

# LESSON ONE Revelation 1

All of scripture is God breathed through the power of the Holy Spirit but recorded by prophets and witnesses to the life of Jesus. The book of Revelation is authored by God and seems to have a direct link to Jesus and John the Apostle. It is written for God's people so that they may know what must soon take place. Revelation 1:19 gives us a clue as to how the book of Revelation is divided. John the Apostle wrote down what he saw in chapter 1. He writes what is happening "now" in chapters 2 and 3 concerning the Seven churches of the Revelation. Finally, he records "what will take place later" in the future at the end of the age in chapters 4-22.

1. Read Revelation 1:1-4. These verses record what no other scripture claims. God is the author who gave these words concerning Jesus Christ to John who recorded them. What is the purpose of Revelation according to these verses?
2. How is God the Father described (see verse 4)? Compare this to Genesis 1:1, Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 44:6-8. How is the Holy Spirit described (see verse 4)? Compare this to Isaiah 11:2. How is Jesus Christ described? See Isaiah 55:4, John 18:37, Colossians 1:18.
3. What do you see as the role of Jesus in the lives of the churches? ( Hint: verse 5-6)
4. Compare verse 7 to Daniel 7:13,14 and Matthew 24:29-30? How does Daniel 7:9-10 describe God? How does Revelation 1:8 describe Him?
5. John the Apostle is the most logical one to be the receiver of this vision and these words. Who is this letter to be sent to? Identify on a map these ancient cities; also find Patmos.
6. Describe the One that John saw in his vision in verses 12-18. Compare this to the Transfiguration recorded in Matthew 17:1-7 and to Daniel 10:5-6.
7. Compare Revelation 1:8 about God the Father and 1:17b-18 about Jesus. What do you think is the significance concerning the differences?
8. What do you think is the symbolism of the stars lampstands? See Exodus 25:31-40. What do the stars mean to you?

**Prayer** Heavenly Father, you stand outside of time. You know from the beginning to the end of the history of mankind, and You are in control. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Thank you, Lord God, that you are also in control of our lives. We praise you that you cared enough for your people that you recorded what will take place. Keep us from fear so that we may see the victory offered to us and the world through Jesus, your Son. Amen.