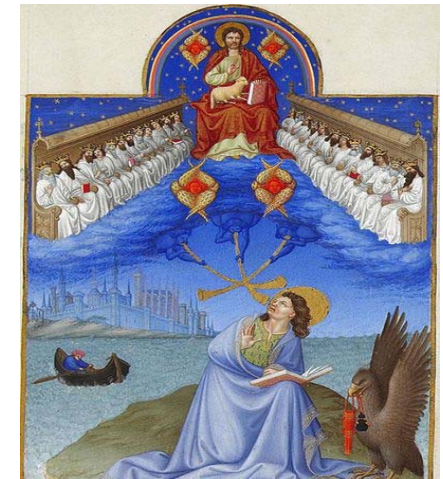


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A Tuesday Evening Study Series

The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History



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The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation, and Christians and non-Christians alike have been debating its message ever since.

This study has 12 sessions and the DVD presentations are by Dr. Craig R. Koester.



Dr. Koester—who has translated the book of Revelation from its original Greek—engages you directly with Revelation, examining its meaning in John's day and how it continues to be meaningful to contemporary readers.



This study will be led by:

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Guide to the Sessions

- S-1:** Revelation and the Apocalyptic Tradition
- S-2:** Apocalyptic Worldview in Judaism
- S-3:** Apocalyptic Dimension of Early Christianity
- S-4:** Origins of the Book of Revelation
- S-5:** Issues Facing Revelation's First Readers
- S-6:** God, the Lamb, and the Seven Seals
- S-7:** Seven Trumpets, Temple, and Celebration
- S-8:** The Dragon and the Problem of Evil
- S-9:** The Beasts and Evil in the Political Sphere
- S-10:** The Harlot and the Imperial Economy
- S-11:** The Battle, the Kingdom, and Last Judgment
- S-12:** New Creation and New Jerusalem

Meet the Presenter of the DVD material



“Dr. Craig R. Koester is the Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. He attended St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary, then earned his Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York before returning to Luther Seminary to teach. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, a scholar-in-residence at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey, and a guest lecturer at universities in Europe and the United States.

Professor Koester has written numerous articles and essays as well as the popular work *Revelation and the End of All Things*. He is also completing a major commentary on Revelation for Yale University Press, and he translated Revelation for the Common English Bible. Among his other writings are a landmark commentary on Hebrews and *Word of Life: A Theology of John's Gospel*.

Professor Koester is known for interweaving the study of biblical texts with their impact on art, literature, and music. A frequent presenter at conferences in the United States and Europe, he has also appeared in series for popular audiences, such as *The Life of Apostle Paul* with travel writer Rick Steves.”
***Note1**

***Note1 - Excerpts from** the study guide to “The Apocalypse: *Controversies and Meaning in Western History*” – *TheGreatCourses.com*

The scope of this study:

“The Apocalypse or book of Revelation is one of the most engaging and disputed books in the Bible. It has inspired great works of art and music, and it has also fed social upheaval and speculation about the coming end of the world. This course will ask what the Apocalypse is, why it has played such a volatile role in Western culture, and how it continues to be meaningful to contemporary readers.

The first part of the course places the Apocalypse in context by exploring the intellectual and social currents that lie behind it. The lectures ask how the Hebrew prophets addressed issues of evil and hope and trace changing perspectives in Jewish apocalyptic writings, including the Dead Sea Scrolls. There is attention to the disputed question of Jesus's relationship to the apocalyptic tradition, as well as the impact of apocalyptic thought on the New Testament gospels, the letters of Paul, and the spread of early Christianity.” ***Note1**

Your Course Leader:



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