

Revelation 1: Jesus Revealed as Judge Earthly Greeting/Heavenly Vision; Veil begins to Lift

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 1:1-9

Benediction /Transmission of the Book: Father, Son, Angel, John Servants

Author: Enemy, Savior, Friend, Judge

Beatitude: Blessing for reading, hearing and doing

John and Jesus Greet the Church: Grace and Peace

Jesus Proclamation/John's Identification: Alpha/O; commonality of all Believers

Revelation 1:1-9

I. Benediction /Transmission of the Revelation

¹ The **Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which **God gave** Him to **show His servants**—things which must **shortly take place**. And He sent and signified *it* **by His angel to His servant John**,

Revelation [Apocalypse; gr. Apocalypse i.e. Unveiling] of Jesus Christ and His plan

Purpose: to show us; reveal/unveil to us "things which must shortly take place." [Revelation Implications for our life now; i.e. Why?... sobriety] :

2 Peter 3:10 [Read] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. [C.f. Genesis 18:16 "Shall I hide from Abraham [my friend] what I am doing...?"]

Earthly life/ Eternal life

Matthew 16:26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for

his soul? 27 For the **Son of Man will come** in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then **He will reward** each according to his works.

Purpose of Revelation 1: Sobriety/Holiness in the Church and individual lives

Purpose of Revelation 2: Post-Rapture; for those left behind

Revelation Transmission:

God the Father > **Jesus Christ** > **Angel Servants** > **John**

To show us things which **“MUST shortly take place”**:

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Message Signified by His angel: “ability to show”; symbols, visions, etc. This angel shows up again in Ch. 22:

Revelation 22:6 ...And the Lord God of the holy prophets **sent His angel to show** His servants the things which must shortly take place.

² who [John] bore **witness** to the **word** of God, and to the **testimony** of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

Legal terms: Witness/Testimony

Witness/Testimony: of both Words heard and Visions seen;

“Testimony ”occurs over 90x by John in the NT, John is a **witness of:**

Word: Entirety of the book

Testimony: Jesus Words to John throughout Revelation

Things **seen**

II. Author: John the Apostle: **Love, Light** and **Life** [Eternal]

Son of Thunder

Jesus best friend

Apostle of Love, Testifier of Deity of Jesus, Denouncer of false

doctrine

Pastor of the church of Ephesus; founded by Paul the Apostle
Author of **Gospel of John, 1.2.3 John** and **Revelation**

John the Last Apostle has always borne witness of God and the
Testimony of Jesus:

As God his Enemy

As God his Savior

As God his Friend

As God the Judge

As Savior

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

As Life Eternal

1 John 1: 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

As God

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Luke 9:27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.” ²⁸ Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, **John**, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became white and*

glistening.

John did not start as the **Apostle of Love : Sanctification**

Impulsive Teen

Mark 3:17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom [Jesus] gave the name Boanerges, that is, "**Sons of Thunder**"...

Enemy of Truth

Luke 9:53 [The Samaritans] did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. 54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to **command fire to come down from heaven** and consume them, just as Elijah did?" 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "**You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.** 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

Best Friend

John 13:25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

Disciple whom Jesus Loved: Trusted Friend

John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the **disciple whom He loved** standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

Disciple that Jesus Loved: First to the Tomb

John 20:2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other **disciple, whom Jesus loved**, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Disciple that Jesus Loved: First to the Tomb: Post Resurrection

John 21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the **disciple whom Jesus loved** following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" 21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." 23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him

that he would not die, but, **“If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?”**

Note: No record of the Transfiguration is found in John’s gospel, but he was there

John did remain until he saw **Jesus in Glory again in Revelation**

III. Beatitude

³ **Blessed is** he who **reads and** those **who hear** the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

Blessed: first of 7 Beatitudes in Revelation[14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14]

He that reads: Reader, teacher in the church

They that hear: Churches; believers in the class

They that keep: The teacher, church and all believers

Do this “...for the time is near” in light of eternity:

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [context correct]

IV. John and Jesus Greet the Church Fullness of the Gentiles/Times of the Gentiles

Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in.

John now writes to those he loves, the church throughout history...us; the Age of the Gentiles until **Chapter 4**

Church just a blip in between God’s plan for Israel

⁴ John, to the **seven churches** which 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,

Seven: 52 times in Revelation! Completion; also God’s covenant

Relation to Israel; i.e. Sabbath, Circumcision, Worship [Lev. 4:6,17]

Grace and Peace from God to the Seven Churches announced by John

Application:

Existing churches in John's day [50 miles apart]; actually more in Asia

Ages of Church History from John to present/rapture

Individual Application: for various church issues that arise in churches and individual "church attendees" since the birth of the church

Seven Spirits before His throne: Seven-fold Spirit; i.e. the Holy Spirit

John 16:7 ...I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Isaiah 11:2 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 of the **fear** of the LORD.

NOTE: Paul also wrote to Seven Churches: Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossi, and Thessalonica

Grace: gr. *Charis*; a Greek form of greeting

Peace: heb. *Shalom*; a Hebrew form of greeting

Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits; Trinity:

God the Father: Who is and is to come [crossover as w/ John's writing]

God the Spirit: [seven Spirits]

God the Son: Jesus in v.5

Father, Son, and holy Spirit: Grace and Peace from the Godhead

⁵ **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings** of the earth. **To Him** who

loved us and washed us from our sins **in His own blood**,⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Greetings from / Glory to Jesus [description of Jesus]:

To Him Who is a Faithful Witness: Jesus testifies of Himself in this book [greetings, etc]

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8:14&version=NKJV>" **John 8:14** Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.¹⁶ And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me.¹⁷ It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.¹⁸ I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the **Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.**"

Baptism, Transfiguration, Resurrection, etc.; Jesus testimony is Valid and Vindicated; i.e. to be shown to be true with proof /evidence

To Him Who is the Firstborn from the dead: Not the first to rise, but the only One with the power to raise Himself; sinless; death could not hold Him:

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up.**"²⁰ Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"²¹ But **He was speaking of the temple of His body.**

John 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because **I lay down My life** that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. **I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This command I have received from My Father." [cf. Acts 13:33, Col. 1:18]

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. [We

follow the Firstborn of the dead]

To Him Who is Ruler over the kings of the earth: Now but ultimately in the Millennium

Philippians 2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

To Him Who loves us [present tense is correct in original language]

To Him Who washed us from our sins *in His own blood*...be Glory!

To Him Who Made us Kings and Priests: Fulfilled in Millennial Kingdom of Chapter 20! Lit. "a kingdom of priests"

Exodus 19:6 And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.'

1 Peter 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

Priests: We can enter the Holy of Holies and commune with God

Matthew 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the **temple was torn** in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split...

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh...** [Veil was an Illustration, Symbol, and Type, reality found in Jesus]

⁷ Behold, He is **coming with clouds**, and every eye will see Him, even they who **pierced** Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Double affirmation: Even so /Amen; previous statement is important!

He is "coming in the clouds":

Daniel 7:13 " I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, **Coming with the clouds of heaven!** [Develop

later]

Matthew 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **Son of Man coming on the clouds** of heaven with power and great glory.

Psalm 18:9 He [God] bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet.¹⁰ And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon **the wings of the wind**. ¹¹ He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies.

EVERY eye will see Him; physical bodily appearance
Jesus, the One Who was pierced...forever pierced...is coming in the clouds!

Psalm 22:16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. **They pierced My hands** and My feet...

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then **they will look on Me whom they pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

The first time they looked upon the One pierced Salvation was offered:

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. **John 19:37** And again another Scripture says, "*They shall look on Him whom they pierced.*"

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb as though it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

This time they grieve: Christ rejecters will begin an **eternity of hopelessness**

[V. Jesus Proclamation/Johns Identification to the Church](#)

⁸ "I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, *the Beginning and the End*," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Alpha/Omega: Beginning and End over all; Jesus or the Father [Jesus in 22:13]

Alpha is spelled out Omega is not as He is yet to complete God's program

Is/Was/Is to Come: I AM [see Exodus 3:14]

Who is: As John is writing

Who was: The first coming of Jesus

Who is to come: The second coming of Jesus

⁹ I, John, both **your brother and companion** in the **tribulation** and **kingdom** and **patience** of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos **for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Brother and Companion in; i.e. John relates to us in:

Tribulation
Kingdom
Patience

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+16:33&version=NKJV>" John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Acts 21:22 [after Paul was left for dead he began] strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter+4:13&version=NKJV>" 1 Peter 4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8:18&version=NKJV>" Romans 8:18 For I

consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+2:9&version=NKJV>" Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Luke 21:19 By your patience possess your souls.

Endurance is not the key to the Kingdom but the confirmation that it is your home

Patmos: Small rocky island [4x8 miles] in the Aegean Sea 50 mile SW of Ephesus off the coast of modern Turkey; John released by emperor Nerva 96-98BC [Eusebious] Penal Colony

John is imprisoned on Patmos for the Word and the Testimony of Jesus

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Revelation 1:1-9 The Author John

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Revelation 1:10-20 The Subject Jesus Christ

Vision of Jesus as High Priest among the Churches

Vision of Jesus as Judge of the Churches

Natural Outline of the book of Revelation; Have seen, Which are, Which will take place after
Interpretation of the Stars and Lampstands, Stars are Angels/Lampstands churches

I. Voice and Vision of the Jesus as High Priest among the Churches

1:10 I was **in the Spirit** on the **Lord's Day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

In the Spirit:

Acts 10:9...Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. ¹⁰ Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw heaven opened** and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

Lord's Day: Two possibilities:

Transported to the "**Day of the Lord**"

2 Corinthians 12 1:4 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to **visions and revelations of the Lord:** ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one **was caught up to the third heaven.** ³ And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ how he was **caught up into Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Arguments against:

If John meant the day of the Lord he would have said it

Lit. construction: "the day belonging to the Lord"

First 2 chapters deal with existing churches in John's day before the Day of the Lord actually began

Sunday: Day of **Jesus resurrection**

Acts 20:7 Now on the **first day of the week**, when the disciples

came together to break bread...

Corinthians 16:2 On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

Arguments against:

Day after the Sabbath nowhere else in Scripture as "the Lord's Day"
Oldest known use is 100 years after John

John hears a LOUD voice behind him sounding like a trumpet;
trumpets commencement or termination of a big event:

¹¹ [The Voice was] saying, "**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,**" and, "**What you see, write in a book and send it** to the seven churches which are in Asia: to **Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.**"

Voice said "**Write what you see**" and "**send it!**" [Papyrus or Parchment as books not till 2nd century]

Each of the Seven churches received the *entire* copy of Revelation as per Jesus instruction to John

I AM the Alpha Omega; i.e. I AM GOD

Isaiah 41:4 "Who has performed and accomplished it, Calling forth the generations from the beginning?' **I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last I am He.**"

Isaiah 44:6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: '**I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.**'

Isaiah 48:12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, **I am the first, I am also the last.**

Revelation 1:17 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...**

Revelation 2:8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The **first and the last**, who was dead, and has come to life...

Revelation 21:6 Then He said to me, "It is done **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end** I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but

whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." **John 4:13**

Revelation 22:13 "I am the **Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**"

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw **seven golden lampstands,** ¹³ **and in the midst of the seven lampstands** *One* like the **Son of Man**, clothed with a **garment** down to the feet and girded about the chest with a **golden band** [sash].

Like the Son of Man Speaking: Jesus favorite term for Himself

Psalm 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And **the son of man** that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. [First mention and First Coming in humility]

Revelation 14:14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* **like the Son of Man**, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. [Last mention and Last coming in Judgment; note "like the Son of Man"]

Jesus in High Priestly garments among seven lamp stands; i.e. in the midst of the churches [c.f. Exodus 28:4, 29:5]

Gold band **around waist:** Priestly **Work**

Gold band **covering chest:** Priestly **Office**

Jesus working among/maintaining the lampstands [churches] from heaven:

Lighting

Putting out

Filling with oil

Trimming the wicks

Jesus is not interceding but judging in the "in the midst" of the Church

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, **I am there in the midst of them.**" [See context; discipline/

judgment]

II. Vision of the Jesus as Judge among the Churches

1st coming physical description of *Jesus* in the Bible:

Isaiah 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck *Me*, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. **Isaiah 52:13** Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage [lit. face, facial appearance] was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. **Isaiah 53:2b** He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

2nd coming physical description of *Jesus* in the Bible:

¹⁴ **His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow,** and His **eyes like a flame of fire;** ¹⁵ **His feet were like fine brass,** as if refined in a furnace, and His **voice as the sound of many waters;** ¹⁶ He had in **His right hand seven stars,** out of **His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,** and His **countenance was like the sun** shining in its strength.

Previously, Daniel described *God the Father* in the same manner

Daniel 7:9 [Read] "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. ¹¹ "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet

their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³ " I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

Jesus and the Father are One:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 10:30 I and My Father are one."

John 14:7 "If you had known **Me**, you would have known My **Father** also; and from now on you know Him and have **seen** Him."

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known **Me**, Philip? He who has **seen Me** has **seen** the **Father**; so how can you say, 'Show us the **Father**'?"

Revelation 5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the **center of the throne**, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. [NIV]

Post Resurrected Glorified Jesus Christ

White Hair as wool /snow: Wisdom and Eternity

Proverbs 20:29 ... the splendor of old men is their gray head.

Eyes Aflame Anger and Penetrating Insight to the churches and our lives

Revelation 2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira [immoral church] write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has **eyes like a flame of fire**, and His feet like fine brass...

Matthew 10: 25b If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! ²⁶ Therefore do not fear them. For there is **nothing covered that**

will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Feet of Fine Brass refined in fire: Judgment

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Numbers 21:5 [Read] And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." ⁶ So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, "**Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.**" ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Isaiah 63:1 [Read] Who *is* this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." ² Why *is* Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ **"I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood Is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.**" ⁴ For the day of vengeance *is* in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. ⁵ I looked, but *there was* no one to help, And I wondered That *there was* no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me. ⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."

Fine Bronze Feet: Still pierced; these same feet will trample His enemies

Voice like Many Waters Authority

Daniel 10:6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and **the sound of his words**

like the voice of a multitude.

Ezekiel 1:24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the ***noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army***; and when they stood still, they let down their wings. [cf. Psalm 29]

Right Hand Holding Seven Stars Control of the angels of the Church

Colossians 1:16 For by Him [Jesus] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Out of His Mouth came a Sharp Two-Edged Sword

WORD of God

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

God judges by His Word

Countenance like the Sun Transfiguration/ Glorified Jesus

Matthew 17:2 ... He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Summary of Glorified Jesus Description: Figures-Set before us as facts and Representations of Reality

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, **"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.** ¹⁸ **I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.** Amen. And **I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**

Fell at His feet as if dead! Followed by a kind touch and Words of peace

"Do not be afraid; I am the First and Last"; the first mention of both "do not be afraid" and "I am"

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "**Do not be afraid, Abram. I am** your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

John did not need to fear death as he sees the Glorified Jesus

John's Creator
Savior

"I am He who lives but was dead, now alive forevermore"; "I have the keys to Hades and Death"

Hades: i.e. place of the dead; Abraham's bosom composed of two sections

Luke 16:24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

One place of torment filled with those awaiting final judgment

1 Peter 3:18b being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and **preached to the spirits in prison...** [Still in prison]

Revelation 20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [Hell is presently empty]

One place of paradise emptied by Jesus after the Cross

Ephesians 4:8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Jesus has the power over death

Romans 6:9 ...Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. **Death no longer has dominion over Him.**

1 Corinthians 15: 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**"⁵⁵ " O Death, where is your sting? **O Hades, where is your victory?"**

III. Natural Outline of the Book of Revelation

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Natural Outline of the Book of revelation given by Jesus Himself; Write the things you:

Have seen: First vision of Jesus in Chapter 1

Which are: Letters to the Seven churches in Chapters 2 and 3

Things which will take place after this: Everything after Chapter 4

IV. Interpretation of Stars and Lampstands

Revelation: Unveiling a mystery

²⁰ 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 which you saw are the seven **churches**.

Stars in Jesus right hand: Angels; messengers. i.e. Angels, Pastors? [if so the only mention]

Acts 12:15 But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "***It is his angel.***"

Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for ***I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.***

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels...

1 Corinthians 11:10 ...woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

1 Corinthians 4:9 ...we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

Ephesians 3:10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places...

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

1 Timothy 5:21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

1 Peter 1:12 [The prophets] were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Lamp stands: Churches; not the light but the light holder

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "***I am the light*** of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14 "***You are the light*** of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Aerial View of Chapter 1

Ch. 1 the Person of Christ, next the **Possession of Christ**; I.e. the Church [2, 3]

Revelation 1

Transmission of the Book: Father, Son, Angel, John Servants

Author: Enemy, Savior, Friend, Judge

Beatitude: Blessing for reading, hearing and doing

John and Jesus Greet the Church: Grace and Peace

Jesus Proclamation/John's Identification: Alpha/O_____; commonality of all Believers

Vision of Jesus as High Priest among the Churches

Vision of Jesus as Judge of the Churches

Natural Outline of the book of Revelation; Have seen, Which are, Which will take place after

Interpretation of the Stars and Lampstands, Stars are Angels/Lampstands churches
THE WORD OF GOD

Commonality of Believers of All time