

I. An Introduction to The Book of Revelation Revelation 1

A. The Writer – John the **Apostle** (Revelation 1:1-4)

1a The **Revelation**(**laying bear; making naked; a disclosure of truth; instruction concerning things before unknown**) (Revelation 1:1a)

1. His **Investment** to John (Revelation 1:1b)

1b which **God** gave unto him,

2. His **Instruction** to John (Revelation 1:1c)

1c to shew **unto his servants** things which must shortly(**a small fixed position**) come to pass;

3. His **Identification** to John (Revelation 1:1d-2)

1d and he sent and signified(**a mark**) 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. (**HE WAS AN EYE WITNESS TO JESUS**)

- He wrote The **Word** of **God**
- He wrote the Testimony(**bearing witness**) of **Jesus**
- He wrote the things he **personally** witnessed

a. **Blessing** exposed (Revelation 1:3)

1) Happy **Reader** (Revelation 1:3a)

3a **Blessed**(**happy**) is he that readeth,

2) Happy **Hearer** (Revelation 1:3b)

3b and they that hear the words of this prophecy,

3) Happy **Doer** (Revelation 1:3c)

3c and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at **hand**(**near**).

b. The **subjects** for the message (**the 7 churches & Pastors**) (Revelation 1:4)

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**(**Eternal**); and from **the seven Spirits** which are before his throne;

B. Who the Writer Saw - The Subject John is writing about (**Jesus Christ**) (Revelation 1:5-8)

1. The Messiah (Revelation 1:5a)

5a And from Jesus Christ(**anointed Messiah**),

a. Witness (Revelation 1:5b)

5b who is the faithful(**trustworthy**) witness(**martyr**),

b. First Dead Birth (Revelation 1:5c)

5c and the first begotten(**first born**) of the dead(**corps**),

c. Top King (Revelation 1:5d)

5d and the prince(**chief**) of the kings of the earth.

2. What the Messiah did for the **church** (Revelation 1:5c-6)

a. **Loved** the church (Revelation 1:5c)

5e Unto him that loved us,

b. **Washed** the church (Revelation 1:5f)

5f and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

c. **High** Priest (Revelation 1:6)

6 And hath made us kings(**a sovereign**) and priests(**high priest**) unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

3. What the Messiah will do for **the church** (Revelation 1:7)

7 Behold(**see, look**), 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.

4. What the Messiah is and will **become** (Revelation 1:8)

8 I am Alpha(**beginning letter of the Greek Alphabet**) and Omega(**last letter of the Greek Alphabet**), the beginning and the ending(**termination**), saith the Lord, **which is**, and **which was**, and **which is to come**, the Almighty(**the ruler of all**).

C. What the **writer** saw (Revelation 1:9-10)

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion(**co-participant**) in tribulation(**pressure or affliction**), 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(**Sunday**), and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet(**a trumpet**),

1. Jesus in **His Glorified body** told him who the 7 churches were (Revelation 1:11-16)

11 Saying, I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **first and the last**(**last in time, place or rank**): and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto **the seven churches** which are in **Asia**(**the Orient**); unto **Ephesus**(**permitted**), and unto **Smyrna**(**myrrh**), and unto **Pergamos**(**height, or elevation**), and unto **Thyatira**(**odor of affliction**), and unto **Sardis**(**red ones**), and unto **Philadelphia**(**brotherly love**), and unto **Laodicea**(**Justice of the people**).

2. Jesus' **Glorified** body described (Revelation 1:12-16)

12 And I turned to see(**see with the eye**) the voice(**a sound; a tone**) that spake with me. And being turned, I saw **seven golden candlesticks**;

a. The **Same** As (Revelation 1:13a)

13 And **in the midst** of the seven candlesticks **one like unto the Son of man**,

b. His **Clothing** (Revelation 1:13b)

13b clothed with a **garment down to the foot**, and **girt**(**fasten garments with a belt**) about the **paps**(**breast**) with a golden **girdle**(**belt**).

c. His **Physical** Appearance (Revelation 1:14-16)

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**(**appearance**) was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Matthew 17:1-2

1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and **John** his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: **and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light**.

Luke 9:28-29

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and **John** and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, **the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering**(**be radiant**).

D. The Writer's **Response** (Revelation 1:17a-20)

1. Fell down in **fear**

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.

2. Jesus **touched** John (Revelation 1:17b-19)

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(**firm**); and have the keys of hell and of death.

3. Revelation's **Self-provided** Outline

19 Write the things which thou hast seen(**past**), and the things which are(**present**), and the things which shall be hereafter(**future**);

4. The first mystery is **exposed** (Revelation 1:20)

20 The mystery(**hidden thing**) of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels(**messenger**) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Conclusion:

There's always been a certain area of mystery and intrigue in the Book of Revelation. In reality, **God gives us the answers to the questions He wants us to know and leaves void or empty those places that he doesn't want us to know.** Some things we can handle. Some things we cannot. As we look into this wonderful book of a glimpse into **eternity past, present and future**, we need not get frightened as John did. **We need to realize that Jesus is in charge.** The things **we don't understand we don't need to stress over**; Jesus knows! The things that we can clearly see; we need to adapt our lives to better serve Him through our lives. Those things which are here to come; we should take those as an encouragement to continue to do the work as Jesus did while He was here on earth – **“seek and to save that which was lost”**. We get an insight of the future! With that we should look at what is coming with the expectation for ourselves, and a concern for those that may not know Christ! With this knowledge we should ready ourselves and drive ourselves to try to reach many of the lost to make sure they're safe so they do not have to face the judgment here to come. It's our insight to the judgment of God; and we need to do with it as we are instructed!