



#SEVENCHURCHES

# THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION





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# THE LION OF JUDAH AND HIS CHURCH

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## Revelation 1:1–20 ESV

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” 9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.



14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that 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.





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# ***THE “REVELATION”***

THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS NOT NECESSARILY FOCUSED ON ESCHATOLOGY OR END TIME EVENTS. OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CARRY-OVER, HOWEVER, IT IS ALL ABOUT THE REVELATION OF THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS ROLE IN THE END OF THE AGE FOR MANKIND; MAYBE IN WAYS YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HIM BEFORE.





## 2. OUR PERSONAL BLESSING

3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.







# OUR PERSONAL BLESSING

THOSE THAT RECEIVE THIS REVELATION AND EFFECTIVELY APPLY IT TO THEIR LIVES ARE WELL-POSITIONED IN HEART AND SPIRIT FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND ARE EMPOWERED TO LIVE IN A MANNER WHERE THE UNSEEN KINGDOM HAS MORE INFLUENCE ON THEIR LIVES THAN THE PRESSURES OF THIS TEMPORAL WORLD THAT SURROUNDS US NOW.





### 3. JOHN'S GREETING EMPHASIZING GOD, CHRIST, & KINGDOM ELEMENTS

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.





# GOD, CHRIST, AND KINGDOM ELEMENTS

WHEN WE READ AND STUDY OUT PASSAGES  
**REGARDING GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM AND ITS**  
PRIORITIES, WE MUST BEAR IN MIND, THAT EVEN  
**THOUGH WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT ALL, IT IS REAL**  
AND WE WILL SPEND WAY MORE TIME THERE IN  
THAT REALM THAN WE EVER WILL HERE ON EARTH.





# 4. OUR REMINDER THAT THERE IS MORE TO COME THROUGH THE ONE WHO CAN MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN JUST AS PROPHESED

7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”





# GOD HAS MORE TO COME FOR HIS CHURCH

WHEN CHRIST CAME INTO THIS WORLD, IT WAS ONE OF ***THE GREATEST DEMONSTRATIONS OF GOD'S POWER TO*** MAKE HIS PLAN COME TO PASS, NO MATTER THE SATANIC OR WORLDLY OPPOSITION, AND IT WILL BE NO DIFFERENT FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL THE PROPHECY REGARDING THE CHURCH. IT WILL ALL BE ACCOMPLISHED JUST AS THE FATHER WILLS IT TO BE.





## 5. JOHN - OUR BROTHER IN TRIBULATION

9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."





**The Seven Churches of Revelation**

- Approximate location of the Seven Churches
- Modern cities

0 50 100 200 300 miles









## 6. OUR INTRODUCTION TO THE “LION OF JUDAH”

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.





# REVELATION 5:1-5

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”





## EVENTUALLY, THE “LION OF JUDAH” MUST SHOW UP

THIS IS NOT THE JESUS THAT WE FOCUS ON A LOT IN THE WESTERN CHURCH, AND WHILE HE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN AS GENTLE SAVIOR, AT THE END OF THE AGE OF MAN, THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST SIDE OF JESUS MUST SHOW UP TO CORRECT ALL THE SATANIC AND HUMAN INJUSTICE THAT THIS WORLD HAS BEEN UNDER SINCE THE BEGINNING.





## 7. OUR PERSONAL AND CORPORATE CALL

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# OUR PERSONAL AND CORPORATE CALL

GOD DESIGNATED THE SEVEN CHURCHES AS  
**“LAMPSTANDS” BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THEY WERE**  
TO A VERY LOST AND PAGAN WORLD AROUND THEM.  
GOD STILL OFFERS SECURITY, STRENGTH AND HOPE  
FOR HIS CHURCHES TODAY, AND TO US PERSONALLY  
AND AS A CHURCH BODY, SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO  
**BE A “LAMPSTAND” AND AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO**  
THOSE AROUND US.





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