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Part 2

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.
(Rev. 22:10 NKJV)

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CHAPTER 1

¹ The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud 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.

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it 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.”

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of

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man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

¹⁹ Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. (Revelation 1:1-20 NIV) angels/messengers

Insights

His Father gave the revelation to Jesus Christ to impart it to His servant John who would pass it on to the messengers of the churches in the province of Asia, SW Turkey.¹¹¹ John describes the revelation by its visions. In spiritual metaphors of mysteries, the Lord explains the past and prepares us for the future.

Jesus Christ is the Man uniquely fathered when the Word of God was conceived in the flesh as His Son. The prophet Nathan was the oracle of God who foretold the son of David as the Son of God. His Word would become a Seed conceived by a virgin. (Lk. 2:21) By faith the daughter of David's bloodline received the Word of God for the birth of His Son. (Is. 7:14; Lk. 1:35) God had never lived as a man in mortal flesh before; then Yeshua was born, the eternal Word in flesh like ours. (Jn. 1:1-14; 14: 9-11)

His Word is the Reason for all that exists; therefore, nothing exists without reason; His reason is within it; otherwise, there would be no science.

With words as thoughts, He speaks to us and brings purpose into reality. He is the Life; apart from Him, life is absent. He made all things from nothing but wisdom *so that things which are seen were not made out of things which do appear.* (Heb.

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11:3b) His power holds it all together. (Col. 1:15-17). He spoke order into nature by symmetry and design. He formed atoms by the energy of His Word. He made the great expanse. He is nature's Lawmaker and life's Breath. (Gen. 2:7; Rom. 1:18-25)

His Word clarifies the obscure and teaches the fool wisdom. Yeshua is the Light that pierces spiritual darkness. He invades, disrupts, and defeats whatever rebels against its Maker. (2 Pet. 3:10-13) He overcame death and its place and is solely able to unveil His Revelation (in 5:5). As the Word of God, He is the Alpha *in the beginning* and the Omega at the *Amen*.

When the Seed of the Eternal Word was received in the seed of the virgin, God's Word united with mankind as David's Son. (Jn. 1:1-14; Gal. 3:19-20; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; Is. 7:14; 9:6; 2 Sam. 7:12-16) No rabbi imagined David's flesh and blood would be a Jewish virgin, but God spoke it in the beginning. (Gen. 3:15)

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father”? [Time-specific]

Or again,

“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”? [David's flesh and blood]
(Heb. 1:5 NIV; cf. Ps. 2:7; 2 Sam. 7:12-14; Is. 9:6)

Thus God became the Father of David's own flesh and blood whose seed was the virgin's that conceived the Son of God. His people rejected Him. Handing Him over to Roman soldiers, they crucified the Lamb though He paid for their sins as if He'd done the wrongs. It didn't seem to them that He was their Messiah, because they refused to believe the hard words of the prophets:

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. (Is. 53:7-8)

God suffers long and is kind. He laughs and He mourns. He is pleased and angered. He felt His Son's pain, and He knows ours. Israel broke His heart; yet He sees their tears and wipes

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them dry. God is compassionate but in judgment and in wrath is untouched by His adversaries. (Ps. 2:1-6; Ps. 37; Prov. 1:22-33; Mat. 13:41-43; 23; 24:45-51; 25:29-30; Mk. 9:44-49; Rev. 18:1-20)

Revelation was written to seven churches in SE Turkey from God who is on the throne; from seven Spirits of God, and from Jesus Christ who holds seven stars, an angel for each church. Imagine His greatness whose hand holds seven angels!

The One amid the Lamps

Unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1 Cor. 1:24-25) The Spirit covered Jesus in the Jordan, empowering Him while in the *likeness of sinful flesh*.

The writer, John, knew the Son of God was the eternal Word in the flesh, born to sacrifice His life for us. At Pentecost Peter spoke to Jews in Jerusalem, saying, *Repent and be baptized ... in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (from Acts 2:38)* ... *For verily he took not on him the nature of angels: but he took on him the seed of Abraham. (Heb. 2:16; cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-16)* Through the flesh of a mortal virgin, Jesus was born to save us from death; then sent us His Spirit whose nature guides believers to be like Him.

In the fear of God, we turn from evil, but if we spurn His fear, we'll die in our sins. Christ Himself feared God, and His cry was heard from Gethsemane. (Heb. 5:7) We can't love Him and remain in sin, but shunning sin, we overcome it by the fear of God in the power of Jesus Christ who lives in us to give life to our body by His victory over its sinful nature. As we believe, we live by the nature of His Spirit and die to the nature of our flesh.

The Father spoke by His Word through mortal flesh as the Son of man with the fullness of His Spirit. As His Word, His Son expressed the Soul of God. Jesus said, ... *If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (from Jn. 16:7)* He often spoke of Himself in the third person. His Spirit came to teach, comfort, convict, empower, and ultimately, to lead us out. Had Jesus remained on earth, He could not have come to each one of us as a personal Savior. Now He'll never leave or forsake us, since we who believe that His words are true live by faith in them; it's a spiritual relationship.

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Jesus depended on Abba for knowledge, wisdom, power, and authority. One with Him by His Spirit, He was the Word of God in the Spirit, hovering over the face of the waters and creating all things. (Gen. 1:2) He's the eternal Truth in the unchanging nature of God, the Reason by which all living things struggle to survive.

The voice he heard behind him stunned John like *the sound of a trumpet*, alerting him. Instantly, he was *in the Spirit*—what does that mean? There's another dimension to life that is not of this world; though only a man, John was there.

His Word is the Revelator, unveiling His glory to prophets who wrote visions for generations to find out. We also trust the words of the apostles; as eyewitnesses, their martyrdom proved them true. Many prophets before them had written about Jesus, and they saw their words fulfilled by the testimony of His life.

Every word of God is life to us, but hypocrites profess the faith without acting on His words by faith. Each time we receive His words and allow them to change our hearts, we turn from the darkness of our hypocrisies to the light of His truth.

He who is the Word of God holds *the keys of death and hell* (in Rev. 1:18): *⁴And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell. (Lk. 12:4-5)* The Almighty said, *I kill, and I make alive. (Dt. 32:39)*

Meteorologists describe tornadoes, earthquakes, wildfires, floods, hurricanes, lightning strikes, heat waves, cold fronts, droughts, volcanoes, tsunamis, and infestations. Although not far off, God controls the weather and judges nations too:

¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. ²¹ I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. ²³ Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? (Jer. 23:19-23)

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Though we sing God cares for a sparrow, do we believe He neglects the nations and doesn't control the climate very well either? Have we been deists, believing His greatness has left? We've gotten degrees from Babylon but haven't believed that God created everything; in doing this, we've absorbed her evil culture by receiving its words. But He has personally given us power to undo the damage and turn it around to the glory of God.

The first to read and hear Revelation were far from perfect churches but were examples for wherever their practices exist, even in the most sinful places. Obviously, God sees our sins; He calls them out in Revelation 2 and 3 and constantly warns us of sin. The church is in a perilous state under the influence of an ungodly culture, pressing her to compromise godly values, much like the church in Pergamos where the red dragon's throne was.

How do we use our time if we're eternally secure no matter what we do? Most of us have believed that teaching and have lived casually in this world because of it. Unconcerned about our destiny, we wonder why we must repent but have taken in the culture. We love convenience, covet wealth, and fall for sex; we watch what we shouldn't see and listen to things we shouldn't hear; it's idolatry and hypocrisy. We criticize rather than love but haven't judged ourselves. These are the ways of carnal and immature believers like those found out in the Revelation, given from Jesus to John for the churches.

The last verses of its first chapter prepare us for more of the mysteries in Revelation: past, present, and future events to John, most of which are history to us while some are daily news and others are yet to come. (Rev. 1:19) If we're bored by the Word, it's because we're blind to its contents; it's an irony.

Speaking to the congregations, Jesus addresses each of us in a personal way. His instructions are for everyone with an ear to hear, receive, repent, and obey the warnings of His words. That's what it means to believe; if we can't hear His warnings, we are not believing God. Living by faith in His words, we believe as we live by reliance on Jesus to obtain the goal of righteousness.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (Rev. 2:29) He speaks to you and me. He has many hidden treasures in the Kingdom but unveils its revelation for the one who overcomes to read, hear, and believe it; now let's do so.