

# REVELATION SERIES - SESSION 2

## REVELATION 1:1-11

Review: Book was inspired by Holy Spirit.

Writer = John the Apostle

When = A D 95

Where = Isle of Patmos

Rev 1:1 - Revelation of Jesus not John.

Apokalupsis - unveiling, revealing

### 3 Methods to Interpret

1) Allegorical

2) Historical

3) Literal

Lots of symbolism but John is trying to describe future events in pre future language.

He says a lot of time “looks like” or “sounds like”

Main purpose is to make us aware of events leading up to Second coming of Christ.

So Jesus is coming again, we don't know when but we should know the signs of the times.

Rev 1:1

“must shortly take place” - you can read that and think been about 1900 years ago.

Shortly = “en Tachei” “quickly or suddenly”

Not soon but when it does begin it will happen quickly and suddenly.

“And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”

“Angels” = appear 76 times in Revelation.

God uses angels throughout Revelation.

Rev. 1:2 - who bare witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

He uses phrase “And I saw” 36 times.

But also refers to things “he heard” 27 times in book.

Rev. 1:3 - “reads” = me

“hear” = you

So its a book of blessing beginning in Chapter 1 and ends with a blessing in Chapter 22.

We will be blessed if we hear it, read it and do what it says.

## Rev 1:4 - “Seven Churches in Asia”

There are specific letters Jesus gives to 7 literal churches in Asia Minor (Turkey).

(4b) - “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.”

“Seven Spirits”

3 Schools of thought.

1 - Seven = completeness, fullness of spirit.

It's used over 50 times in book of Revelation.

2 - Seven virtues of Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 11:2 there are 7 virtues of Holy Spirit mentioned.

Isaiah 11:2

3 - Not a reference to Holy Spirit but angels around throne.

Rev. 8:2

Best comm on Bible is Bible. Rev 8:2

If you compare 1:4 to 8:2, you can see it could be angels around the throne.

Rev. 1:5

“First born from the dead” - not only person ever raised, but the first with glorified body.

1:6 - “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.”

So it’s a reminder of all He did on the cross to cleanse and wash us from our sins.

(Vs 6) And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father to Him be glory and dominion forever.

It’s the idea that since we’ve been redeemed, we are getting the royal treatment.

Rev 2:7

Behold = “look”, “watch”, “see”.

He is coming “with” the clouds.

It’s talking about when Jesus comes back to earth (second coming).

What does it mean? “With the clouds”

Notice the preposition “with” and it’s not “IN”

This can be seen in light of Heb. 12:1.

Heb.12:1 - “encompassed with such a great cloud of witnesses”.

So I believe “with the clouds is actually with the saints”.



There are over 300 O. T. references in Revelation from 24 different O. T. books. But most not footnoted..

What we are reading is actually from Daniel.

Daniel 7:13-14

John is actually writing about same event Daniel wrote about in Daniel 7:13 - 14.

So Daniel saw same vision, Son of Man coming “with clouds”.

Matt. 24:26-27

(Vs 7) All will see Him “even those that pierced Him”

It's same thing told in Rev. 1 as in Zech. 12.

So for those that denied and pierced Him, they will be so broken when they see Him.

Rev. 1:8

Almighty = strength - only used 10 times in N. T. 9 out of the 10 times is in Revelation.

Rev. 1:9 - Tribulation small "t", there is tribulation.  
Capital T in chapter 6, that will come upon earth.

(Vs 9) Why is he there?  
1) Word of God  
2) Testimony of Jesus Christ

Rev. 1:10

He is using language “like a trumpet” not a trumpet. God’s voice is like a piercing trumpet.

“I was in spirit” - It’s more than having the H. S. But he was captive by the spirit to write these things.

“On the Lord’s day” = Saturday is Sabbath. Lord’s Day is Sunday.

We worship on Sunday because Jesus rose.

Rev. 1:11 - “Write this down”.

He tells him 11 more times “write this down”.