

2. I turned to see the voice...

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

(Revelation 1:3)

This is how we got the word "apocalypse"

Greek: *apokalypsis* an uncovering or unveiling

The revelation of Jesus Christ

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(Revelation 1:9)

I, John, your brother

In the world you will have tribulation... (John 16:33)

Under the authority of the King

This takes **time** and **patience**.

...bear fruit with patience... (Luke 8:15)

I, John, your brother and partner

- in the **tribulation**
- and the kingdom
- and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of
 - the word of God
 - and the **testimony of Jesus**.

(Revelation 1:9)



Resurrection day - Sunday

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying,

"Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches...

(Revelation 1:10-11)





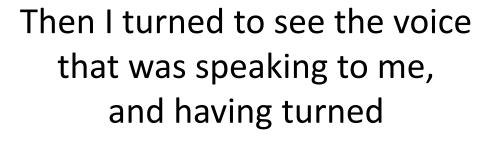






What have we seen so far?

➤ A written **revelation** (an unveiling) is being given to seven churches and to all who believe.



I saw seven golden lampstands,

and in the midst of the lampstands

One like a son of man...

(Revelation 1:12-13)





clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest.

The hairs of His head were white, like white wool, like snow.

His eyes were like a flame of fire,

His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,

and His voice was like the roar of many waters.

In His right hand He held seven stars,

from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,

and His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

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A long robe (what colour?) like a priest or king.

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

The Ancient of Days...

His garment was

white as snow,

And the hair of His head

was like pure wool.

(Daniel 7:9)

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and His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

...behold, a white horse.

And He who sat on him

was called

Faithful and True,

and in righteousness

He judges and makes war.

His eyes were like

a flame of fire...

(Revelation 19:11-12)

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...the Son of God,
who has eyes
like a flame of fire,
and whose feet
are like burnished bronze.
(Revelation 2:18)

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And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings... (Revelation 19:6)

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Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. (Psalm 18:35)

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To Pergamos:

Repent, or else
I will come to you quickly
and will fight against them
with the sword of My mouth.
(Revelation 2:16)

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He was transfigured before them.

His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

(Matthew 17:2)

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. (Isaiah 44:6)

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

But He laid His right hand on me, saying,

"Do not be afraid;

I am the First and the Last.

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

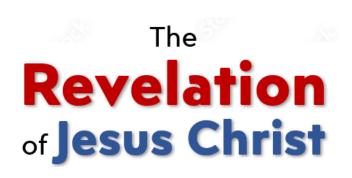
(Revelation 1:17-18)

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Mentioned in One like a son of man... the letter to: **Ephesus =>** [In the midst of the lampstands...] clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest. The hairs of His head were **white**, like white wool, like snow. Thyatira => His eyes were like a flame of fire, Thyatira => His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the roar of many waters. Ephesus, Sardis => In His right hand He held seven stars, Pergamos => from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength. Smyrna => "...I am the First and the Last. Smyrna => I am He who lives, and was dead,

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Smyrna => and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.



Now what have we seen?

- ➤ A written **revelation** (an unveiling) is being given to seven churches and to all who believe.
- Christ is revealed as the One who sees, knows and judges.

"Write

- the things which you have seen,
- and the things which are,
- and the things which will take place after this."

(Revelation 1:19)



Or messengers

The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches

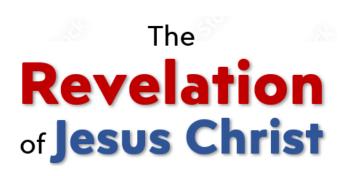
As for the mystery of

- the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and
- the seven golden lampstands...

The seven lampstands are the seven churches

A witness in the heavens – See Ephesian 3:10





And now, what have we seen?

- ➤ A written revelation (an unveiling) is being given to seven churches and to all who believe.
- Christ is revealed as the One who sees, knows and judges.
- > The life and work of the church is spiritual.

