

Revelation Ch. 1

The world says there is no God, Revelation "un-veils" Jesus, God, in His glory.

V: 1a *"The revelation of Jesus Christ,..."*

- From which we get the title of the book.
 - "The" – singular not plural!
 - "Revelation" - singular
 - Not the concealing or apocrypha / hiding,
- Greek: - "[apocalypse](#)" = un-veiling, un-covering, to reveal, revelation.
- Jesus Christ revealed as mighty conquering King in his glory, as opposed to the suffering servant, Lamb of God.
- This is not a "complete" revelation of Jesus because we couldn't handle it.

Exodus 33:11-23 Moses asks for and is allowed to see God's glory in part, God protects Moses because a complete revelation would kill him.

V:1b *"to show his servants"*

Habakkuk 2:2-3 “And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

- He wants us to understand and know.
- Later in this book he reiterates this same message.

Revelation 22:10 “And he saith unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.”

- Daniel was a closed book, he was instructed to seal it.

Daniel 12:9 “And he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

- Mark describes the parables as being for believers to understand, as opposed to non-believers.

Mark 4:11-12 “¹¹And he said unto them, unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: ¹²That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.”

1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Ephesians 1:3-10 Faith first, then understanding.

Ephesians 1:3-10 “³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: ⁴According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: ⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. ⁷In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; ⁸Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; ⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: ¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him:”

- Servants, who are God's servants?

Psalms 103:21 “Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do his pleasure.”

John 8:31-32 “... if ye continue in My word, then are Ye my disciples indeed; ³²and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 13:35 “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another.”

1 John 3:9-10 “⁹Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

2 Peter 2:19b “... for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage..”

- If Jesus is your personal Lord and Savior then...

V:1c " ... *things which must shortly come to pass;*"

1. decimation of world population
2. sun scorching the earth
3. global drought & famine
4. oceans polluted, sea life killed
5. new diseases, pestilence
6. The Anti-Christ, the False Prophet, one world order, one world religion, the mark of the beast.
7. and, oh yes! VICTORY!

Romans 16:20 "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

- "*Must*": it will happen, it has too, God said it!

Psalms 138:2 "... *for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*"

Note: These events are prophetic and don't fit into a historical interpretation.

- "*Soon*": the time is near, eminent, expectancy.
- The fullness of the Gentiles is the determining factor in the timing of the rapture, end of the church age, and ensuing 70th. Week of Daniel.

Romans 11:25 "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in."

- The steps of revelation:
 1. God the Father to Jesus Christ.
 2. Jesus to the angel.
 3. The angel to John
 4. John to the servants

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

- The book of Revelation is that "joy" that was set before Jesus, the culmination of the very reason He came to begin with.

V: 2 John is telling what he saw with his own eyes, he's giving an eyewitness account.

- Everything he saw, past tense, a historical perspective.
- The word of God - the Bible, the living word - Jesus.
- John is simply the instrument used to record this account.
- John makes similar statements in his gospel and epistles stating: "I testify to what I have seen."

1-John 1:1-3 ¹"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; ²(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) ³That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

V: 3 Blessing pronounced upon:

- "Blessed" - Greek: "makarios" (mak-ar-ee-os), supremely blessed.
- The one who reads this prophecy, who hears, and who does.

Psalm 1:1-3 ¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Psalm 19:7-11 ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

Luke 14:35b "... he that has ears to hear, let him hear!"

James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

- For the time is near, atmosphere of expectancy
- John states that this is a prophecy, which means future events.
- This is intended to be understood and acted upon, there are no hidden meanings.
- The same message of expectancy / urgency is reiterated at the end of the book.

Revelation 22:7, 10, 20 *"⁷Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."*

"¹⁰And He saith unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand."

"²⁰he which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

V: 4-8 Comprise a greeting, not just from John, but from Jesus Christ!

- John had been the pastor of the church at Ephesus, he's not taking a title: no glory to him, only to Christ.
- To the 7 churches, 1st of many 7's in Revelation.
- Grace = Greek greeting, Peace = Hebrew greeting.
- 7 churches because they represent the history of the church, the entire church, or the "complete" church even though there many other churches.
- "Grace" opens this book, and closes it.

Revelation 22:21 *"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."*

- Grace and peace to you... a common salutation with Paul in his epistles also.
- Order, Grace 1st then Peace. Peace flows from grace, grace is the source of all our blessings.
- Grace and peace are not mediated through angels, but through the Holy Spirit.

V: 4-5 *"... Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; ⁵And from Jesus Christ..."*

- Greetings and blessings, "Grace and Peace" from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Paul expressed grace and peace as coming from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- John invokes the entire Trinity.

1 John 5:7 *"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are One."*

2 Corinthians 13:14 *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."*

2 Peter 1:2-3 *"²Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ³according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."*

(1 Timothy 3:16, Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19)

V:4 *"... from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come;..."*

- Emphasizing the eternal, immutability, and character of God the Father.

Micah 5:2 *"But thou, Bethlehem ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting."*

James 1:17 *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."*

Psalms 90:2 *"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."*

"... and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne."

- The seven-fold aspect of the Holy Spirit is part of the "sevenness" of this book. The work of the Holy Spirit is "completed."

Galatians 5:23

Galatians 5:22-23 ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love; joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

V:5a *"And from Jesus Christ ..."*

- Describes Jesus and His relationship to us.
- Grace and peace from each member of the Trinity, now from Jesus Christ, giving Him three titles.

V:5b *"... Faithful Witness ..."*

- The only trustworthy witness to the facts of this book. We can believe Jesus.

(Messianic prophecy)

Isaiah 55:4 "Behold, I have given Him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people."

- The word witness - "martus" - in Greek is the source of the word "martyr", Jesus Christ was a faithful witness unto death! A martyr.
- Unlike other martyrs he had the power to lay his life down and to take it up again.

John 10:17-18 ¹⁷Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from Me, But I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father."

V:5c *"... and the first begotten of the dead,..."*

- 1st. To rise from the dead to eternal life.
- 1st. In priority.

Speaking of Jesus

Colossians 1:16-18 ¹⁶For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: ¹⁷And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence."

- Taking up his life again, Jesus became the first born from the dead.

V: 5d *"... and the Prince of the kings of the earth."*

Philippians 2:9-11 ⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Psalms 2 The whole psalm and nothing but the psalm....

Revelation 19:16 "...King of kings, and Lord of lords."

V:5d *"... Unto Him that loved us..."*

- Present tense, He loves us right now!

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends."

V:5e *"... and washed us from our sins in His own blood."*

- Describing Jesus Christ based on what he did for each of us.

Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

1 Peter 1:18-19 ¹⁸Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot."

Romans 6:22-23 ²²But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. ²³For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

V: 5-6 John gives a "doxology" - praise to God, to Jesus Christ who freed us from our sins be the glory now and forever!

- As John describes who Jesus is, and what He has done for us – He / we can't help but to worship him.
- It is the response of a pure heart toward Him.

V:6 He has made us kings & priests:

2 Timothy 2:12 "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us."

Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

- The O/T priests had a two-fold ministry:
 1. They represented the people before God – intercession.
 2. They represented God to the people – witness.

1 Peter 2:5 "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 2:6

"... unto God and His Father..."

- John is affirming that Jesus is God.

"... to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

- As John describes who Jesus is, and what He has done for us – He / we can't help but to praise him and worship him.

V:7 Coming in the clouds. Could literally just be clouds:

Acts 1:9-11 ⁹"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

Hebrews 12:1 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, ...”

Matthew 24:30 “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

Dan. 7:13

- Every eye shall see him, including those who crucified him.
- All the people of the earth will mourn, lament, fear, regret.
- Those who would rejoice at his coming are already gone / coming back with Him.
- This is the beginning of the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy that was given to us in the OT.

Zechariah 12:10 “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”

Zechariah 14:1-9

V:8 *“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”*

- 1st. of 7 "I am" statements
- The first words John actually hears / records are "I am".
- Jesus is identifying himself, making the same claim as God the Father himself did.

Exodus 3:14 “And God said unto Moses, I AM that I AM: and He said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

Isaiah 44:6 “Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and His Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside Me there is no God.”

Isaiah 41:4 Isaiah 48:12

- Jesus is truly the beginning and the end, the everything!
- This also refers to the immutability / eternal-ness of Jesus.

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today, and for ever.”

- The "alpha" is the first letter in the Greek alphabet, and the "omega" is the last.
- In the original Greek translations the "alpha" is completely spelled out but the "omega" is not, a symbol is used.
- Jesus is the beginning, and the beginning has already spelled out, but the end is yet to come!
- This verse uses the same title as God the Father uses in **verse 4** showing in part the equality of the Trinity; something that I can't explain or fully understand, but simply accept in faith.

Colossians 2:2-3

V:9 *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

- John is the only surviving apostle, all others martyred.
- Describes John's situation and background.
- Fellow servant of Christ, brother in Christ - identifying with the reader, believers.

1 Corinthians 3:9 *“For we are labourers together with God:...”*

- John is in exile because of his witness about Christ, and for the Gospel.

James 4:4 *“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”*

- Persecutions:
 - 1st. major persecution was under Nero, during which Peter and Paul were killed.
 - 2nd. under Vespasian
 - 3rd. under Domitian, after boiling him in oil had no effect; John was exiled to Patmos, a small rocky, treeless island. The Lord provided a quiet place, free of distractions to receive a special message.

V: 10 *"I was in the Spirit ..."*

- John was in prayer and meditation, the Holy Spirit is giving John the ability to see, hear, and comprehend.

John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

John 16:13-14 2 Corinthians 12:1-4

"On the Lord's day"

- Like Sunday as opposed to on "the" day of the Lord, which is the day of judgment when he returns.
- Later, John is "moved" to where he can see the future and we are told so directly.

Revelation 4:1-3, 17:3, 21:10

- "The Lord's day" did become a common term in the early church. It was considered the first day of the week. Early Christians had begun having services on this day long before this occasion.

Note: Jesus rose on the 1st. day of the week, Sunday. (Matt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20)

Acts 20:7 1 Corinthians 16:2

"... a great voice, as of a trumpet."

- Loud & clear, powerful, as opposed to the “still small voice.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 “¹⁶For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

- A trumpet accompanies divine commands to emphasize His authority.
Exodus 19:13, 16, 19; Numbers 10:1-10, Zechariah 9:14; Matthew 24:31; 1 Corinthians 15:52.

V:11 Write what you see and send it to the 7 churches.

- Lists the 7 churches specifically.
- Paul also wrote inspired epistles to 7 churches.
(Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Phillipi, Colosse, and Thessalonica).
- The 7 churches are listed in the same order as chapters 2 & 3, they are in order clockwise – implying that the clock is ticking..., they are also the order in which you would send a messenger.
- Which is also the same order that they appear in chapters 2 and 3.

"book": which in Greek is "biblion" from which we get the word "bible".

"Saying I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and..."

- Emphasizing that this communication is from Jesus, not from John.

V:12-16 John turns to see who is speaking and describes what he sees...

Matthew 17:1-2 “¹And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, ²And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.”

V:12 "7 Golden lamp stands"

- A light for each church.
- 7 golden lamp stands, like the menorah in the tabernacle. **Exodus 25:31-37**
- The menorah represents what Israel was / is, to the world, God's light to the world, for His glory.

Jesus is the light of the world.

John 8:12 “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

- We individually and collectively are also called to be a light to the world.

Matthew 5:14-16 “¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Ephesians 5:8-9

V:12-13 Jesus Christ is the lamp stand upon which the lamps rest. The Holy Spirit is the lamps. The lamps reveal the glory of the lamp stand!

- In the tabernacle the high priest had sole oversight or responsibility for the lamp stand, here we see our great High Priest overseeing the churches in the same way.

V:13 *"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks..."*

- Jesus standing in the midst of the churches.

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

- Jesus standing amongst the churches, judging, guiding, interceding for them.

"like unto the son of man," Daniel 7:13-14

- John is seeing Christ revealed, glorified again - for the 2nd time. Matthew 16
- *"Son of Man"* was Jesus' most used term to describe Himself, using that phrase 80+ times in the four Gospels.

John 3:13-14; Mark 8:31; Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 2:16-17; Romans 8:3

"... clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle."

- Clothed in righteousness, with a golden sash.
- A golden sash is the emblem of a King

Exodus Ch. 28 & 39: Robe and sash described as priestly garments.

Isaiah 11:5 "And righteousness shall be the girdle (belt) of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle (belt) of His reins (waist)."

Ephesians 6:13-14

V:14 *"His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire."*

- John begins to describe Jesus' physical appearance. No one living today knows what Jesus looked like in his worldly body. There is no other description given in the New Testament except this one.
- The Old Testament gives us a non-clue:

Isaiah 53:2 "For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."

- This (Isaiah) is what He was on earth; in the likeness of men, now He is glorified – which is what John is trying to describe.

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”

“... head and hair white like wool, as white as snow ...”

- Age, He is the "Ancient of Days", He is eternal. **Daniel 7:9; Proverbs 20:29.**
- Purity:

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

“... and His eyes were as a flame of fire;”

- Passion! Judgment! Certainly not luke warm.

Daniel 10:6 - Hebrews 4:13 - Hebrews 10:27 - Hebrews 10:31 - Revelation 19:12-13

V:15 *“And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;...”*

- Glowing red hot! Jesus is hot from head to toe!
- Bronze / brass = judgment Daniel 4:15 & 23 – Isaiah 63:3 – Revelation 19:11-16

Judges 16:21 “But the Philistines took him (Sampson), and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass (bronze); and he did grind in the prison house.”

Numbers 21:9 “And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.”

“... and His voice as the sound of many waters.”

- Speaks of power, authority, a strong voice, like a trumpet.

Psalm 29:3-4 ³“The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the god of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.”

Hebrews 12:25-26 - Psalm 33:6 - John 5:28-29

V: 16 *"And He had in His right hand seven stars:..."*

- Christ is in the midst of the seven churches, He is holding the 7 stars, or angels of the churches in his right hand.
- In command, control, King, sovereign.
- "Star", (G792) "aster" a star, heavenly light, angle, messenger.

"... and out of His mouth went a sharp two edged sword:.."

Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Ephesians 6:17 - John 12:48 - Isaiah 11:2-4 - 2 Thessalonians 2:8

Revelation 19:11-16 ¹¹And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. ¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. ¹³And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And He hath on His vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

"... and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength."

- We can't look at the sun, much less our God who created it!

Matthew 17:2 - John 8:12

V: 17 *"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:"*

- John was very familiar with Jesus, reclining on Him in the upper room, but was not prepared to see Him in His glory.
- Paul had a similar reaction upon seeing Jesus in His glory. Acts 9:3-5.

- Upon seeing Jesus in His glory, John fell at his feet, motionless - overwhelmed.
- Moses, Aaron, Isaiah, Joshua, and Job were all similarly overwhelmed.

Isaiah 6:5 “The said I, woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

- None of us could handle a "complete" revelation of God, it would be too much to handle.

Exodus 33:11-23 Moses asks for and receives a view of God's glory, but God protects Moses from a full exposure otherwise Moses would die.

- For mortal sinful man to be in the presence of God is death.
- John is in the spirit and one of Christ's own. He's in the presence of his personal Lord and Savior."

"And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last."

- "Don't be afraid, it's Me..."
- Jesus was always saying that, and is still saying that to us today.
- The 1st. "fear not' in the Bible came just before the first "I Am", just as it is here.

Genesis 15:1 "... Fear not, Abraham: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Genesis 26:24

"I am the first and the last"

3rd time: V: 8, 11, 17.

V:18 *"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."*

- Jesus is identifying himself in his deity to John.
 1. I am the Living One.
 2. I am risen from the dead

John 10:17-18 ¹⁷Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father."

Psalms 16:10 - Romans 8:34 - Ephesians 4:8-10 - Acts 2:32 - Hebrews 7:24

Romans 6:8-9 “⁸Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: ⁹Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.”

- One of the greatest claims of Jesus Christ, that He has the keys to heaven and hell, to life and death.

Matthew 16:19 - Luke 16:22-26 - Isaiah 61:1 - Zechariah 9:11-12 - Hebrews 2:14-15
1 Peter 3:18-20 - Hebrews 7:24-25

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 “⁵⁵O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

V: 19 “*Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;*”

- This is the key to understanding the whole book of Revelation, the 3 divisions.
 1. What you have seen so far, the vision of Jesus revealed, ch.1
 2. The things that are happening right now, church age, ch's 2-3.
 3. What will take place later, the things that are about to happen, chapters 4-22. The events leading up to the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

1:20 Jesus explains the "mystery" of the 7 stars and 7 lamp stands:

- When symbolism is being used, the Holy Spirit makes it very clear, and will explain it to us from within the book, otherwise He is speaking literally.
- "Mystery" refers to a secret or something hidden that is being revealed to us.

1 Cor. 4:1

1 Corinthians 4:1 “Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers / servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.”

Genesis 18:17-19 Mark 4:11

Revelation 9:1, 11;12:3-9 also use or identify "stars" as angels.

- Angel is derived from the Greek word "aggelos", which means messenger.
- Many expositors claim that these "messengers" are the pastors of the churches, which is possible but would seem to be an un-natural exception.

- This same word is used 188 times in the New Testament almost always to denote real angels as opposed to human messengers.
- If Jesus had meant pastors, elders, or something else, he would have said so, similar terms are used in other places.
- Jesus is in their midst, **Matthew 18:20**.
- Jesus holds his messengers in his right hand, we are called to be His messengers.
- The most literal or natural interpretation seems to indicate that the true churches of the Lord have individual angels assigned for their guidance and care - guardian angels.

Hebrews 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

Ref.Revelation.01

Ref.Revelation.01