

## M707 The Church in Revelation and Today

<b>Code</b>	M707
<b>Title</b>	The Church in Revelation and Today
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<b>School</b>	Moorlands College
<b>Owning Course</b>	MA Applied Theology
<b>Module Type</b>	Standard Taught Module
<b>Brief description</b>	This module equips students to engage with the Book of Revelation with advanced awareness of the hermeneutical methods used. In particular, the module enables students to consider how critical attention to genre (specifically Revelation's nature as prophetic, apocalyptic, and a letter) informs interpretation. There is focus on the messages to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3 and the identity and role of the two witnesses in Revelation 11, as interpreted in the context of Revelation as a whole. The module also helps students to locate their assessment of the church in Revelation within New Testament ecclesiology more broadly. As regards the church today, the module engages with contemporary debates as to the nature and role of the church, including the contextualisation of church. The module also encourages students to reflect on how their own context informs their reading of Revelation and how Revelation informs their ecclesial practice.
<b>Level of study</b>	Level 7
<b>CATS points</b>	30
<b>Approved base location</b>	Module validated for delivery at Moorlands College, Christchurch.
<b>Restrictions</b>	None
<b>Indicative syllabus</b>	This module covers a range of topics relating to: biblical hermeneutics; the Book of Revelation; New Testament ecclesiology, particularly images of the church in the New Testament; the relationship between church and 'culture', including critical assessment of different paradigms, such as the two kingdoms, countercultural, and transformationist models; the contextualisation of the church into specific contexts, including fresh expressions of church; the students' own context and missional practice.
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	A student passing this module should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. demonstrate advanced methodological awareness in their interpretation of biblical text(s), including engagement with relevant debates regarding biblical hermeneutics;</li> <li>2. discern and synthesise key features of the specific contribution that the Book of Revelation makes to New Testament ecclesiology;</li> <li>3. reflect theologically and critically on an area of contemporary ecclesial practice and context, demonstrating critical awareness of debates regarding the nature and role of 'church'.</li> </ol>
<b>Learning and teaching activities</b>	<b>Scheduled learning and teaching activities:</b> 26 hours <b>Guided independent study:</b> 274 hours
<b>Mark Scheme</b>	Postgraduate: Standard Assessment: Mark/Grade

<b>Assessment</b>	A: 100 % Assignment 6,000 words or equivalent
<b>Special assessment requirements</b>	The module has an 80% attendance requirement.
<b>Indicative resources</b>	<p>Bauckham, Richard. <i>The Climax of Prophecy: Studies on the Book of Revelation</i>. Edinburgh: T. &amp; T. Clark, 1993.</p> <p>Bauckham, Richard. <i>The Theology of the Book of Revelation</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.</p> <p>Boesak, Allan Aubrey. <i>Comfort and Protest: The Apocalypse of John from a South African Perspective</i>. Eugene: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2015 (1987).</p> <p>Chan, Simon. <i>Liturgical Theology: The Church as Worshipping Community</i>. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2006.</p> <p>Dixon, Sarah S. U. <i>The Testimony of the Exalted Jesus in the Book of Revelation</i>. LNTS 570. London; New York: Bloomsbury, 2017.</p> <p>Fiorenza, Elisabeth S. <i>The Book of Revelation: Justice and Judgment</i>. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1998.</p> <p>Gallusz, Laszlo. <i>The Throne Motif in the Book of Revelation</i>. London: Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, 2013.</p> <p>Green, Gene L., Stephen T. Pardue, K. K. Yeo and Munther Isaac, eds. <i>The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Ecclesiology in the Majority World</i>. Carlisle: Langham Creative Projects, 2018.</p> <p>Hemer, Colin J. <i>The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia in Their Local Setting</i>. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2001 (1986).</p> <p>Hill, Graham. <i>Salt, Light, and a City: Conformation—Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 2, Majority World Voices</i>. 2nd ed. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.</p> <p>Howard-Brook, Wes, and Anthony Gwyther. <i>Unveiling Empire: Reading Revelation Then and Now</i>. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1999.</p> <p>Keller, Tim. <i>Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centred Ministry in your City</i>. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.</p> <p>Middleton, Paul. <i>The Violence of the Lamb: Martyrs as Agents of Divine Judgement in the Book of Revelation</i>. Paperback edition. London: T &amp; T Clark, 2020.</p> <p>Miller, Helen. 'Lions in Lambs' Clothing? A Response to Middleton's The Violence of the Lamb: Martyrs as Agents of Divine Judgement in the Book of Revelation'. In <i>Map or Compass? The Bible on Violence</i>, edited by Michael Spalione and Helen Paynter, 139–56. Bible in the Modern World 79. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2022.</p> <p>Minear, Paul S. <i>Images of the Church in the New Testament</i>. The New Testament Library. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004.</p> <p>Morris, Helen. <i>Flexible Church: Being the Church in the Contemporary World</i>. London: SCM, 2019.</p> <p>Moynagh, Michael. <i>Church for Every Context: An Introduction to Theology and Practice</i>. London: SCM, 2012.</p> <p>Newton, Jon K. 'Not Who They Seem: Community and Identity in the Seven Churches of Revelation.' <i>Colloquium</i> 50, no. 2 (2018): 72–89.</p> <p>Smith, James K. A. <i>Awaiting the King: Reforming Public Theology</i>. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017.</p> <p>Watkins, Clare. <i>Disclosing Church: An Ecclesiology from Conversations in Practice</i>. Abingdon: Routledge, 2020.</p>
<b>Initial Intake Year</b>	September 2025
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<b>Revision dates</b>	
<b>External Examiner</b>	Dr Andrew Rogers