



# John's Vision of the Glorified Christ

Revelation One

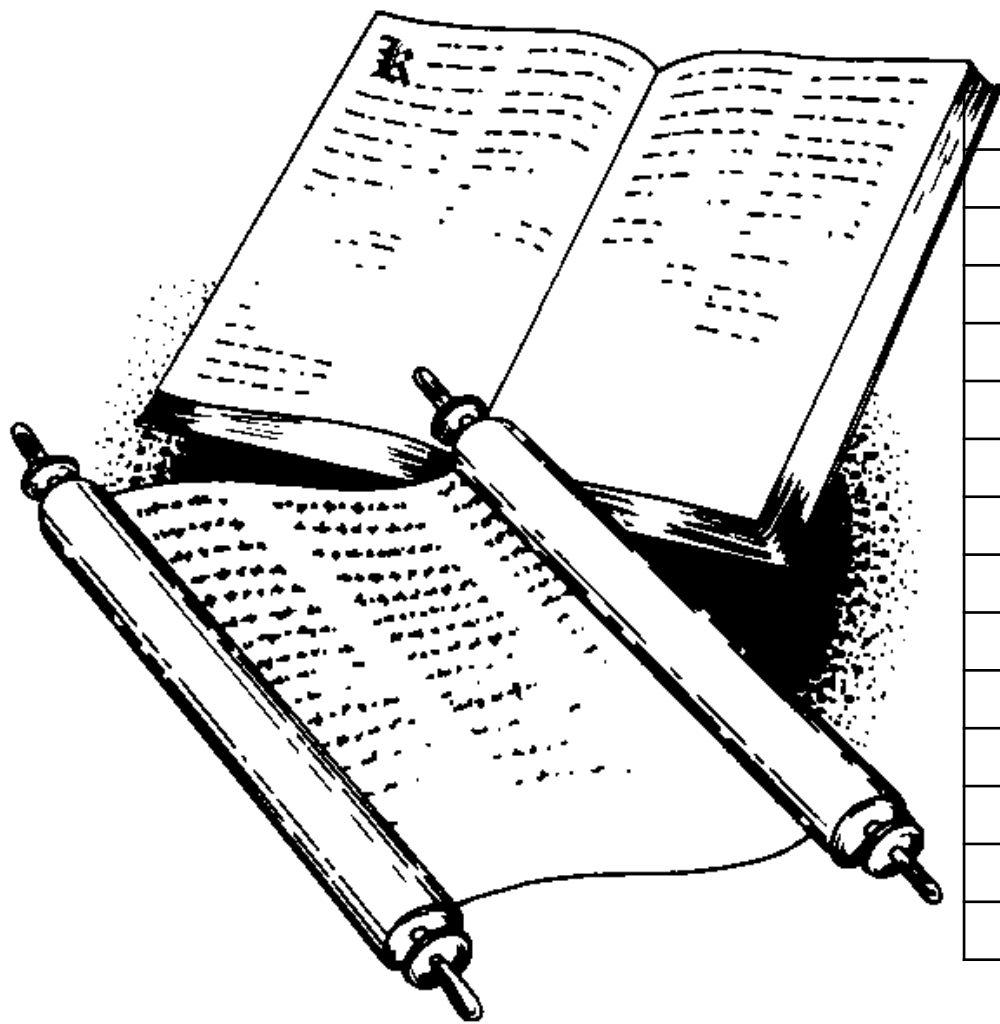
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# Why the First Chapter is Important:

- It gives us the title of the Book v.1 – “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”
- It gives us the intended audience of the Book v.1 “His Servants”
- It gives us the intended purpose of the Book v.1 “to shew...things which must shortly come to pass
- It gives us the method of transmission –v.v.1-2 God to Christ to an Angel to John
- It gives us human author of the Work – v.1 John
- It explains the later history of John the Apostle
- It gives us the promise unique to this Book – v.3
- It gives us the urgency of the Hour v.3
- It gives us the Divinely inspired outline of the Book - Revelation 1:19 “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;”
- It makes up the first of three points of the Divine outline in its entirety
- It gives us the most complete picture of the Lord Jesus Christ after His ascension into Heaven
- It introduces us to the Seven Churches which make up the second division of the outline
- It serves as an eternal reminder of the changed nature of the relationship between the Lord and His servant, even a close servant like John
- It sets an elevated tone to the Book as a whole

# The First and the Last –Genesis Compared with Revelation



BOOK OF GENESIS	BOOK OF THE REVELATION
First Heaven & Earth	New Heaven / Earth (20:11-21:1)
Perfect Home	Restored (21:2-3)
Satan’s Work Begins	Satan’s Work Ends (20:1-10)
Sin Begins	Sin’s curse removed (22:1-6)
Lost Tree of Life	Restored Tree of Life (22:10-17)
Pain / Suffering begins	Pain / Suffering ends (21:4)
Death entered the world	Death defeated (21:6-7)

# I. Superscription by Jesus:

Revelation 1:1-3 “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”



# Revelation Is Meant to Be Understood

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- It's called the ἀποκάλυψις [ap·ok·**al**·oop·sis] or uncovering of Jesus.

# Revelation 1:1

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Shew = *δεικνυω* (dike-noo-oo) to exhibit or put on display something that can be apprehended by the senses

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Signified =σημαίνω (say-mah-ee-oo) to cause something to be clear and specific

The Book of Revelation is God's SHOW AND TELL Book

# Why Symbols?

**Timeless:** Symbols are not weakened by the passing of time.

**Vivid:** Symbols arouse emotion and excitement.

# Interpreting Symbols

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- Every symbol has a literal referent.
- The immediate context may provide the interpretation.
- Look to the OT for guidance.

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# A. The Source of the Book 1:1

**1. Given by the Almighty Father:** Revelation 1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, *which God gave unto him*, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John:"

**2. Given to the All Worthy Son:** Revelation 1:1 "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John:"

**3. Given through the Angel:** Revelation 1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; *and he sent and signified [it] by his angel* unto his servant John:"

**4. Given to the Apostle John:** Revelation 1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel *unto his servant John*:"

**5. Given to All Believers:** Revelation 1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, *to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass*; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John:"



# Chain of Transmission

God the  
Father

The  
Son

An  
Angel

The Apostle  
John

Bond  
Servants



## B. The Scribe of the Book 1:2

**1. Witnessed the Inspired Word of God:** Revelation 1:2 *"Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw."*

**2. Witnessed the Incarnate Word of God:** Revelation 1:2 *"Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw."*

**3. Witnessed the Included Word of God:** Revelation 1:2 *"Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw."*





## C. The Spiritual Blessings of the Book 1:3

**1. Blessings on He That Readeth:** Revelation 1:3 "*Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.*"

**2. Blessings on the Hearers:** Revelation 1:3 "*Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.*"

**3. Blessing on the Heeder:** Revelation 1:3 "*Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.*"

**a. The Reaction of the Believer:** Revelation 1:3 "*Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.*"

**b. The Reason for the Behavior:** Revelation 1:3 "*Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.*"

*which are written*

# A Note on Timing

Re 1:1 ¶ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must **shortly** come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John... 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the **time is at hand**.

## Three Key Words

*ταχος* = takh-os refers to a relatively brief time subsequent to another point of time

*καιρος* = kahee-ros a period of time characterized by some aspect of special crisis

*εγγυς* = eng-goos pertains to be close as an experience or an event

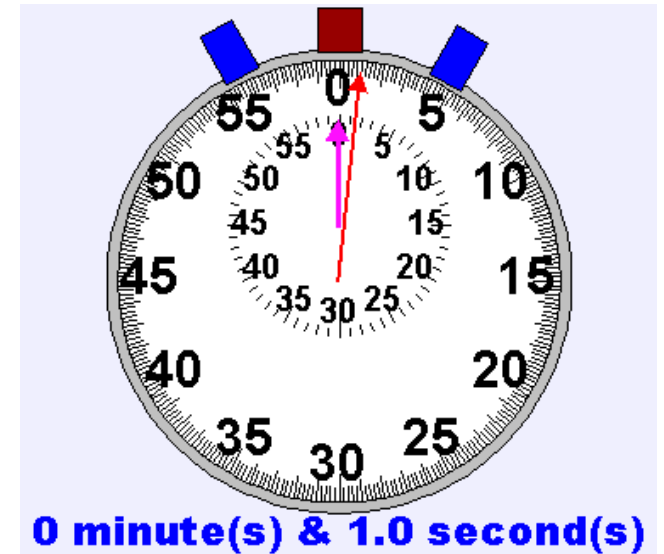
# 4 Views of the Timing Statements

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1. Within a few years
2. From God's perspective
3. Quickly or suddenly
4. At any time

# Keyword: Imminency

- noun 1. the state or condition of being imminent or impending: the imminence of war.
- 2. something that is imminent, especially an impending evil or danger.
- It is not required that the events happen in the near future, but they could happen at any time.
- The events that are imminent are SURE to happen, but the specific time of the event is not known. i.e... the BIG one – the surety of the great earthquake everyone knows is coming to California



## II. The Salutation by John 1:4-8

Revelation 1:4-8 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."



JOHN WRITING TO THE CHURCHES.

# A. The Author's Marvelously Simple Communication 1:4a

**1. It's Transparent Simplicity:** Revelation 1:4 "*John* to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"

**2. It's Tragic Sadness:** Revelation 1:4 "*John* to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"

**3. It's Tender Solace:** Revelation 1:4 "*John* to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"



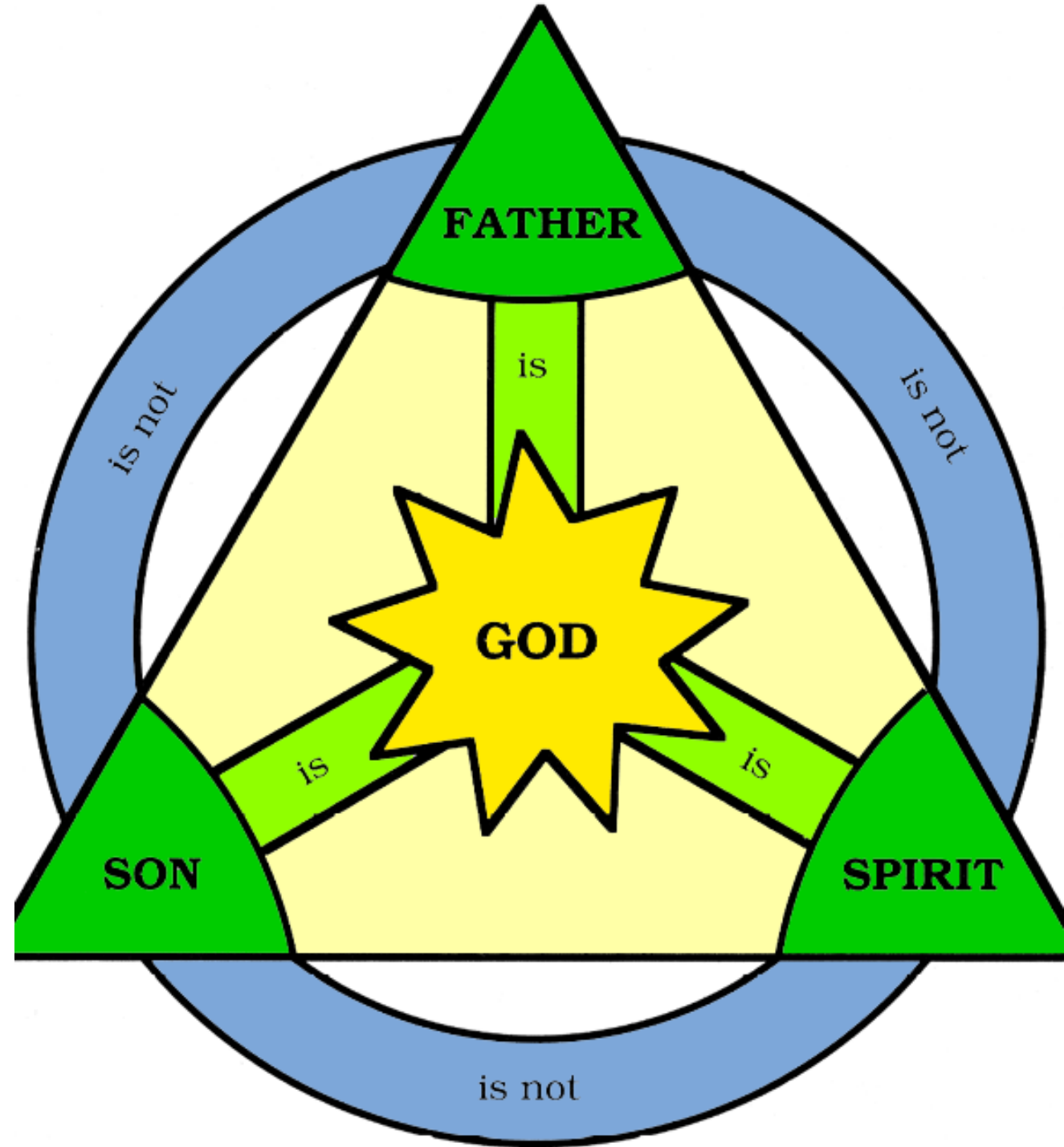
## B. The Asia Minor Seven Churches 1:4b

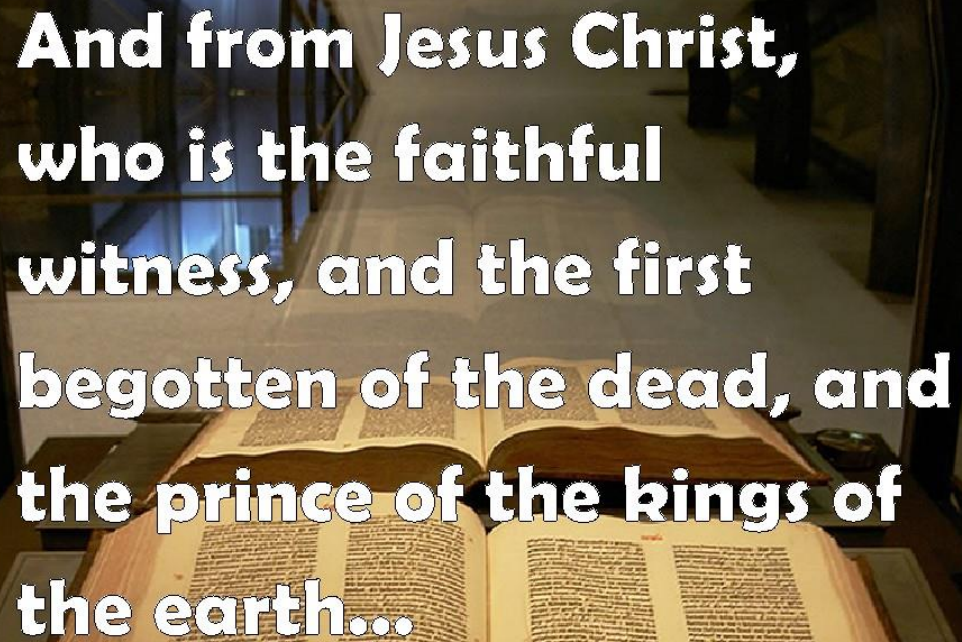


- **1. The Spiritual Blessings Invoked:** Revelation 1:4 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"
- **a. Grace Personalized:** Revelation 1:4 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"
- **b. God's Peace:** Revelation 1:4 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"

## 2. The Source of Blessings Identified 1:4-6

- **a. God the Holy Sovereign:** Revelation 1:4 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, *from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;*"
- **b. God the Holy Spirit:** Revelation 1:4 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; *and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;*" (reference to the Trinity...no created being could be included in the holy Trinity.)
- **c. God the Heavenly Son:** Revelation 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."



An open Bible is shown, resting on a surface. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The background of the image is a photograph of the Bible's pages, which are filled with text in two columns.

**And from Jesus Christ,  
who is the faithful  
witness, and the first  
begotten of the dead, and  
the prince of the kings of  
the earth...**

**—Revelation 1:5**

# 1.) The Titles of Christ 1:5

**a.) A Title of Truthful Proclamation:** Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

**b.) A Title of Triumphal Position:** Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

**c.) A Title of Total Power:** Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

# The 7 Spirits of God

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*Mentioned 4 Times in Revelation*

1:4b - the seven Spirits[...]

3:1a - the seven Spirits of God

4:5b - which are the seven Spirits of God

5:6b - which are the seven Spirits of God

# Reasons the “7 Spirits” Is the Holy Spirit

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- He’s included in the Godhead (Revelation 1:4-5).
- He’s called the “seven spirits” only from the heavenly perspective (Revelation 1:4b, 3:1a, 4:5b, 5:6b).

# Keywords

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Term	Frequency
And	1,200
Great	82
Seven	54
Throne	46

# Isaiah 11:1-10

## (Esp. verse 2)

Isaiah 11:1 "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 **And 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;** 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

1. Spirit of the LORD = His Eternal Existence
2. Spirit of Wisdom = 'khok-maw' the ability to deal with situations correctly
3. Spirit of Understanding = 'bee-naw' to be able to sort things correctly in the mind
4. Spirit of Counsel = 'ay-tsaw' means to be able to guide safely and rightly
5. Spirit of Might = 'gheb-oo-raw' means large, giant-like, strongly powerful, speaks of the utter ability to defeat any foe
6. Spirit of Knowledge = 'dah'-ath' to be able to discern by seeing, unfailing vision
7. Spirit of the Fear of the LORD = 'yir-aw' reverence due to One of Great Majesty

## 2.) The Triumph of Christ 1:5-6

- **a.) He Cared for Us:** Revelation 1:5 “And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. *Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*”
- **b.) He Cleansed Us:** Revelation 1:5 “And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. *Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*”
- **c.) He Changed Us:** Revelation 1:6 “*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*”

FAITHFUL WITNESS REVELATION  
RULER OF GODS CREATIONS  
OFFSPRING OF DAVID  
WORD OF GOD ALPHA  
FAITHFUL & TRUE  
RULER OVER KINGS OF EARTH  
AMEN  
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY  
FIRSTBORN  
BRIGHT MORNING STAR  
LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH  
JESUS  
OMEGA





### 3.) The Tribute to Christ 1:6b

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**a.) Personal Glory:** Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; *to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*"

**b.) Praiseworthy Glory:** Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] *glory* and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

**c.) Powerful Glory:** Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] *glory and dominion* for ever and ever. Amen."

**d.) Perpetual Glory:** Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] *glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*"

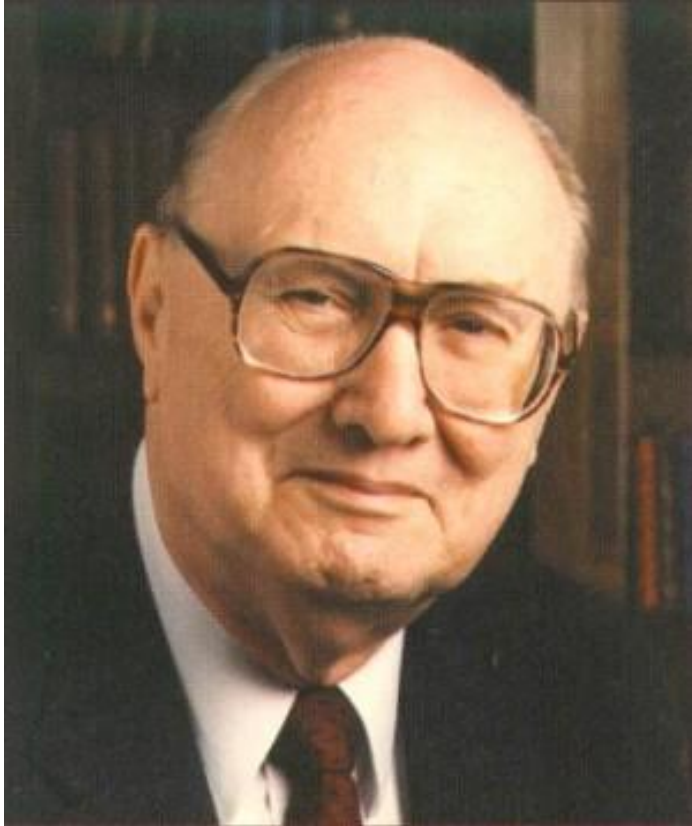
### 3. The Second Coming of the Beloved Indicated 1:7

**a. He is coming with clouds:** Revelation 1:7 "*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*"

**b. He is coming with clarity:** Revelation 1:7 "*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*"

**c. His coming brings conviction:** Revelation 1:7 "*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*"





## John F. Walvoord

All the earth will see this event, and it may extend over an entire twenty-four-hour period which in the earth's rotation would permit the entire earth to see it.

Walvoord, John F. *Jesus Christ Our Lord*. Galaxie Software, 2008. Print.

# 4. The Savior's Spiritual Biography Included 1:8

**a. He is God's Encompassing Word:** Revelation 1:8 *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*

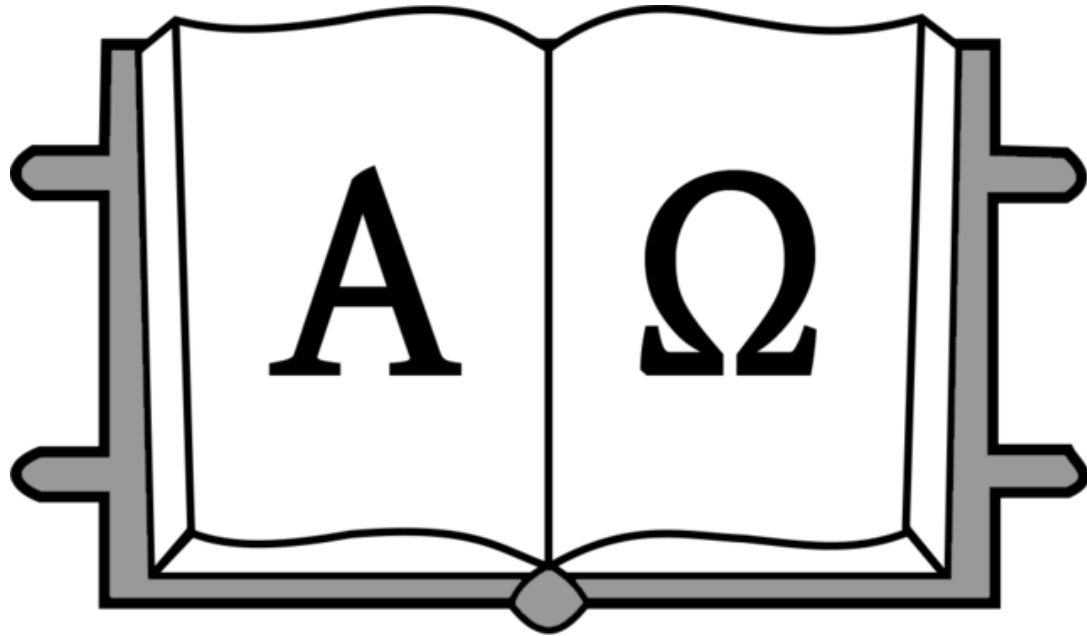
**b. He is God's Enduring Witness:** Revelation 1:8 *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*

**c. He is God, Everlastingly Worthy:** Revelation 1:8 *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*

**d. He is God's Eternal Worker:** Revelation 1:8 *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*

**e. He is God's Energetic Willingness:** Revelation 1:8 *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*





I am Alpha and Omega  
a. He is God's  
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# The Beginning and the Ending

Revelation 1:8 “I am Alpha and Omega, *the beginning and the ending*, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”



# I AM...The LORD

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# The Eternal God

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# The ALMIGHTY

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8

παντοκράτωρ [pan·tok·**rat**·ore]

‘the Almighty, the One who has all power.’<sup>1</sup>

the Almighty, All-Powerful, Omnipotent (One) only of God

Almighty

Pan•tok•rat•or

Omnipotent

# III. Supernatural Vision of Jesus 1:9-20

• “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. 19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”





# A. The Descriptive Revelation of Christ in the Vision

Revelation 1:9-16 "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

# 1. The Recipients of the Vision:

Revelation 1:9-11 “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.”



# a. The Faithful Elder

**1.) His Partnership:** Revelation 1:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

**a.) The Simple Familiarity:** Revelation 1:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

**b.) The Same Father:** Revelation 1:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

**c.) The Similar Fate:** Revelation 1:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

**d.) The Savior’s Followers:** Revelation 1:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

**e.) The Suffering Fellowship:** Revelation 1:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*



# The Faithful Elder Continued

**2.) His Prison:** Revelation 1:9 “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, *was in the isle that is called Patmos*, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

**3.) His Preaching:** Revelation 1:9 “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, *for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*”

**4.) His Pattern:** Revelation 1:10 “*I was in the Spirit* on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,”





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# The Faithful Elder Continued

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**5.) His Prophecy:** Revelation 1:10 "I was in the Spirit *on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,*"

**a.) The Time of Prophecy:** Revelation 1:10 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

**b.) The Thunderous Power:** Revelation 1:10 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

**c.) The Trumpet Pictured:** Revelation 1:10 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

**1.] A Call to Warning:** Numbers 10:2 "Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps."

**2.] A Call to Warfare:** Judges 7:18 "When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that [are] with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, [The sword] of the LORD, and of Gideon."

**3.] A Call to Worship:** Leviticus 25:9 "Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth [day] of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land."

# The Fellowship of the Elect

**b. The Fellowship of the Elect:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

**1.) The Titles of Christ:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, *I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:* and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

**a.) Christ is Encompassing Everything:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, *I am Alpha and Omega,* the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

**b.) Christ is Existing Eternally:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, *the first and the last:* and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."



# John wrote the details in a book called the Book of the Revelation on the Island of Patmos.

## The Fellowship of the Elect Cont.

**2.) The Total Command:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, *What thou seest, write in a book, and send it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

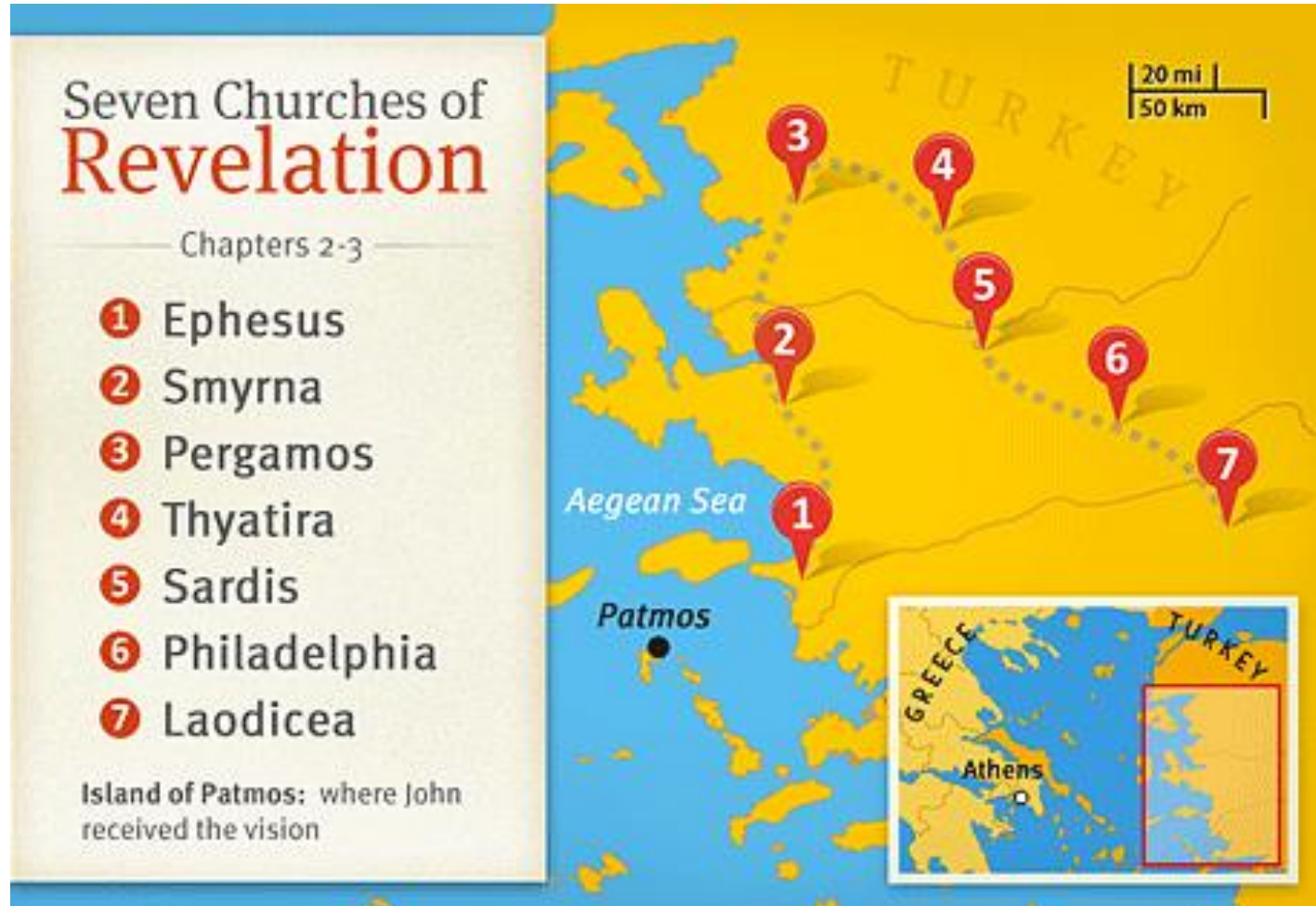
**a.) See It:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, *What thou seest, write in a book, and send it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

**b.) Save It:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, *What thou seest, write in a book, and send it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

**c.) Send It:** Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, *What thou seest, write in a book, and send it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."



# The Fellowship of the Elect Concluded



**3.) The Target Churches:**  
Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it *unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*"

# The 7 Churches of Asia Minor

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- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea



## 2. The Revelation of Christ in the Vision:

Revelation 1:12-16 “And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

## a. The Place of Christ: Revelation 1:12-13

**1.) The Seven Candlesticks:** Revelation 1:12 "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;"

**2.) The Savior in the Center:** Revelation 1:13 "*And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*"



## b. The Person of Christ: Revelation 1:13-16

**1.) The Garments of Christ:** Revelation 1:13  
"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, *clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*"

**a.) The Covering Garment:** Revelation 1:13  
"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, *clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*"

**b.) The Consecrated Girdle:** Revelation 1:13  
"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, *clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*"



## Description of the Son

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Clothed: In a robe reaching to the feet, and girded  
across His chest with a golden sash

Head & Hair: White like white wool, like snow

Eyes: Like a flame of fire

Feet: Like burnished bronze, when it has been  
made to glow in a furnace

Voice: Like the sound of many waters



## 2.) The Glory of Christ: Revelation 1:14-16

a.) **Christ's Hair Described:** Revelation 1:14 *"His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;"*

b.) **Christ's Eyes Described:** Revelation 1:14 *"His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;"*

c.) **Christ's Feet Described:** Revelation 1:15 *"And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."*

d.) **Christ's Voice Described:** Revelation 1:10 *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet...15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."*

e.) **Christ's Hand Described:** Revelation 1:16 *"And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength."*

f.) **Christ's Word Described:** Revelation 1:16 *"And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength."*

g.) **Christ's Glory Described:** Revelation 1:16 *"And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength."*

# Description of the Son

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Holding: In His right hand He held seven stars

Mouth: Out of His mouth came a sharp  
two-edged sword

Face: Like the sun shining in it's strength

## B. The Dramatic Result Caused by the Vision: Revelation 1:17-18

Revelation 1:17-18 “And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”





# 1. John's Reaction Revelation 1:17

**a. Personal Recognition:** Revelation 1:17 "*And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*"

**b. Powerful Response:** Revelation 1:17 "*And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*"



## 2. Jesus' Reassurance: Revelation 1:17-18

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**a. The Reassurance of Christ's Right Hand:** Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. *And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*"

**b. The Reassurance of Christ's Reply Heard:** Revelation 1:17-18 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, *saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*"

**1.) The Reassurance in Christ's Relation to Time:** Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, *Fear not; I am the first and the last:*"

**2.) The Reassurance of Christ's Resurrection in Triumph:** Revelation 1:18 "*I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*"

**3.) The Reassurance of Christ's Reign over the Terminal Events:** Revelation 1:18 "*I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*"



## C. The Duty Required by the Christ of the Vision

**1. An Exhortation to Record the Scriptures:** Revelation 1:19 *“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;”*

**2. An Examination of the Revelation’s Structure:** Revelation 1:19 *“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;”*

**3. An Explanation Regarding the Symbols:** Revelation 1:20 *“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”*

**a. The Mystery of the Symbols:** Revelation 1:20 *“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”*

**b. The Meaning of the Symbols:** Revelation 1:20 *“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”*

## 2 Views of the Angels

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- Heavenly beings

# Heavenly Beings View

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- Churches might have guardian angels.
- "Stars" refer to angels elsewhere in the Bible.
- The word "angel" (ἄγγελος) occurs 76 times in Revelation and is always a heavenly being.

## 2 Views of the Angels

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- Heavenly beings
- Human messengers

# Human Messenger View

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- Angels can refer to human messengers.
- The letters to the churches include the angel of each church.
- Angels are included in the chain of communication in (v1). Understanding the angels as heavenly beings would break the chain of transmission.

# Practical Application

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- Studying Bible prophecy brings a special blessing.
- God is in control.
- Jesus is at work in the local church.
- God loves and holds the local church leaders in his hand and watches over them.

Your Questions?



God's Answers

