



*The book of Revelation begins with a formal prologue that introduces the author and theme. Then John launches into a description of his first vision: “I heard a loud voice telling me to write, Next, I saw that the speaker was a glorious figure almost beyond my ability to describe. It was the exalted Jesus, so I fell down and worshiped Him.”*

## Outline

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## Truths & Principles

- ✓ God promises to bless those who read and obey the teaching of Revelation.
- ✓ Grace and peace are privileges God extends to all believers.
- ✓ Believers are “washed...from...sins”; “kings and priests”; and servants.
- ✓ The public, glorious return of Jesus is one of the themes of Revelation.
- ✓ Jesus is “the First and Last”; “the Living One”; “the firstborn from the dead”; the one “alive for ever”; “the faithful witness”; and the one who holds “the keys of death”.

## Preview

The Revelation opens with a clear statement of purpose: to reveal the future. Then it moves immediately to John’s vision of the risen Savior. The glorified Christ assures John that He has the future under control and the stage is set for the great “unveiling”.

## Applications

- ✓ Read and keep the words of Revelation if you want a divine blessing.
- ✓ We need to commit ourselves to obey what we learn in our studies - for the book of Revelation, and for all scripture.
- ✓ We need to worship Christ for who He is and all that He has done.
- ✓ We need to believe that Christ will come again just as we are told in the book of Revelation.



*Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21*

1. What is the biblical title of the book (1:1)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the purpose of Revelation (1:1)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many spirits are before the throne (1:4)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is called the firstborn of the dead (1:5)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why had John been exiled to Patmos (1:9)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did John describe Jesus' eyes (1:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was Jesus holding in His right hand (1:16)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did Jesus proclaim He held the keys to (1:18)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Study Questions

1. List all the names you can think of that the Bible gives to Jesus Christ. What does each name convey or reveal about Christ?
2. Read Revelation ☐ 1:5-7 ☐ 1:8 ☐ 1:9 ☐ 1:12-13 ☐ 1:17-18. Describe how each name for Jesus in these passages affects believers.
3. Which of Jesus' titles mentioned in this chapter is most meaningful to you? Why?
  - Which title do you most need to keep in mind?
  - What can you do to keep these characteristics of Jesus in mind?
4. What is the blessing referred to in 1:3? How does it apply to our churches today?
5. What attribute of Christ are you most grateful for? Select one, and express your gratitude for that attribute each day for one week.
6. If you were now being severely persecuted for your faith, what truths of this chapter would be an encouragement to you?
7. The seven candlesticks, symbolizing the seven churches (1:20), function as light-bearers. In what ways should the church today be such light-bearers? In what ways can you be such a light-bearer?