



NT364 Reading Revelation Ethically

Mr Quek Tze-Ming | 3CR

About the Course

In this class, we place Revelation in its first-century historical context, and thus open a window into the political, economic, and social challenges that affect the early Christian communities living under Roman rule in what is now modern Turkey. We will read Revelation as “an apocalyptic prophecy in the form of a circular letter,” an alternative vision of reality which transcends everyday space and time in order to motivate specific responses from these Christians. In this way, Revelation is a book of discipleship, calling for ethical responses.

As a book of discipleship, we will explore how Revelation speaks powerfully to Christians in every generation and location, focusing especially on some twenty-first century issues of empire, economics, and ecology.

Dates (2020)

July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18, 25
September 1, 8

(7:15pm – 10:00pm)

Location

TBA

Credits

3CR

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)
S\$240(Audit)

Class Format

Blended Learning
(Live / Online
Lectures & Tutorials)

* Students from Host Churches
are entitled to 20% off
credit courses only

About the Lecturer

Mr Quek Tze-Ming is a PHD candidate in New Testament Studies at the University of Cambridge. His special area of studies is in the use of the Old Testament in the New. After leaving legal practice, he served in student ministry with the Fellowship of Evangelical Students (Singapore). He then commenced theological studies, receiving a Dip. C.S. from BGST, an M.Div and a Th.M from Regent College, Vancouver. He is married to Sharon, and they have two daughters. He serves in the teaching ministry of his church, and maintains a lively interest in local food, football, and movies.



Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, it is hoped that the student will:

- i. read Revelation in its generic setting, and recognize the historical, literary and rhetorical situation of the seven churches.
- ii. be able to identify and articulate Revelation's central theme.
- iii. be able to analyze John's opposition and alternative to Roman imperial ideology.
- iv. apply the above in a coherent understanding of the ethical challenge of John's vision today in the church and the marketplace, particularly in the issues of empire, economics, and ecology.

Academic Information

Course Texts:

1. Peterson, Eugene H. *Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John and the Praying Imagination*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988. (228.06 PET)
2. Spilsbury, Paul. *The Throne, the Lamb and the Dragon: A Reader's Guide to the Book of Revelation*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2002.

Assignments:

1. Course Reading (10%)
2. Book Review – 1500 words (40%)
3. Course Paper - 3000 words (50%)

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