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"Revelation"

Scripture: Revelation 7: 16-17

- I. What isn't in Revelation?
 - a. Rapture
 - b. "anti-christ"
- II. How do I read it?
 - a. Know the genre
 - i. Apocalyptic literature
 - 1. Vivid imagery
 - 2. Symbolism
 - a. Numbers
 - b. Animals
 - 3. Old Testament reference
 - b. Know the author, the audience, the time period
 - i. John-Patmos
 - ii. 7 churches
 - iii. Domitian
- III. How does it apply to us?
 - a. Tough times will come
 - i. Don't give up
 - ii. Christ is in the center
- IV. How have we misread it?
 - a. Montanus
 - b. Lay Home Missionary Movement
 - c. Heavens Gate
- V. We fear an unknown future
 - a. Give it to Christ