

Revelation Chapter One

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on Revelation chapter one. If we are to understand the book of Revelation, we need to understand who reveals this Revelation, who transcribes it, what period of time it covers and who it is addressed to. So, we have put together a verse by verse break down of chapter one to help you with future studying in Revelation.

Verse 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

The book opens up telling us of the Revelation of Jesus, that God might reveal to his servants the things that are to come. This is revealed through His servant John by Jesus Christ.

Verse 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

This is a description of John. We know which John they are talking about and that he has already bare record of the word of God, testimony of Jesus and all things he saw.

Verse 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

This tells us that there is a blessing for those who understand and follow the prophecy of Revelation.

Verse 4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: 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;

Verse 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

John addresses the seven churches in Asia on behalf of the eternal God, the seven spirits and Jesus Christ our saviour. This also shows us that God the father and Jesus the Christ are two different entities.

Verse 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus made us a kingdom and made us priests unto God.

Verse 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

A warning of Jesus' return and that every eye shall see him.

Verse 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.

This is a declaration from God the father. When all things are completed by Jesus, God will return and rule the earth.

Verse 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 introducing himself and declaring his exile to Patmos because of his faith and preaching of the gospel of Christ.

Verse 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

John was in the spirit on the Sabbath day and he heard a great voice.

Verse 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

John is told to write what he sees in a book and to send it to the seven churches in Asia. We believe that the book he writes is the book of Revelation.

Verse 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

John turns to see who has spoken to him and sees seven golden candlesticks.

Verse 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Verse 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Verse 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Verse 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

In the midst of the candlesticks appears one like the son of man and John describes him. We believe the son of man spoken of here is Jesus Christ.

Verse 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:

Verse 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.

Here John realizes he is in the presence of Jesus and is told Jesus is all powerful.

Verse 19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

This verse gives us insight to the difficulties of Revelation. When we read this book, we must take time to consider what has already happened, what is happening and what is to come.

Verse 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

This last verse tells us the mystery of the seven stars in Jesus' right hand and the seven golden candlesticks. He tells us that the stars are the angels of the seven churches and that the candlesticks are the seven churches.

Now that we have broken down chapter one, we see that God reveals through Jesus the Revelation transcribed by John. We also know that the timelines laid out in this book are past, present, and future. That Revelation was written for those who believe in Christ and to learn of the knowledge of his return.

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