Reformed Theological Seminary
Exegesis in Revelation
NT526 (2 Credit Hours)
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BS 1

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I. Course Objectives
- Continue to develop an exegetical method focusing on the Greek text
- Get a handle on the major themes in Revelation and his hermeneutical method
- Increase the students’ Greek vocabulary and basic grammar

II. Course Description taken from the Catalogue
- An exegetical study of the Greek text of Revelation, taking note of its grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and biblical-theological contributions.

III. Texts
- A modern translation of the Bible with cross references (e.g., NIV, ESV, NASB)!

IV. Procedures and Methods
- This class will be a combination of lecture, reading, and discussion.
- Each week students are required to translate and make a sentence flow and D.A.
- Students must come prepared to translate on the spot without any helps.

V. Course Requirements
- **Reading**: Reading the assigned passages is required for an accurate understanding of the lectures and discussions. The professor will ask the student if they have read the assigned material on the reading handout, and it will have columns for a percentage read or skimmed. Unless otherwise noted, reading of Beale’s commentary is required for the portions covered in the syllabus. For example, if
the weekly assignment covers Revelation 1:3-5, students are required to read the corresponding passage in the commentary.

- **Tests**- One exam will be given at the end of the semester. Questions will mainly cover translation and parsing.

- **Paper**- One, final paper will be given to provide the student with hands-on experience in interpreting Revelation. Late papers will result in a loss of one letter grade. Late papers will only be accepted after one week past the due date. Only in family emergencies will the professor accept papers after the one-week deadline.

- **Attendance**- Students are expected to attend all lectures, which comprises 10% of the total grade. *Students who have more than one unexcused absences will be penalized on their final course grade 2% per additional unexcused absence. Presbytery meetings and all conferences (ETS/SBL, T4G, Twin Lakes, etc.) are deemed unexcused.* Students should consult their calendar at the beginning of the semester and discuss any conflicts with the professor. Sickness and family emergencies are considered excused. If you are sick or have a family emergency, you must email the professor asap.

- **Weekly Assignments**- Nearly every week, students will be assigned a particular passage (sentence flow, version comparison, translation, discourse analysis, etc.). Late assignments will result in a loss of one letter grade per class.

- **Grading:**
  1. Exegesis Paper 25%
  2. Exam 15%
  3. Discourse Analyses/Sentence Flows 40%
  4. Reading 10%
  5. Class translation and Attendance 10%

- **Grading Scale**: The grading scale for this course is the seminary’s grading scale. You may find it listed at the *RTS Catalog*, p.44.

- **Plagiarism**: Any cheating (paper, exam, etc.) will result in a failure of the course.

- **In-Class Electronics Use**- Students are prohibited from using computers, phones, and tablets during class.

VI. Paper Requirements

**Exegesis Paper**

- The paper must include your name, date, and word count (footnotes included).
- 14-16 Pages, double-spaced.
• The word count must be between 4000 and 4250.
• It must be in Turabian/Chicago or SBL style.
• The bibliography must be integrated into the footnotes and then appended to the end of the paper in alphabetical order.
• The student must pick from one of the following two passages from Revelation to write on: Rev 9:1-6 and Rev 22:1-5.

IV. Assignments/Lecture Topic (note that the following schedule is subject to change at the professor’s discretion).

August 26- Introduction to the Course and Sentence Flow

September 2
  Weekly Assignment #1: Revelation 1:1-3 (translation, sentence flow, and version comparison)

September 9
  Weekly Assignment #2: Revelation 1:12-16 (translation, sentence flow, and version comparison)

September 16
  Weekly Assignment #3: Revelation 2:18-23 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

September 23
  Weekly Assignment #4: Revelation 5:1-5 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

September 30
  Weekly Assignment #5: Revelation 7:1-8 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

October 7-NO CLASS

October 14
  Weekly Assignment #6: Revelation 11:1-6 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

October 21
  Weekly Assignment #7: Revelation 14:1-5 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

October 28
  Weekly Assignment #8: Revelation 17:1-8 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and
November 4  
**Weekly Assignment #9:** Revelation 20:1-6 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

November 11  
**Weekly Assignment #10:** Revelation 20:7-10 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

November 18- **Weekly Assignment #11:** Revelation 20:7-10 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)

November 25 (Guest Lecture)  
**Weekly Assignment #12:** Revelation 20:11-15 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison). (Please place the assignment in my box.)  
**Video Lecture:** G. K. Beale: “Recent Developments in Old Testament in New Testament Studies that Challenges the Organic Integrity of the Testaments.” Students must write a one-page summary (single spaced) of the lecture and submit them to the professor on **Nov 28 via email.** The lecture can be found here:  

December 2  
**Weekly Assignment #13:** Revelation 21:1-4 (translation, DA, sentence flow, and version comparison)  
**Paper Due**