

# Course Syllabus

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## Exegesis of Revelation (NT 2093)

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, August 2-13, 2021

Professor: Dr. Susan R. Garrett

M-F, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Meetings via Zoom

<https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/j/97063804709>

## Course Description

Revelation poses a great challenge to interpreters today. The New Testament exegete's usual difficulties in trying to bridge twenty centuries are amplified by longstanding disagreements over how to interpret John's apocalyptic style and widespread misconceptions about the content and purpose

of the book. In this course, you will familiarize yourself with the content of Revelation and with competing interpretive models for it, work through its various exegetical challenges, and formulate your own constructive ideas about the relevance and possible applications of the book for the church today. The format of the class will include short lectures, discussions, short student presentations, and breakout group discussions. Exegesis will be based on the English text, but students who have studied Greek will be encouraged to use it.

## **Intended Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of the course, you will be able to:*

1. Summarize the scholarly consensus on such historical-critical issues as authorship, the genre of the book and its significance for our interpretation of it, and likely circumstances surrounding the composition of it.
2. Converse (or write) in an informed but general way about the shape and content of Revelation, and offer detailed exegetical analysis of a pericope of your choosing.
3. Speak cogently about how to preach or teach Revelation in ways that (a) benefit the church, (b) show awareness of competing interpretive models (such as premillennial dispensationalism), and (c) are informed by cultural perspectives that are non-dominant in the United States.

These learning outcomes are related to SLOs 1 and 6 for the MDiv and SLO 1 for the MAR. ***If you are an MDiv student, you should aim to produce at least one assignment suitable for use as an artifact in your senior portfolio.***

## **Course Requirements**

1. Regular class attendance, and active and informed participation. In advance of each class session you should carefully read and study the assigned chapters of Revelation, along with any secondary materials on the syllabus for that day. *Worth 10% of final grade; too many absences constitute grounds for failing the course.*
2. A one-page handout on one of the articles assigned for a given class session, summarizing its main points, and raising questions for discussion. You will present this summary to the class. You should submit the handout through Canvas at least one day *before* the session when the article will be discussed. [Here are the instructions, sign-up schedule, and rubric \(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EkzUtojHXfcmIvIPM3qoR3AUpXH0Nsrc7MDQKNi1r58/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EkzUtojHXfcmIvIPM3qoR3AUpXH0Nsrc7MDQKNi1r58/edit?usp=sharing). *Worth 10% of final grade; a rubric will be provided.*
3. A notebook with summaries of readings, important takeaways from class sessions, and your own comments on the text of Revelation. The notebook should include summaries of materials assigned to be read in advance of the course. *Worth 40% of final grade; [here are guidelines and](#)*

[a rubric for the notebook](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yjsPoQjwBUIACJOo4IA3tIFSc6O-excAyuSeiLiaK14/edit?usp=sharing) (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yjsPoQjwBUIACJOo4IA3tIFSc6O-excAyuSeiLiaK14/edit?usp=sharing>).

4. An exegesis paper (8-10 double-spaced pages, not counting endnotes and bibliography) on a passage from Revelation that you have selected in consultation with me. **The due date is midnight on August 20** (submit electronically through Canvas). An extension is possible but *must* be cleared with me ahead of time, and any papers submitted late without an approved extension will be penalized. Your paper should include a section on how you would preach the passage in your church, or more generally on the pertinence of the passage for the life of the church today. *Worth 40% of final grade*; [here is a rubric](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bZqHzp4m_Gsr4z2m8EiQDtv1AN7T0LL3/view?usp=sharing), ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bZqHzp4m\\_Gsr4z2m8EiQDtv1AN7T0LL3/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bZqHzp4m_Gsr4z2m8EiQDtv1AN7T0LL3/view?usp=sharing)) and [here is a sample paper](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x0k3n5FrwMaA6MrlsB8-ceFCAvDAv-X_/view?usp=sharing) ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x0k3n5FrwMaA6MrlsB8-ceFCAvDAv-X\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x0k3n5FrwMaA6MrlsB8-ceFCAvDAv-X_/view?usp=sharing)) by a former LPTS student.

### Summary of Class Requirements:

Class attendance and participation: 10%

Handout on article: 10%

Exegetical Notebook: 40%

Exegesis paper: 40%

TOTAL: 100%

### Textbooks

Boring, M. Eugene. *Revelation*. Interpretation, a Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching. Louisville: John Knox Press, 1989. **We will be reading this book in its entirety and you should purchase your own copy; for quick reference a digital copy is available [here](https://lpts.on.worldcat.org/oclc/836848864)** (<https://lpts.on.worldcat.org/oclc/836848864>).

Rhoads, David M., ed. *From Every People and Nation: The Book of Revelation in Intercultural Perspective*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005. **We will be reading this book in its entirety. The library does not own a digital copy; you should purchase your own copy.**

One of the following English study Bibles: *The HarperCollins Study Bible*, [The New Oxford Annotated Bible](https://lpts.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1797525&site=ehost-live&scope=site) (<https://lpts.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1797525&site=ehost-live&scope=site>), or *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*.

*Other readings will be available on Canvas, the seminary's Learning Management System.*

## Advance Preparation for the Course

Before the first day of class, you should read/watch and take notes on the following:

- Boring, *Revelation*, 1-85 (required textbook; **take notes**)
- Garrett, Susan R. "Revelation" (participant handout #s 1 and 2), from thethoughtfulchristian.com (available here: [Part 1](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1969/download?download_frd=1) ↓ ([https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1969/download?download\\_frd=1](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1969/download?download_frd=1)) , and here: [Part 2](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1970/download?download_frd=1) ↓ ([https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1970/download?download\\_frd=1](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1970/download?download_frd=1)) ; print it out and mark it up if you want, but **you do not need to take notes**).
- Just, Felix, S.J. "An Introduction to Biblical Genres and Form Criticism" (a 1-page handout available [here](https://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Genres-Form%20Cricitism.pdf) [\\_ \(https://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Genres-Form%20Cricitism.pdf\)](https://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Genres-Form%20Cricitism.pdf) [you should look this over but **you do not need to take notes**].
- Rhoads, *Every People*, chapter 1 (required textbook; **take notes**)
- YouTube video: "How to Read the Bible: Apocalyptic Literature" (available [here](https://youtu.be/UNDX4tUdj1Y) [\\_ \(https://youtu.be/UNDX4tUdj1Y\)](https://youtu.be/UNDX4tUdj1Y)



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; watch it, but **you do not need to take notes**)

- 2 Esdras 3:1–14:48 along with the introduction to 2 Esdras (the text and an introduction will be found in study Bibles with the OT Apocrypha; **take brief notes**)
- 1 Enoch chaps. 6-19 (available [here](https://www.ccel.org/c/charles/otpseudepig/enoch/ENOCH_1.HTM) [\\_ \(https://www.ccel.org/c/charles/otpseudepig/enoch/ENOCH\\_1.HTM\)](https://www.ccel.org/c/charles/otpseudepig/enoch/ENOCH_1.HTM); **take brief notes**)

## Schedule

### **Monday, August 2:**

Topics: Introduction to the study of Revelation; Revelation 1

Advance Preparation: see preceding section of the syllabus

Agenda: Link [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18u08xFjwuhgY_QpbesFF9HsOcz2_vPWOVIkRVymYnz4/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_ \(https://docs.google.com/document/d/18u08xFjwuhgY\\_QpbesFF9HsOcz2\\_vPWOVIkRVymYnz4/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18u08xFjwuhgY_QpbesFF9HsOcz2_vPWOVIkRVymYnz4/edit?usp=sharing)

Zoom recording: Link [here](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/l_RYyodzvlB9CLnqgl-loNLjM0V_MJWvdkxtb7h6MtGg3lfxCTSdtdUcqBapdlZ.JYpC78GbirWLUlrH) [\\_\(https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/l\\_RYyodzvlB9CLnqgl-loNLjM0V\\_MJWvdkxtb7h6MtGg3lfxCTSdtdUcqBapdlZ.JYpC78GbirWLUlrH\)](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/l_RYyodzvlB9CLnqgl-loNLjM0V_MJWvdkxtb7h6MtGg3lfxCTSdtdUcqBapdlZ.JYpC78GbirWLUlrH)

### Tuesday, August 3:

Topic: Revelation 2-3

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 85-98; Rhoads, *Every People*, chapters 2-3. Agenda (includes link to Amanda Craft's summary of Maier) is accessible [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fxa1EuNOo3CjeVyR3YVsCNc0XgeBPUmCHNuYZGDGxBU/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fxa1EuNOo3CjeVyR3YVsCNc0XgeBPUmCHNuYZGDGxBU/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fxa1EuNOo3CjeVyR3YVsCNc0XgeBPUmCHNuYZGDGxBU/edit?usp=sharing).

Link to Zoom recording (morning session) [here](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/_vTaOkXHMkb3-OGMAHpOdf8YzLk1iMy0-Vzc_enX3vraS4v4-HneB-umG-dZ3NjU.UJ8egYtgNzfuW-2J?startTime=1627995836000) [\\_\(https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/\\_vTaOkXHMkb3-OGMAHpOdf8YzLk1iMy0-Vzc\\_enX3vraS4v4-HneB-umG-dZ3NjU.UJ8egYtgNzfuW-2J?startTime=1627995836000\)](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/_vTaOkXHMkb3-OGMAHpOdf8YzLk1iMy0-Vzc_enX3vraS4v4-HneB-umG-dZ3NjU.UJ8egYtgNzfuW-2J?startTime=1627995836000)

Link to Zoom recording (afternoon session) [here](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/7w2wIVIVhSU8VKZWFqgkJ-6T5HeHYVVNcCIEv4OvvC5pv_UCZiuDIfU2nSUaYFI6.TGeltb6NPoUcBvBw?startTime=1628012122000) [\\_\(https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/7w2wIVIVhSU8VKZWFqgkJ-6T5HeHYVVNcCIEv4OvvC5pv\\_UCZiuDIfU2nSUaYFI6.TGeltb6NPoUcBvBw?startTime=1628012122000\)](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/7w2wIVIVhSU8VKZWFqgkJ-6T5HeHYVVNcCIEv4OvvC5pv_UCZiuDIfU2nSUaYFI6.TGeltb6NPoUcBvBw?startTime=1628012122000)

### Wednesday, August 4:

Topic: Revelation 4-5

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 99-121; Rhoads, *Every People*, chapter 5

Agenda is [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Qhom2iskAR0h1AwE5SJp3br9pyjjuSjMJXdPa3tMw/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Qhom2iskAR0h1AwE5SJp3br9pyjjuSjMJXdPa3tMw/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Qhom2iskAR0h1AwE5SJp3br9pyjjuSjMJXdPa3tMw/edit?usp=sharing).

Recording is [here](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/8ZTuY-v1WL3W1AsyZhmAlla1eWcOsp1hCLtHaGfbtEq0oJsYLUH1tlix4GrkAdO6.6OEnTFyN1zvdvyF0?startTime=) [\\_\(https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/8ZTuY-v1WL3W1AsyZhmAlla1eWcOsp1hCLtHaGfbtEq0oJsYLUH1tlix4GrkAdO6.6OEnTFyN1zvdvyF0?startTime=](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/8ZTuY-v1WL3W1AsyZhmAlla1eWcOsp1hCLtHaGfbtEq0oJsYLUH1tlix4GrkAdO6.6OEnTFyN1zvdvyF0?startTime=)

### Thursday, August 5:

Topic: Revelation 6-7

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 121-132; Hylan, "Metaphors Matter" (available [here](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1975/download?download_frd=1) ↓ [\\_\(https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1975/download?download\\_frd=1\)](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1975/download?download_frd=1)); group summary #1 is [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k6tFVZQNhi8ibTWunKqd4DmlmMDL67IWoaAQ6FcDrOpc/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k6tFVZQNhi8ibTWunKqd4DmlmMDL67IWoaAQ6FcDrOpc/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k6tFVZQNhi8ibTWunKqd4DmlmMDL67IWoaAQ6FcDrOpc/edit?usp=sharing); group summary #2 is [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GEK1byDZQgzyBQpQVgzGTnRKGCzx5nH75Lj9ZVvJK34/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GEK1byDZQgzyBQpQVgzGTnRKGCzx5nH75Lj9ZVvJK34/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GEK1byDZQgzyBQpQVgzGTnRKGCzx5nH75Lj9ZVvJK34/edit?usp=sharing).)

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Zoom recording (part 1) is [here](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/RkzSyCFkf27PLe-f1o2IER19yaKYTTgP-NZvE6EsE1DTxRjJk1mEqnlSolXfJSBc.tflwL0ttgAa10UQj?startTime=1628169412000) [\\_ \(https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/RkzSyCFkf27PLe-f1o2IER19yaKYTTgP-NZvE6EsE1DTxRjJk1mEqnlSolXfJSBc.tflwL0ttgAa10UQj?startTime=1628169412000\)](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/RkzSyCFkf27PLe-f1o2IER19yaKYTTgP-NZvE6EsE1DTxRjJk1mEqnlSolXfJSBc.tflwL0ttgAa10UQj?startTime=1628169412000) .

Zoom recording (part 2) is [here](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/M2FoiO9eLQYE022wQQly1-Rp7-Na0AtOmaX5QykOSPrd36AWFEbdmwAFckUMJyvr.eP87a1isA3C7dfHU?startTime=1628174312000) [\\_ \(https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/M2FoiO9eLQYE022wQQly1-Rp7-Na0AtOmaX5QykOSPrd36AWFEbdmwAFckUMJyvr.eP87a1isA3C7dfHU?startTime=1628174312000\)](https://lpts-edu.zoom.us/rec/share/M2FoiO9eLQYE022wQQly1-Rp7-Na0AtOmaX5QykOSPrd36AWFEbdmwAFckUMJyvr.eP87a1isA3C7dfHU?startTime=1628174312000) .

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## Friday, August 6:

Topic: Revelation 8-11

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 132-149; DeSilva, “Rhetorical Features” (available [here](#) ↓  [\(https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1971/download?download\\_frd=1\)](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1971/download?download_frd=1) ) ; summary of DeSilva is [here](#) [\\_ \(https://docs.google.com/document/d/152Vqo9juaV6Yx88out1F0mnSFq2c\\_zQeNbmRo0knrRE/edit?usp=sharing\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/152Vqo9juaV6Yx88out1F0mnSFq2c_zQeNbmRo0knrRE/edit?usp=sharing) )

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## Monday, August 9:

Topics: Revelation 12-14; the Roman Imperial Cult

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 149-171; Jones, “Roman Imperial Cult” (available [here](#) ↓  [\(https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1972/download?download\\_frd=1\)](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1972/download?download_frd=1) ) ; link to summary: <https://tinyurl.com/5awv4uny> [\\_ \(https://tinyurl.com/5awv4uny\)](https://tinyurl.com/5awv4uny) ); Rhoads, *Every People*, chapter 7 (link to summary: <https://tinyurl.com/y2nvrvttr> [\\_ \(https://tinyurl.com/y2nvrvttr\)](https://tinyurl.com/y2nvrvttr) ); Rhoads, *Every People*, chapter 9

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## Tuesday, August 10:

Topic: Revelation 15-18

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 172-190; Rhoads, *Every People*, chapters 4 (link to summary [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GVGfmUDLyaUb2T88YM-4hQz7BOHk-GRz5XkblwcU5BU/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GVGfmUDLyaUb2T88YM-4hQz7BOHk-GRz5XkblwcU5BU/edit?usp=sharing\)\\_](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GVGfmUDLyaUb2T88YM-4hQz7BOHk-GRz5XkblwcU5BU/edit?usp=sharing)) and 6

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### Wednesday, August 11:

Topic: Revelation 19-22

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Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 191-226; Rhoads, *Every People*, chapter 10 (summary [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/163LDi5HzpBZgQHK4c1AaaRzZyhjY7BbyNWcNyNDmFEc/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/163LDi5HzpBZgQHK4c1AaaRzZyhjY7BbyNWcNyNDmFEc/edit?usp=sharing\)\\_](https://docs.google.com/document/d/163LDi5HzpBZgQHK4c1AaaRzZyhjY7BbyNWcNyNDmFEc/edit?usp=sharing)); Slater, "Interpreting Revelation through African American Cultural Studies" (available [here](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1973/download?download_frd=1) [↓ \(https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1973/download?download\\_frd=1\)](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1973/download?download_frd=1)); summary [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xdwhqsiFwL0vgG8oU4u8jiNf0rC0VCDgAHa7NWGD4uA/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xdwhqsiFwL0vgG8oU4u8jiNf0rC0VCDgAHa7NWGD4uA/edit?usp=sharing\)\\_](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xdwhqsiFwL0vgG8oU4u8jiNf0rC0VCDgAHa7NWGD4uA/edit?usp=sharing)).

### Thursday, August 12:

Topics: Premillennial Dispensationalism; Revelation and Politics

Link to agenda [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/118oDYbjaB2a78Uz0ttJiiSwmjJNid3ukrHNn3KcReWE/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/118oDYbjaB2a78Uz0ttJiiSwmjJNid3ukrHNn3KcReWE/edit?usp=sharing\)\\_](https://docs.google.com/document/d/118oDYbjaB2a78Uz0ttJiiSwmjJNid3ukrHNn3KcReWE/edit?usp=sharing).

Advance Preparation: Boring, *Revelation*, 226-32; Garrett, *No Ordinary Angel*, chapter 4 (manuscript available [here](https://www.dropbox.com/s/zrkpm3jggxbqinc/CHAPTER%204%20-%20SATAN%20AND%20THE%20POWERS.pdf?dl=0) [\\_\(https://www.dropbox.com/s/zrkpm3jggxbqinc/CHAPTER%204%20-%20SATAN%20AND%20THE%20POWERS.pdf?dl=0\)\\_](https://www.dropbox.com/s/zrkpm3jggxbqinc/CHAPTER%204%20-%20SATAN%20AND%20THE%20POWERS.pdf?dl=0)): Read the section "Dispensationalists and the Devil," pp. 209-214); Weber, "On the Road to Armageddon" (available [here](https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/christianity/end-times/on-the-road-to-armageddon.aspx) [\\_\(https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/christianity/end-times/on-the-road-to-armageddon.aspx\)\\_](https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/christianity/end-times/on-the-road-to-armageddon.aspx)); summary [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bUM5BARxapSeU6iurrVIFBg61-wCqIRVce6d5_57xAQ/edit?usp=sharing) [\\_\(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bUM5BARxapSeU6iurrVIFBg61-wCqIRVce6d5\\_57xAQ/edit?usp=sharing\)\\_](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bUM5BARxapSeU6iurrVIFBg61-wCqIRVce6d5_57xAQ/edit?usp=sharing)).

### Friday, August 13:

Topic: Preaching Revelation Today

Advance preparation: Rhoads, *Every People*, chapter 8; Moore, “Beastly Boasts” (available [here](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1974/download?download_frd=1) ↓  
([https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1974/download?download\\_frd=1](https://lpts.instructure.com/courses/228/files/1974/download?download_frd=1))).

### Schedule Breakdown\*

\*(*subject to change*)

|                      | 9-10am                               | 10-11am                      | 11-12pm                             | 12-1:30pm          | 1:30-3:00pm                                   | 3-4:00pm                                |
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| <b>Mon<br/>8/2</b>   | Intro                                | Review preparatory readings  | Breakout groups: 4 Ezra and 1 Enoch | <b>Lunch break</b> | Read/discuss Rev 1                            | On exegetical method                    |
| <b>Tues<br/>8/3</b>  | Overview of Letters to 7 churches    | Breakout groups: Rev 2–3     | Debrief from breakout groups        | <b>Lunch break</b> | Discuss Rhoads chap. 2 and Rhoads chap. 3     | Wrap-up                                 |
| <b>Wed<br/>8/4</b>   | Overview of Rev 4–5                  | Breakout groups: Rev 5:1-10  | Debrief from breakout groups        | <b>Lunch break</b> | Revelation in worship; discuss Rhoads chap. 5 | Planning your exegesis paper            |
| <b>Thurs<br/>8/5</b> | Overview of Rev 6–7                  | Breakout groups: Rev 7:9-17  | Debrief from breakout groups        | <b>Lunch break</b> | Looking ahead in Rev: The cycles of judgment  | Discuss Hylen, “Metaphor Matters”       |
| <b>Fri<br/>8/6</b>   | Overview of Rev 8–11                 | Breakout groups: Rev 11:1-14 | Debrief from breakout groups        | <b>Lunch break</b> | Discuss DaSilva, “Rhetorical Features”        | Check-in on notebooks & exegesis papers |
| <b>Mon<br/>8/9</b>   | Discuss Jones, “Roman Imperial Cult” | Read/discuss Rev 12          | Read/discuss Rev 13                 | <b>Lunch break</b> | Discuss Rhoads chap. 7 and chap. 9            | Read/discuss Rev 14                     |



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| <b>Tues</b><br><b>8/10</b>  | Overview of Rev<br>15–18  | Breakout group:<br>Revelation 18                                | Debrief from<br>breakout<br>groups                        | <b>Lunch</b><br><b>break</b> | Discussion of<br>Rhoads chap. 4<br>and Rhoads<br>chap. 6                  | Wrap-up   |
| <b>Wed</b><br><b>8/11</b>   | Overview of Rev<br>19–22  | What is the<br>Millennium?                                      | Discussion of<br>Rhoads<br>chap. 10                       | <b>Lunch</b><br><b>break</b> | Breakout group:<br>Revelation 19  | Discuss<br>Slater, “Rev<br>Through AA<br>Cultural<br>Studies” |
| <b>Thurs</b><br><b>8/12</b> | History and<br>current state of<br>premillennial<br>dispensationalism | White<br>Evangelicals and<br>premillennial<br>dispensationalism | Discussion of<br>Weber,<br>“Road to<br>Armageddon”        | <b>Lunch</b><br><b>break</b> | Premillennial<br>dispensationalism<br>in other<br>communities of<br>faith | Discussion of<br>paper topics                                 |
| <b>Fri</b><br><b>8/13</b>   | Discussion of<br>Moore, “Beastly<br>Boasts”                           | Discussion of<br>Rhoads, chap. 8                                | Takeaways:<br>How will you<br>preach/teach<br>Revelation? | <b>Lunch</b><br><b>break</b> | Individual<br>conferences on<br>your paper<br>(optional)                  | Individual<br>conferences<br>on your<br>paper<br>(optional)   |

## Appendix A: Bibliography

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