

2013 Advance Preparation

NT637 is freshly resurrected for 2013. Being a 'new' unit, it isn't bound to what you might have experienced in an exegesis unit before. One of the most obvious features is that we expect you to turn up to the first class with some preparation already under your belt. This document outlines the expectations we have...

«1» Textbook(s)

Much of the unit focuses on engaging the book of Revelation, including exploring about half of it in Greek. To that end, you will need tools to hand for that exploration.

You will need access to an accurate **Greek text**; Ridley uses UBS⁴ (or the equivalent text in NA^{27/28}). The text is now available online at <www.bibelwissenschaft.de/en/online-bibles>.

Revelation, as much as any other NT book, has specialist words and grammatical forms. So you'll need some kind of **parsing guide**. Several good websites can assist with this. As an advanced exegesis unit you'll also need to move beyond simplistic dictionaries for some terms.

You will especially need access to a good **commentary** or two. The best all-round commentary to assist with Greek, theology, preaching, etc. is Grant R. Osborne, *Revelation* (BECNT; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2002). For further engagement with the text, you might consider investing in the bigger work of Gregory K. Beale, *The Book of Revelation* (NIGTC; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999).

«2» Start Exploring the Text

You should immerse yourself in the text of Revelation as much as you can. Read or listen to the whole book as much as you can. Try several different English translations.

Attempting as much Greek as you can is also wise. Although we will tackle only half the chapters in class, you might dare read through the whole book in Greek. We will be tackling roughly 17–21 verses of Greek most weeks, so working ahead will be essential for some students. See the list of set texts later in this document.

You should turn up to the first class especially familiar with the Greek text of chapter 1 (particularly 1:1–11). *This first class will include an assessable test on passages from Revelation 1.* We will certainly hit the ground running.

«3» Further Familiarisation

Another way to prepare yourself is to become familiar with some of the specialist vocabulary which recurs throughout the book. The next page of this document introduces some of those key words. You should make a start on these. *Some of these may also be tested, for credit, in the first class.*

The following vocabulary lists are derived from Sakae Kubo, *A Reader's Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament* (Andrews University, 1971), 260–270. Kubo lists here all the terms which occur in Revelation between six and fifty times. (More frequent words should definitely be familiar to you. Kubo then lists less frequent words chapter by chapter.)

List 1:

This first list includes fifty words which are frequent in Revelation *but which you should already know* from your prior studies. They have been included here for refreshment. The numbers show how frequent the word is in Revelation and in the rest of the NT.

ἀγοράζω	to buy	(6,30)	κλαίω	to weep, lament	(6,40)
ἀδικέω	to do wrong, to injure	(10,27)	κρατέω	to hold (fast), restrain	(8,47)
ἀληθινός	true, real	(10,28)	λευκός	white	(15,24)
ἄξιος	worthy	(7,41)	λύω	to loose, destroy	(6,42)
ἄρνιον, τό	a lamb	(29,30)	μαρτυρία, ἡ	a testimony, evidence	(9,37)
ἀστήρ, ἀστέρος, ὁ	a star	(14,23)	μετανοέω	to repent	(12,34)
ἄχρι	until (often +GEN)	(11,48)	μικρός	small, little	(8,30)
βιβλίον, τό	a book	(23,34)	ναός, ὁ	a temple	(16,45)
δείκνυμι	to show	(8,32)	νεφέλη, ἡ	a cloud	(7,25)
δέκα	ten	(9,25)	νικάω	to conquer, overcome	(17,28)
δεύτερος	second	(13,37)	οἶνος, ὁ	wine	(8,34)
εἰκόν, εἰκόνας, ἡ	an image, likeness	(10,23)	ὅμοιος	like, resembling (+DAT)	(21,45)
ἐκπορεύομαι	to go out	(8,33)	ὀργή, ἡ	wrath, anger	(6,36)
ἐκχέω	to pour out	(9,16)	οὐαί	woe! alas!	(14,45)
ἐτοιμάζω	to prepare	(7,41)	οὖς, ὠτός, τό	an ear	(8,36)
ἔτος, ἔτους, τό	a year	(6,49)	πλανάω	to lead astray, deceive	(8,39)
ζῶον, τό	a living creature, an animal	(20,23)	πορνεία, ἡ	fornication, unchastity	(7,25)
ἦκω	to have come, be present	(6,26)	Σατανᾶς, ὁ	Satan, an adversary	(8,36)
ἥλιος, ὁ	the sun	(13,32)	τελέω	to finish, complete	(8,28)
θηρίον, τό	a wild beast	(38,45)	τέσσαρες	four	(29,41)
θυσιαστήριον, τό	an altar	(8,23)	τιμή, ἡ	honour, price	(6,41)
ἰσχυρός	strong, mighty, powerful	(9,28)	τρίτος	third	(23,48)
καθαρός	clean	(6,26)	ὑπομονή, ἡ	patience, endurance	(7,32)
καινός	new	(9,42)	φυλή, ἡ	a tribe, clan	(21,31)
κατοικέω	to live, inhabit, dwell	(13,44)	χιλιάς, χιλιάδος, ἡ	a thousand (noun)	(19,23)

List 2:

These forty-seven words are not ones you will have learned in first year. But they occur regularly enough in Revelation that you might consider learning them already. You can extract them from this document if you want to reprint them in another format.

ἄβυσσος, ἡ	abyss, depth, underworld	(7,9)	πολεμέω	to wage war, fight	(6,7)
ἄριθμός, ὁ	a number	(10,18)	πόλεμος, ὁ	a war, battle	(9,18)
βασιλεύω	to reign	(7,21)	ποταμός, ὁ	a river	(8,17)
βροντή, ἡ	thunder	(10,12)	προφητεία, ἡ	a prophecy	(7,19)
γέμω	to fill	(7,11)	πυλών, πυλώνος, ὁ	a gateway	(11,18)
δράκων, δράκοντος, ὁ	a dragon	(13,13)	ρόμφαία, ἡ	a (broad) sword	(6,7)
δρέπανον, τό	a sickle	(7,8)	σάλπιγξ, σάλπιγγος, ἡ	a trumpet	(6,11)
εἴκοσι	twenty	(6,11)	σαλπίζω	to sound a trumpet	(10,12)
θεῖον, τό	sulphur, brimstone	(6,7)	σεισμός, ὁ	an earthquake	(7,14)
θυμός, ὁ	wrath, passion	(10,18)	στέφανος, ὁ	a crown	(8,18)
ἵππος, ὁ	a horse	(16,17)	σφάζω	to slay	(8,10)
καπνός, ὁ	smoke	(12,13)	σφραγίζω	to seal, mark	(8,15)
κέρας, κέρατος, τό	a horn	(10,11)	σφραγίς, σφραγίδος, ἡ	a seal	(13,16)
κλείω	to close, shut	(6,16)	τάδε (PL.N of ὅδε)	these things	(7,10)
λέων, λέοντος, ὁ	a lion	(6,9)	ταχύ	quickly, quick	(6,12)
λίμνη, ἡ	a lake	(6,11)	τεῖχος, τείχους, τό	a wall	(6,9)
λυχνία, ἡ	a lampstand	(7,12)	τεσσεράκοντα	forty	(6,22)
μέτωπον, τό	the forehead	(8,8)	τέταρτος	fourth	(7,10)
μήν, μηνός, ὁ	a month	(6,18)	τίμιος	precious, valuable	(6,13)
ξύλον, τό	wood, tree	(7,20)	φιάλη, ἡ	a cup, bowl	(12,12)
ὄξυς	sharp, swift	(7,8)	χάραγμα, χάραγματος, τό	a stamp, mark	(7,8)
παντοκράτωρ, παντοκράτορος, ὁ	ruler of all, the Almighty	(9,10)	χίλιοι	a thousand (adj)	(9,11)
περιβάλλω	to put around, clothe	(12,23)	χρυσοῦς	golden	(15,18)
πληγή, ἡ	a blow, plague, misfortune	(16,22)			

«4» Rough Program

Although the following may well change before and during semester, you can expect that we will be covering the book during our twelve weeks together at roughly the following pace.

Passages in Greek ought to be explored *prior* to the relevant class. Most weeks will begin with an assessable quiz on these.

Passages to be covered in English are also listed. Familiarity with them will aid our time together. Although you are not obliged to explore these in Greek, some acquaintance with key Greek terms or issues of structure will be beneficial. It would certainly help to ensure you have access to the relevant Greek texts in class—i.e. access to the Greek text of the full book, not just the set texts.

There will, of course, be other aspects of content and interpretation sprinkled among our exegetical explorations.

wednesday	wk	passages explored
Feb 20	1	Greek: 1:1–11
Feb 27	2	Greek: 1:12–20
Mar 6	3	Greek: 2:1–17 English: 2:18–3:22
Mar 13	4	Greek: 4:1–5:10
Mar 20	5	Greek: 5:11–6:17
Mar 27	6	Greek: 7:1–17 English: 8:1–9:21
Apr 3		<i>reading week, no class</i>
Apr 10	7	no Greek; essay likely due English: 10:1–11:18
Apr 17	8	Greek: 11:19–12:18
Apr 24		<i>reading week, no class</i>
May 1	9	Greek: 13:1–18 English: 15:1–16:21
May 8	10	Greek: 14:1–20 (out of order) English: 17:1–19:10
May 15	11	Greek: 19:11–20:10
May 22	12	Greek: 20:11–21:8 English: 21:9–22:21