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**Purpose**: To Instill Confidence in believers.

• **Theme** : *Victory* of Christ over Satan.

• We are **More** than conquerors. (Rom 8:37)

• **No new** doctrines here



**Chap 1- 11**

**Man's view of the Battle.**

**Chap 12-22**

**God's view of the Battle**

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ

**1:1 *The Revelation***

*Greek Apokálupsis*

**Apocalypse !**

**“To remove the cover; unveil”**

**1:1 *Of Jesus Christ***— *Greek genitive case*  
means the ***revelation given by*** Him.

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ

1:1b “Revelation..  
*which God gave  
Him to show...*”

*Deity gave  
to Deity?*

(John 7:16) *My teaching is not Mine,*  
but His who sent Me (Jn 12:49; 14:24).

“(The Son will subordinate himself to the  
Father. (1 Cor 15:28) *cf IVP; Pulpit.*”

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ

The image depicts the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, a scene from the Book of Revelation. From left to right: the White Horseman on a white horse, the Red Horseman on a red horse, the Black Horseman on a black horse, and the Pale Horseman on a pale horse. Each rider is on a horse of a different color and is holding a different weapon or symbol. The background is a dramatic, fiery landscape with a dark, stormy sky. The text is overlaid on the image, with the first part in blue and the second part in black with a white outline.

Rev 1:1c **“To show”**: Greek = “Allow to *See*,  
“To expose to the *eyes*.”

**“To His bond-servants”** *Louw*: “One that is  
Completely controlled by someone.”

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ

**1:1d** Show the things which must *shortly* come to pass Happen in *Brief* space of time.

Some things would *Happen after these things* (Rev 1:19).

Still others were FAR DISTANT.

*Satan sealed for 1,000 years* (Rev 20:3)

Later thrown into *Lake of fire* (Rev 20: 7-10)

From  
*Father* 1:1

To  
*Son* 1:1

By HIS  
*Angel* 1:1 to

*John* 1:1 to

*Angels* 2:1 to

*Churches*

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1:1 “And He sent and  
communicated it *by His*  
*angel* to His bond-  
servant *John*.”

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ



**1:2 [John] *Who bore witness to the word.. to all that he **saw*****

**John is recording all that he "SAW" in visions, just like other prophets. ( Ezk 1; Dan 2, Zech 6. )**

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ

v.3 *“Blessed is  
he who reads &  
those who hear..”*

*“the words of the  
prophecy → & heed  
the things which  
are written.” Jas 1:22*

*(1 Tim 4:13)*

*“Give attention to the **public reading**  
of Scripture.” [They had no private Bibles]*

# 1:1-3 Revelation of Jesus Christ

1:3 “Blessed are those that... heed the things which are written in it; **for the time is near.**”

Things would begin very shortly

For **Jesus** his time was 36 hours away in (Mat 26:18)

What about **You**?  
What about **USA**?

# Rev 1:4-8 Message to the 7 Churches

v.4 "John to the seven churches that are in Asia"

There were more such as **Troas**, **Colossae** and **Hierapolis** (Acts 20:4; Col 1:2; 4:13).

**7** Because number of completeness? Or best cities for communication? Or all that's left?

# Rev 1:4-8 Message to the 7 Churches

1:4 *“Grace & Peace to you from...”*

1:4 *“Him who is and was & is to come”*

*The Father!*

*The eternal “I AM”*

*(Rev 1:8)*

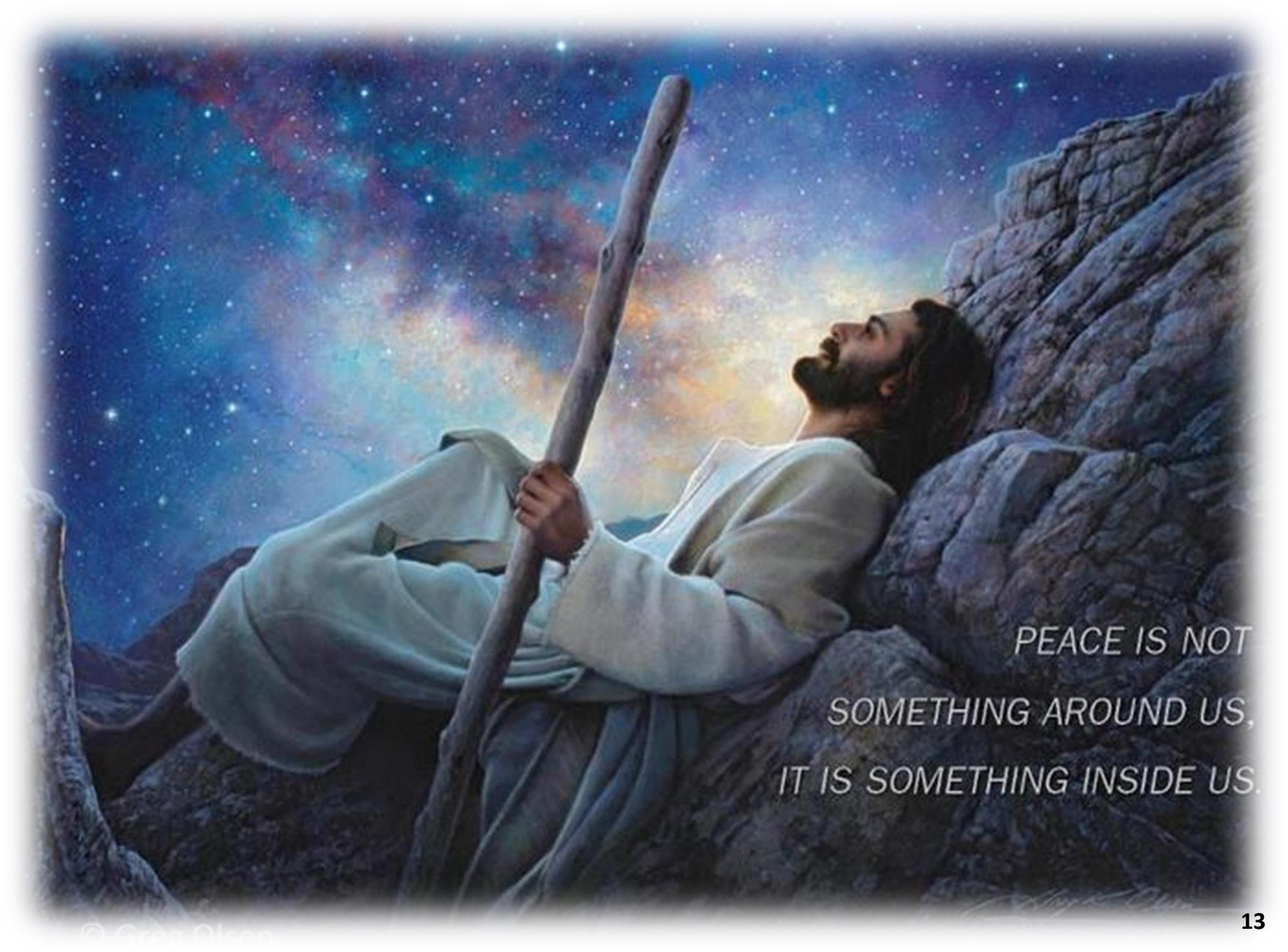
1:5 *And from Jesus Christ: Son!*

*Tremendous comfort! Deity  
is saying “Grace and  
peace to  
you.”*



1:4 *Seven Spirits.. of God = Holy Spirit ! (v.5)*

*The Spirit is the “Complete Light-Giver.”*

A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, is leaning against a large, grey rock. He is holding a long, thin wooden staff vertically. The background is a vibrant, colorful night sky filled with stars and a bright, multi-colored nebula or galaxy. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

PEACE IS NOT  
SOMETHING AROUND US,  
IT IS SOMETHING INSIDE US.

# Rev 1:4-8 Message to the 7 Churches

v.5 *Faithful witness*

Totally trustworthy.

v.5 *Firstborn of dead*

(1 Cor 15:20)

v.5 *Ruler of kings*

(Rev 19:16)

v.5 *Loves us*

(John 15:13)

v.5 *Released from sins*

(Acts 22:16)

v.6 *Be a kingdom*

(Col 1:13)

v.6 *To be priests to Father*

(1 Pet 2:5) Royal

Tremendous *Encouragement* to the Saints !

# Rev 1:4 -8 Message to the 7 Churches

**1:7** *Behold he is coming with the clouds*



***Language of judgment***

(Matt 24:30) “All the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the ***clouds of the sky with power and great glory.***”

(Mat 24:34) ***That is the destruction of Jerusalem!***  
***The clouds*** are pictured as God’s chariots (Ps 104:3)<sub>15</sub>

# Rev 1:4-8 Message to the 7 Churches



1:7 “And *every eye* will see Him, even *those who pierced Him*; and *all the tribes of the earth* will mourn over Him.”

“All Tribes of earth [Jews & Greeks] Will be overwhelmed with the apprehension of the judgment to come. (cf. Barnes)

# Rev 1:4-8 Message to the 7 Churches

v.8 *I am the Alpha and Omega says the Lord God  
... the Almighty*

This is the *Father's* self-designation.  
(4:8-9) "Lord God Almighty who lives  
forever and ever."

But also later used by the *Son* (22:12-13)  
"I am the Alpha & Omega."

# Rev 1:9-11 The Command to Write!

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*



*One of a cluster of Aegean Islands, 10 mi long x 6 mi wide. 24 miles off coast of Asia Minor.*

# Rev 1:9-11 The Command to Write!

Christians were regarded as criminals  
by **emperor Domitian AD 81-96.**

Rev 1:9 “Island of Patmos  
because of the **word of  
God and the testimony  
of Jesus.**

“An early Christian tradition said John was in  
exile for **18 months.**” *Nelson’s Bible Dictionary*

# Rev 1:9 -11 The Command to Write!

Rev 1:10 “I, John was in  
the Spirit on the  
Lord’s Day”

Like *Paul* (Acts 16:9 in Troas; 2 Cor 12:1-4);  
And *Peter* in Caesarea. (Acts 10:9f)

# Rev 1:9 -11 The Command to Write!

v.10 "On the Lord's Day"

Phrase: "Lord's Day"  
is used Only Here.

His Visions begin  
on SUNDAY!

That day Jesus rose (Mat 28:1-6)

That day Lord's church started  
(Acts 2:1, 41)

That was the day Lord's People  
worshipped (Acts 20:7)

That was the day Lord's People  
people gave. (1 Cor 16:1-2)



# Rev 1:9-11 The Command to Write!

1:10 *"I heard behind me a LOUD VOICE, like the sound of a trumpet"*



- A Trumpet sounded at Sinai (Ex 19:16, 19)
- Trumpets warn people of attack. (Ezek 33:3)

1:11 Write in a book [Biblion] Diminutive:  
"A small book, a scroll" Thayers.

**Write what you see & send it to the 7 churches**

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v.12 Lampstands = 7 churches (v.20)

v.13 Like the son of man = human form (Dan 7:13)

v.13 Robe, golden sash = HP. (Lev 8:7)

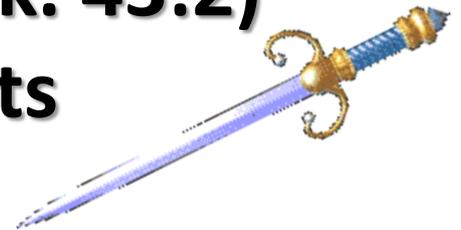
v.14 Hair, head white = purity (Heb 4:15; Dan 7:9)

v.14 Eyes a flame of fire = penetrating (Heb 4:13)

v.15 Feet.. burnished bronze = Strength (Dan 10:6)

v.15 Voice = Thunderous, stunning (Ezk. 43:2)

v.16 Two edged sword = The Word Cuts  
(Eph 6:17; Rev 19:15 "Smite").



# Rev 1:12 -20 Christ Among the Lampstands

1:17 *I fell at His feet as one dead*

Daniel *passed out too* ! (Dan 10:9)

v.18 *I was dead and... I am alive forever more. I have the keys of Death & of Hades*



Comfort to the saints: I have experienced death and it *Couldn't hold me*. Having the “keys of” means He has the *AUTHORITY*.

# Rev 1:12 -20 Christ Among the Lampstands

Rev 1:19 "Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which **shall take place after these things.**"

Barnes "The more natural interpretation would seem to be, that it would stretch far into future years," (Barnes)



Isa 48:6 "You have heard; look at all this. I proclaim to you new things from this time, Even hidden things you have not known."

# Rev 1:12 -20 Christ Among the Lampstands

v.20 *The mystery of the 7 stars*

“The seven stars are 7  
*angels* of the seven  
churches”



Probably NOT Guardian angels (2:1)  
But HUMAN messengers or leaders.  
Of Priests (Mal 2:7); prophets (Mt 11:10)  
Perhaps *church elders* (Heb 13:17) *Barnes*