

Revelation 1:3: “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”

The only book in the Bible that promises a blessing to everyone who reads it. What does this mean to you?

The disciple John was the youngest disciple and very close to Jesus. John was to be burned to death by being placed in boiling oil. John did not die, and as Roman law said he could not be put to death again, he was sent into exile to Patmos.

The book has seven letters to seven churches. The churches were not buildings, they were groups of Christians meeting in each others’ homes. The number 7 has significant meaning.

Jewish Numbers Referring to God:

#1 Unity, #2 Witness, #3 Holy Trinity, #4 Our World, #5 The Law, #6 Man (made on the 6th day), #7 Completion.

What does this mean to you?

Thief in the night or in full glory where every eye will see. How will Jesus return?

The Rapture will occur like a thief in the night, unexpected and very quick. After 7 years for the final battle, every eye will see.

Rev. 1:10 – “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, **“Write what you see in a book 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.”** What do the 7 churches represent?

When John describes Jesus, he is describing what Jesus looks like after His ascension to Heaven.

What are some of the meanings of Jesus’ appearance?

1. A robe reaching down to His feet – “A priest was the only one who kept his feet covered with a robe.”
2. A golden sash across His chest – the sign of a judge
3. Standing among the golden lampstands – the seven churches
4. His hair and head are white as snow – wisdom, holiness, and purity
5. His eyes like a blazing fire – intense eyes, we will be judged by fire some day
6. His feet like bronze, glowing in a furnace – His stance is white hot-firm and secure
7. 7 stars in His right hand – 7 messenger angels of the 7 churches
8. His mouth is like a two edged sword – Heb 4:12; “The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword.”
9. His face is brilliant radiance like the sun – so bright that it is difficult to gaze upon
10. His voice is like thunder – like a mighty waterfall

What does this symbolism mean to you regarding Jesus?

The Bible calls Jesus’s glory His “Shekinah” glory. What does this do to your image of Jesus?

John was most likely in his 80’s when he saw his savior Jesus again. What was his reaction?

Jesus told John, **“Don’t be afraid.”** What are you afraid of?