How to Read 'the Revelation' for All its Worth

Revelation 1 (2 Parts)

4 Considerations as You Read

- *1. Consider <u>the message</u>: how the Book begins (1:1,7) and how it ends (22:16-20) revealing Jesus*
- 2. Consider <u>the written style</u>: exegesis, prophetic declaration, and apocalyptic narration
- *3. Consider <u>the movement of the</u>* <u>letter</u>: How Jesus is revealed!

How Jesus is Revealed

- Chps 1-3 Son of Man, <u>walking</u> among the candlesticks, focused on His church, and <u>purifying her.</u>
- Chps 4-18 The Lamb, <u>opening</u> the seals, focused on His cosmos, and judging the world in wrath
- Chps 19-21 The King of Kings, <u>ruling</u> all the nations, focused on His Kingdom, and <u>reigning on His throne.</u>

4th consideration: Consider the application to the church

- God is fully sovereign over all things, events, nations, and angels, and this leads to `high worship'!
- 2. The church is destined to be Christ's bride: she is passionate and pure.
- 3. The future is to be filled with wrath ... So, rescue the perishing NOW.
- 4. The church (with the trib saints) are 'sons of the kingdom' (Mt 13:36-43)