

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Book of Revelation

Course Lecturer: Wilbur M. Smith, DD
Former Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Course Description

When Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, He told onlookers that one day He would come again. In the book of Revelation, the apostle John has penned a picture of what that return will look like and what will take place in the last months of Earth's history. What do the images mean? Are they allegorical or is John recording a literal truth about the future? Smith explores possible interpretations of the end times. Using sound biblical exegesis with historical and contextual facts, students study the book afresh while gaining insights into Jesus' return.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Grasp the message of Revelation.
- Understand the apocalyptic literature and its role in the canon.
- Articulate possible interpretations of the book.
- Recognize that God has a plan in history.
- Apply the book's message to life and ministry.

Course Lecturer



Wilbur M. Smith, DD (1894-1976)

Education:

- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, honorary LittD
- Dallas Theological Seminary (formerly Evangelical Theological College), DD
- Wooster College, BA

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Biblical Studies, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- Professor of various Bible and theology classes and administrator, Fuller Theological Seminary (1947-1963)
- Founded Fuller Theological Seminary with Charles Fuller and Harold Ockenga

- Professor, Moody Bible Institute (1938-1947)

Other Career Highlights:

- One of the most important biblical scholars of the 20th century
- Ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1922
- Leader of congregations in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania
- Member of several organizations, including *The American Society of Biblical Instructors*, *The Society of Bible Literacy and Exegesis*, *The Victorian Institute* in London, England, and *The Association of the American Schools of Oriental Research*
- Editor of the annual Sunday School volume *Peloubet's Select Notes on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching*, a collection of the most treasured thoughts and teachings of top-notch Bible scholars
- Renowned bibliophile, accumulating one of the largest and finest personal Christian libraries in the world
- Wrote on and preached in the United Kingdom on numerous occasions

Publications:

- More than 60 volumes on various theological themes
- Regular contributions to *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *Moody Monthly*, and the *Sunday School Times*
- Numerous books, including *A Voice from God*, *A Watchman on the Wall*, *Egypt in Biblical Prophecy*, *The Supernaturalness of Christ*, and his most enduring contribution, *Therefore Stand*, a work on Christian apologetics that helped to spark an international revival of evangelical scholarship
- *Evangelical Roots: A Tribute to Wilbur Smith*, edited by Dr. Kenneth Kantzer, was dedicated to Dr. Smith.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.