

## Revelation Chapter 1

- V1. You cannot hear (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29, & 3:6, 13, 22) or receive revelation unless you are a servant (one with a servant's heart). John 2: 5-9. Rev. 22:6 is a reemphasis of the B portion of verse 1.
- V2. 2 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 Timothy 2:6 (Mark 10:45), 2 Timothy 1:8 (Romans 1:16). 1 John 1 (John 1:1,14)
- V3. Hearing, keeping and doing the Word (Luke 11:28, Rev. 22:7, James 1:22-25) He's coming quickly (Rev. 3:11, Philippians 4:5. 1 Corinthians 16:22 (Anathema - cursed Maranatha - the Lord is coming.) James 5:7-8 & Rev. 22:10
- V4. Exodus 3:14, (John 8:58, John 17:5) John 1:1; 7 Spirits (Isaiah 11:2) 1. Spirit of the Lord (Isaiah 61:1) 2. The Spirit of Wisdom (1 Kings 3:9-12) 3. The Spirit of Understanding (Matthew 13:10-12, 1 Chronicles 12:32) 4. The Spirit of Counsel (Proverbs 8:15, Proverbs 24:6) 5. The Spirit of Might (Judges 14:6, 1 Kings 18:46). 6. The Spirit of knowledge (1 Corinthians 12:8) 7. The Spirit of the fear of the Lord. (Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 34:9) (1 Corinthians 12:8-10 - The 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit)
- V5. John 8:14, Proverbs 14:5 and John 14:6. Ref. (if you destroy this temple, in 3 days...). First fruits from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:20, Colossians 1:15-18). He who loved us (John 13:34, John 3:16, Romans 8:34-39 and 1 John 4:7-8). He washed us in his own blood (Hebrews 9:14).
- V6. Being made kings and priests (1 Peter 2:5,9) Glory forever (1 Timothy 6:16, 1 John 1:5, Exodus 33:20, no man can see God, John 6:46-Jesus can see God) Jude1:24-25.
- V7. Jesus is coming (Matthew 24:30-31) and EVERYONE will see Him, even those who pieced Him (Psalm 22:16-18), and all people of the earth shall be in mourning (Zechariah 12:10-14).
- V8. All things begin with Jesus and shall end with Jesus (Isaiah 41:4, Revelation 1:11,17, 22:13, Hebrews 12:2, Philippians 1:6 - the starting and finishing power of the Lord). 4:8 Seraphim (Revelation 4:8, Isaiah 6:1-3) 24 Elders - Revelation 11:17.
- V9. Suffering for the sake of the gospel is the key to reward in the gospel (Romans 8:17, 2 Timothy 2:12, Romans 8:18)
- V10. The Holy spirit came upon John as He was probably in worship, meditation or prayer in honor of the Lord's Day (the first day of the week, representing the day Christ rose from the dead). Although he was isolated, being in the spirit subdued natural inclinations of physical hunger, loneliness and/or worry. (Galatians 5:16). Voice like a trumpet (Revelation 4:1) A Trumpet is loud and it is clear.
- V.11 Alpha and Omega (Isaiah 44:6, 48:12, Revelation 1:8, 17-18, 21:6-7 and 22:13) John now moves from hearing to seeing to writing (Habakkuk 2:2-3) If you can believe what you hear, you will be amazed at what you see!
- V.12 7 Golden Lampstands (Exodus 25:31-40 (37), Zechariah 4:2, Revelation 1:20, 2:1

The golden lampstand is an important symbol in the Bible. It is mentioned in Exodus 25, 1 Kings 7, Zechariah 4, and Revelation 1. In Exodus only one lampstand was placed in the tabernacle to give light in the Holy Place. This unique lampstand symbolizes Christ as the embodiment and expression of the Triune God. The substance of the lampstand was pure gold, which symbolizes God the Father in His divine nature. This gold was beaten into the form of a lampstand, which symbolizes God the Son, who is the embodiment of God the Father (John 14:9-11a; Col. 1:15; 2:9). The seven shining lamps symbolize God the Spirit as the seven Spirits of God (Rev. 4:5; 5:6) for the expression of the Father in the Son. Thus, the three attributes of the lampstand—its substance, its shape, and its shining expression—symbolize the three of the Divine Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

At the end of the Bible, in Revelation 1, there are seven golden lampstands. As indicated in verse 20, the seven lampstands symbolize seven local churches. According to verse 11 these seven churches were in seven cities, respectively, one local church in each city. This picture shows that each local church is a lampstand, just as Christ is. The lampstand in the Old Testament was only one, whereas the lampstands in the New Testament are many. The seven lampstands in Revelation 1 are the multiplication of the one lampstand in Exodus 25. This signifies that the local churches are the reproductions of Christ. They and Christ are the same in nature (gold), in form (a stand), and in function (shining). Because of this, the lampstands are also identical to one another; there is no way to distinguish one from the other. As portrayed in the picture of the lampstand, in order for the local churches to be the reproductions of Christ, the believers in the churches need to experience Christ as their life and allow Christ to grow within them. As Christ grows in His believers, He transforms them inwardly into His image, His form (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29). Ultimately, this growth and transformation through the divine life of Christ in His believers causes the local churches to shine forth the divine light, both individually in their respective localities and collectively in the universe, as the testimony of Jesus.

v. 13 Revelation 2:1, John 15:4,7 – Abide in Christ and Christ is in the midst of the church. The Son of man in the gospels (Matthew 8:20, 9:6, 11:19, 16:13, 18:11, 20:28, 24:27) (Mark 8:38) (Luke 18:8, Acts 7:56) Revelation 14:14. Daniel 10:5-6 – the garment and description of the Son of Man. The golden ban was a priestly symbol.

v14-15. Description of Jesus (Daniel 7:9, 10:6, Revelation 2:18, Revelation 19:11-13 (John 1:1)

v16. Seven Stars (Revelation 1:20) Two edged sword (Hebrews 4:12 & Revelation 19:15 – hymn His Truth is marching on) face shining like the sun (Matthew 17:2, Acts 26:13, Revelation 10:1

v17. He touched me – the first and the Last (Isaiah 41:4, 44:6. 48:12,

V18: Jesus provides the revelation of who He is because He is now in different form than John knew before (Romans 6:9, Revelation 2:8, Psalm 8:20, Deuteronomy 32:39).

- V19. Everything that John writes is that which is revealed by the Spirit (John 16:13, 2 Timothy 3:16, Romans 4:17 and Revelation 4:1)
- V20. There is a distinct relationship between the angels (Pastors) and the lampstands (churches) See Revelation 1:11-16. The lampstand has been symbolic since the Old Testament worship experience. The Spirit of God yet dwells in the midst of the lampstand, and He speaks to it and through it through the angels (Rev. Chapters 2 and 3). Exodus 25:37, 37:23, Zechariah 4:2, Philippians 2:15