

OSTS Lecture, Fall, 2025, 2nd Term
November 3rd to December 1st

Course E ***Introduction to the Book of Revelation***

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Descriptor

This course is an introduction to the study of the Book of Revelation – its structure, cultural setting, and major theological themes. It will include exegesis of selected passages in Revelation; with special attention given to the definition and role of biblical prophecy as well as the difference between “apocalyptic” and “apocalypticism”.

Outline

Week 1: Introduction to the Book of Revelation – its authorship, cultural background, purpose, and structure, including major theological themes.

Week 2: Revelation and Biblical Prophecy. This class will explore the definition and role of prophecy as it relates to the Bible as a whole and to Revelation in particular. This class will situate Revelation within the canon of Scripture and prophetic writings, and examine its prophetic message.

Week 3: This class will explore and discuss the genre of Revelation, which is that of Jewish Apocalyptic. What is “apocalyptic”? What is its purpose? What is the difference between “apocalyptic” and “apocalypticism”? Questions such as how to avoid false interpretations of Revelation will be discussed.

Week 4: Theological themes in Revelation (1). Using selected passages from Revelation 1-5, this class will explore the themes of faithfulness in tribulation (John’s vision and the letters to the seven churches) and Revelation as heavenly liturgy.

Week 5: Theological themes in Revelation (2). Using selected passages from Revelation 6-22, this class will explore themes such as coming judgement, the triumph of the Lamb, the restoration of all things, and the heavenly Jerusalem.

Bio

Dr. Jason Lamantia was born in Montreal. He attended the University of Ottawa where he obtained degrees in History and English Literature; and Saint Paul University where he obtained a doctorate in Theology, specializing in Patristics, Church History, and Eastern Orthodox Theology. He is currently a part-time professor in the Faculty of Theology at Saint Paul University in Ottawa.