

# Revelation 1

- Jesus Christ is made visible!
- A revelation: a gift from the Father
  - To be given by Jesus to His bond-servants
  - Communicated by an angel sent by Jesus Christ
  - To John, who
    - Testified to God's word and Jesus Christ
    - telling us ALL that he saw
- Readers, hearers and heeders
  - Are BLESSED because the time (*kairos*-era, the supreme moment, epoch) is near
- John's benediction writing to the seven Asian churches
  - Grace and peace
    - From Him Who is, was, and is to COME
  - And from the seven Spirits before HIS throne
    - Rev. 3:1, 4:5, 5:6; Isaiah 11:2
  - And Jesus Christ
    - Faithful witness John 18:37
    - First born (preeminent) from the dead
    - Ruler of the kings of the earth
- Exalted Doxology
  - To Him who loves us
  - And released us from our sins
  - By HIS blood
  - Made us to be a kingdom and
  - Priests to His God and Father
  - Glory and Dominion— Forever—Amen
- Behold, HE IS COMING! (The Theme of Revelation)
  - With the Clouds
    - Exodus 13:21-22; 16:10; 33:9; Num. 10:34
    - Matt 24:30; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27-28; Acts 1:9
  - Every eye will see HIM
    - Even those who pierced Him Acts 2:22-23
    - All the tribes of earth—Gentile nations
    - And will mourn (*kopto*) over Him Rev. 9:21
  - So it is to be!!!! AMEN
- Signed—By God 8
  - Alpha and Omega—He knows it all
  - who is and who was and who is to be—Eternal
  - The ALMIGHTY—No one can stop Him from Coming
- John's Setting
  - Relationship to church audience—Brother
  - Fellow Partaker of tribulation, kingdom and perseverance
    - On Patmos
  - being a witness for Jesus
  - On The Lord's day, In the Spirit
- The Command in a loud voice LIKE a trumpet-behind him
  - WRITE- what he sees
  - SEND-- to the Seven Churches

- He turns to see
  - Seven Golden Lampstands
  - in the middle of the lampstands
  - One LIKE the Son of Man (he knows the Son of Man)
  - Robe and Golden sash
  - His head and hair white, LIKE wool, snow
  - Eyes LIKE a flame
  - Feet LIKE burnished bronze
  - Voice LIKE the sound of many waters
  - His face LIKE the sun shining
  - His right hand— containing seven stars
  - His mouth—a two edged sword
- John's response to what he saw
  - Fell LIKE a dead man—fear, awe
- Jesus' response
  - Comfort—he touched Him
  - Assurance—Do not be afraid
  - Identifies Himself and His Authority
    - I am, the first and the last
    - living one
    - was dead—alive forevermore
    - holder of the keys of death and of Hades
- Christ's Clarifying Command to John
  - Write
    - What you have seen
    - The things which are
    - The things which will take place thereafter