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# **Revelation** of **Jesus Christ**

An overview

**1. Introduction**



Revelation?

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the words of this prophecy,  
and **keep** those things which are written in it;  
**for the time is near.**

(Revelation 1:3)

# What will most influence our understanding of Revelation?

## ➤ **How we view the Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...”

## ➤ **Our view of Israel's place in God's purposes**

- Romans 11:11 – “Have they stumbled that they should fall?”

## ➤ **A prior commitment to a fixed interpretation**

- Proverbs 9:9 – “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser...”

## Asking the right questions...

Tell us, when will these things be?  
And what will be the sign of Your coming,  
and of the end of the age?  
(Matthew 24:3)

*Take heed that no one  
deceives you.*  
(Matthew 24:4)

*Therefore you also be ready...*  
(Matthew 24:44)

Lord, will You at this time  
restore the kingdom to Israel?  
(Acts 1:6)

*It is not for you to know times or seasons  
which the Father has put in His own authority.*  
(Acts 1:7)

## Asking the right questions...

Lord, what do You  
want me to do?  
(Acts 9:6)

*He who has an ear, let him hear  
what the Spirit says to the churches.*  
(Revelation 2:7)

*"Behold, I am coming soon!  
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the words of the prophecy of this book.*  
(Revelation 22:7)

## Asking the right questions...

Why are there  
so many symbols  
and strange creatures?

*Come up here....*  
(Revelation 4:1)

As for the mystery of the seven stars...  
and the seven golden lampstands...  
(Revelation 1:20)

Symbols are **not** symbols of nothing. They represent **REAL THINGS**.

## Asking the right questions...

Is Revelation like  
a movie of history  
before it happens?

**Prophecy is not  
proleptic history...**

Detailed history  
in advance

Now

Details of all the events as they happened

A spiritual view of the essence of things

History

Prophecy

The one who **prophesies** speaks to people  
for their **edification** and **encouragement** and **consolation**.

(1 Corinthians 14:3)

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## The Introduction - Revelation 1:1-8

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Greek: *apokalypsis*  
an uncovering or unveiling

## The revelation of Jesus Christ

The revelation **from** Jesus Christ  
but also  
the revelation **about** Jesus Christ

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(Revelation 1:1)

*Truly, truly, I say to you,  
we speak of what we know, and  
bear witness to what we have seen....*

(John 3:11)

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the things that **must soon take place.**

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His angel



**John the apostle**



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what the Spirit says **to the churches.***  
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[John] bore witness to

- to **the word of God** and
- to **the testimony of Jesus Christ,**

even to all that he saw.

(Revelation 1:2)

# John, to the seven churches which are in Asia...

## Grace to you and peace from

- Him who is and who was and who is to come,  
and
- the seven Spirits who are before His throne,  
and
- **Jesus Christ**
  - the faithful witness,
  - the firstborn from the dead,
  - and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

(Revelation 1:4-5)



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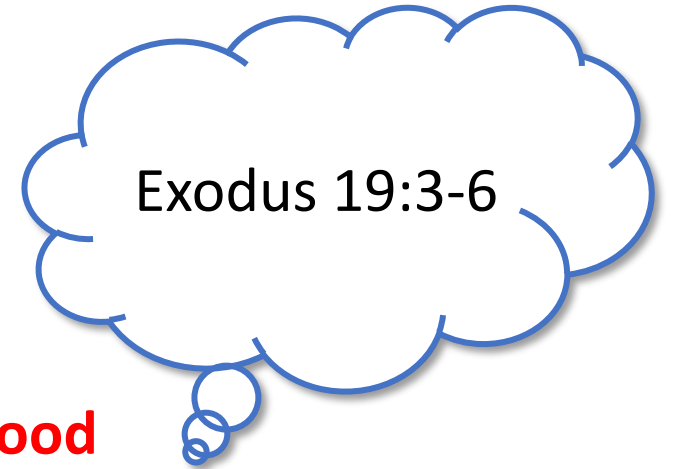
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**To Him** who

- **loves us**
- and **has freed us** from our sins by **His blood**
- and **made us** a kingdom, priests to His God and Father,

**to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.** Amen.

(Revelation 1:5-6)



## He is coming...

*Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and **then all the tribes of the earth will mourn**, and they will see the Son of Man **coming on the clouds** of heaven with power and great glory.*

(Matthew 24:30)

Behold,

**He is coming with the clouds,**

and every eye will see Him,

even those who pierced Him,

and **all tribes of the earth will mourn** because of Him.

Even so. Amen.

(Revelation 1:7)

...then they will look on Me  
whom they pierced.

(Zechariah 12:10)

## The Almighty...

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!  
(Revelation 4:8)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,  
“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”  
(Revelation 1:8)

*“Behold, I am coming quickly...  
I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End,  
the First and the Last.”*  
(Revelation 22:13)

## The journey begins...

- ✓ Revelation is for the benefit of us all...
- ✓ Jesus Christ is further revealed in it...
- ✓ “Come up here” and be ready...

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