

Exploring the Book of Revelation



Week 3: Chapter 1

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Revelation 1:1–3

- Daniel 2:28–30, 45–47 (Reveal, what must come to pass, signify)
- Daniel 7 (Son of Man)
- Zechariah 4:12, 20 (lampstands)
- Isaiah 49:2; 11:4 (sword of mouth)
- Revelation 22:6–21 (action)
- Revelation 22:18–19 (blessing/cursing)

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, ² who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

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Revelation 1:4–6

- 7 churches = complete/fullness (universal church)
 - Zechariah 4:2–7 (7 lamps=God's Spirit)
 - Psalm 89:27, 37 (faithful witness, firstborn, ruler of the kings of the earth)
 - Isaiah 43:10–13 (faithful witness)
 - Revelation 21:24 (kings stream)
 - Exodus 19:6 (kingdom, priests)
- ⁴ John to the seven churches that 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, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— ⁶ and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Revelation 1:7–8

- Daniel 7:13 (enthronement of Son of Man)
 - Zechariah 12:10–14 (end time)
 - Isaiah 41–48 (Alpha/Omega beginning/end)
- ⁷ Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.
- ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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Revelation 1:9–11

⁹ I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "Write in a book what you see, 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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Revelation 1:12–20

1. Initial vision (vv 12–16)
2. Seer's response (v 17a)
3. Interpretation of vision (vv 17b–20)

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Revelation 1:12–16

- Exodus 25 & 37; Numbers 8; esp. Zechariah 4:2, 10 (lampstands)
- Revelation 11:1–13 (lampstand=church)
- Revelation 1:5–6 (death/resurrection foundation of temple)
- Daniel 7 and 10 (Christ king/priest)
- Zechariah 4:3, 11–14; 14:30 (clothes)
- Daniel 7:9–12 (Ancient of Days)
- Daniel 10:6 (Son of Man eyes)
- Isaiah 11:4; 49:2 (sword)
- Judges 5:31 (shining)

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. ¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

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Revelation 1:17a

- Following Daniel 8 & 10:

1. Prophet sees vision
2. Falls on face in fear
3. Strengthened by heavenly being
4. Receives further revelation from being

17a When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying

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Revelation 1:17b–20

- Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12 (YHWH first and last)
 - Deuteronomy 32:40; Daniel 4:34; 12:7 (ascription of deity)
 - Isaiah 22:22 (Christ over death)
 - Daniel 2 (end time nuance)
 - Daniel 2:29, 45 (mystery)
 - Revelation 19:10; 22:9; 8:3–4 (angels represent churches)
- “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,
¹⁸ and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
¹⁹ Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. 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 of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.