

Revelation Now

“The Vision”



Read Revelation 1:8-20

⁸“I am the Alpha and Omega,” says the Lord God, “who was, and is, and is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation, kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the Word of God, and the testimony of Jesus.

¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet ¹¹and the voice said, “Write in a book what you see; Send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. And I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³and in their midst I saw one like a Son of Man, clothed in a robe girded with a golden sash. ¹⁴His head and His hair were white like wool, like snow; and His eyes were like flames of fire...¹⁵and the voice that I heard was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶And in His right hand He held seven stars. Out of His mouth came a two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

¹⁷When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. But He placed His right hand upon me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living One; I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death, and of Hades.”

¹⁹“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

Study Questions

- 1) Why are Daniel and Revelation considered bookends of the Bible?
- 2) Tell why a diamond ring is a good symbol of what the whole Bible looks like? (i.e. The ring, the jewel and the prongs)
- 3) What does “apocalypse” (the word “revelation” in Rev. 1:1) mean? Why does it accurately describe the Book of Revelation? What is one promise to the reader that is unique to the Book of Revelation?
- 4) What does it mean that “He is the Alpha and Omega“?
- 5) Why did Jesus appear to John with the appearance of white wool and flaming eyes? Read Daniel 7:9-14. What prophet did Jesus quote to the high priest?
- 6) Describe what Jesus said to the churches, and what His overall message was to them?
- 7) Describe the dual work of God’s willingness to empower, and man’s responsibility to make steps. Why is Revelation’s message to the 7 churches Jesus’ “last word” on what the Christian mindset should be?
- 8) What was something important you took away from the message?