

# ANCCI UNIVERSITY

## REVELATION- SYLABUS

### Instructor

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### RATIONALE

1. *Revelation* is one of the most spiritual, profound and difficult books in the Bible. However, William Barclay states: (Revelation) “is infinitely worth studying for it contains a blazing faith of the Christian Church in the days when life was an agony and men expected the end of heaven and the earth as they knew them but still believed that beyond the terror was the glory and above the raging of men was the power of God”.
2. It has the most encouraging and affirming message for the Christians who are suffering because of their faith in Christ.
3. It is also the most avoided, misunderstood and misused book in the Bible.
4. It is a useful tool for evangelism.

### OBJECTIVE

The student will learn how

1. To encourage Christians to bear the cross that they may wear the crown.
2. To use the book in evangelism.
3. To use the book for spiritual nourishment.
4. Study “Seven” as a biblical symbol (spirits, angels, churches, lamp stands, acts, promises and blessings).
5. To equip the student to combat false prophets and teachers who misuse *Revelation*.

### STRATEGY

1. To study the background and the meaning of the symbols in the book
2. To learn how to use the book for evangelism and spiritual nurturing.
3. To study the holy Trinity as described by the seer.
4. To understand how the letter to seven churches apply to you and your flock in present times.
5. To discuss the seven seals, the seven trumpets and seven figures of the wrath of God and judgment, new heaven, new earth and New Jerusalem.

### TEXT BOOKS

*New International Version of the Holy Bible.*

William Barclay. *The Revelation of John* (Vol. 1 and 2), Philadelphia. The Westminster Press 1976  
Tokunboh Adeyemo. *African Bible Commentary*. Zondervan Corporation, 2006

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Luke Timothy Johnson. *The Writings of the New Testament*. Fortress Press, 1999

Georg Arthur Buttrick. *The Interpreter's Bible*, (volume 12.) Abingdon Press, New York, 1957  
Holy Bible. *The New Open Bible, New King James Version*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990

## EVALUATION

The student will write a term paper 10-15 pages (undergraduate) 20-25 pages (graduate) 1.5 spaced on **one** of the following:

1. Discuss seven acts and seven promises in the book and how these encourages you personally and the people whom you minister
2. Discuss how to use *Revelation* and other books of the Bible in evangelism
3. Discuss how you can combat the false teachers who use *Revelation* as a time table for the coming of Christ or Messianic reign.
4. Interviews believers who have had had apocalyptic experience (eg. Resting in spirit, slain by the spirit or “fall on the ground as though dead”) and relate what they saw in the light of Revelation and other apocalyptic writings.
5. Discuss the portrait of Christ in Revelation and other apocalyptic literature.
6. Discuss the city of God as the Seer saw it and as you experience it in your spiritual pilgrimage.

All nations Seminary system of grading will be employed