



FINAL CONQUEST

A VERSE-BY-VERSE STUDY OF REVELATION

VISIONS OF GRANDEUR

REVELATION 1:1-20

Introduction: To paraphrase a great writer from yesteryear, “What comes to your mind when you think about Jesus is the most important thing about you.” Your belief about who Jesus is profoundly impacts how you live your life. Today as we look at John’s response to the “revelation” of Jesus on the island of Patmos, we will discover how that “revelation” should affect our life every moment of every day.

I. **The Prologue To Revelation** (Revelation 1:1-3)

A. **The Subject of the Book: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”**

Revelation 1:1 “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John.”

B. **The Time of the Unveiling of Jesus Christ: “Soon”**

Revelation 1:2 “[John] who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.”

Revelation 1:3 “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

II. **The Greeting From John** (Revelation 1:4-8)

Revelation 1:4 “John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.”

A. **The Blessing: “Grace and Peace”** (1:4)



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B. The Source of the Blessing (1:4-8)

- 1. God the Father (1:4)**
- 2. The Holy Spirit (1:4)**
- 3. Jesus Christ (1:5-8)**

Revelation 1:5 “And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood.”

- a. Present: “faithful witness”**
- b. Past: “firstborn of the dead”**
- c. Future: “ruler of the kings of the earth”**

Revelation 1:7-8 ⁷ “BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

III. A Vision Of The Exalted Christ (Revelation 1:9-16)

A. Circumstances of John’s Vision (1:9-11)

Revelation 1:9 “I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”

Revelation 1:10-11 ¹⁰ “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, ‘Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.’”



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B. Details of the Vision (Revelation 1:12-16)

Revelation 1:12-16 ¹² “And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. ¹⁴ And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.”

1. The seven golden lampstands = the churches (1:12, 20)

Revelation 1:12 “And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;”

Revelation 1:20 “As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

2. The One in the midst of the lampstand = Jesus Christ (1:13-16)

Revelation 1:13-16 ¹³ “And in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. ¹⁴ And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.”

3. The Seven stars = seven pastors of the churches (1:16; 1:20)

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C. John’s Response to the Vision (1:17-18)

Revelation 1:17-18 ¹⁷ “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the first, and the last, ¹⁸ and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.’”

The Outline of Revelation

“The Things Which You Have Seen”
(Chapter 1 -- The Exalted Christ)

“The Things Which Are”
(Chapters 2-3 -- The Present Condition of the Churches)

“The Things That Shall Take Place”
(Chapters 4-22 -- The Events Leading to the Return of Christ)

D. Our Response to John’s Vision

- 1. Our challenge**
- 2. Our encouragement**

Conclusion