. Any work turned in after the due date will have its grade reduced 4% per calendar day.
- B. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this course. Consult the section in the Seminary catalog regarding Academic and Intellectual Expectations for a description of academic dishonesty and appropriate penalties for violation.
- C. Collegiality-The Seminary catalog states, “The Seminary has an expectation of collegiality in and out of the classroom. There must be an ability and willingness

to talk about controversial issues in an attitude of mutual respect between students, professors and others. The classes should not degenerate into arguments, especially over issues that have been debated regularly among fundamental Baptists. You should not attempt to pit one teacher against another in your classes. We desire that there be an openness in class discussion and a transparency of both faculty and students. The class professor has the right to end a discussion which he believes has become nonproductive.”

- D. **Academic Success Center.** One source for academic help in any course is the Academic Success Center. If you require specific targeted academic help for any reason contact the Academic Success Center located in the Cedarholm Library. If you would like more information regarding targeted academic help, please contact the Academic Success Center director at academicsuccess@mbu.edu.
- E. **The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, the law requires that all students with disabilities be given a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Academic Success Program Director, in the Library, (ph. 920/206-2340) or email academicsuccess@mbu.edu.
- F. **Grading Scale-**The grading scale given below will be followed in this class.

	B+	90-91.99	C+	81-82.99	D	64-72.99	
A	94-100	B	85-89.99	C	75-80.99	F	0-63.99
A -	92-93.99	B-	83-84.99	C-	73-74.99		

VII. Course Overview (Revelation, Summer 2020 online)

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
July 7 Book Introduction	July 10 Book Introduction
July 14 Revelation 1	July 17 Revelation 2-3
July 21 Revelation 4-5	July 24 Revelation 6-7
July 28 Revelation 8-9	July 31 Midterm Exam
August 4 Revelation 10-11	August 7 Revelation 12-13
August 11 Revelation 14-15	August 14 Revelation 16-17
August 18 Revelation 18-19	August 21 Revelation 20
August 25 Revelation 21-22	August 28 Final Exam
	September 5 Devotional Meditation due Bible Reading Report for Rev. 1-22 due
	September 12 Commentary Survey due
	September 26 Christology Project due