



The Revelation!

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1. INTRODUCTION (1-8)

1. INTRODUCTION AND BENEDICTION (1-3)

1. Introducing the Revelation of Jesus Christ (1-2)

1. Which God gave Him to show His servants
2. Regarding things which much **shortly take place**
3. Sent and **signified** (To give a public sign) by His angel
4. To His servant John, who bore witness...
 1. To the word of God
 2. To the testimony of Jesus Christ
 3. To all things that he saw

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1. The benediction (3) **The promise!!**

1. Blessed is **he** who **reads** and **those** who **hear** this prophecy

2. Blessed are **those** who **keep** those things written in it, for the time is near

- Reading is “to know”
- Hearing is “to understand”
- Keep is “to guard from loss or injury”
- The public signs! (Signify, to make known, to declare)

So far....

- We, in the first 3 verses
 - See the purpose, To Reveal Jesus Christ
 - To whom it was given, To Him (Jesus Christ)
 - By Whom it was given, God gave.
 - For whom, His (Jesus Christ's) servants.
 - To His (Jesus) angle.
 - To His servant (Jesus') John.
 - Blessed is the one who reads, hears and keeps these signs.
 - This is NOT for the unbeliever!

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1. GREETINGS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES (4-6)

1. From John, to the seven churches (His servants) in Asia (4a)

Why 7?

Were there 7 letters?

Declares the triumphs and failings of the recipient churches and warns each congregation to repent.

One letter to seven churches. The letter was read in whole by all 7 churches.

Whitin the church, there would be,

individual churches, (started with the local church condition)

individuals,

the church as a whole.

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1. With grace and peace (4b-6)

A. From Him who is and who was and who is to come (HE is Timeless)

(HE rules the past the present and the future)

B. From the seven Spirits who are before His throne (ISA 11:2)

Describes seven aspects of the Holy Spirit:

*The Spirit of the **Lord** shall rest upon Him,*

*the Spirit of **wisdom***

*and **understanding,***

*the Spirit of **counsel***

*and **might,***

*the Spirit of **knowledge***

*and **fear of the Lord.***

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C. From Jesus Christ

1. The faithful witness
2. The firstborn from the dead
3. The ruler over the kings of the earth
4. Who **loved** us and washed us from our sins in His own blood
5. Who **made** us kings and priests to His God and Father
 1. NOTE: The past tense.
 2. Every believer should be secure in God's love, not based on their present circumstances (which may be difficult), but based on the *ultimate demonstration of love* at the cross.

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King and Priest...

Where is Melchizedek mentioned in the Bible?

GEN 14:18-20

King of Salem and Priest of most High God

PSA 110:4

Christ will come in the order of Melchizedek

HEB 5:6, 10 and 6:20

Jesus Christ came according to the order of Melchizedek

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King and Priest...

We are **kings**, so we are *God's royalty* — this is privilege, status, and authority.

We are **priests**, so we are *God's special servants*.

NOTE: In the Old Testament, it was forbidden to combine the offices of king and priest. King Uzziah of Judah is an example of a man who tried to combine the two offices, and paid the penalty for it

BUT we are heirs of Christ, so therefore we are kings and priests!

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Did you notice anything within the introduction?

- Three represents divine completeness in different parts of the Bible.
- The concept of the Trinity symbolizes three distinct entities coming together as a unified whole.
- The number three is associated with divine perfection and wholeness.
- Threefold patterns of completeness can be observed in Scripture, emphasizing the richness and depth of completeness.

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BECAUSE OF THAT...

-- To Whom be glory and dominion forever and ever!

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1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S COMING (7)

1. He is coming with clouds

He wants *us* to **behold** the coming of Jesus. Jesus said that we should watch and wait for His coming ([Matthew 24:42](#)). It is something to *keep before the eye of our mind*, to **behold**.

He was taken up into a cloud and God said that He would return in the same manner ([Acts 1:9-11](#)). It will also be true figuratively, because multitudes of believers are called **clouds** in a figurative manner ([Hebrews 12:1](#)).

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1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S COMING (7)

2. Every eye will see Him, and they (Jews) also who pierced Him
(Not a secret!)

3. All the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him (Because of what they did to Him)

2.-- Even so, Amen (so be it) THE SELF-DESIGNATION (8)

1. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End"

2. "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty"

Almighty is used 10 times in N.T. 9 of which are in Rev!

Always refers to God has His hand on everything.

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Now we have a transition in verse 9.

1. THE VISION OF THE SON OF MAN (9-20)

1. JOHN'S CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO THE VISION (9-10a)

1. Their brother and companion (9a)

1. In tribulation

(on the island of Patmos)

1. In the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ (Kingdom of God)

NOTE the Spiritual before the physical.

2. On the island called Patmos (9b)

1. For the word of God (why he was there)

2. For the testimony of Jesus Christ (proclaiming Jesus)

3. In the Spirit on the Lord's Day (10a)

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- In the Spirit on the Lord's Day (10a)
- **Only used 1 time, Here!**
- **Sunday?**
- The day of the Lord. ISA 7:18-25 Is Future.
- John is transported to this future day of the Lord and he is now present on the Lord's day.

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B.WHAT HE HEARD BEHIND HIM (10b-11)

1. A loud voice, as of a trumpet (10b)

(The voice is Jesus' and the trumpet is a call to pay attention)

2. Saying to him... (11)

1. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last"

2. "What you see, write in a book" (Letter)

3. "Send **it** to the seven churches which are in Asia..."

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1. WHAT HE SAW, AND HIS REACTION (12-17a)

1. Turning to see the voice, he saw... (12-16)

1. Seven golden lampstands

2. In the midst of the seven lampstands, One like the Son of Man

1. Clothed with a garment down to the feet, girded about the chest with a golden band

2. His head and hair white as wool, white as snow

3. His eyes like a flame of fire

4. His feet like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace

5. His voice as the sound of many waters

6. In His right hand, seven stars

7. Out of His mouth, a sharp two-edged sword

8. His countenance like the sun shining in its strength

2. Seeing Him, John fell at His feet as dead (17)