



## Interpreting the Text of Revelation

- Rev 1 Prologue and Vision of the Risen Christ
- Rev 2-3 Messages to the 7 Churches of Asia Minor
- Rev 4-5 Visions of the Throne (Creator and Redeemer)
- Rev 6-16 Seals, Trumpets, Signs, and Bowls**
- Rev 17-18 Destruction of Babylon
- Rev 19-22 Final Victory

## What in the World?

Basics to keep in mind

1. Major on the majors
2. Keep your finger on the text
3. Avoid speculation
4. Humility, humility, humility

Different interpretive approaches influence understanding

1. Preterist
2. Historicist
3. Futurist
4. Idealist

## Understanding the Hard Parts of Revelation

Text in Revelation	What is the main meaning and message?	What is the application?	What is the fulfillment?

## 11 Killer Questions to Ask of a Bible Passage

1. Where does this book appear in the Bible's plotline?
2. Who was this book written to?
3. What is the book's overall message?
4. What is the wider context of each passage/verse?
5. What is the passage structure?
6. What is the surprise in the passage?
7. What is the main message of the passage? (hint: often a truth about God)
8. What was the application to the original readers?
9. How does the passage relate to Christ and then the church?
10. What is the general application to a contemporary Christian?
11. How does the passage reform me, my church, and my world?

## **Understanding the Hard Parts of Revelation (Rev 6-16)**

The Seven Seals (Rev 6)

Interlude: The Saints on Earth and in Heaven (Rev 7)

The Seven Trumpets (Rev 8-9)

Interlude: The Little Scroll and the Two Witnesses (Rev 10-11)

The Dragon and the Lamb (Rev 12-14)

The Seven Bowls (Rev 15-16)

## **The Message of Revelation**

