

REVELATION - Intro

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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**; so, to the disciple whom Jesus loved.

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him / Jesus Christ, to show to His servants / starting with John... things which must shortly come to pass.

a better translation;

things... which -- in God's time... when they happen... will be sudden.

And He sent and signified by His angel, to His servant John.

² who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

³ Blessed is he who reads and they who hear the words of this prophecy,

and keep / in Greek: tereo, guard to protect...

those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand / it's short; it's near; and if 1,000 years is like a day to the Lord; it's very near!

⁴ John to the seven churches / in Greek: ekklesia, Jesus said, I will build My church. There is only ONE church the good Pastor is building, and it is comprised of men and women, young and old, from every nation, tribe and tongue. It is not comprised of one brick or stone. **Paul says, built on the only foundation that 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 / from God our Father in heaven... who is, and who was, and who is to come;

and from the seven Spirits / prophet Isaiah elaborates, Isaiah 11 which are 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.



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To Him who loved us, and loosed us from our sins in His own blood,

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

⁷ Behold, He comes with clouds / so we are learning about the great **Day of Wrath**; **the 6th Day of the Lord that Moses told us about**; when the Lord comes... He will be attended not only with an entourage of the host and armies of eternity; **and** also with the Love of His life; it will be a glorious day of victory;

and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him:

and all kindreds of the earth will wail / a lot of: Oh, bleep!!

because of Him / **Zechariah 12:10-14:7**, 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 / so the Lord is a little different than us.

John affirms receiving this revelation,

⁹ I John, who also am your brother / John is no fake father, and companion in tribulation,

and in the kingdom and *enduring* patience of Jesus Christ,

was on the isle that is called Patmos,

for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,

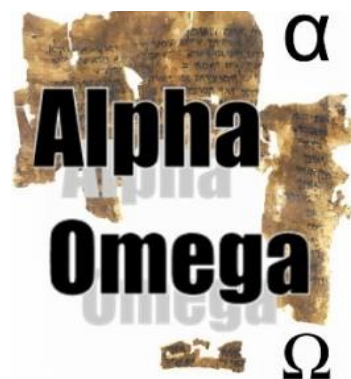
and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

¹¹ saying, I am Alpha and Omega,

the First and the Last:

and what you see,

write in a book / which is what we are reading now,



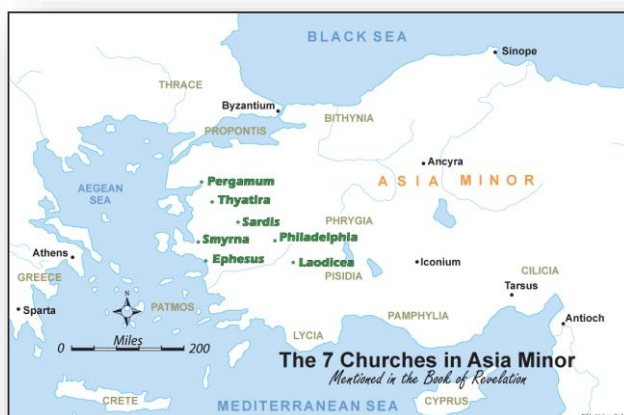
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and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia;

to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira; to Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea / 7 church congregations... encircling the western coast of modern day Turkey... among many that existed during the days of John, the disciple... their names and narratives not merely historic, but also emblematic of the church leading up to the revelation of Jesus the Messiah... when He comes again in great glory.



¹² And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me.

And turning, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

¹³ and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like the Son of man / the Lord is wherever 2 or 3 gather in His Name; ceaselessly, tirelessly moving among the church He is building;

Remember: He is the good Pastor; who gave His life for His sheep,

the Son of man... clothed with a garment down to the foot, and belted about the chest with a golden belt.



¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire;

¹⁵ and His feet like fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;

and His voice as the sound of many waters.

¹⁶ And He had in His right hand seven stars:

and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword / His word is powerful:

and His countenance was as the sun shines in His strength.

¹⁷ And when I saw Him,

I fell at His feet as dead / something we all would do; in this, we all are very similar to John.

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And He laid His right hand on me, saying to me,

Fear not;

I am the First and the Last:

¹⁸ **I am He who lives, and was dead;**

and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;

and have the keys of hell and of death / in other words, as the Lord gently placed His hand upon John probably to lift Him and help Him stand... so He could talk with Him; the good Pastor assures John... knowing what He is about to reveal to John; the Lord, the First and Last... assures John that He has no competition; no matter what John sees, no matter what some local town drunk might claim.

The Outline of the Revelation,

¹⁹ **Write the things which you have seen** / this revelation comes from God the Father, empowered by the Spirit, through the revelation of the Risen Lord... who is very much alive -- chapter 1,

and the things which are / the Lord is concerned about the church He is building; the 7 congregations will reflect and outline the History of His church during the time of the Gentiles -- **Revelation 2 and 3**,

and the things which will be hereafter / including answers to several questions we might have as the time of the Gentiles comes to an end;

starting with: things in heaven... the Lamb is the only one capable to open the seals, thereby He has the authority to reign; His wedding celebration will take place soon, but first he has a handful of things to do -- **Revelation 4 and 5**.

In my Bible, verse numbers that apply to things in heaven are: **blue**; what applies to things on earth: **green**

1. What happened to the missing shabua / the 70th week... of Daniel?

Revelation 6 through 19: detail the final 7 years of the Gentiles; and no, it is not the end of the world!

2. What happened to the 5th day of the Lord, the Feast of Trumpets?

Revelation 6:1-11: somewhere in these verses the Day has come; the church is **not appointed unto God's wrath, but unto salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

3. What happened to the Good News?

Revelation 7: concurrent things in heaven: after the faithful church is gone; lots of people will be going to church the next Sunday... looking like Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis or Laodiceans. 144,000 of God's people from both ancient Houses: **Israel** and **Judah** will be sealed during the first part of the great tribulation; later, they, are grabbed up. The shaking awake took place -- Haggai 2; Ezekiel 36; Hebrews 12.

4. What happened to **the 6th day of the Lord**, the Day of Wrath?

Revelation 6:17; Revelation 8:1 halfway... 7 trumpets announce successive terrors in measured increments to awaken individuals to what was once: a mystery of God... which is Christ Jesus, Head of His body, the church; no more a mystery **8:11** *And the name of the star is called Wormwood*, in Russian: *Chernobyl... a third part of the waters became bitter*.

Lots of things in this revelation are moving that direction as the Gentile nations race toward Armageddon. Revelation 16 and 19 also detail the Day.

Revelation 9: finally, the time comes when no one reconsiders; no metanoia; no one changes their thinking.

Revelation 10: concurrent things in heaven.

5. What happened to Jerusalem?

Revelation 11: Sometime in the last 3 ½ years, two prophets appear in the ancient city; perhaps, Moses and Elijah... I bet those 2 could draw a crowd! Apparently, they do their job well and are murdered; so, the diplomatic corps and private industry, 7,000 leaders of the world... gather ostensibly to give their heartfelt condolences; and the Lord causes an earthquake to take care of business... putting a lot of them out of a job; as well as promoting a lot of once sour-faced VP's and secretly angry underlings!

Revelation 11-12: concurrent things in heaven.

6. What happened to the Houses of Israel and Judah?

Revelation 12: Micah 4 and 5: Daughter of Zion; the ancient peoples who are descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; who were to be caretakers of those birthright promises; people intended to be a blessing to the rest of the world... and not a curse. **The 3 failed miserably – Zechariah 11**, yet they will become one in the hand of the Lord to do a clean-up job – Ezekiel 37.

7. What happened to the great deceiver and enemy of our soul?

Revelation 12: Michael and His friends kick them all -- 1/3 of them out of the heavens; so Michael and friends have been busy... checking every niche, that not a place was found for any of those dim-wit fools any more.

8. What happened to the final bestial government?

Revelation 13: still around today... hard as iron like ancient Rome, *destroying until the whole world is broken*; 10 prominent political leaders sharing the same mindset... and probably their countries resources, too; Daniel says, and Paul agrees... an 11th world stage stooge... is the worst of them all. John writes: *he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword*; until the Lord Himself comes and smashes Daniel's 4th and final bestial government. For now, follow the money!

Turn on the TV news, or check the internet; you will see them smiling for the cameras.

9. What happened to the 144,000?

Revelation 14: they finished their work, nobody else responded to the Good News; so the teachers and evangelists have been grabbed up to heaven, too. As things intensify, 7 angels are given the assignment to continue announcing the Good News... just in case one hard head changes his or her mind.

Revelation 14: Finally, things are unraveling on earth: faithless Babylon, the Mother of whores... tired and old Rome in her pursuit of global dominance hard as iron, breaking and destroying... with all her crusty traditions pasted on her... has finally fallen; and with no one who cares to help... she can't get up;

Revelation 15: God Himself enters the most holy place... He is alone and does not want to be interrupted... as God our Father deals with the last days of the Gentile nations... so uncharacteristic of His first loving intentions... when, in the beginning... by faith He said, Let Us make Adam - and all who would come from Him... in Our Image, and in Our likeness.

Revelation 16: the Day of Wrath, the 6th great Day of the Lord has come. 7 plagues are poured out, yet, nobody seems to change their thinking; only hard heads populate the planet.

Even the politicians of the East are getting prepared for the great Armageddon day.

10. What happened to the false prophet? / This is not the Antichrist, the 11th political leader.

Revelation 16: some false prophetic system, a governing beast is needed to help work their supposed miracle of gathering together the nations – you know, uniting the nations... a futile plan that won't succeed ... *to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

11. What happened to Babylon the great, the Mother of whores and abominations of the earth?

Revelation 17 and 18: this faithless whore with grandiose ambitions, she is not the Bride of Christ -- that's the next chapter; although she swears *she is no widow*; which means she swears she is married to somebody – was she married to herself? She has global intentions, *where she sits are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages*... so anybody with half a brain functioning should be able to turn on TV and see who this faithless Whore with her admirers is. She has created a global monetary system.

Daniel says, the 4th beast government he saw... is the last government / Daniel 2, 7, 8; so that is Rome.

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The beloved disciple John concurs when he says: *the beast that was, and is not, and yet is*... well, when John was writing... that was Rome; obviously, he saw a roman transformation to something no longer regional, but global; I bet like all those bobbing heads who gather in Brussels. The merchants and magistrates of the world having been enriched by associations with this faithless Whore... they are shocked. Notice: it is musicians who are last... to turn out the lights in that city. Party is over!

12. What happened to the church?

Revelation 19: The Love of His life; already with the Lord; not appointed unto wrath. Gone! Taken on the **5th great Day of the Lord; the Feast of Trumpets!** Time for the wedding celebration... when the Lord drinks... *more of the fruit of the vine in the kingdom of God!* And NO, He is **not** drinking His **blood!**

Revelation 19: the Lord pauses in His marriage celebration... to take care of a little business on earth; and a whole lot of bird brains are going to work on the cleanup crew. **Ezekiel 39 talks about the cleanup.**

13. What happened to the 7th Day of the Lord?

Revelation 20: Now, that everyone who was out of place... is in their place, it is time for those on the earth to celebrate. Zechariah tells us this **Day** will be a perpetual season of thanksgiving, of joy and rejoicing as the King of kings and Lord of lords comes (with a rod of iron) to reign probably for 1,000 years.

Hallelujah!

²⁰ The **mystery** of the **seven stars** which you saw in My right hand,

and the **seven golden candlesticks.**

The **seven stars** are the angels / the messengers... the brightly shining individuals – giving glory to God, teaching all His word and all His ways; **Daniel says, they will shine like the stars of the heavens;** whoever it is who shares this good news message of our Lord... **in the seven churches / the congregations:**

and **the seven candlesticks** which you saw are the seven churches / the congregations.

Not complicated: the Lord says: Mystery solved!



His Sheep Hear His Voice and They Follow Him