



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 1

Revelation I

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, ² who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and

TITLE AND PREFACE TO THE BOOK

- What is the chain of communication of this book?
- To whom are these revelations to be shown?
 - What is a “bond-servant”?
 - Who are they?
 - Why would they be called slaves?
- When are these revelations to be fulfilled?
 - v. 1 — _____
 - v. 3 — _____
- Who will receive a blessing from this book?

FORMAL ADDRESS OF THIS “LETTER”

- Who is it from?
- Who is it to?
- Who is “grace and peace” coming from?

from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood — ⁶ and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father — to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹ I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the

- Who are these “seven Spirits who are before His throne”?
- Why is Jesus called “the firstborn of the dead”?
- How else is Jesus described...?
 - _____ of the kings of the earth
 - Him who _____ us
 - _____ us from our sins by His blood
 - _____ us to be a _____
 - and _____ to His God and Father
 - coming in the _____
 - _____ eye will see Him, even those who _____ Him
- Who is speaking in v. 8?
 - What is “Alpha and Omega”?
 - What does “who is and who was and who is to come” signify?
 - What does it mean to be Almighty?

THE BEGINNING OF THE REVELATION

- John was a fellow partaker (what is this?)...
 - in the tribulation (what is this?)
 - and kingdom (what is this?)
 - and perseverance (what is this?)
- Where and what was Patmos?
 - Why was John on Patmos?

Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to

Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made

- What does it mean to "be in the Spirit"?
- What is the Lord's Day?
- What is meant by a voice sounding like a trumpet?

•What were the instructions?



- write in a _____ what you see
- _____ it to the seven churches

CHRIST AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS

- Where do we see lampstands in the OT?
- What does v. 20 say the lampstands represent?
- Do you see any significance to this comparison?
- Description of the One walking among the lampstands...
 - like a son of _____
 - clothed in a _____ reaching to the feet
 - girded with a golden _____
 - Head and hair as white as _____ or _____
 - _____ like a flame of fire
 - _____ like burnish bronze (what is burnished?) still glowing in the furnace
 - voice like many _____

to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

- right hand holding seven _____
- _____ like a sharp 2-edged sword
- _____ like looking into the sun
- Compare this description to...
 - Daniel 10:5,6
 - Daniel 7:9
 - Matthew 17:2

- Who is this?

¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. ¹⁹ “Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. ²⁰ “As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

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THE COMMISSION TO JOHN

- What is John’s response to the Person he is seeing? Why?
- Why does John mention that Jesus put His right hand on him?
- Why shouldn’t John be afraid?
- What should John write?
 - things which you have _____
 - things which _____
 - things which will take place _____ these things
- The mysteries of the introduction...
 - the seven stars are the _____ of the seven _____
 - The word angel in Greek can mean either a spirit being or a mere human messenger — which is it here?
 - the seven lampstands are the seven _____