NT for Ministry
Revelation

I Intro to Revelation
A. Conundrum of Revelation
B. Examples

II Reading Revelation Today
A. Why should we care about Revelation?
   1. Inspired and edifying (1.3)
   2. Perspective on reality
   3. Corrective to false teaching
   4. Opportunity for evangelism
   5. Relevant for us today

B. Orientation: What is Revelation about?
   1. Hendriksen
   2. Poythress
   3. Beale
   4. Keener
   5. Crowe

III Situating Revelation in Historical and Canonical Context
A. Intro
B. Religious / Canonical Context: Old Testament (OT)
   1. Role of the OT
   2. Climax of OT Prophecy
   3. Climax of Redemptive History
C. Historical Context
   1. Introductory matters
   2. Date
   3. A Word on the Roman Empire
D. Genres of Revelation
   1. Apocalyptic
   2. Prophecy
   3. Circular Letter

IV Genre 1: Apocalyptic
A. Intro
B. Orientation
C. Explanation of Apocalyptic
   1. Heavenly vision of reality
   2. This world vs. the other world
   3. Gives hope
   4. Highly charged, symbolic language
   5. Take it literally?
6. Application

D. Imagery & Apocalyptic
   1. Levels of symbolism
      a. linguistic level
      b. visionary level
      c. historical/referential level
      d. symbolic level
   2. Example: lampstand
   3. Importance of these distinctions
   4. Numerical Imagery

E. Apocalyptic & Imagination

V Genre 2: Prophetic
   A. Heirs of the OT
   B. OT is extremely important

VI Genre 3: Circular Letter
   A. What is a circular letter?
   B. Significance
   C. Relevance for First Century

VII How do we read Revelation?
   A. Prayerfully
   B. Focus on central theme
   C. Let images “soak in”
   D. Pay attention to OT themes and images and how they’re used in a new way
   E. Use Revelation in times of distress, persecution, death

VIII Interpretive Approaches to Revelation
   A. Preterist & Partial Preterist
      1. Full-blown preterism
      2. Partial preterism
   B. Historicist
   C. Futurist
      1. Dispensational Futurism
      2. Modified Futurism
   D. Idealist
   E. My view

IX Recapitulation in Revelation
   A. Recapitulation and Outline of Revelation
   B. Rationale for Recapitulation
      1. Repetition of Final Judgment & Salvation
      2. Repetition of Same Duration
3. Symmetry of Seals, Trumpets, Bowls
C. Identifying Cycles of Recapitulation
D. Structures (see powerpoint)

X The Millennium
A. Introductory Issues
B. Three/Four Main Views
   1. Premillennialism
      a. Historical or Classical Premillennialism
      b. Dispensational Premillennialism
   2. Postmillennialism
   3. Amillennialism
C. Considering Revelation 20

XI Trinity in Revelation
A. Intro
B. Salutation (1.4-5a)
   1. Father
   2. Son
   3. Spirit
C. Overlapping Descriptions of Father & Son (see powerpoint)
D. Conclusion: Trinitarian Shape to God

XII Counterfeiting in Revelation
A. Understanding the Imagery
   1. Dragon (Rev. 12)
   2. Beast from Sea (Rev. 13)
   3. Beast from Land (Rev. 13)
B. Counterfeit Trinity
   1. Satan: Counterfeit to Father
   2. Beast from Sea: Counterfeit to Jesus
   3. Beast from Land: Counterfeit to Spirit
   4. Number of the Counterfeit Trinity: 666
C. Applying the Counterfeiting
   1. Significance
      a. Counterfeiting is Dangerous
      b. Counterfeiting provides hope
   2. Epochal Adjustments: What about today?
      a. Dragon today
      b. Beast from Sea today
      c. Beast from Land today

XIII The Church in Revelation
A. Intro
B. Seven Churches
C. Vision of the Exalted Jesus
D. Structure of Each Letter (see powerpoint)
E. Macro Structure (see powerpoint)
   A. Ephesus: Doctrine without Love (2.1-7)
      B. Smyrna: Faithfulness & poverty in tribulation (2.8-11)
         C. Pergamum: Standing Firm, but risking compromise (2.12-17)
         C’ Thyatira: Full of Love…and False Teaching (2.18-29)
         C” Sardis: Church of Death (3.1-6)
      B’ Philadelphia: Faithfulness in midst of marginalization (3.7-13)
         A’ Laodicea: Self-Sufficient & Lukewarm (3.14-22)

XIV Consummation
   A. Fall of Babylon (Rev. 18)
   B. Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19)
   C. New Heaven & New Earth (Rev. 21-22)