

McMaster Divinity College
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Course Code: NT 2XB3

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Course Description

This course is primarily an exegetical study of the main eschatological passages in the New Testament (NT). Following a two-step hermeneutical approach, we will look at: (1) what these passages meant in their original context and (2) what they mean to us in our contemporary setting. The course consists of two learning components. First, we will read through the eschatological passages in the NT. Second, we will look at the contemporary significance of the selected NT texts and discuss how they help shape an eschatological lifestyle, i.e. a Christian way of life that does not lose sight of the end of time and the second coming of Christ.

Course Objectives

The following goals are set for the student:

Knowing:

- To become familiar with the main eschatological passages in the NT for use in teaching and preaching ministry
- To gain an understanding of problems and issues in the controversial areas of Christian Eschatology and to be able to identify the text(s) that illuminate the options

Being:

- To become competent interpreters of the text
- To gain a positive appreciation of theological unity and diversity in the NT
- To allow the eschatological text to motivate, form and transform faith, worship and Christian way of life

Doing:

- To develop skills in interpreting the eschatological passages in the NT in terms of their theological, historical and social context
- To explain key topics and terms related to NT eschatology
- To be able to evaluate apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic artwork in various media (music, film, literature, TV show, etc.) from a biblical perspective

Session Outline and Schedule

Date	Class Topic and Reading Assignment	Reading
Jan 5	Topic: 1. Course Introduction: Syllabus Overview 2. Controversial Areas of Eschatological Hopes 3. History and Trends in the Study of New Testament Eschatology 4. Contemporary Significance of NT Eschatology	Reading Kit 1-3
Jan 12	Topic: 1. OT Tradition 2. Jewish Apocalyptic Tradition 3. Kingdom Language in the New Testament 4. Kingdom of God: Presence or Future?	Reading Kit 4-7
Jan 19	Topic/Text: 1. The Eschatology of the Synoptic Gospels (I): Mark 2. Text: Mark 13:1-37	Reading Kit 8-9, 12
Jan 26	Discussion 1: _____ Topic/Text: 1. The Eschatology of the Synoptic Gospels (II): Matthew 2. Text: Matthew 24-25	Reading Kit 10-11
Feb 2	Discussion 2: _____ Topic/Text: 1. The Eschatology of the Synoptic Gospels (III): Luke 2. Text: Luke 17:22-37; 21:5-36 3. Delay of Parousia (I)	Reading Kit 13
Feb 9	Discussion 3: _____ Topic/Text: 1. Pauline Eschatology (I) 2. Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:10; 2 Thessalonians 2 3. Delay of Parousia (II)	Reading Kit 15

Date	Class Topic and Reading Assignment	Reading
Feb 16	Discussion 4: _____ Topic/Text: 1. Pauline Eschatology (II) 2. Text: 1 Corinthians 15 3. Resurrection	Reading Kit 14
Feb 23	Reading Week - NO CLASS	
Mar 1	Discussion 5: _____ Topic/Text: 1. Pauline Eschatology (III) 2. Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 5:1-10 3. Intermediate Stage?	Reading Kit 21
Assignment Due: Pastoral Letter		
Mar 8	Discussion 6: _____ Topic/Text: 1. The Eschatology of Selected General Epistles 2. Text: 2 Pet 3:4-13; Heb. 11:8-19	Reading Kit 16-17
Mar 15	Discussion 7: _____ Topic/Text: 1. The Eschatology of the Fourth Gospel 2. Text: John 14:1-31	Reading Kit 18
Mar 22	Discussion 8: _____ Topic/Text: 1. Revelation (I) 2. Text: Rev. 20:1-22:5 3. History of Interpretation: Revelation	Reading Kit 19

Date	Class Topic and Reading Assignment	Reading
Mar 29	Discussion 9: _____ Topic/Text: 1. Revelation (II) 2. Text: Rev. 20:1-22:5 3. Millennialism, Tribulation	Reading Kit 20, 23
April 5	Presentations: Sermon/Teaching Ministry Topic/Text: 1. Towards a New Testament Eschatology 2. Eschatologically-Informed Christian Way of Life and Ministry	Reading Kit 22
April 13	NO CLASS	

Assignment Due: Exegetical Sermon, Reading Log

Assignment and Student Evaluation

The learning experience of the course has two main components. Students are asked to demonstrate their exegetical skill by writing an exegetical sermon. Group discussion and a short paper are used to help students bridge the gap between texts and the contemporary world. **NOTE:** All written assignments are to be submitted in digital format to the instructor via email. Please use pdf format and ensure that the fonts and special characters are displayed correctly in the file. If you need a program for creating pdf go to <http://primopdf.com> for a free pdf maker.

1. Presentation and Discussion: Contemporary Significance (25%)

- Each student (or group of students depending on class size) is to give a short and precise presentation that discusses how eschatological elements are portrayed in art or in the media, focusing on how this portrayal compares with that found in the NT. The topic can be chosen from any media type (music, painting, scripture, literature, poetry, film or TV series, comic book, etc.) of any period (modern or classical). The following is a list of sample topics:
 - The portrayal of death and hope in the Requiem of W.A. Mozart, G. Faure and G. Verdi
 - The portrayal of chaos and hope in society in post-apocalyptic film(s)
 - The use of kingdom language in the worship songs of the Hillsong church
 - The last judgment in contemporary and classical painting
 - The caricature of the Rapture in animated comic (e.g. *The Simpsons*)
 - End time prophecy and teaching of a particular tele-evangelists
 - Apocalypticism in popular music/particular music group
 - The use of kingdom language in Christian/non-Christian goth music

- The use of judgment images (Seven trumpets, seven bowls, etc.) in Baroque and Classical paintings
- Compare the portrayal of the antichrist in various end-time novel series
- The goal of this exercise is to heighten the awareness of eschatological elements in popular culture
- Assessment will be based on the quality of the analysis as well as the presentation
 - The presentation should include, but not limit to, the following components:
 - Provide the history and background of the artist/media group
 - Describe the eschatological element in the selected art/media
 - Compare with the eschatological message of the NT
 - Discuss the relevance of the message in the contemporary contexts

2. A Pastoral Letter (25%)

Write a short letter (1000 words) to a follower of Harold Camping (or some other well-known end-time prediction group),¹ trying to persuade him/her reconsider the view of his/her leader. The setting of the letter can be either before or after the predicted rapture (or destruction) date, but take note that it will affect the tone and rhetoric of your writing. The objective of this letter is to try to explain to him/her, in a pastoral manner:

- a. The time of the Second Coming
- b. End-time prophecy and Apocalypticism

Take note that the goal of the letter is persuasion (and comfort). There is no need to attack the character of the leader. The key is to demonstrate the kind of eschatology that is formed by responsible exegesis of the NT. This is a pastoral letter.

Due Date: March 1, 2012

3. Exegetical Sermon/Teaching Project (35%)

Students are asked to write an exegetical sermon (4000-4500 words) based on a passage covered in this course

Paper Break Down: (1000-1500 words exegetical comment; 2500-3000 words sermon)

Detail:

- a. The assignment is consisted of two parts. The first part is a 1000-1500 exegetical comment on the selected passage. Students are expected to be able to engage in exegetical analysis of a particular passage. Succinct comment should be made on particular exegetical issues and hermeneutical decisions regarding the selected passage. This part of the assignment has to follow the MacDiv style guide.
- b. The second part of the assignment is the teaching/preaching component. It should be equivalent to a 20-30 minute presentation. It should be written in a spoken style, intended to be deliver on the pulpit or in a classroom setting. This part does not have to follow the MacDiv style guide, but reference to illustrations should be included.

¹ See for example: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_dates_predicted_for_apocalyptic_events

- c. The sermon must be based on text covered in class (Consult with the instructor in advance if you want to use text other than those cover in class).
- d. The teaching project may include a teaching session for a Bible/small group study, a Sunday School course. Note that a teaching project also needs to have an application section.
- e. A short summary of the real/imagined target audience (demographic background and preaching/teaching setting) as well as a brief description of your homiletic decision are needed.
- f. Since this course is not a homiletics course, the main purpose of this assignment is not to access each student's ability to write a good sermon. However, students are expected to be able to work under sound homiletic and teaching principles.
- g. The purpose of this assignment is to assess the student's ability to (1) interpret the eschatological text of the NT with a theologically and biblically sound hermeneutical method and, (2) apply the message to discipleship, community and ministry formation and presenting it in the contemporary contexts.
- h. Student Presentations:** Students will give a short presentation of their preliminary ideas for the sermon/teaching ministry project a week before the due date (5 April, last class). The presentation should be in the form of a sermonette (10 mins max), summarizing the major exegetical issues of the passage and their intended main application/implication(s) of the sermon. Each presentation is followed by a short discussion, which allow students to gain **constructive** criticism in order to improve their work. The goal of this presentation is to facilitates a collaborative learning environment in which instructor and students are engaged in active learning together.

Due Date: April 13, 2012 (Late paper will be deducted 2% per day and receive a zero grade after 20 April)

4. Reading and Class Participation (15%)

- Students are expected to read the assigned readings (refer to the session outline above), attend class and participate in class discussions
- Students are also required to read through the text, a selected commentary on all passages covered in class
- A reading log along with their final paper, indicating that they have completed (or the percentage of) the reading assignment must be handed in with the exegetical sermon
- Due Date: April 13, 2012

Grading Summary and Due Date

1. Presentation and Discussion	25%	From 26/1/2012
2. Pastoral Letter	25%	1 March, 2012
3. Exegetical Sermon	35%	13 April, 2012
4. Reading and Class Participation	15%	13 April, 2012

Textbooks and Materials**Required**

1. The New Testament (modern version such as NRSV or NIV 2011)
2. The Greek New Testament (for those with Greek competence). Students with facility in Greek are encouraged to use their Greek Bible
3. Reading Kit (Purchase from the student record office)

Recommended

1. Ladd, G.E. *The Presence of the Future*. 2nd ed. London: SPCK, 1980.
2. Plevnik, Joseph. *Paul and the Parousia: An Exegetical and Theological Investigation*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1997.
3. Holman, Charles L. *Till Jesus Comes: Origins of Christian Apocalyptic Tradition*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996.

Additional Materials

1. Handouts for lectures and class notes will be made available during class and/or online.
2. Additional reading materials for each class will be given at least one week before class

Reading Kit

<Definitions and Nature>

1. Marshall, I. Howard. "Slippery Words. I. Eschatology." *Expository Times* 89 (1978): 264-69.
2. Bauckham, Richard J. "Eschatology." In *New Bible Dictionary*, edited by J.D. Douglas, N. Hillyer and D.R.W. Wood, 333-9. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1996.
3. Hultgren, Arland J. "Eschatology in the New Testament: The current Debate." In *The Last Things: Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Eschatology*, edited by Carl E. Braaten and Robert W. Jenson, 67-89. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002.

<OT and Jewish Background>

4. Hoekema, Anthony A. *The Bible and the Future*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1979. (Chapters 1-2: OT Background and Nature of NT Eschatology, pp. 3-22).
5. Holman, Charles L. *Till Jesus Comes: Origins of Christian Apocalyptic Expectation*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996. (Part I: The Roots of NT Eschatology: The Old Testament Hope, pp. 9-38).
6. Collins, J.J. "Apocalyptic Literature." In *Dictionary of New Testament Background*, edited by Craig A. Evans and Stanley E. Porter, 40-45. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2000.
7. Aune, D.E., Geddert, T.J. and Evans, C.A. "Apocalypticism." In *Dictionary of New Testament Background*, edited by Craig A. Evans and Stanley E. Porter, 45-58. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2000.

<Synoptic Gospels>

8. Allison, Dale C. "Eschatology." In *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, edited by Joel B. Green and Scot McKnight, 206-9. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1992.
9. Geddert, T.J. "Apocalyptic Teaching." In *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, edited by Joel B. Green and Scot McKnight, 20-27. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1992.

10. Duling, Dennis C. "The Kingdom of God in the Teaching of Jesus." *Word & World* 2.2 (1982): 117-126.
11. Hagner, Donald A. "Matthew's Eschatology." In *To Tell the Mystery: Essays on New Testament Eschatology in Honor of Robert H. Gundry*, edited by Thomas E. Schmidt and Moisés Silva, 49-71. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994.
12. Beasley-Murray, G.R. "Eschatology in Mark." *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 21 (1978): 37-53.
13. Ellis, E. Earle. *Christ and the Future in New Testament History*. Leiden: Brill, 2001. (Chapters 9-10, "Eschatology in Luke," and "Eschatology in Luke Revisited," pp. 105-28)

<Pauline>

14. Baird, W. "Pauline Eschatology in Hermeneutical Perspective." *New Testament Studies* 17 (1971): 314-27.
15. Kreitzer, L.J. "Eschatology." In *Dictionary of Paul and his Letters*, edited Gerald F. Hawthorne and Ralph P. Martin, 253-69. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1993.

<Other NT>

16. Selwyn, E.G. "Eschatology in I Peter." In *The Background of the New Testament and its Eschatology: Studies in Honour of C. H. Dodd*, edited by W.D. Davies and D. Daube, 394-401. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1956.
17. Barrett, C.K. "The Eschatology of the Epistle to the Hebrews." In *The Background of the New Testament and its Eschatology: Studies in Honour of C. H. Dodd*, edited by W.D. Davies and D. Daube, 363-393. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1956.

<Johannine>

18. Carson, D.A. "The Three Witnesses and the Eschatology of 1 John." In *To Tell the Mystery: Essays on New Testament in Honor of Robert H. Gundry*, edited by Thomas E. Schmidt and Moisés Silva, 216-32. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994.
19. Koester, Craig R. *Revelation and the End of All Things*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2001. (Chapter 1: Interpreting the Mystery, pp. 1-40)
20. Blomberg, Craig L. "The Posttribulationism of the New Testament: Leaving 'Left Behind' behind." In *A Case for Historic Premillennialism: An Alternative to "Left Behind" Eschatology*, edited by Craig L. Blomberg and Sung Wook Chung, 61-87. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009.

<Preaching, Teaching and Living>

21. Long, Thomas G. "Imagine There's No Heaven: The Loss of Eschatology in American Preaching." *Journal for Preachers* 30.1 (2006): 21-28.
22. Blomberg, Craig. "Eschatology and the Church: Some New Testament Perspectives." *Themelios* 23.3 (1998): 3-26.
23. Woods, Richard. "The Seven Bowls of Wrath: An Ecological Parable." *Journal for the Study of Religion Nature and Culture* 7 (1999): 8-21.

Class Participation

This course is designed as a collaborative learning effort. Therefore, a significant component of this course is class participation. It is expected that students will attend all sessions and be prepared to engage with the class. Students should be on time to class and stay for the entire session, unless arranged in advance or in case of emergency. If a student must miss a class session for a reason that the student believes is a valid reason, he or she must notify the instructor before the start of class (if circumstances allow). Unexcused absences will be penalized.

Late Submission Policy

All assignments must be submitted on the date due, unless otherwise specified. A late penalty of 2% per day will be applied to all assignments submitted after the deadline, unless an extension has been obtained from the instructor prior to the deadline. Assignments will not be accepted if more than seven days late.

Academic Honesty

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence that may take any number of forms, including plagiarism, the submission of work that is not one's own or for which previous credit has been obtained, and/or unauthorized collaboration with other students. Academic dishonesty can result in severe consequences, e.g., failure of the assignment, failure of the course, a notation on one's academic transcript, and/or suspension or expulsion from the College.

Students are responsible for understanding what constitutes academic dishonesty. Please refer to the Divinity College Statement on Academic Honesty ~ www.macdiv.ca/regs/honesty.php.

Gender Inclusive Language

McMaster Divinity College uses inclusive language for human beings in worship services, student written materials, and all of its publications. In reference to biblical texts, the integrity of the original expressions and the names of God should be respected. The NRSV and TNIV are examples of the use of inclusive language for human beings. It is expected that inclusive language will be used in chapel services and all MDC assignments.

Style

All stylistic considerations (including but not limited to questions of formatting, footnotes, and bibliographic references) must conform to the McMaster Divinity College Style Guidelines for Essays and Theses (<http://www.macdiv.ca/students/documents/MacStyleGuide.pdf>). Failure to observe appropriate form will result in grade reductions.

Note Bene

This syllabus is the property of the instructor and is prepared with currently available information. The instructor reserves the right to make changes and revisions.

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² Note: Some of these resources can be downloaded at the UK Theological Studies website: http://www.theologicalstudies.org.uk/doct_eschatology.php

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ICC - International Critical Commentary (Continuum)

NTL - New Testament Library (WJK)

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