

Module Descriptor

1. Module Code	TH7610	2. Module Title	Interpreting the Book of Revelation		
3. Level	7	4. Credit Value	20	ECTS	10
5. Delivery Site(s)	Distance Learning: King's Evangelical Divinity School eCampus				
6. Available to / Restrictions					

7. Expected Student Learning Activity and Contact Hours	8. Attendance Guidance
<p>Various recorded lectures and 200 hours of generated study time.</p> <p>Students have access to an online discussion forum to communicate with tutors and other students, along with e-mail support from tutors. Where appropriate, telephone support is also available.</p>	<p>Core course material is noted as required in student courseware and typically includes recorded lectures and reading of select textbooks, papers or book extracts. All students are expected to listen to all of the course lectures and read the required materials. A range of supporting teaching material is also available to students as further recommended learning options.</p>

9. Module Content**Introduction to the Interpretation of Revelation**

The Book of Revelation: sources, composition, circulation and adoption into the canon
 Major interpretative approaches: Preterist; Historicist; Futurist; Idealist
 Contemporary approaches to the book of Revelation
 Evangelical approaches and consequences to the study of Revelation.

Revelation as Biblical Literature

The Apocalyptic Genre.
 Revelation as three genres: apocalyptic, prophecy and epistle
 The Use of the Old Testament in Revelation: quotations and allusions

Theological Themes in Revelation

Suffering and Victory; Tribulation and Judgement
 Symbolism in Revelation
 The Throne of Christ and the Final Victory
 The Future Hope: The New Creation

Text Outline

Prologue (1:1-20)
 Letters to the Seven Churches (2:1-3:22)

Adoration in the Church of Heaven (4:1-5:14)
 The Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)
 The Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
 Conflict Between the Church and the Powers of Evil (12:1-14:5)
 The Seven Last Plagues (15:1-16:21)
 The Fall of Babylon (17:1-19:5)
 The Final Victory (19:6-20:5)
 The New Heaven and the New Earth (21:1-22:5)
 Epilogue (22:6-21)

10. Aims

To develop critical, research level skills in theological analysis and discussion of the contents of Revelation from a theological perspective.
 To enable students to reflect independently on historical and contemporary approaches to key theological themes in Romans.
 To foster a capacity to undertake scholarly examination of important writings pertaining to the study of the theology of Romans.
 To provide students with a thorough understanding of key scholars and writers of theological matters pertaining to the study of Romans
 To enable students to undertake further postgraduate/doctoral studies in New Testament Theology, or in Romans.

11. Methods of Learning and Teaching and Formative Assessment

Audio lectures, guided reading, individual study, and individual support where appropriate. Students will prepare for assignments individually using interactive online learning material. Students are encouraged, but not required, to participate in online theological discussion on the eCampus Forum.

12. Learning Outcomes

1. An advanced understanding of the nuanced positions of recent theological debates and controversies concerning the interpretation of Revelation.
2. An advanced ability to recognise the major theologians and theories relating to Revelation in the history of interpretation of the theology of Revelation.
3. A critical capacity to describe and comment with research-level clarity specific issues on the theology of Revelation in contemporary Christian debate.

13. Assessment and Reassessment Components and Weighting

4000 word essay
 (Learning Outcomes 1-3)
 Reassessment: as assessment

14. Key References

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15. Module Leader	16. Subject / Programme Assessment Board
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