A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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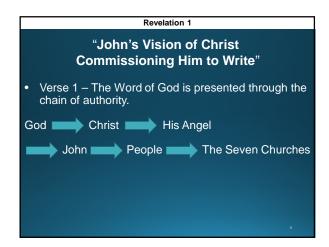
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Can It Be Understood?

Revelation 1:1-3, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, (even) the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified (it) by his angel unto his servant John; who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, (even) of all things that he saw. <u>Blessed</u> is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand."

Message Of The Book Revelation 17:14

"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."





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Revelation 1

Identity of Jesus Christ (verses 5-8)

- 1. Faithful witness, exact truth (verse 5). (John 5:36-39; John 8:14; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 18:36-38)
- Firstborn from the dead (verse 5). Colossians 1:18;
 Corinthians 15:20. He brought to nought the power of the devil (Hebrews 2:14-15; cf. Isaiah 53; Acts 2)
- 3. Ruler over the kings of the earth (verse 5). Ephesians 1:19-21; Daniel 7:13-14; Daniel 2:44; Philippians 2:9-11 (Acts 2:33-36)
- 4. Loved us (John 13:34) and washed (loosed, 7:14) us from sin (verse 5). Matthew 26:28; Romans 3:23-26; 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14, 22, 25-28

Jesus is a prophet, priest, and king. He is portrayed *as "the faithful witness"* (prophet), "the firstborn from the dead" (a priest who sacrificed himself), and "ruler of the kings of the earth."

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- Made us kings (a kingdom ASV), and priests (verse 6). Exodus 19:5-6; Revelation 5:9-10; 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Colossians 1:13; Note: Zechariah 6:12-13
- 6. To Him be glory and dominion (verse 6). Daniel 7:13-14; Hebrews 12:27-28; Acts 2:36; Ephesians 1:19-23; 1 Corinthians 15:23-28; Revelation17:14
- 7. Is coming in the clouds (verse 7). Acts 1:9-11; cf. Philippians 2:10-11
- "I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." verse 8 (pantokrator) appears eight other times in Revelation and applies to the Father (4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:15; 21:22; translated "omnipotent" in 19:6).

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- Companion in "the tribulation." Revelation 7:14-17
 He was there for the same reason the souls under the altar had been slain (6:9-10).
- Companion in "the kingdom." Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:6; 5:10
- Patience (endurance). Revelation 14:12-13

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- "In the spirit" Direct revelation. cf. Revelation 4:2; 21:10; 2 Corinthians 12:1-7
- "On the Lord's day" A day of worship the first day of the week.
 - Day the Lord was raised from the dead. Matthew 28:1ff
 - Day the church of the Lord began. Acts 2 (cf. Leviticus 23:15-16).
 - Day the disciples partook of the Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7
 - Day the disciples contributed. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

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John describes the "voice" as a "great trumpet." (verse 10)

- In the OT God often gathered His people by the sound of a trumpet. cf. Exodus 19:16, 19; Leviticus 25:9; Joshua 6:5; Isaiah 58:1, etc.
- This voice demanded immediate attention. (verse 12)

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 Revelation 1:11, "What thou seest, write in a book (It is inspired Scripture. Ephesians 3:3-5; 1 Corinthians 2:11-13),

and send (it) to the seven churches: unto <u>Ephesus</u>, and unto <u>Smyrna</u>, and unto <u>Pergamum</u>, and unto <u>Thyatira</u>, and unto <u>Sardis</u>, and unto <u>Philadelphia</u>, and unto <u>Laodicea</u>."

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