

# Reading the Bible – Revelation

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Revelation 4-5

## What is This?

### Like a Letter

- Addressed to Churches in Asia (1:4)

### Like Apocalypse

- Hundreds of OT References and Allusions
- Context of persecution or oppression
- Visions, Dreams, Beasts, Numbers

## Proposal 1

Read like any other book

Gordon Fee

- Someone wrote this, trying to say something

## Proposal 2

Language about The End

NT Wright

- Not necessarily end of world, but end of era

## Reading Revelation

### Message to believers facing persecution

- Main Message – The need for perseverance
- Coded Message – Dangerous Roman era

### Behind the Scenes View

- More going on than meets the eye
- A Spiritual World, and Conflict, all around us

### Certainty of God's ultimate victory

### Applies now like rest of Bible

- Hear what God said then, to them
- Then consider how relates to us now
- Specific foretelling of modern events unlikely!
- Application to modern events probable
- Especially times of oppression or persecution