

# The Book of Revelation

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1. Objectives: This course will provide students an opportunity to develop a reading of the Book of Revelation that takes account of the historical circumstances that shaped it and the interpretive possibilities it offers.
2. Procedures: The course, a five-day intensive experience, will operate as a seminar, with students responsible for introducing portions of the text for discussion at each session. Students should bring a Bible to class. Reading Daniel and Ezekiel before tackling Revelation will be very helpful.
3. Reading: A general bibliography on the Book of Revelation is attached. In addition to the primary material in the Book of Revelation scheduled for each day, suggested secondary readings will be e-mailed to participants in advance of each class.
4. Schedule:
  - Monday, June 5: Introduction to the Course: Interpretive options, Historical Setting and Genre  
Reading: Revelation 1-4
  - Tuesday, June 6: The Functions of Apocalyptic Imagery  
Reading: Revelation 5-9
  - Wednesday, June 7: Confronting Imperial Power  
Reading: Revelation 10-13
  - Thursday, June 8: Money and Gender  
Reading: Revelation 14-18
  - Friday, June 9: The Millennium, past, present and future  
Reading: Revelation 19-22