

BT710 ADVANCED NEW TESTAMENT SYNTHESIS II (Romans Through Revelation)

Course: BT710 Advanced New Testament Synthesis II
Credit: 3 Semester Hours
Semester: 2022 Cycle 2
Date: Thursday
Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm Central Time
Place: Microsoft Teams
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DESCRIPTION

This course examines the historical backgrounds, arguments, biblical theology and interpretive issues of the epistles (Romans-Jude) and the book of Revelation. Students will do discourse analysis of the epistles and learn how they address specific theological and historical problems in the early church. Students will critique the idealist, historicist and preterist views of Revelation, and discover exegetical arguments for the futurist interpretation of the book of Revelation. Students will do exegetical studies in the Greek text of these New Testament books.

This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

General competencies to be achieved: The student will:

1. Explain the arguments of the following NT books: Romans, Ephesians, Hebrews and Revelation (PLO 2) (A 1-8)

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2. Explain the various views on the authorship, recipients, date and place of writing of Romans through Revelation (PLO 3) (A 1-8)
3. Explain the chronology of the life of Paul and the time of writing of each of his epistles (PLO 2, 3) (A 1-8)
4. Identify the major interpretive problems for Romans through Revelation and give possible solutions to them (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1-8)

Specific competencies to be achieved: The student will

1. Identify the specific structural markers in the Greek text of the New Testament epistles (Romans through Jude) and explain their significance (PLO 1) (A 8)
2. Critique the proposed purposes for each of the New Testament epistles and the book of Revelation (PLO 2, 3) (A 1-8)
3. Validate the correct interpretation of the New Testament epistles (PLO 3, 4) (A 1-8)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James Version (NKJV), or King James Version (KJV). Other translations like NLT and NIV may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have any questions about a particular translation or version.

Fanning, Buist M. *Revelation*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020. ISBN: 9780310244172 Cost: \$37.50

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. Rev. ed. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1990. ISBN: 978-0830814022. Cost: \$44.10

Hawthorne, Gerald F., Ralph Martin, and Daniel G. Reid. *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1993. ISBN: 978-0830817788 Cost: \$54.06

Martin, Ralph P. and Peter H. Davids. *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Development*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1997. ISBN: 978-0830817795 Cost: \$42.99

Moo, Douglas J. *A Theology of Paul and His Letters*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2021. ISBN: 978-0310270904 Cost: \$53.64

Pate, C. Marvin, ed. *Four Views on the Book of Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.
ISBN: 978-0310220801 Cost: \$17.62

United Bible Society Greek New Testament. 5th Revised Edition. German Bible Society, 2014.
ISBN: 978-3438051165 Cost: \$42.91

Recommended (But Not Required) Texts

Burge, Gary and Lynn Cohick and Gene Green. *The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament Within Its Cultural Contexts*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.
ISBN 13 – 978-0310244950 Cost \$36.66

Carson, D.A. and Douglas J. Moo. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. 2nd edition. 2005.

Davids, Peter H. *A Theology of James, Peter and Jude: Living in the Light of the Coming King*.
Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014.

Fabricatore, Daniel. *Form of God, Form of a Servant: An Examination of the Greek noun Morphe in Philippians 2:6-7*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2009.
ISBN: 978-0761848288 Cost: \$43.52 (paperback)

Polhill, John. *Paul and His Letters*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1999.
ISBN 13: 978-0-8054-1097-6 Cost: \$25.89

Schreiner, Thomas. *Interpreting the Pauline Epistles*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1990.
ISBN 13 – 978-0801038129 Cost \$18.85

REQUIRED: ORIGINAL LANGUAGE BIBLE STUDY SOFTWARE (Accordance, Bible Works, Logos)

Students are required to have digital resources to engage Biblical study in the original languages, including but not limited to *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS)*, *Nestle Aland 28 (NA28)* – both including critical apparatus; *Septuaginta (LXX)*, *a Greek Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (BDAG)* by Bauer, Danker, Arndt, and Gingrich; *Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (HALOT)* by Koehler and Baumgartner.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment #1: Read *A Theology of Paul and His Letters* by Moo and type a book review (minimum of 5 double spaced pages). (100 points) Due: September 3, 2022

Assignment #2: Read ten articles in *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters* edited by Hawthorne, Martin and Reid and write a summary/critique of each of the ten articles (100 points). Due: September 10, 2022

Assignment #3: Read 300 pages in *New Testament Introduction* by Guthrie on the NT books of Romans through Revelation (your choice) and type a summary/critique of his comments on each NT book that you read and review (100 points). Due: September 17, 2022

Assignment #4: Read ten articles in *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Development* edited by Martin and Davids and write a summary/critique of each of the ten articles (100 points). Due: September 24, 2022

Assignment #5: Read the book *Four Views on the Book of Revelation* by Pate and type a book review (a minimum of 6 double spaced pages following Turabian style) (100 points) Due: October 1, 2022

Assignment #6: Read through the book of Revelation and 300 pages of the commentary on Revelation by Fanning. Type a paper critiquing 5 texts/interpretive problems and the interpretations given by Fanning (a minimum of 6 double spaced pages following Turabian style). (100 points) Due: October 8, 2022

Assignment #7: Greek New Testament Comprehensive Exam. The professor will post 5 different Greek NT texts for the student to be prepared to translate and explain the Greek grammar (including parsing of verbs and participles). The professor will post 5 research questions for the student to study and prepare for. The professor will meet with the student for a one and a half hour oral examination in which the student will do the translation work and answer the research questions (100 points). Due: October 12, 2022

Assignment #8: Write an exegetical research paper (25-30 pages double spaced and following Turabian style format) on a text from a New Testament book (Romans through Revelation) that is selected by you and approved by the professor. Present the results of your research in the last class. The exegetical research paper should include: your translation of the Greek text, exegetical outline and exegetical idea, your commentary explaining the meaning of the verses in context, biblical theology, textual criticism problem, applications and annotated bibliography of sources used in the research (300 points) Due: October 13, 2022

GRADING SCALE

960-1000 points	A
940-959 points	A-
920-939 points	B+
880-919 points	B
860-879 points	B-
0-859 points	F

PROPOSED SCHEDULE/TOPICS

Week 1: Introduction to the Pauline Epistles

Galatians

1 and 2 Thessalonians

Week 2: 1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Romans

Week 3: Ephesians

Colossians and Philemon

Philippians

Week 4: 1 Timothy

Titus

2 Timothy

Week 5: James

Hebrews

Week 6: 1 Peter

2 Peter

Jude

Week 7: Revelation

Week 8: PhD student paper presentations

ASSIGNMENT NOTICES

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Academic Accommodations Coordinator (accommodations@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require accommodations.

Plagiarism is defined as copying any part of a book or paper without identifying the author. This also includes taking another person's ideas and presenting them as your own.

All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 8th edition.

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu), located in the library building, is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.

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