

## **Revelation 1 Outline**

### **1A Preliminary: The History of the Prophecy, vv.1-3:**

- 1B** The identity, provenance, purpose, and recipients of the work, 1a: The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, to show His slaves the things necessary to happen quickly,
- 2B** The confirmation of the work and intermediate recipient, 1b: and He signified [it] after sending through His angel to His slave John.
- 3B** The testimony of the intermediate recipient, 2: Who testified the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, to what things he saw.
- 4B** The blessing to the reader and recipients, :3 Blessed is the one who reads, and the one who hears the word of the prophecy and keeps the things written in it. For the time is near.

### **2A More preliminaries: Greeting, Praise, Examination, and Self-Identification, vv.4-8:**

- 1B** The greeting, 4a: John to the seven churches which are in Asia;
- 2B** The content of the greeting, 4b: Grace to you and peace
- 3B** The sender of the greeting:
  - 1C** Father, 4c: from God Who is and Who was and Who is coming
  - 2C** Holy Spirit, 4c: and from the seven spirits which are before His throne.
  - 3C** Son, 5a: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
- 4B** Praise to Jesus, 5b-6: To the one who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His blood; 6 And He made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; Glory to Him and power forever and ever, amen.
- 5B** Call to look at the Coming One, and reaction, 7: Look, 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. Yes. Amen.
- 6B** Self-identification from Christ, 8: "I Myself am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, the one who is, and the one who was, and the one who is coming, the almighty.

### **3A How the prophecy came to be, vv.9-20:**

- 1B** Circumstances of the writer, vv.9-10:
  - 1C** Relationship to readers, 9a: I John, both your brother and partner in the tribulations and kingdom and perseverance in Christ Jesus,
  - 2C** God's geographical will for John, 9b: came on the island which is called Patmos, because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.
  - 3C** Circumstances on the wondrous day of receiving, 10: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day; and I heard a great voice behind me like a trumpet,

- 2B** Command to convert vision to writing, and recipients, 11: saying, “What you see, write into a book, and send to the seven churches, to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamon, and to Thyateira, and to Sardeis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodikeia.
- 3B** The first vision, vv.12-16:
- 1C** John turns, and first view, 12: And there I turned to see the voice which spoke with me. And after turning I saw seven golden lampstands,
- 2C** The Son of Man and His appearance, vv.13-16:
- 1D** Clothing, 13: and in the midst of the seven lampstands, like the Son of Man, having been clothed with a garment to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden belt.
- 2D** Head and eyes, 14: And His head and hair were white like white wool, like snow. And His eyes were like a flame of fire.
- 3D** Feet and voice, 15: And His feet were like copper-incense, like having been refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.
- 4D** Right hand, mouth, and glory, 16: And holding in His right hand seven stars, and from His mouth went a two-edged sharp sword, and His countenance, like the sun shining in its power.
- 4B** John’s reaction, and the Lord’s response, vv.17-18:
- 1C** Reaction, 17a: And when I saw Him, I fell to His feet like a dead man
- 2C** Response, physical and verbal, 17b-18: and He put His right hand on me, saying, “Do not fear.” I Myself am the first and the last, 18 and the living and was dead, look, I Myself am living forever and ever, amen; And I have the key of Death and of Hades.
- 5B** Command to write, 19: Therefore write the things which you see, and which are, and which are about to happen after these things.
- 6B** First Revelation: Description of the physical objects near to Jesus, 20: The mystery of the seven stars which you saw at My right hand, and the seven lampstands of gold, these seven stars are angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are seven churches.