

Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapters 1-11

To whom is this written?

- As we read, we will clearly see that the Lord Jesus Christ revealed this prophetic information to John so that...
 - not only the holy-people living during this age
 - (between the giving of holy-spirit on the day of Pentecost and the gathering together of all holy-people with him in the air)
 - but also the people living during the next age
 - (between the gathering-together of all holy-people away from the earth and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ back on earth)
- ...will be able to read and understand what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing now and what he will do in the future with reference to the realm of mankind and the spirit realm. It includes prophecy regarding events occurring during the past, the present, and the future.

Where did it originate?

- God gave this information to the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Revelation 1:1 and 2:
 - ^{1:1}Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to point-out to His slaves, which-things are necessary to come-to-pass in quickness, and he signified having apostled by means of his angel to his slave John, ^{·2}who witnessed the word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ as-many-things-as he saw.

Seven Churches

- John addressed the 7 churches
 - Revelation 1:4, 5 and 11:
 - ⁴John - to the seven churches, the (*churches*) in Asia; grace to you and peace from the (*One*) being and the (*One Who*) used-to-be and the (*One*) coming, and from the seven spirits which (*are*) before His throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the witness, the believer, the firstborn of dead-people, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
 - ¹¹..."That-which you observe you must write into a book and you must send to the seven churches - into Ephesus, and into Smyrna, and into Pergamos, and into Thyatira, and into Sardis, and into Philadelphia, and into Laodicea."

The Lord Jesus Christ is alive

- Christ tells John who he is
 - Revelation 1:17-20:
 - .¹⁷And when I saw him I fell towards his feet as a dead-person, and he put his right (*hand*) on me saying,
 - "You must not be fearful; I am the first and the last; .¹⁸and the (*one*) living, even I became dead and look!, I am living into the ages of the ages; and I have the keys of the death and the gravedom. .¹⁹Therefore you must write which-things you saw, even which they are and which are about to come-to-pass after these-things.
 - .²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on my right (*hand*) and the seven lamp-stands, the golden (*lamp-stands*) - the seven stars are angels of the seven churches, and the lamp-stands, the seven (*lamp-stands*) are seven churches."

Christ reveals information

- Christ makes known details for each of the 7 churches
 - Revelation 2:7:
 - .⁷The *(person)* having an ear must hear what the spirit says to the churches.
 - To the *(person)* being-victorious I will give to him to eat out-from the tree of the life which is in the Paradise of God.'

To the angel of the church in Thyatira

- Time given for people to repent
 - Revelation 2:20 and 21:
 - .²⁰But I have against you that you leave the woman Jezabel, the (*woman*) saying herself (*to be*) a prophetess, and she teaches and she causes my slaves to-wander, to fornicate, and to eat idol-sacrifices - .²¹and I gave to her time in order that she may repent and she does not intend to repent out-from her fornication.

Victorious people

- Christ refers to the book of the life and the throne of his Father
 - Revelation 3:5 and 21:
 - .⁵The (*person*) being-victorious thus will clothe-himself in white outer-garments, and I will never wipe-out his name from the book of the life, and I will express-agreement (*regarding*) his name before my Father and before His angels.
 - .²¹The (*person*) being-victorious - I will give to him to sit-down with me in my throne, as I also was-victorious and I sat-down with my Father in His throne.

Events in Heaven

- John continues writing about events occurring during the past, the present, and the future - but in chapters 4 and 5 the events take place in heaven
 - Revelation 4:1:
 - 4:1 After these-things I saw, and look!, a door having been opened² in the heaven and the sound, the first (*sound*) which I heard as of a trumpet uttering-forth with me, saying, "You must ascend here and I will point-out to you which-things are necessary to come-to-pass after these-things."

The book with 7 seals

- A little lamb represents the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Revelation 5:6 and 7:
 - ⁶And I saw - in (*the*) midst of the throne and the four living-beings and in (*the*) midst of the elders - a little-lamb having stood², as having been slaughtered², having seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God having been apostled² into all the earth; ⁷and he came and took² (*the book*) out-from the right (*hand*) of the (*One*) sitting-down on the throne.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 6:1 - 7:8 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven (refer to Revelation chapters 4 and 5).
 - Revelation 6:2:
 - .²And I saw, and look!, a white horse and the (*one*) sitting-down on it having a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went-out being-victorious and in order that he may be-victorious.

Approaching the 7th Seal

- Who is able to be caused to stand during the time of the seventh seal?
 - Revelation 7:4:
 - .⁴And I heard the number of the (*slaves*) having been sealed² - hundred forty four thousands having been sealed² out-from every tribe of (*the*) sons of Israel:

Events in Heaven

- Revelation 7:9 changes to John writing about events which take place in heaven and span from Revelation 7:9 - 8:6.
 - Revelation 7:10 and 14:
 - .¹⁰...shouting with a great sound saying, "The salvation (*is*) with our God, the (*One*) sitting-down on the throne, and with the little-lamb."
 - .¹⁴And I said² to him, "My Lord, you knew²." And he said to me, "Those-people are the (*people*) coming out-from the pressure, the great (*pressure*), and they washed their robes and whitened them in the blood of the little-lamb;

Opening the 7th Seal

- Revelation chapter 8 begins with the opening of the seventh (7) seal of the book in heaven by the little-lamb which is representing the Lord Jesus Christ. This takes place after the 144,000 people were sealed.
 - Revelation 8:1, 2 and 6:
 - 8:1 And whenever he opened the seal, the seventh (*seal*), there became silence in the heaven as half-an-hour; ·²and I saw the seven angels who stood² before God and seven trumpets were given to them.
 - ·⁶And the seven angels, the (*angels*) having the seven trumpets, prepared themselves in order that they may trumpet.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 8:7 - 11:14 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven.
 - Revelation 8:10 and 11:
 - .¹⁰And the third angel trumpeted; and a great star fell out-from heaven burning as a torch, and it fell on the third of the rivers and on the springs of the waters, .¹¹and the name of the star is said (*as*) Wormwood; and the third of the waters became into wormwood - even many of the men died from the waters because they were made-bitter.

Woe, woe, woe

- After the first 4 angels blow their trumpets – Revelation 8:13 marks the effects or events following the last 3 angels blowing their trumpets as being especially woeful to/for the recipients.
 - Revelation 8:13:
 - .¹³And I saw and heard one flying eagle in mid-heaven saying with a great sound, "Woe, woe, woe - the (*people*) dwelling-down on the earth - from the remaining sounds of the trumpet of the three angels, the (*angels*) being about to trumpet."

The fifth angel trumpeted

- Revelation chapter 9 continues with the details of the effects or events which will follow the last 2 of 3 angels blowing their trumpets.
 - Revelation 9:1-3:
 - ^{9:1}And the fifth angel trumpeted; and I saw a star having fallen² out-from heaven into the earth; and the key of the well of the abyss was given to him ·²and he opened the well of the abyss; and smoke ascended from the well as smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air was darkened from the smoke of the well, ·³and locusts came-out from the smoke into the earth and authority was given to them as the scorpions of the earth have authority.

The sixth angel trumpeted

- The second woe spans from Revelation 9:13 to 11:13.
 - Revelation 9:13 and 14:
 - .¹³And the sixth angel trumpeted; and I heard one sound out-from the horns of the sacrificial-altar, the golden (*sacrificial-altar*), the (*sacrificial-altar*) before God, .¹⁴saying to the sixth angel, the (*angel*) having the trumpet, "You must loosen the four angels, the (*angels*) having been bound² on the river, the great Euphrates."

The men did not repent

- The remaining-people of the men who were left alive did not repent.
 - Revelation 9:20 and 21:
 - .²⁰And the remaining-people of the men, the (*remaining-people*) not killed in these strokes, neither repented out-from the works of their hands in order that they will not worship the devils and the idols - the golden and the silver and the copper and the stony and the wooden (*idols*), which neither are able to observe nor to hear nor to walk - .²¹and they did not repent out-from their murders neither out-from their sorceries nor out-from their fornication nor out-from their thefts.

The second Woe continues

- In Revelation chapter 10 John continues with details of the effects or events that will follow the sixth angel blowing his trumpet, which is during the second of three woes referred to in Revelation 8:13.
 - Revelation 10:5 and 11:
 - .⁵And the angel whom I saw having stood² on the sea and on the earth lifted his hand, the right (*hand*) into the heaven
 - .¹¹And they say to me, "It is necessary (*for*) you again to prophesy on peoples and nations and tongues and many kings."

The Two Witnesses

- In Revelation 11:1-14 John specifically writes according to the instructions he received in Revelation 10:11 - "...to prophesy on peoples and nations and tongues and many kings." Revelation chapter 11 includes part of the details of the effects or events that will follow the sixth angel blowing his trumpet, which is during the second of three woes referred to in Revelation 8:13.
 - Revelation 11:7 and 11:
 - ⁷And whenever they may complete their witness - the wild-animal, the (*wild-animal*) ascending out-from the abyss, will make war with them and it will be-victorious-over them and it will kill them;
 - ¹¹And after the three days and a half (*the*) spirit of life out-from God went into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell on the (*people*) viewing them with-attention;

Questions and Answers

- Why does John write to the angels of the churches in chapters 2 and 3?
 - Revelation 1:1, 2 and 20:
 - ^{1:1}Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to point-out to His slaves, which-things are necessary to come-to-pass in quickness, and he **signified** having apostled by means of his angel to his slave John, ²who witnessed the word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ as-many-things-as he saw.
 - ^{.20}The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on my right (*hand*) and the seven lamp-stands, the golden (*lamp-stands*) - the seven stars are **angels of the seven churches**, and the lamp-stands, the seven (*lamp-stands*) are seven churches.

Questions and Answers

- To the “angel”
 - literally refers to the spirit-being whose office and character is one of a messenger in official service via words and/or actions - the guardian or messenger **assigned-to and representative-of** this church of holy-people
 - figuratively refers in a prophetic sense to the human guardian or messenger of/from the Judean/Israeli assembly of people offering up prayers to God during old covenant times, and also during the next age which will be between the gathering-together of all holy-people away from the earth and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ back on earth
- Each of these 7 angels, assigned-to and representative-of a specific church of people, received the revelation by John writing it down and sending the information received to the churches at that time

Questions and Answers

- The angel who was apostled to signify to John tells a little about himself in chapter 22
 - Revelation 22:8 and 9:
 - ⁸And I - John, the (*person*) hearing and observing these-things, even when I heard and observed - fell to worship in-front-of the feet of the angel, the (*angel*) pointing-out these-things to me, ⁹and he says to me, "You must see not (*to do that*); I am a slave-together with you and your brothers, the prophets, and the (*people*) keeping the words of this book - you must worship God."
- Several of the events prophesied in chapters 2 and 3 have already occurred, and the judgments prophesied to/for the angels and their churches by the Lord Jesus Christ have been implemented - but the final judgment and implementation is still future to us today, as recorded in Revelation chapters 19 and 20.

Questions and Answers

- Why are some words in your translation different to the King James Version (KJV)?
 - Revelation 1:8: (KJV)
 - 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.
 - Revelation 1:8: (TBS)
 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the **Lord God**, the *(One)* being and the *(One Who)* used-to-be and the *(One)* coming - the All-Strong-One.
- Greek texts include the word for Lord and the word for God

Questions and Answers

- Why are some words in your translation different to the King James Version (KJV)?
 - Revelation 2:23: (KJV)
 - ...and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the **reins** and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
 - Revelation 2:23: (TBS)
 - ...And all the churches will know that I am the (*one*) searching **kidneys** and hearts and I will give to you each according to your works.
- The word in the Greek texts is literally “kidneys” when translated into English – the area in the physical body that helps in purifying it, flushing out things that the body does not need; figuratively the kidneys refer to the seat of the inner purposes, desires, and passions of people which influence or guide their actions. The English word “reins” refers to a restraint as the reins used on horses, and therefore may not communicate to the reader as well as the word “kidneys”.