

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ**Revelation 1:1–7 (NLT)**Prologue*

This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, ² who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

³ God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

John's Greeting to the Seven Churches

⁴ This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia.

Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; ⁵ and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.

All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. ⁶ He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

⁷ Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.

*And everyone will see him—
even those who pierced him.*

*And all the nations of the world
will mourn for him.*

Yes! Amen!

*Revelation 1: 1 (NLT)**Prologue*

This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must "soon" take place. Father God sent an "angel" to present this revelation to his servant The Disciple John.

- *Revelation 1:1 (NLT) "The events that must soon take place"*

This word *soon* can be translated from the *Old Hebrew* as; "according to" Father God's plan, or as the *Greek translation* "rapidly" in fast progression, this translation would tend to lessen the time constraints on when *The End-Time* events will take place, "rapidly" could describe the speed at which the *End-Times* events take place.

- *Revelation 1:1 (NLT) "He sent an angel"*

This word "angel" translated from the *Old Hebrew* is; "Messenger from God".

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This *message* from *Father God* was delivered to the *Apostle John* on the island of Patmos, where he was living after being banished from Ephesus around the year A.D. 95. The Bible book of *Revelation* was written after the *Apostle John* received the message and visions from, --- *The Angel of God*.

Revelation 1:2 (NLT)

who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- *Revelation 1:2 (NLT)* *“who faithfully reported everything he saw”*
The Bible book of *Revelation* is *The True and Faithful* account of all the testimony and words of *Father God* and *Jesus Christ* who cannot tell anything but --- *The Truth!*

Isaiah 45:19 (NLT)

*I publicly proclaim bold promises.
I do not whisper obscurities in some dark corner.
I would not have told the people of Israel to seek me
if I could not be found.
I, the LORD, speak only what is true
and declare only what is right.*

Revelation 1:3 (NLT)

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for “the time is near”.

- The *Apostle John* explains this prophecy to *The Seven Churches* in Asia, and all who will listen to this promise of *Father God* and obey.
Explaining they will be *Blessed* for *listening to, and obeying, The Testimony of Father God, and Jesus Christ.*
The *Apostle John* reminds all who read this book that --- *The Time Is Near!*

Revelation 1:4 (NLT)

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“Grace and Peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and is still to come;”

The Holy Trinity; Father God, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit are, --- The Perfect Eternal Forms of Father God.

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- *“The one who is” is The Holy Spirit, He is with us now. He came to the world on The Day of Pentecost.*
- *“The one who always was” is Father God, He is The First, The Last, The Beginning, and The End, --- The Eternal One!*
“The one who is still to come” is Jesus Christ, The Son of Father God, returning in all His Power and Glory to the world. Where He will Rightly Judge all who did not Accept Him as Lord, and Savior!
The first-time Jesus Christ walked on the earth it was as “The Sacrificial Lamb of God”, He will return in all His Power and Glory to Judge as --- The Lion of Juda!
- *Revelation 1:4 (NLT) “From the sevenfold Spirit before his throne”*
- *Revelation 1:4 (NLT) “The Sevenfold Spirit”*
The number seven is used to describe, The Spiritual Form of Total Eternal Completeness, this “sevenfold Spirit” describes, The Ultimate Completeness and Perfection of --- Father God!
- *Revelation 1:5; (NLT) “and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things,”*
Jesus Christ is, the “Redemptive” part of this Total Completeness of Father God. He is the Only Son of Father God and the second part of, The Holy Trinity of, --- Father God, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit.
- *Revelation 1:5 (NLT) “The Faithful Witness”*
- *The Lord, Jesus Christ is True Genuine, The One who shows Himself, “Totally Faithful” in following His chosen duties as “The Lamb of God” --- The Faithful Son of Father God!*

Philippians 2:7–8 (NLT)

The Faithful Son!

*Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
 he took the humble position of a slave
 and was born as a human being.*

*When he appeared in human form,
 he humbled himself in obedience to God
 and died a criminal’s death on a cross.*

- *Revelation 1:5 (NLT) “The First To Rise From The Dead”*

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NLT)

*The Resurrection of Jesus Christ &
 The Resurrection of the Dead*

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But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

- *Revelation 1:5 (NLT) “and the ruler of all the kings of the world.”*

Zechariah 14:9 (NLT)

Jesus Christ

The King of Kings!

And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD—his name alone will be worshiped.

- *When Jesus Christ “Returns” in all His Power and Glory, the earth and everything on it will know, The Son of God has Returned to Judge with Total Justice as the “One Lord”, --- All The Un-Saved Sinners!*

Philippians 2:10–11 (NKJV)

The Name Above All Names!

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- *Revelation 1:5 (NLT) “All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.”*

Hebrews 1:3 (NLT)

Jesus Christ The Son of God

Love So Amazing!

The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

- *Revelation 1:6; (NLT) “He has made us a kingdom of priests for God his Father.”*

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

Royal Priests!

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

- *Revelation 1:6 (NLT) “All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.”*

Romans 11:36 (NLT)

His Glory!

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

- *Revelation 1:7 (NLT)*

“Look He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him---even those who pierced him.”

Ezekiel 21:5 (NLT)

Everyone in the world will know that I am the LORD. My sword is in my hand, and it will not return to its sheath until its work is finished.’

Ezekiel 30:3 (NLT)

for the terrible day is almost here—

the day of the LORD!

It is a day of clouds and gloom,

a day of despair for the nations.

Zechariah 12:10 (NLT)

“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died.

- *Revelation 1:7 (NLT) “And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen!”*

Matthew 24:30 (NLT)

The Lost will Mourn

And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

This “*End-Times Mourning*” will be like no other *this mourning* will be so deep and hard felt, the mourners will cut at their own flesh.

The *old Hebrew translation* for “*mourn*”, can be translated as (Kopto) “*to cut or slice your body in an expression of overpowering grief and loss*”.

Some of the people that are alive when *Jesus Christ Returns* to, Judge “*The Unsaved World*”, will cut at their own flesh in an attempt to take their own lives and escape, --- *His Judgement!*

This type of (Kopto) *mourning* would indicate that all who witness *The Return of Jesus Christ* as *The Lyon of Juda* are the men and women who --- *Have Not Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

This time of *Judgement* is not for “*The Redeemed Sinners*”, they have been taken up in *The*

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Gathering-Up or "Rapture", for they have been Protected by --- The Grace of Father God!

You can Escape this Total Regret Loss, and (Kopto) mourning.

You can be with Jesus Christ, In The Clouds when He returns, you will be part of His Glory and Splendor as a --- Redeemed Sinner!

Accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior do not be "Fooled" into thinking that The Return of Jesus Christ is just an old testament religious story or fiction.

The Grace and Peace found in The Gospel of Jesus Christ, is the only way to --- Escape Judgement for your Unforgiven Sin!

Romans 5:15 (NLT)

Grace and Peace!

But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT)

Grace and Peace!

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

I Pray that the words recorded in The Holy Bible book of Revelation, and my humble attempt at teaching will help you as you read and study --- The Holy Bible.

I pray that you will Grow Spiritually and develop a "Genuine Relationship" with Jesus Christ as your Lord, and Savior!

Brother

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