## The Book of Revelation

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## A Heavenly Vision

To make sense of history on a grand scale and to make sense of our own personal history, we need to focus beyond the surface to the realities of God.

Looking at four realities revealed:
I. The revealing of God's aims (1-3)
A. "To show to his servants the things that must soon take place"

1. $\qquad$
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
B. To bless
4. Blessed to $\qquad$
5. Blessed to $\qquad$
6. Blessed to $\qquad$
II. The revealing of God's audience (4-6)
A. The seven churches
7. Real churches within $\qquad$
8. Real churches of $\qquad$
B. Blessed churches
III. The revealing of God's authority $(7,8)$
A. As the judge of the world (7)

See Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 12:10-11
B. As the Almighty (8)

- NT elaboration of the name given in wilderness to Moses, "I am" (Ex. 3:14)
- What is significant about this name is that God is always in the nominative. He is always the subject. He always holds the initiative.
IV. The revealing of God's attributes (9-20)
A. He is $\qquad$ (12b-13a)
B. He is $\qquad$ (13b)
C. He is $\qquad$ (14a)
D. He is $\qquad$ (14b)
E. He is $\qquad$ (15a,b)
F. He is $\qquad$ (15c)
G. He is $\qquad$ (16a)
H. He is $\qquad$ (16b)
I. He is $\qquad$ (16c)
J. He is $\qquad$ (17b-20)

