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5-3-1 Chapter 13 on Fee &Stuart

Questions
1. What is the first task of exegesis of Revelation?
2. Revelation is what type of literature?
3. What is the larger concern of Revelation, especially when reading apocalyptic literature?
4. What is a good way to get a good provisional reconstruction of the situation of what was written in Revelation?
5. "To understand any one of the specific visions in the Revelation it is especially important not only to wrestle with the background and meaning of the images (the content questions) but also to ask how this particular vision _____ in the book as a whole."(p259)

Answers
1. The first task is to find the author's original intent.
2. Revelation is apocalypse, prophecy and letter.
3. The larger concern is that God is in control and when reading Revelation, it is good to remember the vision base on that concern
4. One good way to get a good provisional reconstruction of what was written in Revelation is to read it in one sitting.
5. "To understand any one of the specific visions in the Revelation it is especially important not only to wrestle with the background and meaning of the images (the content questions) but also to ask how this particular vision <u>function</u> in the book as a whole."(p259)

Terms
1. Tribulation: suffering and death
2. Analogy of Scripture: Scripture is to be interpreted in the light of other Scripture.
3. Wrath of God's wrath: God's judgment that is to be poured out to those who have afflicted his people.

Summary
This chapter is about how we should read Revelation because there are many books written about it and there are five different schools of though and each schools have many variety of views. When we read this book we need to be in humility because there are many symbolism, images, strange beasts and many weird stuff that is could have multiple meanings. However we need to understand the intention of the author, read it in one sitting also helps and understand that God is in control. Be patient and know that God is with us.