Mark Hitchcock 1/12/14

Revelation 1:1-3 Apocalypse *Now*

1. The Power (1:1-2)

The Title: "The Revelation (*apokalupsis*) of Jesus Christ"
The Transmission: God ⟶ Jesus ⟶ Angel ⟶ John ⟶ believers

2. The Pictures (1b)

"communicated" (*seemaino* = "to communicate or make known by symbols")

3. The Positions

- Preterist (past, events surrounding AD 70)
  Problem: Rev was written in AD 95
- Historicist (present)
  Problem: Lack of consensus about fulfillment
- Idealist (timeless)
  Problem: No concrete meaning to symbols
- Futurist (future, chapters 4—22)
  Problem: No relevance to original audience

4. The Plan (Rev 1:19)

5. The Pattern

6. The Profitability (3)

7. The Prophecy (3)

1:3; 22:7, 10, 18, 19
(the only prophetic book in the NT)

8. The Period (1, 3)

1:1 "quickly" / "shortly" *en tachei*
1:3 "at hand" / "near" *engus*

9. The Purpose

10. The Practicality