

REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

CHAPTER 1

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CHAPTER 1:1-2

This is the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries], which God [the Father] gave to Him to show to His bond-servants (believers) the things which must soon take place [in their entirety]; and He sent and communicated it by His angel (divine messenger) to His bond-servant John, ² who testified and gave supporting evidence to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to everything that he saw [in his visions].

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CHAPTER 1:3

³ Blessed (happy, prosperous, to be admired) is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and who keep the things which are written in it [heeding them and taking them to heart]; for the time [of fulfillment] is near.

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CHAPTER 1:4-5

⁴ John, to the seven churches that are in [the province of] Asia: Grace [be granted] to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being], from Him Who is [existing forever] and Who was [continually existing in the past] and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits that are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful *and* trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who [always] loves us and who [has once for all] freed us [or washed us] from our sins by His own blood (His sacrificial death)—

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CHAPTER 1:6-7

⁶ and formed us into a kingdom [as His subjects], priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory *and* the power *and* the majesty 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 (nations) of the earth will mourn over Him [realizing their sin and guilt, and anticipating the coming wrath]. So it is to be. Amen.

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CHAPTER 1:8

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega [the Beginning and the End],” says the Lord God, “Who is [existing forever] and Who was [continually existing in the past] and Who is to come, the Almighty [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all].”

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CHAPTER 1:9

I, John, your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patient endurance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, [exiled there] because of [my preaching of] the word of God [regarding eternal salvation] and the testimony of Jesus *Christ*.

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CHAPTER 1:10

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit [in special communication with the Holy Spirit and empowered to receive and record the revelation from Jesus Christ] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the *sound* of a trumpet,

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CHAPTER 1:11

¹¹ saying, "Write on a scroll what you see [in this revelation], 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."

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CHAPTER 1:12

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And after turning I saw seven golden lampstands;

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CHAPTER 1:13-14

13 and in the midst of the lampstands / saw someone like the Son of Man, dressed in a robe reaching to His feet, and with a golden sash wrapped around His chest. 14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, [glistening white] like snow; and His [all-seeing] eyes were [flashing] like a flame of fire [piercing into my being].

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CHAPTER 1:15-16

His feet were like burnished [white-hot] bronze, refined in a furnace, and His voice was [powerful] like the sound of many waters. 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword [of judgment]; and His face [reflecting His majesty and the Shekinah glory] was like the sun shining in [all] its power [at midday].

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CHAPTER 1:17-18

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. And He placed His right hand on me and said, **“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last [absolute Deity, the Son of God], ¹⁸ and the Ever-living One [living in and beyond all time and space]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of [absolute control and victory over] death and of Hades (the realm of the dead).**

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CHAPTER 1:19

19 So write the things which you have seen [in the vision], and the things which are [now happening], and the things which will take place after these things.

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CHAPTER 1:20

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 (divine messengers) of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

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WHO WAS REVELATION WRITTEN TO?

- It was written for ordinary people & **NOT** educated theologians
- For members of the 7 churches in what is now Western Turkey

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WHAT IT WAS NOT WRITTEN FOR

- It is not about satisfying our curiosity about the future or to have some sort of “*secret knowledge*”
- Don’t make this an intellectual study but rather “*feed*” on it

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WHAT IT WAS WRITTEN FOR

- It was written for a very practical purpose

Might I also add that it isn’t about creating a timeline or trying to decipher God’s time clock

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DO YOU TRUST JESUS?

- To tell you what you need to know?
- To make you ready?
- To prepare you to not be deceived today?

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THE CHAIN OF REVELATION

- It is...the revelation of Jesus Christ which God [the Father] gave to Him
- He sent and communicated it by His angel
- to His bond-servant John

Is the Holy Spirit in this?

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THE CHAIN OF REVELATION

GOD → JESUS → ANGELS → HOLY SPIRIT →
JOHN → 7 CHURCHES

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THE EFFECTIVENESS OF JOHN'S WITNESS

who testified *and* gave supporting evidence to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to everything that he saw [in his visions].

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WHAT IS THE BLESSING?

Blessed (happy, prosperous, to be admired) is

- He who reads
- Those who hear the words of the prophecy
- Those who keep the things

WHAT THINGS?

- That which are written in it

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READING

Definition: to know certainly, know again, read

Usage: I read, know again, know certainly, recognize, discern

properly, "to know again" through *reading*. Reading (314/*anaginskō*) enables others to re-live (re-appreciate) what was conveyed (experienced) by the original author.

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HEARING

Definition: to hear, listen
Usage: I hear, listen, comprehend by hearing; pass: is heard, reported.
 properly, to hear (listen); (figuratively) to hear God's voice which prompts Him to birth faith within

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KEEPS

Definition: to watch over, to guard
Usage: I keep, guard, observe, watch over
NASB Use: continue (1), guard (1), guards (1), heed (2), heeds (1), held in custody (1), keep (27), keep watch over (1), keeping (1), keeping guard over (1), keeps (9), kept (12), kept in custody (3), observe (3), preserve (1), preserved (1), reserved (4), watching over (1).
 [heeding them and taking them to heart]

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WHAT'S UP WITH NO TITLE

John, to the seven churches that are in Asia

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WHO WAS JOHN THE APOSTLE

- He was known as “the Beloved”
- He was the last living apostle & the only one to die of old age
- Historians say that he survived multiple attempts of death – he had endured a lot of suffering

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WHAT DO WE KNOW?

- He is a political prisoner working in a quarry on the island of Patmos (8 miles long)
- Believers knew him & because of that he wouldn't need an official introduction
- Also, this was not a traditional letter

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WHAT OTHER ISSUES DO THEOLOGIAN HAVE?

- In comparison to the other Books John wrote, it has a very different style
- It isn't quite perfected like his other writings

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REVELATION 22:18

I testify *and* warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book [its predictions, consolations, and admonitions]: if anyone adds [anything] to them, God will add to him the plagues (afflictions, calamities) which are written in this book;

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GRACE & PEACE

FROM THE HOLY & VICTORIOUS TRINITY

God | Him Who is [existing forever] and Who was [continually existing in the past] and Who is to come

Holy Spirit | from the seven Spirits that are before His throne

**Jesus | the faithful *and* trustworthy Witness
the Firstborn of the dead
the Ruler of the kings of the earth**

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ALL GLORY TO JESUS

To Him who [always] loves us and who [has once for all] freed us [or washed us] from our sins by His own blood (His sacrificial death)—⁶ and formed us into a kingdom [as His subjects], priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory *and* the power *and* the majesty and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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HOW HE RETURNS

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes (nations) of the earth will mourn over Him [realizing their sin and guilt, and anticipating the coming wrath]. So it is to be. Amen.

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MATTHEW 24:30

And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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MATTHEW 24:29

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT PROVIDE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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MATTHEW 24:31

And He will send His angels with A LOUD TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

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MATTHEW 26:64

Jesus replied, "You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."

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MARK 13:26

Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory.

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LUKE 21:27

27 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

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THEN, TO FINISH THE GREETING

“I am the Alpha and the Omega [the Beginning and the End],” says the Lord God, “Who is [existing forever] and Who was [continually existing in the past] and Who is to come, the Almighty [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all].”

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HERE WE ARE... BACK TO JOHN

He calls himself their

- brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and the patient endurance *which are* in Jesus

Where is he again?

- on the island called Patmos, [exiled there]

Why is he there?

- because of [my preaching of] the word of God [regarding eternal salvation] and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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HERE WE ENCOUNTER ANOTHER FAUCET OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John makes this statement:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day,

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A LOOK AT HISTORY

Julius Caesar (25 years before Jesus' birth)
 He was the 1st Roman emperor to call himself "Divine" (more than human)

Augustus took it a step further & commanded "Worship". He even had temples erected all over the Roman empire – having people worship him as god. This was deeply rooted in Western Turkey.

Now, Revelation was written quite some time past this moment in history...

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HOW HISTORY IMPACTED CHRISTIANS

In Rome, Emperor Nero would tie Christians to post, he would have them covered in pitch, placed around his garden & then he lit them – while still alive – to provide light for his parties.

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30 YEARS LATER

DOMITIAN became the emperor
 It is said that he was instrumental in the massive persecution of Christians throughout the Roman empire.
 He eventually called himself Lord & God

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WHAT'S THE SIGNIFICANCE?

Domitian gave that particular day a special name. It was a specific day of the year in the Roman calendar. It was called The Lordy Day

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FIRST, HE HEARD

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THE 7 CHURCHES




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JOHNS ENCOUNTER | HE HEARD

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him

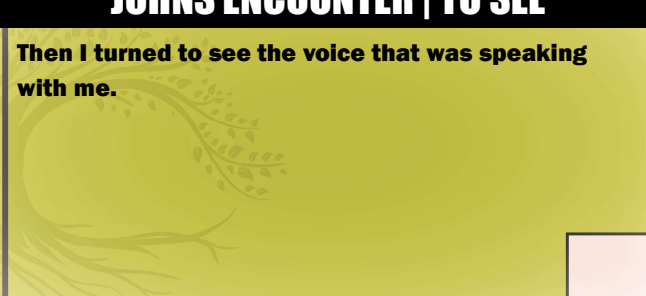


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JOHNS ENCOUNTER | TO SEE

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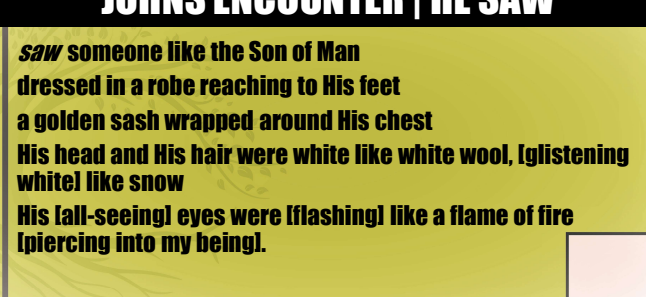


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JOHNS ENCOUNTER | HE SAW

***saw* someone like the Son of Man dressed in a robe reaching to His feet a golden sash wrapped around His chest His head and His hair were white like white wool, (glistening white) like snow His (all-seeing) eyes were (flashing) like a flame of fire (piercing into my being).**



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His feet were like burnished (white-hot) bronze, refined in a furnace
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 In His right hand He held seven stars
 from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword (of judgment)
 His face (reflecting His majesty and the Shekinah glory) was like the sun shining in (all) its power (at midday).

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seven gold lampstands & in the midst
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JOHNS REACTION

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JESUS PROCLAMATION

“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last absolute Deity, the Son of God,¹⁸ and the Ever-living One (living in and beyond all time and space). I died, but see, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of absolute control and victory over death and of Hades (the realm of the dead).

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JESUS CHARGE

WRITE
the things which you have seen
the things which are [now happening]
the things which will take place after these things.

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THE FIRST SYMBOLS EXPLAINED


the seven stars which you saw in My right hand are the angels (divine messengers) of the seven churches

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