

REVELATION, Chapter 1
The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The book of Revelation opens to the world what has been, what is, and what is to come; it is for our instruction upon whom the ends of the world are come. It should be studied with reverential awe. {7BC 954.2}

The whole Bible is a revelation; for all revelation to men comes through Christ, and all centers in Him. God has spoken unto us by His Son, whose we are by creation and by redemption. Christ came to John exiled on the Isle of Patmos to give him the truth for these last days, to show him that which must shortly come to pass. God gave this revelation to Christ, and Christ communicated the same to John. {7BC 953.7}

He was the last survivor of the first chosen disciples. Under the New Testament dispensation he was honored as the prophet Daniel was honored under the Old Testament dispensation. {7BC 953.8}

The instruction to be communicated to John was so important that Christ came from heaven to give it to His servant, telling him to send it to the churches. This instruction is to be the object of our careful and prayerful study; for we are living in a time when men who are not under the teaching of the Holy Spirit will bring in false theories. These men have been standing in high places, and they have ambitious projects to carry out. {7BC 953.9}

I. Introduction:

A. Vs. 1 -3

1. Vs. 1; why did Jesus give his revelation to John? _____
2. Why so urgent? (see vs. 3) _____
3. Vs. 2; what did the Revelation consist of?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. Vs. 3; Blessed are they that:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

II. Body:

A. Vs. 4 – 7; John’s Testimony about Jesus

1. Vs. 4; John’s special greeting of grace and peace to the seven churches came from whom?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

vi. _____

B. John’s culmination vs. 7; _____

“Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.”

Those who derided His claim to be the Son of God are speechless now. There is the haughty Herod who jeered at His royal title and bade the mocking soldiers crown Him king. There are the very men who with impious hands placed upon His form the purple robe, upon His sacred brow the thorny crown, and in His unresisting hand the mimic scepter, and bowed before Him in blasphemous mockery. The men who smote and spit upon the Prince of life now turn from His piercing gaze and seek to flee from the overpowering glory of His presence. Those who drove the nails through His hands and feet, the soldier who pierced His side, behold these marks with terror and remorse.

With awful distinctness do priests and rulers recall the events of Calvary. With shuddering horror they remember how, wagging their heads in satanic exultation, they exclaimed: "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him." Matthew 27:42, 43.

Vividly they recall the Saviour's parable of the husbandmen who refused to render to their lord the fruit of the vineyard, who abused his servants and slew his son. They remember, too, the sentence which they themselves pronounced: The lord of the vineyard "will miserably destroy those wicked men." In the sin and punishment of those unfaithful men the priests and elders see their own course and their own just doom. And now there rises a cry of mortal agony. Louder than the shout, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," which rang through the streets of Jerusalem, swells the awful, despairing wail, "He is the Son of God! He is the true Messiah!" They seek to flee from the presence of the King of kings. In the deep caverns of the earth, rent asunder by the warring of the elements, they vainly attempt to hide. *The Great Controversy*, pp. 637, 643, 644

C. Vs. 8 – 17; the appearance of Jesus to John.

1. Vs. 9; why was John on the Island of Patmos?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Vs. 10; what day did John receive his vision of Revelation? _____

3. Vs. 8, 11, 17; 21:6; 22:13; what did Jesus reveal to John about Himself?

a. vs. 8; _____

b. vs. 11; _____

c. vs. 17; _____

d. 21:6; _____

e. 22:13; _____

4. What is the significance of what Jesus said in those three verses? (see Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12)

5. vs. 11; What was John told to do? _____

6. vs. 12 – 16; What did John see?

a. vs. 12; _____

b. vs. 13; _____

i. Daniel 7:13; _____

ii. Daniel 10:5; _____

c. vs. 14; Daniel 7:9 _____

d. vs. 15; Daniel 10:6 _____

e. vs. 16;

i. His Right Hand: _____

ii. His Mouth: _____

Ephesians 6:17; _____

Hebrews 4:12; _____

Revelation 2:12, 16; _____

Revelation 19:15, 21; _____

iii. His Face: _____

Revelation 10:1; _____

f. vs. 17; How did John respond to this vision? _____

III Conclusion:

D. Jesus Testifies: Vs. 18 - 20

1. vs. 18; What does Ever Living One mean? _____

2. vs. 19; What command does Jesus repeat to John? _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. vs. 20; What is so comforting and personal about this verse? _____

a. seven stars: _____

God's ministers are symbolized by the seven stars, which He who is the first and the last has under His special care and protection. The sweet influences are to be abundant in the church are bound up with these ministers of God, who are to represent the love of Christ. The stars of heaven are under God's control. He fills them with light. He guides and directs their movements. If He did not, they would become fallen stars. So with His ministers. They are but instruments in His hands, and all the good they accomplish is done through His power. {GW 13.3}

b. seven lampstands: _____