

# Revelation Chapter One

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## Introduction

- Revelation as many of you know is called the Apocalypse as in great destruction and the end of all things.  
However this is not what Apocalypse means in Greek it means revealing as in the revealing of our lord and savior Jesus Christ to an unbelieving world.
  
- Revelation for the believer in Jesus Christ is not a negative but rather a positive for it is when our blessed hope the Rapture of the church begins GOD'S judgement of all sin. Yes, great evil transpires in the Revelation timeline however this is allowed to literally separate those whom love and accept our Lord Christ Jesus from those who ultimately only love themselves.

Eschatology: The study of End Times events.

Revelation written to seven churches of Asia.

## Background

- As a prisoner John's writings and correspondence were screened.  
John wrote in Christian code.
- There are over 800 references to the Old Testament prophets alone In Revelation. So Blessed is the one who reads this book of Revelation and double Blessed is the one who understands it. Because John knew to understand Revelation one also had to have the Blessing of knowing the scriptures.

John divided Revelation into an Outline of Timelines Plural.

- Chapters 1-3 are for us. The Church Age.
- Chapters 4 & 5 are both from Heavens perspective.
- Chapter 4 is the Rapture of the Church and Chapter 5 Christ is qualified to reclaim GOD'S title deed of the Earth as our Kingsman redeemer just like the book of Ruth.
- Chapters 6-19 of Revelation are on the Earth from Israel's perspective. It is the time of the antichrist.
- We live in the Biblical signs of our times. The Tribulation to come is the time of the signs.
- This time is also known as Daniel's 70th week or the time of Jacob's trouble.
- Jacob
  - The last of the 3 patriarch's or founders of Israel.
  - He was renamed from Jacob to Israel on a single night when he literally wrestled or contended with GOD. This what the name Israel means, to contend with GOD.
  - Jacob was sort of a scoundrel and unrepentant, so a good rule of thumb: when you see an OT prophecy for Jacob it usually means

unrepentant unbelieving Jews and when see prophecy for Israel it often means faithful Jewish people. Just like we as Christians will say saved or unsaved.

- Chapter 19 concludes with the 2nd Advent of our Lord Christ Jesus.
- Chapter 20 is the Millennial Kingdom of GOD, here on the earth ruled by Jesus.
- Chapter 20 concludes with the final judgement of Satan and all unbelievers at what is known as the Great White Throne judgement. Don't be there!
- Chapter 21 new heaven and earth for the bride of Christ
- Chapter 22 is not the end but when eternity begins!
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So again Revelation is an outline of timelines plural.

Often the details of said events and people are elsewhere in the Bible.

Numbers 7 is often referred to as the number of GOD. This is because it is the number of Perfect Completion.

Valley of Jezreel on the plains of Megiddo is where the final battle of Armageddon takes place as Jesus returns. Unrepentant Israel and the world will mourn at the battle of Armageddon for they have rejected Christ and abused His believers when they see Jesus return with great glory and with us.

Ignatius of Antioch, earliest surviving Bishop Pastor and writer, died in 108 AD around same time as John, clearly explained the Lord's day as Sunday. Some say John meant Day of Lord as in Second Coming.

### Symbols in Chapter One

- Lampstands: are these 7 churches with an Angel overseer over each church
- White Hair: symbolic of legal rightful judgement.
- Eyes of Fire are symbolic of all seeing purifying Judgement.
- Feet like bronze/brass; altar of sacrifice at the Temple was bronze.
- Voice like rushing water
- Sharp, double-edged sword; For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12  
Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13
- Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together. Isaiah 48:12-13
- Revelation is the last book of the Bible but not the last written. John as of yet did not feel he had anything else to offer than what was already written. John takes a uniquely now qualified view that only he has of how GOD

became a man and how Jesus came to us in order to provide His only “Way” to enter into Thy Kingdom Come. John’s take is from how GOD became man.

- The previous Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Dr. Luke were all 3 from a human perspective. This is what “synoptic” means as in a common viewpoint.

#### Scripture References

- For Revelation 1:7-8 (used)
  - Daniel 7:13-14
  - Zechariah 12:10-11 & 13:1
  - Acts 1:11
- For Revelation 1:12-14
  - Proverbs 16:31
- Jesus' return and His reward is with Him. we are His reward and return to the Earth with Him at the conclusion of the Great Tribulation.
  - Revelation 22:12
- For Revelation 1:15-16
  - Hebrews 4:12-13
- For Revelation 1:17-19
  - Isaiah 48:12-13
- Closing remarks for Christ & His thy Kingdom come:
  - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23
  - I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6