

# Revelation 1

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## Prologue

<sup>1</sup> 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:

<sup>2</sup> Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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;

<sup>5</sup> 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,

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

## **John's Vision of Christ**

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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:

**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.

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

**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.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

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### Blood — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

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### Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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### Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

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### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

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### Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

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### Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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## **Priest** — ἱερεύς (Hiereus)

Priest

The Greek **hiereus** (ἱερεύς) means priest. Christ is our eternal High Priest (Hebrews 4:14) after the order of Melchizedek, and believers form a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9).

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## **Word** — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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## **Spirit** — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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## **CROSS REFERENCES**

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**Revelation 1:1** **References Jesus:** Revelation 1:9; 22:16; Galatians 1:12. **References God:** Revelation 22:6; Amos 3:7. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:19; Daniel 9:21; 9:23; John 3:32; Ephesians 3:3

### **Revelation 1:2**

**Witness:** John 21:24; Acts 26:16; 1 Corinthians 1:6. **Word:** Revelation 1:9; 6:9; 12:17; 1 John 1:1. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:19; John 12:17; 19:35

**Revelation 1:3** **Word:** Luke 11:28. **Prophecy:** Revelation 22:10. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 22:12; 22:20; Romans 13:11; 1 Peter 4:7; 2 Peter 3:8. **Blessing:** Proverbs 8:34

**Revelation 1:4** **Spirit:** Revelation 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Isaiah 11:2. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:8; Psalms 90:2; Zechariah 4:10; John 1:1; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17

**Revelation 1:5** **Kingdom:** Revelation 19:16; Psalms 89:27. **Blood:** Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 1:19. **Faith:** Revelation 3:14; 17:14. **Sin:** 1 John 1:7. **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:18. **References Christ:** Acts 26:23. **Love:** 1 John 4:10

**Revelation 1:6** **Kingdom:** Revelation 5:10; 20:6; Exodus 19:6; Daniel 4:34; Hebrews 13:21. **Glory:** Revelation 4:11; Isaiah 61:6; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 3:18; Jude 1:25

**Revelation 1:7** **Parallel theme:** Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 24:30; 26:64; Mark 13:26; 14:62; Luke 21:27; John 19:37; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:17

**Revelation 1:8** **References Lord:** Revelation 4:8; 11:17; Isaiah 41:4; 43:10; 44:6. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:4; 1:17; 21:6; 22:13; Isaiah 48:12

**Revelation 1:9** **Word:** Revelation 1:2; 3:10; 12:11; 13:10. **Kingdom:** Acts 14:22. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 7:14; John 16:33; Romans 8:25; Philippians 4:14. **Witness:** 2 Timothy 1:8

### **Revelation 1:10**

**Spirit:** Revelation 17:3; 21:10. **Parallel theme:** Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2

**Revelation 1:11** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:4; 2:8; 2:12; 2:18; 3:1; 3:7; 3:14; Isaiah 30:8; Jeremiah 30:2; Habakkuk 2:2

**Revelation 1:12** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:13; Exodus 25:37; Zechariah 4:2

**Revelation 1:13** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 14:14; 15:6; Leviticus 8:7; Isaiah 11:5; Daniel 7:9; 7:13; 10:16

**Revelation 1:14** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:18; 19:12; Daniel 7:9; 10:6; Matthew 28:3

### **Revelation 1:15**

**Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:18; 14:2; 19:6; Psalms 93:4; Ezekiel 1:7; 40:3; 43:2; Daniel 10:6

**Revelation 1:16** **Word:** Revelation 2:12; 2:16; 19:15; 19:21; Isaiah 49:2; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 3:1; Matthew 17:2; Acts 26:13

**Revelation 1:17** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:8; 2:8; 22:13; Isaiah 41:4; 41:10; 44:6; 48:12; Ezekiel 1:28; Daniel 10:15

### **Revelation 1:18**

**Parallel theme:** Revelation 3:7; 20:14; Psalms 68:20; Isaiah 22:22; Matthew 16:19; Romans 6:9; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 1:3; 7:25; 12:2

**Revelation 1:20** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:16; 2:1; 2:8; 2:12; 2:18; 3:1; 3:7; 3:14; Zechariah 4:2

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