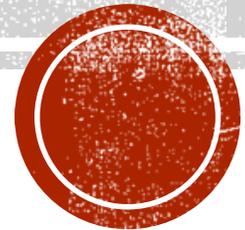


REVELATION 1

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OUTLINE

- 1-3 - Introduction
- 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
- 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
- 19 - Outline of the Book
- 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3



REVELATION 1:1-3

- Revelation of Jesus Christ
- God gave Him to show His servants
- Things which must shortly take place
- He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John
- Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.



REVELATION 1:4-11

- Asia is used as province of the Roman Empire (Asia Minor) Western 2/3 of Turkey
- John, to the seven churches which are in Asia
- The faithful witness
- The firstborn from the dead
- And the ruler over the kings of the earth.
- To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own
- blood, and has made us **kings and priests** to His God and
- Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.**
- Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him
- “Yes Lord, **let it be so.** According to your will, may it be.”



REVELATION 1:4-11

- and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne
 1. Seven Trumpets (8,9)
 2. Seven Bowls (15; 16; 17:1; 21:9)
 3. Seven Churches (1:4, 11,20; 2; 3)
 4. Seven Angels (8:2,6; 15:1,6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9)

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,

The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

(Isaiah 11:2)



REVELATION 1:4-11

- **Kings and Priests**
- Kings from Judah
- Priest from Levi
- Except for these 3 People
- Melchizedek (Genesis 14, Hebrews)
- Jesus
- You and I (Revelation 3:6)



REVELATION 1:4-11

- “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
- Who is speaking?



JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- The Gospel of John
- Three Epistles
 - 1 John - Sermon on Love
 - 2 John - Personal letter to Mary?
 - 3 John – Personal note to Gaius
- The Apocalypse (Revelation)



JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- Born at Bethsaida to Zebedee and Salome
- Galilean fisherman
- In partners with Peter and Andrew
- Early disciple of John the Baptist
- Well connected
- High Priest, Nicodemus, et al (John 18:15)?
- One of the inner circle
- Mt. Transfiguration (Matt. 17) Peter, James and John
- Raising of Jairus' daughter (Matt:18)
- Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24)
- Gethsemane (Matt. 26.37)
- Assigned care of Mary (John 19:26)
- Ultimately retires to Ephesus aft his exile



JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- Ultimately retires to Ephesus after his exile (81-96 AD)



THE PATMOS EXILE

- Exiled by Domitian (81-96 AD) the brother of Titus who destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- History
 - **Hippolytus:**
 - John was first plunged into a boiling oil, and then sent to this island exile
 - **Victorinus:**
 - John was forced to work in the mines that were located on Patmos
 - **Irenaeus, Clement, and Eusebius:**
 - After Domitian dies, John returned to Ephesus, went to the churches, and appointed leaders, and set things in order



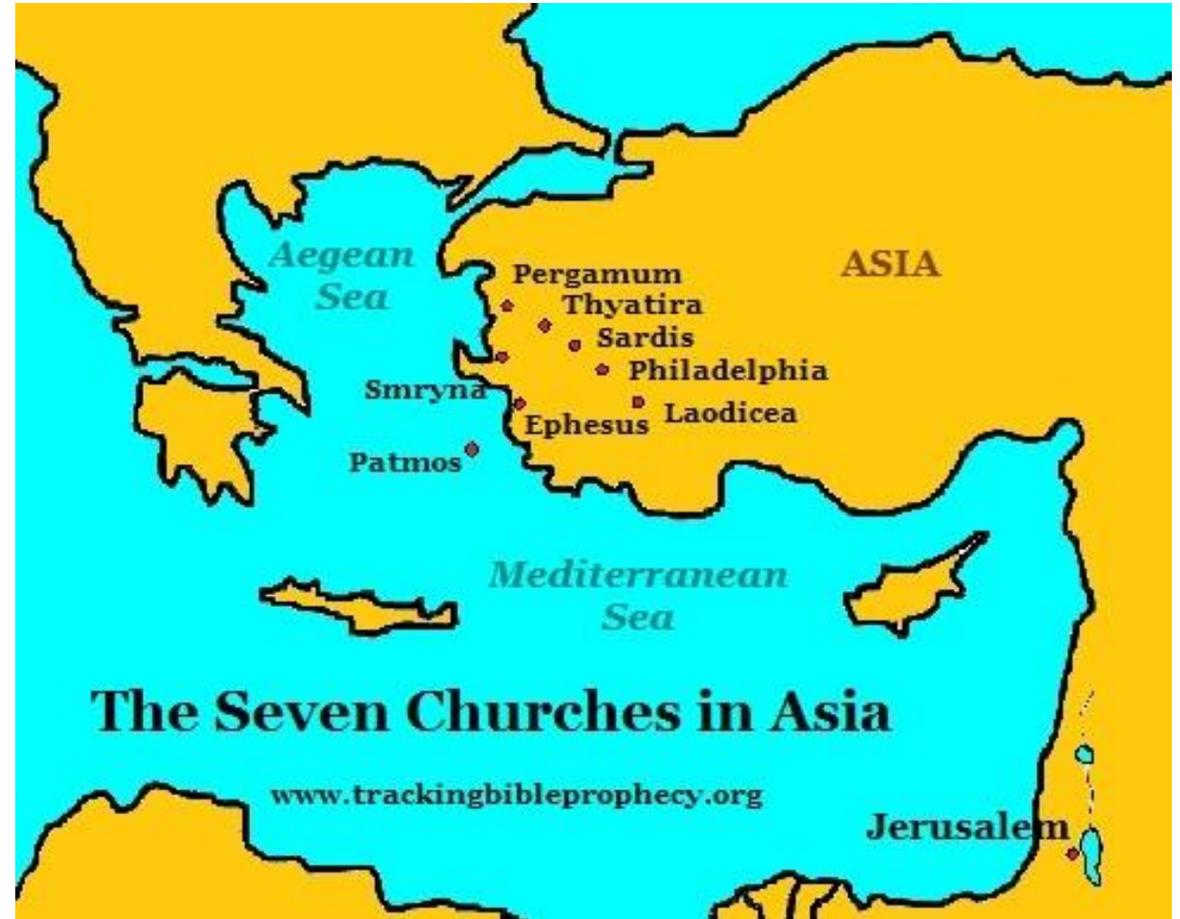
REVELATION 1:10

- I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,
- What day is the Lord's Day?
- Seventh Day ordained in Eden (Genesis 2)
- Observed before the giving of the Law
 - Did not gather manna on Shabbat (Exodus 16)
 - Law given at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20)
- Antichrist will seek "to change the times and laws" (Daniel 7:25)
- "Do not move the ancient landmarks..." Proverbs 22:28
- Millennial Temple only be open on Shabbat and the new moon (Ezekiel 46:1)
- The Lord's Appointed Times (Leviticus 23)
- Paul "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ." Colossians 2:16-17



REVELATION 1:11

- **The seven Epistle of Jesus Christ**
- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamos
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea



REVELATION 1:12-18

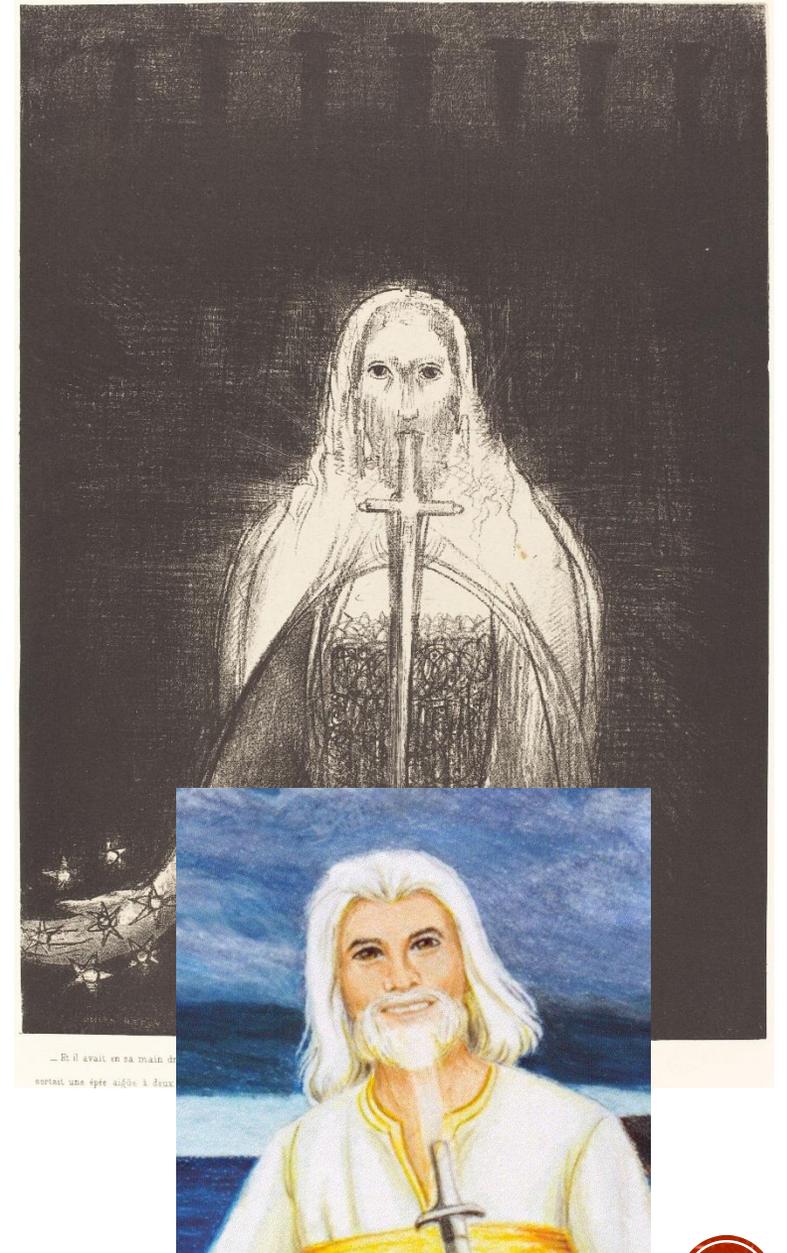
- **The vision of the Risen Christ**
- The as and like (use of **simile**)
- Metaphor are the same without the as and like

- For more info – using of Bible concordance
- Brass
- First in Numbers 21:4-6 (Brass snake created)
- Destroyed by in Hezekiah 2 Kings 18:4 (Brass snake destroyed)
- ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but^[a] have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)



REVELATION 1:12-18

- He had in His right hand seven stars
- out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword
- His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength
- ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- Hebrews 4:12
- ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (Ephesians 6:17)
- ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. (Matthew 17:2)



REVELATION 1:12-18

- I am the First and the Last (Rev. 1:11, 17)
- Isaiah 41:1 | Isaiah 44:6 | Isaiah 48:12 | Rev. 1:11, Rev. 1:17 |
- 8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,
- “These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life (Rev. 2:8)
- ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last.”
(Rev. 22:13)



REVELATION 1:12-18

- Hear & Head Dan. 7:9
- Eyes: Flame of fire Hebrews 4:13 | 1 Corinthians 3:13 | Malachi 3:2 | Daniel 10:6
- Feet: symbol of way: Brass → judgment (Brazen serpent: Numbers 21) | Daniel 10:6
- Voice: Many waters Ezekiel 1:24 | Ezekiel 43:2 | Daniel 10:6
- Right Hand: 7 stars, lampstands, in the midst;
- Mouth: two-edged sword: Hebrews 4:12 | Ephesians 6:17 | Isaiah 49:2
- Judges unbelievers John 12:48
- Earth smitten Isaiah 11:4
- Antichrist consumed 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- Countenance: Sun Matthew 17



REVELATION 1:19-20

- **The Divine Outline of the Book of Revelation**
- Write the things which you have seen, (The vision of Christ (Rev. Chap. 1))
- and the things which are (Rev. Chap. 2 and 3)
- and the things which will take place after this. (Rev. Chap. 4-22)

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 of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Where are the location of the lampstands at the time of Rev. 1?

Why Lampstands?

Why these seven churches

List all the church that in the new testament that are not mentioned

