



THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Mission Statement

This study of the Book of Revelation gives special attention to the testimony it provides concerning our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10; cp. 1:2), leading us to worship and serve Him in everything.

Outline of the Book of Revelation

- I. What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II. What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).

A. Introduction (1:1–3)

1. The Revelation of *Jesus Christ* (1a)
2. Purpose (1b)
3. Communicated to John by an angel (1c)
4. John testifies (2)
5. Blessing (3)
6. A book of prophecy (3)



B. John's Salutation to the Seven Churches of Asia (1:4–8)

- 1. Identification of the recipients (4a)**
- 2. The first “Amen” (4b–6)**
 - a. God the Father (4b)**
 - b. God the Spirit (4c)—Zechariah 4:1–10**
 - c. God the Son (5–6)**

God the Son

- **Jesus Christ**
- **the faithful witness—Psalm 89:37**
- **the firstborn of the dead—Psalm 89:27**
- **the ruler of the kings of the earth**
- **who loves us**
- **who released us from our sins by His blood**
- **who made us a kingdom of priests**
- **to Him be the glory and the dominion**

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3. The second “Amen” (7)

a. Daniel 7:13–14

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**13 “I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven One
like a Son of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.**

**14 “And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and *men of
every language*
Might serve Him.**

Daniel 7:13–14

**His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.**

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a. Daniel 7:13–14 **Christ is the coming One!**

b. Zechariah 12:10–14



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10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10–14

- 11 “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.**
- 12 “The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves;**

Zechariah 12:10–14

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.

13:1 “In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

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4. The "I am" (8)

- a. "the Alpha and the Omega"**
- b. "the Lord God"**
- c. "who is and who was and who is to come"**
- d. "the Almighty"**

C. John's Commission by Means of the Vision on Patmos (1:9–20)

1. The Revelation of the Person of Jesus Christ (9–18)

a. Cause for John's exile (9)

- “your brother”
- “fellow partaker . . . in Jesus”
 - ✓ “in the tribulation”—Philippians 4:14
 - ✓ “kingdom”—Acts 14:22
 - ✓ “perseverance”—2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 10:32–33

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- **Not "the day of the LORD"**
- **Christian writings of the time in Asia Minor**
- **"the Lord's supper" (1 Cor 11:20)**

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- c. Jesus commands John to write (11)**
 - Cities on a postal circuit**
 - Represent Asia Minor's most populous and influential region**



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 - d. John's vision (12–18)**

John's Vision

- **7 golden lampstands (12)**
- **One like a son of man in the middle (13–16)**
 - ✓ **Robe**
 - ✓ **Sash**
 - ✓ **Head and hair**
 - ✓ **Eyes**
 - ✓ **Feet**
 - ✓ **Voice**
 - ✓ **7 stars in His right hand**
 - ✓ **Sharp two-edged sword out of His mouth**
 - ✓ **Face**

John's Vision

- 7 golden lampstands (12)
- One like a son of man in the middle (13–16)
- Jesus touches John and speaks (17–18)
 - ✓ “Do not be afraid”
 - ✓ The “I am”
 - “the first and the last”
 - “the living One”
 - “I was dead”
 - “I am alive forevermore”
 - “I have the keys of death and Hades”

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- 2. The Revelation of the Writing of the Book (19)**
- 3. The Revelation of the Mystery of the Stars and Lampstands (20)**

The Revelation of the Mystery of the Stars and Lampstands

- a. 7 stars = “the angels of the seven churches”
 - Spirit beings
 - ✓ Angels mentioned 71x in Revelation
 - ✓ Church at Ephesus had plurality of elders
 - Human messengers
 - ✓ Addressed in the 7 letters
 - ✓ Use of *angelos* for human messengers
 - ✓ Early church leadership—plurality
 - ✓ Representatives of the churches
- b. 7 lampstands = “the seven churches”

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- **He is the eternal God.**
- **He communicates with His people through His Word.**
- **He loves us.**
- **He released us from our sins.**
- **He possesses all authority over the churches.**