

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 1:4-11

The (A) Revelation of Jesus Christ,

This Book, the Grand Finale of “the” Revelations of Jesus Christ

Revelation. 1:4-11

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, (and) from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, :5 (and) from Jesus Christ, 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, :6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.(Amen). :7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, (Amen). :8 “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.” :9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island 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 I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, :11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea

JESUS CHRIST – CENTER STAGE

1.) *From God's Point of View*

vv. 4

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, (and) from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

1st.) *God's Accounting – “these seven churches”*

John, to the seven churches...

God's Accounting = all the churches for all ages

These Seven Churches;

There Were Many More Than Seven Churches in John's Day, but These Seven Represented the Body of Churches Existing.

The Number Seven

Means completion or totality or all churches

#1 - Rev. 2:7,

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

2:11,17,29,3:6,3:13,3:22

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

2nd.) *God's Geography – “this Asia”*

Verse 4

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

This Asia – Not the Continent;

Is Located in The Western Half of Turkey Today. Your Bible Should Have a Map
Detailing these Churches.

(these were real, actual, churches of that day... and for us today)

Asia Minor, Turkey

What was Happening There on a Small Scale,
would some day Happen on a Grand Scale

John 10:16

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will
hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

3rd.) God's Nature – “who he is at all times”

Verse 4

*Grace to you and peace
from Him who is and who was and who is to come,*

*grace – grk - 5485. χάρις charis, κηαρ̄-εχε
the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life;
making one acceptable, bestowing benefits, applying favor, the giving of gifts,
having pleasure in, favoring someone = to the divine degree.*

Being the Object of God's Affection

*peace - 1515. εἰρήνη ειρνε, i-ray'-nay
(to join together in peace, quietness, the rest, to be at one again.
Heb – shalom - traditional greeting among believers*

(Jewish or Gentile)

Verse 4

He is “The” Eternal God

The One Who is, was, is to come

Is. 57:15

***For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name alone is Holy:***

**We Saw How “God” is the One Who is;
The Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, The Beginning and The End,
The Almighty, The One Who is, was and is to Come !**

God Does Not Dwell Along a Timeline
There’s Nothing New to God.

“Let That Comfort You”

My Problems Come and Go and I am Currently Traveling Toward My Next
Problem. – that sounds very depressing!

But To God

It’s Not a Problem Coming or Going – It’s Now to Him.
So when my next trouble arrives – God was already there!
He’s “No-Where” – He’s “Now-Here”

Matt. 6:8

**“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of
before you ask Him. – *meaning He knows in advance,*
so ask with boldness!”**

That Nature is Alone Reserved for God;
Yet the Bible Ascribed This Nature not only to The Father
But to The Son also...

Inter-changeable

Rev. 1:8

“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.**”**

Rev. 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, **Who was and is and is to come!**"

Rev. 11:1-17

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, :17
saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, **The One who is and who was and who is to come**, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Rev. 16:5

And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, **The One who is and who was and who is to come...**

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

4th.) God's Position – "where he's coming from"

Verse 4

...(and) from the **seven Spirits** who are before His throne,

No One is Sure as to Who is Referenced Here

Is. 11:1-2

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. :2 (1) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, (2) **The** Spirit of wisdom and (3) understanding, (4) **The** Spirit of counsel and (5) might, (6) **The** Spirit of knowledge and (7) of the fear of the LORD.

In The Hebrew Scripture,
There are three sets of two = "6"
It Could be The Holy Spirit

Zech. 4:1-7

And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. :3 Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." :4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What *are* these, my lord?" :5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" ¶ And I said, "No, my lord." :6 So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. :7 "Who *are* you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

The Oil Signifies the Person of the Holy Spirit

Or Maybe It's Not The Holy Spirit at All

The Holy Spirit is Singular – One!

The Holy Spirit Does Not Dwell Before God's Throne as Localized
But These Seven Spirit's Do – they are local – before His throne!!!

Rev. 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having **seven horns** and **seven eyes**,
which are **the seven Spirits of God** sent out into all the earth.

Rev. 3:1

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,
"These things says He who has the **seven Spirits** of God

Rev. 4:5

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices.
Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne,
which are **the seven Spirits of God**.

Rev. 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, **having seven horns** and **seven eyes**...
(which are **the seven Spirits** of God sent out into all the earth.)

THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD ARE SEVEN SPECIFIC ANGELS

Rev. 8:6

So the **seven angels** who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound their trumpets :7 **The first angel** sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and the hail and fire were thrown to the earth. And a third of all the trees of the earth were burned up, and all green grass was burned up...

Rev. 8:8

Then **the second angel** sounded: And *something* like a great mountain was burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

Rev. 8:10

Then **the third angel** sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch...

On and On this Goes Until the Seventh Angel

Rev. 10:7

but in the days of the sounding of **the seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Conclusion

Rev. 8:2

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

In Speaking of Angels

Heb. 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for (to benefit) those who will inherit salvation?

JESUS CHRIST – CENTER STAGE

2.) From Jesus' Point of View

vv. 5

:5 (and) from Jesus Christ, 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, :6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. (Amen!!!).

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

1st.) Faithfulness / He is Forever Faithful

Verse 5

...from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness

THE Faithful Witness

He Gives The Exact Account with Perfect Detail

he is trustworthy, dependable, keeps his word

My Friend, Jesus is Faithful

To a Lukewarm, Backslidden Church

Rev. 3:14

“...to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

**HE TELLS THEM EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEED TO HEAR
- THAT’S BECAUSE, HE IS FAITHFUL**

You Can Trust Jesus

John 14:8-9

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”
:9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

John 4:21,23,24

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. :23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:11

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

He is “Forever” Faithful

When Jesus Encountered a Self Righteous Man – He rebuked em’

When Jesus Encountered a Legalist – He resisted em’

But When Jesus Encountered a Broken Prostitute – He forgave

When Jesus Encountered a Physically Wounded man – He healed

When Jesus Encountered a Demonic Man – He set free

What is God Like

(Father SON Holy Spirit)

WHAT IS GOD LIKE - LOOK AT THE GOSPEL'S - WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT IS GOD LIKE - LOOK AT OUR LIVES - WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT IS GOD LIKE - YOU SEE HIS FAITHFULNESS / NOT OURS !

1John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

2nd.) Preeminence / He is our guarantee

Verse 5

...the firstborn (begotten) from the dead,

firstborn grk 416. προ-τοτ-κος, προ-το-το-κος
definition is context dependant = literally or a figurative sense. The preeminent, or foremost (in time, place, order or importance):—before all others, the first one to come, the best, the first among others to follow.

**ALL THOSE THAT JESUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD,
DIED AGAIN IN THEIR LIFE TIME.**

But Jesus was the First One

to Die, be Resurrected, Never to Die Again

The First-Born, as it Were, from the Grave, to Stay Alive Forever More.

Psa. 2:4-7

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. :5
Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:
:6 “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” :7 “I will declare the decree: The
LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Psa. 89:24-27

My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn (throne) will be exalted. :25 I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers. :26 He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.' :27 I will also **appoint** (designate) him my firstborn, the most exalted of (all) the kings of the earth.

John 1:1,14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 3:16,18

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life...:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Listen to How the Apostle's Understood "Begotten"

Acts 13:33-34

God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: "*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*" :34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption,

Begotten – First One to Rise, Never to Die Again !

Rom. 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be **the firstborn among many brethren.**

1Cor. 15:20-23

But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. :21 For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. :22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. :23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming.

**LAZARUS HAD TO DIE AGAIN
THE WIDOWS' SON AT NAN, HAD TO DIE AGAIN**

Col. 1:18-19

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn** from the dead, that in all things He may have **the preeminence**. :19 For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all “the fullness” should dwell,

Col. 2:9-10

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; :10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Heb. 1:6

And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith,
And let all the angels of God worship him.
(The Father Told the Angel's to Worship Jesus)

Jesus Christ – Center Stage

3rd.) Dominion / He is the supreme ruler

Verse 5

*...and **the Ruler** over the kings of the earth*

everyone, of this worlds leaders, are leaders under Jesus' watch.
Bush, Karazide, Putin, Blair

Dan. 2:47

The king (Nebuchadnezzar) answered Daniel, and said, “Truly your God *is* the God of gods, the Lord of kings,

1Tim. 6:14c-15

...the Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, :15 which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only **Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,**

Rev. 19:15

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. :16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

4th.) Love / He is loving toward us

Verse 5

Him who loved (past tense) us...

But the Meaning is;
He Loved Us When it was Needed the Most,
When it Counted the Most.

“I Love You” – You Have Loved Me When I Needed Love the Most”

When Did You and I Need Love the Most?
(I’ll Tell You When – One Day in History)
At the Cross, The Cross, The Cross

Rom. 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. :7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. :8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Thought is This;

That when no one else would love us, he loved us.
When no one else cared, he cared.
When no one else valued us.
He valued us

Eph. 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Rom. 8:37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Gal. 4:3-5

Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.
:4 **But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,** :5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

1John 4:19

We love Him because He first loved us.

5th.) Forgiveness / He has forgiven us

Verse 5

and washed us from our sins in His own blood...

washed grk 3068. λούω λουο, λούω-ο;
to bathe fully, to bathe the whole person completely.

John 13:10

Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

Consider the Power of the Blood of Christ

1Cor. 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Jesus Christ Didn't Sprinkle You with Salvation

He didn't Mist you with Redemption
He Submerged You In Salvation
And that Salvation is in His Blood

Psa. 103:11-12

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; **:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

This Evening's Baptism

Hundreds of you will be "Baptized" - "Submerged" in the Pacific Ocean in Baptism. You won't be bathed nor washed, **but you will identify with Jesus' Death and Resurrection Publicly.**

The Typology of Water Baptism

The water is a type of the grave.

You being dipped announces that you have now died to self,
The coming up out of the water signifies your new resurrection life in Christ

Rom. 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Eph. 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

John 4:9-10

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **:10** Herein is love (currently), not that we loved God, but that he **loved** (past tense) us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

If You've Taken Jesus Christ to be Your Lord and Saviour,
Then You Can Be Baptized in Water.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, (publically) and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' (the qualifier)

Have You Taken the Plunge ?

Verse 6

*and has **made us** kings and priests to His God and Father,
to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.(Amen!!!).*

Grk; a Kingdom of kings and priest

Made us a “kingdom of kings and preist” = servants and ministers

Rev. 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, :10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Why is that Even Important?

Remember In Old Testament Times, Wherever the Priests went, so went mercy.

- Wherever the Priests went, so went grace.
- Wherever the Priests went, so went forgiveness.
- Wherever the Priests went, so went joy.

John Explodes

*to Him be **glory** and **dominion** forever and ever.(Amen!!!).*

The End of the Book Say's
We Win - Through Jesus Christ Our Lord

Be Glory - defined

*All our attention, all our efforts, all our passion, all our praise, all our worship.
This Must Happen You Personally First, Private Worship, Public Worship.*

Be Dominion - defined

*Giving Him the Rule, Giving Him the Reign, Giving Him the Control,
Giving Him the Lordship, Giving Him the Ownership, Giving Him the Kingship*

THE PERSONAL APPLICATION

These Things Will Happen / Once They Begin, It Will Be Quick

Will You See These Things **With Us** ?
Will You See These Things **Without Us** ?

You Will See Them
But What Will Be Your View / Your Seating / Your Reservation

Today
You can receive Jesus Christ as Savior, from Sin
And you can be baptized, Declaring Him as Your Lord

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