RELB 235 Apocalyptic and Biblical Prophecy
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Consortium of Adventist Colleges and Universities

Self-Paced Courses
This course follows a self-paced online format. You have 180 days from your selected start date to complete the course. The last day to withdraw with a full refund is 15 days after your start date.

Instructor Contact
Please refer to course in LearningHub for the teacher contact information.

Communication with the Instructor
It is important to remember that while the Internet is available 24 hours a day, your instructor is not. You can expect that your instructor will respond to e-mail message to you within 2 business days during the week and may not be available to respond on weekends.

Other Assistance

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Part 1: Course Information

Course Descriptions
Andrews University
A study of the meaning for the 21st century of biblical apocalyptic prophecy, describing the principles of reading and applying biblical prophecy in a modern world, comparing it with other modes of prophecy and prediction in the present culture, and assessing its relevance in view of modern global challenges. Does not count toward a Religion and Theology major.

Course Learning Outcomes
1. To explain selected eschatological and apocalyptic prophecies based mainly in the books of Daniel, Revelation, and gospels in the light of challenges of the 21st century.
2. To understand biblical prophecies in the context of Jesus’ death and second coming.
3. To reflect on the role of God, his sovereignty, and character in the end times.
4. To apply biblical prophecies into personal life and witness.

Required Text/Material

Bible – books of Daniel and Revelation.

Optional Text/Material
Apocalyptic and Biblical Prophecy  Syllabus


Credit Hour and Commitment
This course is offered for 3 semester credits. It is expected that you will spend 135 hours in total on this course. There are 20 lessons, 14 assignments, 8 discussion forums, and 2 exams. It is recommended that you budget 8 hours for reading, studying and preparing for assignments and exams of each of the given weeks. Schedule to accomplish this work is included in this syllabus.

Part 2: Course Methods and Delivery

Methods of Instruction
Methods of instruction include assigned readings from the textbook and the course materials that can be found in Moodle, book review, personal reflections, bible study, 8 short essay assignments, discussion forums, interaction with art, and two exams. Regular participation in the course is essential to good performance.

Course/Technical Requirements
• Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable).

LearningHub Access
This course is delivered online through LearningHub at http://learninghub.andrews.edu

Your username and password are your Andrews username and password. You need to activate your username and password to access LearningHub.

Please do this online here:
https://vault.andrews.edu/vault/pages/activation/information.jsp if you haven’t already. If you need assistance, call or email us: (296) 471-6016 or helpdesk@andrews.edu.

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course, or to report a problem with LearningHub, please email dlit@andrews.edu or call (269) 471-3960.

Part 3: Course Requirements
Important Note: Activity and assignment details will be explained in detail within each learning module. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.
Your Schedule
In LearningHub, you will access online lessons, course materials, and resources. This course is self-paced. You must complete the course within 180 days. This is the Consortium policy. You may have a stricter deadline imposed by graduation, financial aid, or other restrictions.

Start by creating a schedule for completion of the course.
- Determine your deadline. Do you need a transcript sent to your home institution?
- Working from your deadline, count backwards. Allow 2 weeks after you take your final exam for your final grade to be calculated. Allow another 2 weeks for the transcript to be processed and sent.
- Now use the suggested schedules to create a schedule for yourself that ensures completion 4 weeks before your deadline.

Submit your course plan to your instructor within LearningHub AND discipline yourself to make regular progress.

Assessment Descriptions
Assignments 1-8
Each of the assignments 1 to 8 consists of two short essay questions. The questions are aimed at understanding of the topics covered in the materials from the corresponding week. The answers do not have to be longer than a paragraph but they should demonstrate not only knowledge but also understanding of the studied materials.

Personal Reflection 01, 02
Personal reflection papers are to be 1 – 2 pages long. The specific directions can be found in LearningHub. Both reflections are focused on understanding the role of God in history and personal lives of individuals. Personal reflections are culmination and application of all that students have learned during the course.

Artistic Piece
The students will look at and evaluate a contemporary art piece on the topic of the end of the world and/or the second coming of Jesus. The students will provide a link to the art piece or its picture/recording. The artistic piece will be accompanied by a short paragraph describing the impression of the student from the art-piece and her/his view of its message.

Book Review
Book Review should closely follow the rubric found in this syllabus. The students will review the book Secrets of Daniel by Jacques B. Doukhan. They will write 3 to 4 double spaced paper evaluating and reacting to the book. Please, allow yourself enough time to read the book and to reflect on it. For more information on writing Book review, please, see the Rubric provided in this syllabus.

Discussion Questions
There will be six discussion forum questions. The successful student is expected to post a one to two paragraph, well-thought-through response to the question and respond to at least two other students’ posts. The discussion forums are professional environment for academic debate and learning. Students should maintain professional conduct and respect other people’s ideas, opinions, and beliefs.
# Rubrics

## Book Review Rubric

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<td>20 pts</td>
<td>Clearly discusses the author’s main idea and summarizes the content in own words. The summary is ½ to one page long and provides 3-4 references to the book.</td>
<td>Adequately discusses the author’s main idea and summarizes the content in own words. The summary is at least ½ long and provides 1-2 references to the book.</td>
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<td>Critique</td>
<td>40 pts</td>
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<td>The critique brings discussion on the author’s qualification, used sources. The reviewer states the thesis statement of her/his critique, interacts with the author’s thesis, and some of the main ideas. The critique is at least 2 pages long.</td>
<td>The critique discusses author’s qualification, used sources, and theology only superficially or not at all. The reviewer does not state the thesis statement of her/his critique, and the interaction with the author’s thesis, and the main ideas, and subject of the book is inconsistent and needs further thought.</td>
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<td>Organization</td>
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<td>Reviewer clearly states whether or not to read the book and includes the reasons why.</td>
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<td>The paper follows Andrews University Standards for written work. There are at most two formatting errors.</td>
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**Total Score**
**Book Review**

Introduction: Introduce the book – state the author, title, and reasons for writing the book. Continue with the concise summary of the book and provide 3-4 references to the book. The introduction should not be longer than one page and it should end with a thesis statement. This statement defines your point of view about the book, its arguments, meaning, and/or value.

Body: The thesis statement should be supported by three but not more than five points. Here you can include questions that you ask yourself while reading the book, the audience, bias, logic of argument, presentation of ideas, etc. You can also cite passages of the book to support your argument. Body should be two to three pages long.

Conclusion: The conclusion is a summary of the main points and restating the thesis statements. The summary finishes with evaluating the book in general and the fulfillment of its intended purpose. The conclusion should not be longer than one paragraph.

**Personal Reflection**

Personal reflection is based on the analysis, reflection, and application of the facts learnt in the course not on restating the facts. The students can also share their own experiences or views of the given topic and interact with the course material. The reflection should not be more than one page long.

Length (1 page) 5 pts
Organization 5 pts
Personal analysis, reflections, applications, experiences 20 pts

**Assignments 1-8**

The students will be graded based on the presentation of:

1. the basic facts 10 pts
2. their own opinion 10 pts

The basic facts connected to the questions should be presented in a logical and concise way. The facts will show the knowledge of the lesson materials. The opinions should show that the students interacted with the lesson and tried to incorporate it into her/his own belief system. The opinions should be supported with reasons, and Biblical texts if required.

**Artistic Piece**

Choice of the art piece and its delivery 10 pts

The artistic piece will be graded based on the connection of the piece to the given topic. The author of the piece should be a contemporary artist (do not go further than 20th century). The piece will be delivered by the method described in the LearningHub.

Description of the art piece 10 pts

The accompanying description will be clear, not longer than one paragraph (approximately 7-10 sentences) in length. It will clearly discuss the student’s view of the author intent and message as well as the impressions that the student has from the art piece.
Discussion Question
The discussion question will be graded based on:
Original comment on the given question 10 pts
At least two responses to your colleagues comments 10 pts

Exams
All exams in this course require proctoring. To ensure the registered student is taking the exam, a photo ID must be shown at the start of each exam session.

If living near Berrien Springs, exams must be taken in the School of Distance Education Testing Center, on the Andrews University main campus. If you live anywhere outside of the United States, exams are proctored online through this Center. Students living in the United States may choose online or local proctoring. Appointments for proctoring in or online through the Testing Center are set up using our online calendar, using the link provided in the exam request form.

Approved local proctors include university, college or school faculty and teachers, student service workers, advisors, counselors and librarians, as well as educational, military, and workplace testing centers. The proctor’s full name, position/title, employer name, phone and email, must be filled in on the exam request form when arranging local proctoring, so gather this information before clicking into the exam request form.

The exam request form, link in your course space, should be completed two weeks before each exam deadline to allow adequate time for proctor approval and scheduling proctored exam sessions.

Note that an exam code is never released to the student, and cannot be sent to a proctor who has the same address as the student unless the address is known to be that of a school or mission facility. All students must present photo identification at the start of each exam session.

If you cannot take your exam by the deadline date, email specific reasons and your recovery plan to your instructor before the deadline.

No exam is returned to the student. Instructor feedback on exams prior to the final exam will be provided to aid studying for future exams.

For more details on taking exams and how online proctoring works, please see www.andrews.edu/distance/students/exams.html

Midterm Exam is based on the material cover in the chapters 1 to 10 of the Clear View Studies, the corresponding articles, and videos. The exam is focused on CO 1: explaining selected eschatological and apocalyptic prophecies based mainly in the books of Daniel, Revelation, and gospels in the light of challenges of the 21st century. The exam consists of multiple-choice questions, fill the blank questions, and essay questions.
Final Exam is focused on CO 2, 3, 4 which means on understanding and applying the information from the course. The focus will be on chapters 11 to 20 from the Clear View Studies for which the knowledge from chapters 1 to 10 forms the basis. There will be only essay questions in this exam.

The midterm exam is worth 20% of your grade. You are allowed 120 minutes to complete this exam. The final exam is worth 20% of your grade. You are allowed 120 minutes to complete this exam.

**Suggested schedule for completion in 8 weeks:**

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### Suggested schedule for completion in 16 weeks:

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6. Behind the Scenes (Daniel 4; 6 & 7) | VIDEO 4: Literary Overview of Daniel  
Lesson 5, 6: Clear View Study Guides and Notes  
Articles:  
Daniel 2 Between Heaven and Earth | Assignment 03  
Discussion Forum 02 | CO 1, 3, 4 |
| 5       | 7. Universal Judgment (Daniel 7)  
8. Christ and His Enemies (Revelation, Lamb, Heavenly Judgment) | VIDEO 5: SDA Understanding of Daniel  
Lessons 7, 8: Clear View Study Guides and Notes  
Articles:  
Dr. Petersen’s articles on Daniel 7 | Assignment 04 | |
10. For How Long? (Daniel 8) | VIDEO 6: Pre-Advent, Investigative Judgment  
Lesson 9, 10: Clear View Study Guides and Notes  
Articles:  
Dr. Petersen’s articles on Daniel 8 | Discussion Forum 03 | CO 1, 3, 4 |
| 7       | Midterm Review and Quiz | | | |
| 8       | 11. In Communication with God (Prayer)  
12. God Solves Problems (Answer to prayer) | Lessons 11, 12: Clear View Study Guides and Notes  
Articles:  
A Matter of Communication, the articles on Daniel 9 | Assignment 05  
Book Review | CO 1, 2, 3 |
| 9       | 13. Going Home  
14. Ready to Go Home | VIDEO 7: Learning to Sing with John  
Lessons 13, 14: Clear View Study Guides and Notes | Assignment 06  
Discussion Forum 04 | |
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### Completing Assignments
All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through LearningHub unless otherwise instructed. Assignments and exams must be completed within 180 days of course registration date. This timeframe is subject to change depending on deadlines set by your home institution.

### Part 4: Grading Policy

#### Graded Course Activities

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### Viewing Grades in Moodle
- Click into the course.
- Click on the Grades link in Administration Block to the left of the main course page.
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Part 5: Course Policies

Withdrawal and Incomplete Policies
The current withdrawal policy can be found online at https://www.andrews.edu/distance/students/gradplus/withdrawal.html. The incomplete policy is found online at http://www.andrews.edu/weblmsc/moodle/public/incompletes.html.

Maintain Professional Conduct Both in the Classroom and Online
The classroom is a professional environment where academic debate and learning take place. Your instructor will make every effort to make this environment safe for you to share your opinions, ideas, and beliefs. In return, you are expected to respect the opinions, ideas, and beliefs of other students—both in the face-to-face classroom and online communication. Students have the right and privilege to learn in the class, free from harassment and disruption.

Academic Accommodations
Students who require accommodations may request an academic adjustment as follows:
1. Read the Andrews University Disability Accommodation information at https://www.andrews.edu/services/sscenter/disability/
2. Download and fill in the disability form at http://www.andrews.edu/services/sscenter/disability/accommodationsreqform.pdf. Preferably type answers. To save a digital copy, 1) print to file and save or 2) print and scan. Email the completed form and disability documentation (if any) to success@andrews.edu or fax it to (269) 471-8407.
3. Email sdestudents@andrews.edu to inform the School of Distance Education that a disability has been reported to Student Success.

Commitment to Integrity
As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class, and integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.
Commit to Excellence
You deserve a standing ovation based on your decision to enroll in, and effectively complete this course. Along with your pledge of “commitment to Integrity” you are expected to adhere to a “commitment to excellence.” Andrews University has established high academic standards that will truly enhance your writing and communication skills across the disciplines and in diverse milieu with many discourse communities in the workplace.

Honesty
Using the work of another student or allowing work to be used by another student jeopardizes not only the teacher-student relationship but also the student’s academic standing. Lessons may be discussed with other students, tutors may help to guide a student’s work, and textbooks, encyclopedias and other resource materials may be used for additional assistance, but the actual response must be the student’s own work.

Exams must be completed in the presence of an approved supervisor without the assistance of books, notes, devices or outside help unless otherwise specified in the exam directions. The student should have no access to the exam either before or after it is taken. A student who gives information to another student to be used in a dishonest way is equally guilty of dishonesty.

Any violation of this policy will be taken before the Higher Education Academic and Curriculum Committee for appropriate punitive action.