

# Revelation Part 1

## - From Him who Loves us





Nicopolis

Apollonia

Neapolis

Mitylene

Adramyttium

Thyatira

Philadelphia

Sardis

Colossae

Attalia

Perga

Tarsus

Haran

Antioch

Seleucia

Damascus

Mount Hermon

Merom

Shechem

En-rogel

Sodom

Mount Halak

Teman

Alexandria

Cyrene

Lasea

Rhodes

Myra

Miletus

Areopagus

Cenchreae

Island of Patmos

Mount Ararat

Mount Hor

Salmis

Paphos

Babylon



# Focusing on the Future

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- Has anything happened that you thought you would never see in your lifetime?
- Why are we so focused on the future?





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## Revelation of Jesus Christ - Interpretations

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- Preterist View – 1<sup>st</sup> Century Roman Events
- Historic View – Symbolic Events
- Idealists View – Timeless Depiction of the Struggles of Good vs Evil
- Futurist View - Depicts Future Events

**Prologue**

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.

**Greeting to the Seven 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, 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."

**Q: Why did God give John the words for this book?**

A: To show His servants the things that must soon take place.

**Q: When is "soon?"**

A: Any moment!

**Q: What does reading aloud, understanding, and keeping the words of the prophecies provide?**

A: This is the only book of the bible that brings blessings when listening to it, learning it's meanings, and responding in obedience!!!!

**Q: How is Jesus described?**

A: Jesus who is, who was, who is to come: Jesus who brings peace; Jesus the faithful witness; Jesus the firstborn of the dead; Jesus the ruler of kings on earth; Jesus who loves us; Jesus who freed us from our sins by His blood; Jesus who made us a kingdom of priests to His God and Father; Jesus who will come in the clouds; Jesus who every eye will see; Jesus the beginning and the end: Jesus the Almighty!

## Vision of the Son of Man

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.

## Q: What characteristics does John share with us?

A: Persecution for our faith; membership in the Kingdom; anticipation Jesus coming millennial reign on earth; endurance and perseverance in difficult times

## Q: What does "in the Spirit" mean?"

A: This is not a dream; John was supernaturally transported out of the material world awake

## Q: Who is John directing the book to?

A: 7 churches on a mail circuit. 7 is the number of completeness; These 7 churches have been aligned around 7 church ages; directed to all in the church

## Q: How is Jesus described?

A: Dressed like the High Priest, nowhere else do we see a golden sash around the priest's chest: blazing white hair, symbolizing holiness; eyes like fire, able to penetrate into the souls of His churches; feet of brass, always representing judgement; voice of total authority; seven stars in right hand, Jesus holds the churches in His hands; two-edged sword, judgement

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.

**Q: What is Jesus declaring by saying He is the first and last?**

A: This is one of the many times that Jesus declares He is God (same name as Yahweh).

**Q: What does having the keys of Death and Hades indicate?"**

A: Death is the condition; Hades is the place. This is Jesus' declaration that He controls when and who lives, dies and where you go.

**Q: How does verse 19 outline the book of Revelation?**

A: John is to write about the past; the present, and the future. This is the outline, or key, to the book of Revelation.



## The Second Coming of Christ – Matt 24

- 29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



# The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4 –

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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Seven Letters to Seven churches

Church ages – Where are we Now

