

## **“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”**

### **Revelation 1:1-11**

#### **Intro:**

- Talk about something that is revealed but previously hidden.
- Illustration: Finding out you were adopted.
- The revelation of (from) Jesus Christ is something that was previously concealed that is now being revealed.

**Reflecting on the Word:** What do we learn about the revelation of Jesus Christ?

#### **1. The Communication of the Revelation---From God to John (1:1-3)**

1. 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. ---**Genesis 37:5-11; Daniel 2:28-29; Revelation 22:6**
2. who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. -  
---**John 19:35; Revelation 12:17**
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.---**Psalm 1:1-3; 2:12**

#### **2. The Conveying of the Revelation (1:4-8)---From John to the Churches**

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,---**Isaiah 11:1-2**
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----**Colossians 1:13-20**
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.
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.---  
**Revelation 19:11-16**
8. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

### 3. The Command of the Revelation (1:9-11)---From the Voice to John

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,---**Revelation 4:2; 17:3; 21:10**
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."

**Responding to the Word:**

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### Word Studies

- **Revelation:** Communication of knowledge (previously hidden) to man by divine or supernatural agency especially communications that proceed from God or Christ
- **Gave:** To grant a request or allow someone to have what the person has request  
Aorist Indicative Active
- **Show:** To show, make known or bring to light, present or indicate to the view of others; Aorist Infinitive Active
- **Bondservants:** Slave, a person who is legally owned by someone else and whose entire livelihood and purpose was determined by their master
- **Must:** Necessary, to be unavoidably determined by prior circumstances sometime understood with contingency; Present Indicative Active
- **Take Place:** To happen or come about, come to pass; Aorist Infinitive Middle
- **Soon:** Quickness, a rate that is rapid, swiftness, a short time, soon, speed
- **Communicated:** To signify, indicate, report, convey, express a meaning  
Aorist Indicative Active
- **Angel:** A supernatural being created by God to serve Him and often functions as a messenger
- **Testified:** To testify or bear witness approvingly or offer first hand authentication in favor or in affirmation of someone; Aorist Indicative Active
- **Word:** Message or communication that is most often spoken but can come through other means
- **Word of God:** The content of the communications or documents produced by and representative of God and His mind often of a specific portion or topic
- **Testimony:** The verbal evidence of a witness by which something is affirmed to be true
- **Saw:** To perceive by sight or have the power to perceive by sight; Aorist Indicative Active
- **Blessed:** Characterized by happiness and being highly favored (as by divine grace)

- **Reads:** To read by saying something out loud that is written; Present Participle Active
- **Hear:** To listen or hear with attention; Present Participle Active
- **Words:** The content of the communication
- **Prophecy:** A representative declaration of the mind, will or knowledge of God especially concerning past, present or future manifestations of the outworking of His will or other events
- **Heed:** To observe and conform one's action or practice to
- **Time:** Occasion, time (or period of time) of a particular event
- **Near:** Close in time or place or relationship
- **Churches:** An orderly congregation or assembly specifically of those who trust in Jesus as the Messiah (or those who compose it)
- **Grace:** Goodwill freely disseminated (by God) especially to the benefit of the recipient regardless of the benefit accrued to the disseminator
- **Peace:** Harmonious relations and freedom from disputes especially during the absence of war
- **Spirits:** Supernatural being or any immaterial supernatural entity that is self-aware with powers to affect the course of human events; Holy Spirit
- **Throne:** The chair of state for a monarch or other official
- **Faithful:** Reliable, characterized by steadfast affection or allegiance to something or someone
- **Witness:** A person who makes a solemn statement (under oath) concerning their religious beliefs resulting in their death
- **Firstborn:** Preceding all others in time or space or degree and probably understood as still including all the rights and privileges that accompany being a physical firstborn
- **Ruler:** One who makes judicial decisions

- **Loves:** To have a great affection (takes pleasure in), cherishes or cares for or loyalty towards; Present Participle Active
- **Released:** To grant freedom to or free from confinement or some service  
Aorist Participle Active
- **Sins:** Guilt and estrangement from God
- **Made:** To make or cause to be or become  
Aorist Indicative Active
- **Kingdom:** The domain ruled by God as the sovereign king
- **Priests:** A person who performs religious duties and ceremonies to a deity
- **Glory:** Honor, understood as positive acknowledgment, recognition or esteem of someone's character, nature or attributes
- **Dominion:** Power to direct or determine and govern
- **Forever and Ever:** Era, a period of history having some distinctive feature
- **Behold:** Indeed
- **See:** To perceive by sight or have the power to perceive by sight  
Future Indicative Middle
- **Mourn:** To mourn demonstrably by beating one's chest  
Future Indicative Middle
- **Almighty:** Someone whose controlling influence over reality is unlimited and only referencing God
- **Brother:** Sibling believer understood as one's own siblings in God's family
- **Fellow Partaker:** A person who partakes of the same object as another
- **Tribulation:** Distress, affliction or an oppressive state of physical, mental, social or economic adversity
- **Kingdom:** The domain ruled by God as the sovereign king
- **Perseverance:** Steadfast endurance, the power to withstand hardship or distress especially the inward fortitude necessary

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- **Word of God:** The content of the communications or documents produced by and representative of God and His mind often of a specific portion or topic
- **Testimony:** The verbal evidence of a witness by which something is affirmed to be true
- **Spirit:** The transcendental, immaterial, rational existence that constitutes the essence of supernatural entities such as God, angels and human souls
- **Heard:** To perceive sound or have the power to perceive sound through the auditory sense; Aorist Indicative Active
- **Loud:** Great, remarkable or out of the ordinary in degree, magnitude or effect
- **Trumpet:** A sudden very loud noise of a trumpet
- **Write:** To communicate or express by writing  
Aorist Imperative Active