

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – CHAPTER 1:7-11

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<p>Rev 1:7 <b><u>Behold,</u></b></p> <p>He is <b><u>coming with clouds,</u></b></p> <p>and <b><u>every eye will see Him,</u></b></p> <p><b><u>even they who pierced Him.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Even so, Amen.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega,</u></b></p>	<p>I. THE PLACES TO WHICH THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT - 4, 11 II. THE PERSONS FROM WHOM THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN - 4-5 <b><u>v. 6 Our RESPONSE - “to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” –</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Doxologies (giving God the glory!): Psa. 15:1; Rev. 4:11; 5:13; 7:12</u></b></p> <p><b><u>III. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE - 7-8</u></b></p> <p><b><u>A. To proclaim the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST:</u></b></p> <p>v. 7a. <b><u>Our RESPONSIBILITY - “Behold”</u></b> - (30 times) - “look at this” or “look for yourself” <i>cf. Rev. 1:7; last one- 22:12</i></p> <p>v. 7b. <b><u>Its RELATIONSHIP to clouds</u></b> <i>cf. Dan. 7:13</i> = OT quotes &amp; allusions: 348 (from 24 OT books.) <i>27 – Exodus ; 22 – Jeremiah; 43 – Psalms; 43 – Ezekiel; 79 – Isaiah; 53 – Daniel, 31 times refer to Dan. ch. 7; 15 – Zechariah.</i> - In appendix of <i>Westcott &amp; Hort's Greek NT</i> – out of 404 verses in Revelation, 265 contain lines that embrace 550 OT references. <i>Daniel 7:13; Matthew 24:30; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:17</i></p> <p>v. 7c. The worldwide <b><u>RECOGNITION</u></b> of His coming - <b><u>“and every eye will see Him”</u></b></p> <p>v. 7d. The special <b><u>REALIZATION</u></b> of the nation of Israel - <b><u>“even they who pierced Him”</u></b> - <i>cf. Zechariah 12:10 – “I will pour (My Spirit of grace) on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem</i></p> <p>v. 7e. The overwhelming <b><u>REACTION</u></b> of the whole world - <b><u>“and ALL the tribes of the earth will mourn(wailing, lamenting because of Him”</u></b></p> <p>v. 7f. The immediate <b><u>RESPONSE</u></b> of John - <b><u>“Even so, Amen”</u></b> “even so” (Greek - nai) - a particle <b><u>of strong affirmation.</u></b> <i>Cf. Rev. 22:20 2;2, (“Amen” – from Hebrew). Amen – 1:6, 7, 18; 3:14; 5:14; 7:12; 19:4; 22:20-21. Cf. 2 Cor. 1:20.</i></p> <p><b><u>B. To proclaim the GLORIOUS CHARACTER OF THE COMING KING -</u></b></p> <p>v. 8a. <b><u>His unique PROCLAMATION</u></b> of God’s message to us - <b><u>“I am the Alpha and the Omega”</u></b> <i>Rev. 1:8, 11;21:6; 22:13</i> - He is the first and last Word. <i>John 1:1, 14; Col. 2:3</i></p>	<p><b><u>We are and were created to give glory to God!</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Are we (you) anticipating His second coming?</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Here we are told to “look at this” or “look for yourself”! Marker of strong emphasis – “See”, “what do you know?”; “of all things”; “wonder of wonders”!</u></b></p> <p>Daniel 7 is quoted 31 times in Revelation! Can the clouds be the same or like the cloud over the children of Israel in the Wilderness march? The Shekinah glory?</p> <p>Every eye will see Him, all around the world!! He will be missed by no one!</p> <p>Even the House of Israel will see Him – even all who pierced Him!</p> <p><b><u>“I was wrong! I was wrong!”</u></b></p> <p>A double affirmation! Amen! Amen!! Notice how the Book ends – “AMEN”!! <b><u>All the promises</u></b> of God in Him are Yes, and in Him, Amen. We are excited with what He has said!</p> <p>Is this not a reference to the fact that He is the Word of God? In Him are hidden all the wisdom and knowledge!!</p>
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**the Beginning and the End,"** says the Lord,

**"who is and who was and who is to come,**

**the Almighty."**

Rev 1:9 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.**

v. 8b. **His sovereign PROVIDENCE over all history** - *"the beginning and the end"* - Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2; John 8:58

v. 8c **His eternal PRESENCE** - *"who is and who was and who is to come"*

v. 8d **His mighty POWER** - **"the Almighty"** (Greek - *pantokrator* - *all-ruling with absolute and universal power*) - *used 10 times, but only once outside of Revelation, in 2 Cor. 6:18. - Cf. Rev. 4: 8; 11: 17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6(Omnipotent), 15; 21:22*

I. THE PLACES TO WHICH THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT - 4, 11

II. THE PERSONS FROM WHOM THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN - 4-5

III. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE - 7-8

#### **IV. THE POSITION OF JOHN WHEN HE WROTE THE BOOK - 9- 11**

v. 9a **His RELATIONSHIP to other believers** - *"both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ". "Tribulation" - cf. Jn. 16:33; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12.*

v. 9b **The REASON behind his position** - *"was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ".*

Because of Domitian, the brother of Titus, who destroyed Jerusalem. PATMOS. - 6 miles by 10 miles, 40 miles from Miletus, 24 miles from the coast of Turkey.

He is in the sovereign control of all things! In Him all things consist; are held together! He made all the time of the ages!

He is in the present; He was in the past; He will always be with us!!

There is nothing higher!!! All power!!! All power-absolute, universal--that is power is in Him!!! It means one who has all power; and is applied to God in contradistinction from idols that are weak and powerless. God is able to protect his people, and they who put their trust in Him shall never be confounded. What has he to fear who has a friend of almighty power?

Consider how this great theologian, apostle, the one who cared for Jesus' mother, call himself a "brother and companion" in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ. Notice the emphasis on "tribulation" or persecution.

Hippolytus says that John was first plunged into a boiling oil, and then sent to this island exile. Another leader, Victorinus, says he was forced to work in the mines that were located on Patmos. Others, such as Irenaeus, Clement, and Eusebius, say that John returned to Ephesus after his exile, went to the churches, and appointed leaders, and set things in order and delivered this wonderful message that Jesus is coming!

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Rev 1:10 **I was in the Spirit**

**on the Lord's Day,**

**and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,**

Rev 1:11 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."

v. 10 **The REALITY of His experience** - "**I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet**".

v. 10a His personal **INVOLVEMENT** in the experience was **spiritual rather than physical**. "**I was in the Spirit**" Is he referring to the Holy Spirit or his own spirit or the realm of the spiritual in contrast to the physical?

v. 10a **The article "THE" is not in the Greek text before the word "spirit."**

v. 10a The verb translated "**I was**" (*ginomai*) is better rendered "**I became**" indicating a change of condition.

v. 10a It helps to explain **Rev. 4:1-2** where John is caught up to heaven and says "**I was in the Spirit.**" (in the realm of spirit)

v. 10a It would also explain **Rev. 17:3 and 21:10** where John is "**carried away in the Spirit.**" (again, in the realm of spirit)

v. 10b The **special INSIGHT he received was eschatological** – end times - "**on the Lord's day**" (the day belonging to the Lord) - not the Sabbath or Sunday, but the future period of time known as the "**Day of the Lord.**"

v. 10c **The clear IDENTITY of the voice was supernatural** - a "**great (loud) voice**" - mentioned 20 times in the book and the single word "**great**" (loud) appears 82 times. "**Trumpet**" 1:10 cf. 4:1; 8:2, 7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13; 11:15.

v. 11a "**I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last**" - cf. **Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 22:13.**

v. 11b The **INSTRUCTION he received was practical** - "**What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia.**"

He was not in the Holy Spirit or in his own spirit but basically in a spiritual time machine, a spiritual realm.

v.11 - Here is a great statement of **the divinity of Christ**. "**Isa 44:6 'Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.**

**Isa 48:12 'Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.**  
**Isa 48:13 Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together.**  
**Isa 48:14 'All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.**  
**Isa 48:15 I, even I, have spoken; Yes, I have called him, I have brought him, and his way will prosper.**  
**Isa 48:16 'Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me.'**  
**Isa 48:17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: 'I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.**

**Rev. 22:12**

**Summary – 2 things - of what we need to know: HE IS COMING AGAIN AND HE IS GOD!!!!**

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#### Questions:

1. What does the word, Doxology, mean? Because of the number of them in Revelation, what could be said about it?
2. True or False: The two most important parts (the main purposes) of the message to the seven churches in today's study are to proclaim the second coming of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the glorious character of the coming King.
3. If someone comes to you and claims they have seen Jesus Christ; that He has come back to earth, how would you respond with regard to today's study?
4. What are the first two words "in red" in Revelation? What do those words mean to you?
5. Is there a different meaning between "I am the Alpha and the Omega" and "I am the first and the last"?
6. In how many books of the Bible do we read, "I am Alpha and the Omega"?
7. What could be referred as the "loud-(mentioned 82 times)" book in the Bible? (v. 10)

#### *THOU ARE WORTHY!*

*Thou art wor-thy, Thou art wor-thy,  
Thou art wor-thy o LORD.  
To receive glory, glory and honor,  
Glo-ry and hon-or and power.  
For Thou hast cre-a-ted,  
Hast all things cre-a-ted,  
For Thou hast cre-a-ted all things.  
And for Thy plea-sure they are cre-a-ted.  
Thou art wor-thy o LORD.*

#### *THE DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*