

## REVELATION

“John sees the glorified Jesus Christ” Rev. 1:4-20

“...Patmos, a small island in the Aegean Sea southwest of Ephesus, between Asia Minor and Greece. According to several early church fathers, John was sent to this island as a prisoner following his effective pastorate at Ephesus. Victorinus, the first commentator on the Book of Revelation, stated that John worked as a prisoner in the mines on this small island. When the Emperor Domitian died in AD 96, his successor Nerva let John return to Ephesus. During John’s bleak days on Patmos, God gave him the tremendous revelation embodied in this final book of the Bible.”

“The Bible Knowledge Commentary” Walvoord and Zuck p930

### I Greetings to the seven churches v.4,5

What God gives them v.4

How God is described v.5

### II Dedicated to Jesus Christ v.5-8

What He has done for us v.5,6

What He worthy of: Glory! v.6

What He will yet do v.7

What God the Father declares v.8

“Jesus Christ is the central figure of the opening eight verses of Revelation. As the Source of revelation He is presented in v.1. As the Channel of the word and testimony of God He is cited in v.2. His blessings through His revealed word are promised in v.3. In v. 5 He is the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He is revealed to be the source of all grace who loves us and cleanses us from our sins through His shed blood. He is the source of our royal priesthood who has the right to gather in Himself all glory and dominion forever. He is promised to come with clouds, attended with great display of power and glory, and every eye shall see the One who died for men. He is the Almighty One of eternity past and eternity future. If no more had been written than that contained in this introductory portion of chapter 1, it would have constituted a tremendous restatement of the person and work of Christ such as found in no comparable section of Scripture.

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ” John Walvoord p.40

### III What John heard v.9-11

Where he was v.9

Why he was there v.9

“There are four characteristics that John and his believing readers share:

- (1) persecution for their faith;
- (2) membership in the redeemed community over which Christ serves as Lord and King;
- (3) eager anticipation of the glory of His coming millennial reign on earth;
- (4) endurance and perseverance in spite of difficult times.

“The Macarthur Bible Commentary” p. 1993

When he heard it v.10

What he heard and was told v.10

### IV What John saw v.12-16

Seven golden lampstands v.12

One like unto the “Son of Man”. v.13-16

Robe and sash v.13

Head and hair **like** \_\_\_\_\_ v.14

Eyes **like** \_\_\_\_\_ v.14

Feet **like** \_\_\_\_\_ v.15

Voice **like** \_\_\_\_\_ v.15

Right hand: 7 stars v.16

Out of His mouth: double-edged sword v.16

Face **like** \_\_\_\_\_ v.16

### V What John did v.17

Fell at His feet as though dead v.17

What Jesus did v.17,18

### VI What John was told to do v.19,20

Write: What you have seen

What is now

What will take place later v.19

The seven stars and lampstands mystery explained. V.20

