

# A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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## Resources used:

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- Revelation (Truth Commentaries) by Robert Harkrider
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- Revelation by Donnie Rader
- Studies In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
- The Old Testament In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
- The Revelation Of Saint John The Divine by G.B. Caird
- The Book of Revelation by Foy E. Wallace
- The Avenging of the Apostles and Prophets by Arthur M. Ogden
- Worthy Is The Lamb by Ray Summers
- Written exchange on "The Domitian Persecution" between Arthur M. Ogden and Ferrell Jenkins presented in Searching The Scriptures, June 12, 1989, pages 7;12

## 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. Blessed 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."***

### Revelation 1

#### "John's Vision of Christ Commissioning Him to Write"

- Verse 1 – The Word of God is presented through the chain of authority.

God → Christ → His Angel  
→ John → People → The Seven Churches

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##### Salutations to the Seven Churches (verses 4-8, 11)

- Grace and peace* (verse 4)
- From God* (verse 4; cf. Exodus 3:14)
- Seven Spirits* (verse 4; John 16:13)
- From Christ* (verses 5-8)

**Seven Churches:**  
7 implies perfection – Universal in application.  
– There were at least three other churches in Asia: Troas (Acts 20:5), Hierapolis (Colossians 4:13), and Colossae (Colossians 1:2).

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## 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)
2. Firstborn from the dead (verse 5). Colossians 1:18; 1 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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5. 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; Revelation 17:14
7. Is coming in the clouds (verse 7). Acts 1:9-11; cf. Philippians 2:10-11
8. "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 Ephesus,  
and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto  
Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and  
unto Laodicea.”*

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