



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 1

(In Depth Breakdown)

{Text is KJV}

Some key steps:

Step 1: Grab your Bible, multiple highlighters, a notebook and a pen/pencil

Step 2: Pray over the text

Step 3: Read the text

Step 4: Highlight the characters

Step 5: Identify the what

Step 6: Identify the purpose

Step 7: Identify the who

Step 8: Identify the why

“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 main characters:

- Jesus Christ
- God
- Angel
- John

This is: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Identify the purpose:

The purpose is: to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass;

Who gave the word? God

Who did God give the word too? Jesus Christ

By whom did God send the word? he sent the signified word by his Angel

Who did God's angel show the word to? The Servant John

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

The who is: The Servant John

The purpose for John was to bare:

- the record of the word of God
- the record of the testimony of Jesus Christ
- The record of all the things that he saw

“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.”

What is the verse saying?

Blessed is he that:

- reads the words of this prophecy

Blessed is they that:

- hear the words of this prophecy
- And keep the things which are written

What is the purpose? To communicate that the time is at hand

“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;”

Who is speaking? John is speaking to the seven churches which are in Asia.

Who is John speaking for? Jesus Christ(him which is, which was and is to come) and the seven spirits
(To be defined later in the chapter):

- Seven churches and seven spirits

“ 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,”

Who is Jesus Christ:

- The faithful witness
- The first begotten of the dead
- The prince of the kings of the earth
- Him that loved us
- He whom washed our sins in his own blood

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

What is the verse conveying?

That Jesus Christ has made us kings and priests unto God.

“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.”

Who is John speaking of? Jesus Christ who

- cometh with the clouds
- every eye shall see him
- including them who pierced him
- and all kindreds of the earth shall wail

“ 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.”

Who is (I) Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ is the

- Alpha and Omega
- Beginning and the ending
- Which is
- Which was
- Which is to come
- The Almighty

“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.”

Who is John?

- Our brother
- Our companion in tribulation
- Our companion in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ

Where was John? in the isle of Patmos

Why was John in the isle of Patmos? For the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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

Who is I? John, who was in the Spirit on the Lord's day

What did John hear? A great voice; as a trumpet

“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.”

Who is speaking?

Jesus Christ(alpha and omega, the first and the last)

Here we have two commands:

John was to write what he saw in a book and send the book to the seven churches in Asia.

Where were the seven churches:

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna
3. Pergamos
4. Thyatira
5. Sardis
6. Philadelphia
7. Laodicea

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

Who is I? John

What did John see? seven golden candlesticks

What are the seven golden candlesticks: (to be
defined later in the chapter)

“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.”

What did John see? John saw the Son of man standing in the midst of the seven candlesticks.

How was the Son of man dressed? Clothed with a garment down to His feet, with a girt and golden girdle around the paps.

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

How does the Son of man look?

- His head and hair was like wool and white as snow.
- His eyes were as a flame of fire.

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

How does the Son of man look and sound?

- His feet were like fine brass as if they had burned in a furnace.
- His voice as the sound of many waters.

“And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

The Son of man's appearance:

- Out of His mouth came a sharp two edged sword
- His countenance was as the sun shining in his strength

What was he holding? The seven stars

(The seven stars will be defined later in the chapter)

“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:”

Who is I: John

Who is him, his, he? Jesus Christ

What did John do when he saw our Lord Jesus Christ? John fell at his feet as dead.

How did our Lord respond to John?

- By placing his right hand on John and telling John not to fear.
- By reminding John who He is
 - He is: The first and the last

Let's take a closer look at this verse:

This is John the apostle who walked with, talked with, ate with, lived with our Christ during His time on earth. John was one of three apostles who went up with our Christ to the Mountain of Transfiguration. John penned an account of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; along with four other books in the Bible. John knew our Christ very well while He was on this earth but when he turned and saw Him in His Revelation; *John fell to His feet as dead.*

John saw the same Jesus Christ that we will *all* see when we stand at His judgment seat. We see here how John reacted to seeing Him; how will we respond?

Think about it!

“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.”

Who is speaking? Jesus Christ

Who is Jesus Christ:

- He that lives
- He that was dead
- He is alive for evermore
- He who have the keys of hell and of death

“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;”

Who is speaking? Jesus Christ

He(Jesus Christ) commands John: To write an account of:

- what he has seen
- the things which are
- the things which shall be hereafter

“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.”

Identify definitions:

Here Jesus Christ reveals the meaning of the seven stars and the seven candlesticks:

- Seven stars: are the angels of the seven churches
- Seven candlesticks: are the seven churches