Revelation: Introduction

Defining terms Dispensationalism-understanding the Bible and God's plan for mankind by seeing a rigid between Israel and the Church <u>Covenantalism</u>-seeing in the Bible and in God's plan for mankind by seeing believing Israel and believers in the New Testament as one people of God *Ways to interpret the book of Revelation* Futurist-see Revelation as revealing future event to unfold at the of time <u>Historicist</u>-see Revelation as a book spanning the of the Church Preterist-see Revelation as largely being fulfilled in the century <u>Idealist</u>-see Revelation with historic events in mind Events Millennium (chiliasm)-A period of years -<u>Premillennialism</u>-Christ's second coming will happen _____ the millennium -<u>Postmillennialism</u>-Christ's second coming will happen the millennium -Amillennialism-Christ's second coming will be before or after a millennium The Tribulation-A period of intense Rapture-the _____ away of the saints Our Approach Circular Historicist Interpretation-The book of Revelation is broken into sections spanning the 2 advents of Christ (1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-14, 15-16, 17-19, 20-22) Things to keep in mind Genre: Apocalyptic literature-highly pictorial with much <u>Theme of book</u>: "The theme is the of Christ and of His Church over the dragon (Satan) and his helpers. The Apocalypse is meant to show us that things are not what they _____ ."-William Hendriksen *In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all thing's charity* -Rupertus Meldenius-