



NEW LIFE BIBLE INSTITUTE
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Course Syllabus

Main Campus, Tuesday Evening, Third Period
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Daniel

Course Description

The book of Daniel is a collection of stories about Daniel during and after the Babylonian Exile and a collection of visions of Daniel about the eschatological future of Israel and the nations. This course will survey each chapter for its significance in its biblical and ancient historical contexts and for an interpretation fitting for the black church and black experience through ancient wisdom and the lens of René Girard's Mimetic Desire and the Scapegoat Mechanism. The study of Daniel is important for proper interpretation of the book of Revelation and the other New Testament books.

Requirements

Please read the book of Daniel at least twice. Complete the Daniel Study Guide assignments. Follow attendance policies for attendance. Grades will be determined by the successful completion of these assignments and attendance.

Internet access is very important. Print handouts will be kept at a minimum in order to keep copying costs to a minimum. Course notes and more will be posted on this web site (www.sacrapagina.com). Register and access these downloads. Please check the site weekly for the notes before coming to class. If there are any special topics you would like to discuss, please let me know by sending me an email (johnruffin@gmail.com).

Course Outline

- I. Introduction to Daniel and Apocalyptic Literature
- II. Six Edifying Stories (Daniel 1–6)
- III. Four Visions (Daniel 7–12)
- IV. Daniel in the New Testament