

Chapter 1 - exhortation and introduction

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

1) Who is the revelation from?

1) When is this prophecy to start?

1) The angel was made known the times of the end, how does this compare to Matthew 24:36

3) What phrase is repeated in this verse, and is it significant that a phrase is repeated in scripture?

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, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and 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 tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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."

Attributes assigned to God	Attributes assigned to Jesus
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7) Here is a literal translation from the Greek:

Behold, he comes with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. Yes, amen.

7) See the change in tense with the literal translation?

7) Is it possible that this was a recent event and that the men who literally pierced Jesus saw him coming on the clouds?

According to Isaiah 19:1, who came on the cloud?

Read through verse 4, what happened to Egypt as a result of that coming?

7) Was there a significant event during John's lifetime where Jerusalem was destroyed?

7) Read Matthew 16:28

9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account 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 a trumpet 11 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." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

13) Read Ezekiel 2:1 and 2:8. What is a son of man?

13) Read Revelation 15:5, What were the messenger angels wearing?

Read Daniel 10:5-6, what was this mighty angel wearing?

Read Daniel 10:20, how much authority did this angel have?

14) From biblehub/topical=hair...*The imagery of wool is further employed in the book of Revelation, where the hair of the glorified Christ is described as "white like wool, as white as snow" (Revelation 1:14). This description emphasizes the purity, wisdom, and eternal nature of Christ, drawing a parallel between the whiteness of wool and divine holiness.*

14) Read Daniel 7:9

14) From biblehub/topical=eye...*The eye is frequently used to convey moral and spiritual truths. Jesus emphasizes the importance of the eye in spiritual matters in Matthew 6:22-23 : "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of dark.*

14) What is the significance of a flame of fire, vs just a light.

15) From biblehub/topical=bronze, here is the meaning of bronze: *In the construction of the Tabernacle, bronze was extensively used. Exodus 27:1-6 details the making of the altar of burnt offering, which was overlaid with bronze. The bronze altar was central to the sacrificial system, symbolizing judgment and atonement. The laver, used by the priests for washing, was also made of bronze.*

15) Read Isaiah 52:7, what are the qualities of a person's feet?

15) Read Malachi 3:1-5 to show the qualities of the messenger.

15) How does Jesus fulfill the qualities of the bronze altar and laver?

15) Read Psalm 29:3-4 and Job 37:4-5 and describe God's voice.

15) Read John 5:27, what attribute of God does Jesus now have?

16) Read Ecclesiastes 10:2, and Psalm 20:6.

16) Read verse 20, what are the seven stars?

16) Read Hebrews 4:12 and Ephesians 6:17, what is the sword?

16) In Exodus 34:29-30 it shows the radiance of Moses' face. Why was his face shining?

17) Jesus is the first, read 1 Corinthians 15:20.

17) Jesus is the last, read the parable in Matthew 21:33-37

18) Hebrews 2:14-17 speaks about the death Jesus suffered. Acts 2:24 and Romans 6:9 shows how Jesus no longer suffered from death.

18) We go to Hades/Sheol when we die, see Ecclesiastes 9:10. However, Jesus has the keys to the grave, see Hosea 13:14 and Psalm 49:15.

20) Stars are the angels of the churches, and lampstands are churches. We will see angels and stars fall from heaven, Jesus is talking about the church leaders.