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The ancients tell us, John lived the longest of the 12 disciples; the original followers of the Lord; **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ.** In the King James Version we read the title given to this book: **The Revelation to John**; the disciple whom Jesus loved.

7 congregations of Revelation are typical of what will be until the Gentile time ends; which means they exist today! Only 2 need not reconsider: evidence they are the true church Jesus is building; who the 5 others are, is a mystery, Daniel says, they will go through great testing.



¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him to show to His servants, what must happen; and when it happens, it will be sudden.

And He made it known sending His angel, to His servant John,

² who testified to the word of God,

and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, of what he saw.

³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud, and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and guard to protect what is written in it. Because the time is near / it is close; it is very near!

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia / ekklesia, Jesus said, I will build My church. There is only one the good Pastor is building, though there are many gatherings – large or small where 2 or 3 meet – **He is even there** among His people, men and women, young and old, from every nation, tribe and tongue. **Paul says, built on the only foundation he set in place: and what is that foundation? Jesus Christ.** No other foundation exists... affirming there is only one church.

John speaks to the seven congregations that we will read about in chapters 2 and 3.

John to the seven churches which 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 before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, the Faithful witness, the First begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us, and freed us from our sins in His own blood,

prophet Isaiah elaborates on the seven Spirits, Isaiah 11

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⁶ and made us **a kingdom of priests** to His God and Father; **to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

⁷ Behold, He comes with clouds of witnesses, **and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him:** / when He comes ten thousand thousands will be with Him, nobody will miss it. These words speak to **the 6th and 7th Days of the Lord** that Moses told us about; when the Lord comes He will be attended not only with an entourage of the armies of eternity & **the Love of His life**; for them it will be a glorious day of victory; those on earth will try to run and hide;

but all peoples of the earth will wail because of Him / **Zechariah 12:10**, even so, Amen.

⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, **the Beginning and the Ending**, says the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

John affirms receiving this revelation,

⁹ I John, also your brother, and partner in the tribulation, kingdom and enduring patience of Jesus Christ,

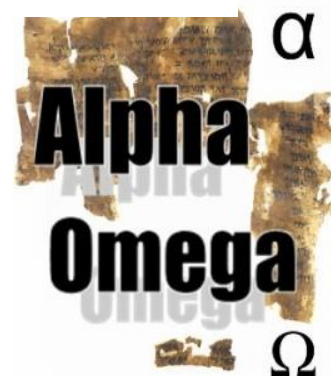
I was on the isle called Patmos, because of the word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ **I was in the Spirit on the Day of the Lord**, and heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet,

¹¹ saying, I am Alpha and Omega, **the First and the Last:**

Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira; to Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea / which is why we are reading this now, because the word was shared to 7 churches on the western coast of Turkey, indicating there will be many congregations illustrated by those churches, when Jesus the Messiah comes again in great glory.

¹² And I turned to see whose voice that spoke to me. And turning, I saw seven golden lampstands;



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¹³ and among the seven lampstands **was one like the Son of Man** clothed in a robe, and a sash about the chest with a golden belt.

¹⁴ The hair of His head was like white wool -- like snow; **and His eyes were like a fiery flame;**

¹⁵ **His feet like fine bronze, as if fired in a furnace;** and His voice like the sound of cascading waters.



¹⁶ And He had seven stars in His right hand: and from His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: **and His face shined like the sun, shining in its strength.**

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He laid His right hand on me and said, **Do not fear; I am the First and the Last:**

¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead; but look, **I am alive for evermore, Amen;** **and hold the keys of hell and of death.**

The Outline of the Revelation,

¹⁹ Write the things **which you have seen** and the things **which are** and the things **which will be hereafter** / this massive revelation comes from God the Father, empowered by the Spirit, through the unveiling of the Risen Lord who is very much alive -- chapter 1. The Lord cares about the church He is building; the 7 congregations seem to reflect an outline of the History of His church during the time of the Gentiles -- **Revelation 2 and 3**; what to expect until the Gentile time ends, so watch.

²⁰ The **mystery of the seven stars** which you saw in My right hand, and the **seven golden lampstands**. The **seven stars** are the angels in the seven **congregations** / the messengers... brightly shining -- who give glory to God, teaching all His word and His ways; / the Lord is where even 2 or 3 gather in His Name; moving among the church He is building; He is the good Pastor; who gave His life who cares for His people, Daniel says, **they will shine like the stars of the heavens**; those who shares this good news of our Lord...in assemblies small and great:

the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven congregations.

Not complicated: the Lord says: Mystery solved! **Salvation is Your Name** **JESUS it is YOU**

This is My Father's Word

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His Sheep Hear His Voice and Follow Him