

REVELATION CHPT 1 STUDY GUIDE NOTES

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass, and he sent and signified it by his angel unto His servant John.

Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all the things that he saw.

THIS IS A REVELATION OF COMMUNICATION ORDER

The first revelation of Jesus Christ given by God through this prophetic chapter is our Heavenly Father's preferred order and lines of communication with his servants as well as his creations.

The Lord God shares that He communicates His will with the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who then delegates His will to the messenger angels, who in turn delivers the message of the Lord's will to the servants of the Most High, the Apostles and prophets. This scripture also fulfils the prophetic spoken through the prophet Amos notated in Amos 3:7.

Surely the Lord will do nothing; but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

The Lord God is revealing the operation of His Spirit and how He communicates with His servants so that there is no confusion. Once the angels are given a message or instructions concerning the Lord's will, it is delivered to the Lord's disciple often times and Apostle or prophet who are to carry out the vision of the Most High. It is then the servants who become responsible to carry forth the revelation of the will of God given through the prophetic; meaning, we, as servants become responsible for the implementation of those instructions given, and going forth bearing record of the Word given. We must share the Word and testify of Jesus Christ and all the things He has revealed to us as his servants. This is a revelation of our spiritual chain of command.

The Lord Jesus Christ sends his angel to give revelation and instruction to the Apostle John concerning the Lord's will soon to come with regards to his seven churches which are in Asia. The instruction given was to write the visions and send it to the churches.

The revelation to the churches comes with grace and peace. Jesus Christ is that grace and peace. There is no condemnation in Christ. Then he makes mention that grace and peace originates from Him which is, which was, and which is to come. So, He is everlasting; and from the seven spirits which are before his throne; he makes it clear that these are the characteristics of the Spirit of God, the everlasting Father. With grace and peace, these spirits of truth operate in unity together. The Lord Jesus Christ also reveals these seven spirits of operation through his prophet Isaiah 11:2 which states:

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

These spirits are at the throne of God. They're what comes of the Father through the Son Jesus Christ. What is given directly through the Son Jesus Christ is the ability to be faithful witnesses and his resurrection power to overcome death and to be washed of our sins by His shedding of blood. He has willed for us to be kings and priests so that God can be glorified for ever.

Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

The Lord God then reveals himself as the Alpha and Omega. He is the Beginning and the End. He is the author and the finisher of the prophetic and this is His will concerning His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He instructs us to behold, meaning, to look and see. When Jesus Christ returns, He will come in a cloud. This will not be a secret thing. This event will not just be for believers. He has prepared a table in the presence of His enemies. Everyone shall see him, including those who pierced Him; as to say, those who rejected him and those who turned on Him. Those of all nations shall see Him, not just the Jews. Many shall cry out because of Him. The Word says that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

John reveals to the servants of God that though he has been given such a privilege to bear record of these revelations of the Lord Jesus Christ; He is first partaker of such words and must also take up his cross and partake of the sufferings for the sake of Jesus Christ, just as we do. The privilege of revelation does not eliminate the afflictions that we must endure.

John then shares that the particular time these revelations through visions had come, he had been on the Island of Patmos and was there for the purposes of the Word of God and the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was in the Holy Spirit on the Lord's day and the messenger of God spoke in a great voice sounding as of a trumpet. The Lord announces that He is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last and gives John His instructions to write what he sees in a book and then send it to the seven churches. John wanted to see the voice that spake unto him and when he turned he saw seven candlesticks. In the midst of the candlesticks was one like unto the Son of man. This is Jesus in the midst of the churches.

He described his feet as brass, as if they burned in the fiery furnace. This scripture confirms the skin tone of the Lord to be tanned and bronze. It also puts into mind of Him walking through the fiery furnace with the Hebrew boys; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

The Lord had in his right hand seven stars and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword. The Lord looks strong and in his hands are his angels with the Word of God as a sharp two edged sword.

The Lord makes it clear that He is the First and the Last and tells John not to be afraid. The Word states that John fell to his feet as one being dead. This confirms the Word of God which states that no man could see His face and live, when the Lord shared a similar revelation with His servant Moses. The Lord Jesus puts emphasis on that fact that He is He that died and is risen and lives for ever more. That He is the author of life and that He is the originator of all things for His own pleasure. He has the keys of death and the grave.

He instructs John again to write what he has seen because those things shall be hereafter. The stars are mentioned as the messenger angels of the Lord and the seven golden candlesticks are symbolic of the seven churches.