

# BOOK OF REVELATION – REVELATION 1:1-8

## THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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### Introduction - The Revelation of Jesus Christ, 1:1-3

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 1:1-3** (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

#### Revelation 1:1-3

- I. 1 The **Revelation** (unveiling) of **Jesus Christ**, (1 Cor 1:7, 1 Pet 1:7)
  - A. which **God** (the **Father**, 1:6) gave **Him** (Jesus) (5:7)
    1. to show to **His** (Father's, 22:6, 22:16) **bond-servants** (servants), (22:6)
    2. **the things** (1:19) which must **soon** (quickly, 22:7a) (is imminent) **take place**; (22:6)
  - B. and **He** (the **Father**, 22:6, 22:16) sent and communicated **it** (the **Revelation**)
    1. by **His** (Father's) **angel** (messenger, Jesus, 22:6) to **His** (Jesus') **bond-servant John**, (1:4, 1:9, 22:8)
      - a. 2 **who** (John) **testified** (22:16) to **the word of God** (the **Father**, 1:9, 6:9)
      - b. and (testified, 22:16) to **the testimony of Jesus Christ**, (1:9, 6:9, 12:17, 19:10, 20:4)
      - c. even (testified, 22:16) to **all that he** (John) **saw**. (and heard, 22:8)
  - C. 3 **Blessed** is **he** (22:7b)
    1. who **reads** and **those** who **hear** the words of the **prophecy** (of this book, 22:7, 22:10),
      - a. and **heed the things** which are **written** in **it** (this book, 22:7, 22:10);
    2. **for** (Reason) **the time is near** (22:10).

The Communication Process of the **Revelation**, from **God** (the **Father**)

**Rev 1:1**, The **Revelation** (unveiling) of **Jesus Christ** > FROM **God** (the **Father**) > Given TO **Jesus**  
> TO SHOW to **His** (Father's) **bond-servants**  
> SENT and COMMUNICATED BY **His** (Father's) **angel** (messenger, Jesus, 1:9-20)  
> TO **His** (Father's) **bond-servant John**

The **Revelation** is: From **the Father** > To **Jesus** > To **John**

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ, Rev 1:1-2

The Father > the Source of the Revelation

1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

The Father Gave Jesus > the Revelation >  
to show Fathers' bond-servants > what must soon take place

"which God (the Father) gave Him (Jesus)"

"to show to His (Fathers') bond-servants the things which must soon (quickly) take place;"

The Father Sent and Communicated > the Revelation > by Jesus > to John

"He (the Father) sent and communicated it (Revelation)"

"by His (Father's) angel (messenger, Jesus)"

"to His (Jesus') bond-servant John"

John testified to > the Word of God, testimony of Jesus Christ, and All He Saw

2 "who (John) testified to the word of God"

"and (John testified) to the testimony of Jesus Christ"

"even (John testified) to all that he (John) saw. (and heard, 22:8)"

## God the Father and Jesus, SEND Messengers (“Angels”)

In **Rev 1:1**, God the Father SENDS His Angel Messenger, Jesus (1:9-20, 22:6)

God (the Father) SENT and communicated it (the Revelation) by His (Father’s) angel (messenger, Jesus) to show to His (Father’s) bond-servants (servants), the things which must soon (quickly) take place

In **Rev 22:6**, the Lord God the Father SENDS His Angel Messenger, Jesus (1:1, 1:9-20)

the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, SENT His angel (messenger, Jesus)

to show to His (Father’s) bond-servants the things which must soon (quickly) take place.

In **Rev 22:16**, Jesus SENDS His Angel Messenger, an Angelic Being (7:2-3, 14:6-11, 15, 18, 17:1-2, 7-18, 18:2-3....)

I, Jesus, have SENT My (Jesus’) angel (messenger, angel, 21:9) to testify to you these things for the churches.

There are 3 Kinds of Messengers (“Angels”) in Revelation

Chart

The Messenger (“Angel”) Jesus, Rev 1:1, 1:9-20, Rev 22:6

The Messenger (“Angel”) Angelic Being, 7:2-3, 14:6-11, 15, 18, 17:1-2, 7-18, 18:2-19, 21-24, 19:17-18, 21:9, 22:6-11, 16

The Messenger (“Angel”) a Man, the Church (Assembly) Shepherd or Overseer, 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14

## What does “soon” mean, in the Beginning and End of Revelation

**Rev 1:1**, “The things which must soon take place” Rev 1:1, 22:6

**1:1**, soon Def: (Grk. *tachos*; quickly, speedily, 5034 from 5036)

“soon” Requires Context to determine meaning. Must Ask: WHAT will “soon” take place?

**Rev 22:6**, “The things which must soon take place”

**Q:** WHAT “things” must “soon” take Place? **A:** All “things” written in the Revelation.

“soon” includes: Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and the Resurrection and Judgement of Believers and Unbelievers.

## What does “near” mean, in the Beginning and End of Revelation

**Rev 1:3**, “the things written”, “for (Reason) the Time is near” Rev 1:3, 22:10

**1:3**, near Def: (1451, Grk. *eggus*; near of Place or Time, imminent, soon to come pass) Thayer's Greek Lexicon

**imminent** > ready to take place : happening soon, *Websters*

**imminent** > likely to occur at any moment; impending, *Dictionary.com*

**imminent** > coming or likely to happen very soon, *Cambridge Dictionary*

“near” Requires Context to determine meaning. Must Ask: WHAT is “near” in Time?

**Rev 22:10**, “the prophecy of this book”, “for (Reason) the Time is near”

**Q:** WHAT “things” are “near” in “time”? **A:** All “the prophecy of this book”, in the Revelation.

“near” includes: Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and the Resurrection and Judgement of Believers and Unbelievers.

## What does “quickly” mean, in the Beginning and End of Revelation

**Rev 2:16**, “I am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly” Rev 2:16, 3:11, 22:7a, 22:12a, 22:20

**2:16**, quickly Def: (Grk. *tachu*; quickly, 5035 from 5036)

**quick** Def: (Grk. *tachus*; a prim. word; quick, swift, 5036)

“quickly” Requires Context to determine meaning. Must Ask: WHO is “coming quickly”?

**Q:** WHO is “coming quickly”? **A:** “I (Jesus) am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”

**Q:** WHAT is Jesus “coming quickly” to do? **A:** to “make War against them (Unbelievers)” (Rev 19:11)

**Rev 3:11**, “I am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”, “hold fast what you have”

**Q:** WHO is “coming quickly”? **A:** “I (Jesus) am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”

**Rev 22:7**, “heed the words of the prophecy”, “I am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”

**Q:** WHO is “coming quickly”? **A:** “I (Jesus) am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”

**Rev 22:12**, “I am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”, “My reward is with Me” (1 Cor 3:10-15)

“to render to every man according to what he has done”, to Judge/reward Every Man (2 Cor 5:10)

**Q:** WHO is “coming quickly”? **A:** “I (Jesus) am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly”

**Q:** WHAT is **Jesus** “coming quickly” to do ? **A:** to **Judge/reward** Every **Man** (2 Cor 5:10)

**Rev 22:20**, “**I am coming** (2nd Coming) **to you quickly**”, “**come** (2nd Coming) **Lord Jesus**”

**Q:** WHO is “coming” “quickly” ? **A:** “**I (Jesus) am coming** (2nd Coming) **to you quickly**”

**Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming** “quickly” includes:

**Jesus Coming** “quickly” to “make **War** against **them** (Unbelievers)” **Rev 2:16**

**Jesus Coming** “quickly” to **Judge/Reward** Every **Man** (Believers)”, (Decision/**Reward**), **Bema Seat**, **Rev 22:12**

**Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming** includes:

**Jesus Coming** to **Resurrect/Judge Believers** for (Decision/**Reward**/Eternal **Life**)

**Jesus Coming** to **Resurrect/Judge Unbelievers** for (Decision/**Condemnation**/Eternal **Punishment**)

**Did Jesus** already Come in the **Past** or will **He** Come in the **Future**

**Q:** Did **Jesus** Come “Quickly” after **John** wrote **Revelation**

and make **War** with the sword of **His mouth** Yet ? **Rev 2:16**

**A: No**

“**Judges** and Wags **War**”, **Rev 19:11** and **Judges**, **Rev 22:12a**, **Rev 20:12-13**

**Q:** Did **Jesus** Come “Quickly” after **John** wrote **Revelation**

and rendered to every **man** according to what **he** has done Yet ? **Rev 22:12** **A: No**

“**My reward** is with **Me**” (1 Cor 3:10-15)

**Judge/reward** Every **Man** (2 Cor 5:10)

**Q:** Was **Jesus’** Second Coming “Quickly” after **John** wrote **Revelation** ?

**A: No**, **Jesus** has Not Come to **Earth** and made **War** and **Judged Man**, over the last **2000 years**.

“**Judges** and Wags **War**”, **Rev 19:11** and **Judges**, **Rev 22:12a**, **Rev 20:12-13**

**Q:** Did **Jesus** Come “Quickly” to **Earth** and **War** and **Judge Man**, and **Destroy Jerusalem**, in **70 AD** ?

**A: No**, **Jesus** has Not Come to **Earth** and made **War** and **Judged Man**, over the last **2000 years**.

“**Judges** and Wags **War**”, **Rev 19:11** and **Judges**, **Rev 22:12a**, **Rev 20:12-13**

**Conclusion:**

Therefore, “coming quickly” can’t mean a **few years** after **John** wrote **Revelation**.

“coming quickly” must mean “ready to take place” or “imminent” or “likely to occur at any moment”,

Therefore,

“coming quickly” must mean that **Jesus’ Coming** is “likely to occur at any moment”

“coming quickly”

does Not mean, that **Jesus** came in **First Century** or any other time in **History**, as some claim.

does Not mean, that **the Seal**, **the Trumpet**, and **the Bowl Judgements** have already occurred.

does Not mean, that **The Beast**, **The False Prophet**, and **Satan** have already come.

**Jesus’** “coming quickly” means **His** Coming is “imminent” or “likely to occur at any moment”.

Reformed (Covenant) Theology, Post-Mill, Ligonier Ministries, believes  
“So the bodily resurrection of believers, which is Paul’s focus in 1 Cor 15, is part of one final,  
general resurrection of all people, believer and rebel alike—the second resurrection at Christ’s return,  
the end of history (John 5:28–29; Rev. 20:11–13).”

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/first-and-second-resurrection>

IF this Quote is Correct, then “Christ’s Return” and “General Resurrection” will “come quickly”, as in  
Rev 2:16, 3:11, 22:7a, 22:12a, 22:20. This means that “quickly”, doesn’t mean a few years like Post-Mill say,  
But “come quickly” refers to more than 2000 years after John wrote Revelation, the opposite of their View.

Reformed (Covenant) Theology, Post-Mill, Ligonier Ministries, also believes the Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl  
Judgements were carried out in the PAST, by Roman Armies against Israel, in 70 AD ?

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/understanding-johns-prophecy>

## What does “near” and “quickly” mean, In Old Testament

In Old Testament, The Day of the Lord is “near” and “coming quickly” > “likely to occur at any moment”

Read Isa 13:6 and Joel 1:15 and Zeph 1:14-18

Therefore, Because All Prophecy must come to pass (Isa 46:8-11, Isa 42:9, Jer 28:9)

and the Prophecy in Revelation has Not come to pass, then all these events are to occur in the Future.

## The Following Events in Revelation Have Not Taken Place Yet >

Chart

### So They Must Be in the Future

Revelation 6:8

8 ... 1/4 of the earth, (has Not been Killed) with sword, with famine, with pestilence, and by wild beast.

Revelation 6:12

12 ... the sun (has Not Yet) become black as sackcloth, and the whole moon (has Not Yet) become like blood;

Revelation 6:14

14 The sky (has Not Yet) split apart like a scroll, and every mountain and island (has Not Yet) been moved.

Revelation 8:7

7 (There has Not Yet) come hail and fire, mixed with blood, thrown to the earth; (in last 2000 years)  
and 1/3 of the Earth and Trees (has Not Yet) burned up, and all the green grass (has Not Yet) burned up.

Revelation 8:9

9 and a 1/3 of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, (have Not Yet) died;  
and a third of the ships were destroyed (have Not been destroyed Yet).

Revelation 9:18

18 A 1/3 of mankind was (has Not Yet been) killed by these three plagues,  
by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their (angels) mouths.

## In Rev 1:2, John Testified or Bore Witness to 3 Things

- 1) John Testified to > the word of God  
John Bore Witness to, “the word of God”, in this case, to what God the Father said. (1:9, 6:9)
- 2) John Testified to > “the testimony of Jesus Christ”  
John Bore Witness to, the witness of Jesus Christ, to what Jesus Christ had said to him. (1:9, 6:9)  
“For (Reason) the testimony of Jesus, is the spirit of prophecy”, 19:10
- 3) John Testified to > all that he (John) saw  
John Bore Witness to, “all that he (John) saw”, to what he “saw” in Visions, in entire Book.  
John “saw”, (Jesus, 1:17, Angel, 7:2, Beast, 13:11, Woman, 17:3, Heaven open, 19:11, Angel, 19:17)

**Blessed is He who Reads, Hears, and Heeds** the words of the **Prophecy** of this Book, **Rev 1:3**

*Blessed*: is a state of well-being and/or prosperity put on **Man** by **God**

**Revelation 1:3**

**Chart**

**3 Blessed is he who reads** and **those who hear** the words of **the prophecy**,  
and **heed the things** which are written in **it** (the Book); **for** the time is near.

**Revelation 14:13**

**13 ...** "Write, '**Blessed** are **the dead** who **die** in **the Lord** from now on!'"

**Revelation 19:9**

**9 ...** "Write, '**Blessed** are **those who** are **invited** to the marriage supper of **the Lamb**.'" "

**Revelation 20:6**

**6 Blessed** and **holy** is **the one who** has a part in the **first resurrection**;  
over **these** the **second death** has no power,  
**but they** will be **priests of God** and of **Christ** and will **reign** with **Him** for a **thousand years**.

**Revelation 22:7**

**7 ... Blessed** is **he** who **heeds** the words of **the prophecy** of this book."

**Revelation 22:14**

**14 Blessed** are **those** who wash **their** robes,  
**so that they** may have the right to **the tree** of **life**, and may enter by **the gates** into **the city**.

In **Rev 1:3**, The Book of **Revelation** claims to be **Prophecy**

**We** are to **read** and **hear** and **heed** **the things** which are **written** in **it** (the Book); **1:3 22:7**

**We** are to **read** and **hear** and **heed** the words of the **prophecy**, **Rev 1:3, 22:7, 22:10, 22:18-19**

**John** was to "**write** in the book what **you see**", **1:11**

**Revelation 1:19**

**19** "Therefore (**John**) **write** the things which **you** have **seen**, and (**write**) the things which **are**,  
and (**write**) the things **which will take place** after these things.

**Revelation** is "**Prophetic Genre**" and is Typical in the Bible

"**Prophetic Genre**" is represented in many **Books of the Old Testament**, such as Genesis, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, as well as **Revelation**.

"**Prophetic Genre**" is often found in **Visions, Dreams**, and **Theophanies** in the Old and New Testaments.

"**Vision**", 111 times in the Bible      "**Vision**", 1 time in **Revelation**

"**I saw**", 39 times in **Revelation**

"**Dream**", 105 times in the Bible      "**Dream**", 0 times in **Revelation**

**Prophecy with and without Visions and Dreams**

There are many of **Prophecies** or **Promises** of **God** given **without Visions** and **Dreams**

**Genesis 12:2**

**2** And **I will** make **you** a great nation, And **I will** bless **you**, And make **your name** great;  
And so **you** shall be a blessing;

There are many of **Prophecies** or **Promises** of **God** given **with Visions** and **Dreams**

**Hosea 12:10**

**10** **I** have also spoken to the **prophets**, And **I** gave numerous **visions**,  
And through the **prophets** **I** gave **parables**.

Interpretation of **Prophecy** Key: **Revelation** is **Prophecy** or "**Prophetic Genre**"

**Chart**

The Book of **Revelation** proclaims itself to be **Prophecy**, **Rev 1:3, 22:7, 22:10, 22:18-19**

## The Greeting of Grace and Peace, to the 7 Churches in Asia, 1:4-7

Working Outline > Read Revelation 1:4-7 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

### Revelation 1:4-7

- I. 4 John to the seven churches (7 assemblies) that are in Asia (minor): 1:4, 1:11, 1:20
- A. Grace to you (7 assemblies), Rom 1:7
1. and peace, from Him (the Father)
    - a. (the Father) who is and who was and who is to come, 1:8, 4:8, 11:17,
  2. and from the seven spirits (angels), 3:1, 4:5, 5:6,
    - a. who (spirits) are before His (Father's) throne,
  3. 5 and from Jesus Christ,
    - a. (Jesus) the faithful witness, 3:14, 19:11, Jn 18:37
    - b. (Jesus) the firstborn of the dead, Col 1:18, 1 Cor 15:20, Ps 89:27
    - c. and (Jesus) the ruler of the kings of the earth. 17:14, 19:16, 1 Tim 6:15, Ps 89:27
- B. To Him (Jesus) who loves us (Believers)
1. and released us from our sins by His blood (Atonement), 5:9
  2. 6 and He (Jesus) has made us (Believers) to be a kingdom, 5:10, 20:6
  3. priests (5:10, 20:6, Ex 19:6, Isa 61:6, 1 Pet 2:5, 9-10) to His (Jesus') God and Father
  4. to Him (Father) be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- C. 7 behold, He (Jesus) is coming with the clouds, (14:14-16, Dan 7:13, Matt 24:30, Acts 1:9-11)
1. and every eye will see Him (Jesus), ("see", Mt 24:30, 33, 26:64, Mk 13:26, 29, 14:62, Lk 21:27, 31)
    - a. even those who pierced Him; (Isa 53:5, Zech 12:10, Jn 19:34, 37)
  2. and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him (Jesus). (Zech 12:10, Matt 24:30)
  3. So it (these things, Jesus' Coming) is to be. Amen.

In Verse 4, John is addressing the seven churches (7 assemblies) that are in Asia (minor or Turkey)

In Verse 11, John is to write a Book and send it to the seven churches (7 assemblies)

Q1: In Verses 4-5, From WHAT 3 Persons or Beings is this Greeting to the 7 Churches From ?

- (1) From Him (the Father) (2) From the seven spirits (angels) (3) From Jesus Christ

Q2: In Verse 6, WHO, has been Made, "to be a Kingdom" of "Priests" to the Father ?

A: Nation of Israel, Ex 19:6, Isa 61:6 Read B: the Church, 1 Pet 2:5, 9-10 Read

C: those reigning w/Christ, 1000 yrs, Rev 20:6 Read D: they will reign upon Earth, 5:10 Read  
Both Israel and the Church are said to be "a Kingdom of Priests"

Q3: In Verse 7, What 3 Things will be characteristic of Jesus' Coming ?

- (1) He is coming with the clouds (2) every eye will see Him  
(3) all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him

They will "See" the son of man Coming on the clouds, Matt 24:30, 26:64

They will "See" the son of man, Matt 24:30, 24:33, 26:64

"then all the tribes of the earth will mourn" over Him, Mt 24:30, Zech 12:8-11

Every family of Israel, "all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him", Rev 1:7, Matt 24:30  
Zechariah 12:12-14

- 12 "The land (of Israel) will mourn, every family by itself;  
the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves;  
the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves;
- 13 the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves;  
the family of the Shimeites (Levite clan) by itself and their wives by themselves;
- 14 all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.

Jesus and Book of Matthew are speaking to a Jewish audience, Not the Church

Chart

Every eye will See the Coming and Appearing of the Son of Man on the Clouds of the Sky and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him

Matthew 24:30

30 “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, Rev 1:7, Zech 12:12-14 and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

Jesus, will come in the same way as they watched Him go into Heaven

Jesus, will come from Heaven on a Cloud, in the Sky

Acts 1:9-11

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men (angels) in white clothing stood beside them.

11 They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Jesus' Ascension: They were Looking at Him in a Cloud in the Sky, as He was Going into Heaven.

Jesus' Descension: They will See Him on the Clouds of the Sky, as He will be Coming from Heaven.

“a cloud received Him out of their sight”, Acts 1:9

“they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds”, in their sight, Mt 24:30

The Defending, Destroying, Pouring out of the Spirit, and Mourning in Jerusalem

Zechariah 12:8-11

8 “In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them.

9 “And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

11 “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, (see Matt 24:30) like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

In that day, The Defending of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, 12:8

“In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

In that day, The Destroying of all the Nations that Come against Jerusalem, 12:9

“And in that day I (the Lord) will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

In that day, The Pouring out of the Spirit of grace and supplication, on Jerusalem, 12:10

“I (the Lord) will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, (New Covenant)

In that day, The Great Mourning and Weeping in Jerusalem, of all Israel and Jerusalem, 12:11

This “mourning”, is spoken of “every family”, the “house of David and inhabitants of Jerusalem”

“every family” of Israel, will greatly mourn and weep bitterly for and over Him they pierced,

## The Seven Spirits of God, Rev 1:4

### Revelation 1:4

4 ... from the seven spirits who are before His (Father's) throne,

### Revelation 3:1

1 ... He (Jesus) who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars (Angels),  
says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.'

### Revelation 4:5

5 ... there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God;

### Revelation 5:6

6 And I saw between the throne ..... a Lamb standing, as if slain,  
having seven horns (Symbol of Power or Authority, like a King, 17:12)  
and (having) seven eyes, which (eyes) are the seven spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Seven Spirits Location: "who are before His (Father's) throne", 1:4, and "before the throne", 4:5

Seven Spirits Owner: "He (Jesus) who has the seven spirits of God", 3:1

Seven Spirits Other Name: "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne", 4:5

Seven Spirits Attribute: a Lamb (having) seven eyes, which (eyes) are the seven spirits of God, 5:6

Seven Spirits Purpose: to be "sent out (caused to go) into all the earth", 5:6

OR the seven eyes of the Lamb (Jesus) > are those 7 spirits (Angels)  
"sent out into all the earth", by Jesus, 5:6

## Are the Seven Spirits 7 Angelic Beings OR do they Represent the Holy Spirit ?

Some interpret the seven spirits of God as angelic beings, as in Zech 4:10, 2 Chron 16:9  
while others see them as a reference to the sevenfold ministry of the Holy Spirit, as in Isa 11:2

### View: The Seven Spirits: Represent Seven Angels these are the Seven Eyes of the Lord Chart

#### Zechariah 4:10

10 ... But these seven (eyes) will be glad when they (eyes) see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel —these (eyes) are the eyes of the Lord which range to and fro throughout the earth." (2 Chron 16:9)

Revelation 5:6 The seven spirits OR the seven eyes of the Lamb (Jesus) > are those 7 spirits (Angels)  
"sent out into all the earth", by Jesus,

#### 2 Chronicles 16:9

9 "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth  
that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His....

Apparently, the seven spirits of the Lamb (Jesus), 5:6, seven spirits or seven Angels,

These 7 Angels represent the Lamb's "all seeing eyes",

"which range to and fro throughout the earth.", Zech 4:10, 2 Chron 16:9

The Lamb has "seven eyes", and the "eyes" are the spirits (Angels) which are dispatched into all the earth.

These are "the seven eyes" of the Lamb (Jesus) or His omniscience (all knowing/seeing) as in (Rev 5:6).

It says that there is no place on earth which is not under the all seeing eye of the Lord.

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good, Prov 15:3

### View 2: The Seven Spirits: Represent the Holy Spirit, Isaiah 11:2

Many see "the seven spirits of God" as the Holy Spirit in his sevenfold activity, in Isa 11:2.

#### Isaiah 11:2

2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him (the Branch, Jesus), (1) The spirit of wisdom (2) and understanding,  
(3) The spirit of counsel (4) and strength, (5) The spirit of knowledge (6) and the fear of the Lord.

But Isaiah seems to list only 6 things that "rest on Him" (the Branch, Jesus), and refer to the many attributes of Jesus (the Branch), when the Spirit rests on Him, which is not in the same context as the Lamb's "all seeing eyes", "which range to and fro throughout the earth.", Zech 4:10, 2 Chron 16:9

## The Lord God the Almighty: the Alpha and the Omega, 1:8

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 1:8** (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

### Revelation 1:8

- I. 8 “**I am the Alpha and the Omega,**” says **the Lord God**, 1:17, 2:8, 21:6, 22:13, Isa 41:4, 44:6, 48:12,  
A. “**who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**” 1:4, 4:8, 11:17, 16:5

### The Lord is: “the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last”

Chart

#### Isaiah 44:6

6 “Thus says **the Lord**, the **King of Israel** (43:15) and **his Redeemer** (43:14), **the Lord of hosts**:  
‘**I am the first and I am the last**, And there is no **God** besides **Me**. Also Isa 41:4

#### Isaiah 48:12

12 “Listen to **Me**, O **Jacob**, even **Israel whom I called**; **I am He, I am the first, I am also the last**.

#### Revelation 2:8

8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

**The first and the last, who was dead**, and has come to **life**, says this:

#### Revelation 21:6

6 Then **He** (**Jesus**) said to **me**, “It is done. **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. ....**

#### Revelation 22:13

13 “**I** (**Jesus**) **am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**”

### The Lord is: “Who is and Who was and Who is to Come, the Almighty.”

Chart

#### Revelation 1:4

4 **John** to the seven **churches** that are in Asia: Grace to **you** and peace,  
from **Him who is** (Present) and **who was** (Past) and **who is to come** (Future),  
and from the seven Spirits who are before **His** throne,

#### Revelation 4:8

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within;  
and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy is **the Lord God, the Almighty,**  
**who was** (Past) and **who is** (Present) and **who is to come**(Future).”

This stresses **the Lord’s Eternality**, in the Past “**was**”, in the Present “**is**”, and in the Future “**is to come**”.  
That is to say, **He** is the **Eternal One**.

**He** was before time began; **He** is now; and **He** will be when time ends.

#### Psalm 90:2

2 Before **the mountains** were born Or **You** gave birth to **the earth** and the world,  
Even from **everlasting to everlasting, You** are **God**.

#### Jude 25

25 to the only **God our Savior**, through **Jesus Christ our Lord**,  
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,  
**before all time** and **now** and **forever**. Amen.

## Comparing the Beginning of Revelation with the End of Revelation

Comparing: Rev 1 and Rev 4:8 with Rev 22 and Rev 21:6

Revelation 1:1-10 and Rev 4:8	Revelation 22:6-16 and Rev 21:6
by His angel (1:1)	> And he (angel) said to me (John); (22:6)
which God (the Father) (1:1)	> the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, (22:6)
by His angel (1:1)	> sent His angel (22:6) sent My angel (22:16)
to show to His (Jesus') bond-servants, (1:1)	> to show to His bond-servants (22:6)
the things which must soon take place; (1:1)	> the things which must soon take place. (22:6)
	> "And behold, I am coming quickly. (22:7)
Blessed is he (1:3)	> Blessed is he (22:7)
heed the things which are written in it (1:3)	> heeds the words of the prophecy of this book (22:7)
to His bond-servant John (1:1)	> I, John, the one who heard and saw these things. (22:8)
(testified) to all that he (John) saw (1:2)	> when I (John) heard and saw, (22:8)
	> I fell down to worship at the feet of
by His angel (1:1)	> the angel who showed me these things. (22:8)
heed the things which are written in it (1:3)	> of those who heed the words of this book. (22:9)
He sent, communicated it by His angel (1:1)	> he (Angel) said to me, (22:10)
the words of the prophecy (1:3)	> the words of the prophecy of this book, (22:10)
for (Reason) the time is near (1:3)	> for (Reason) the time is near (22:10)
John to the seven churches (1:4)	> to testify to you these things for the churches. (22:16)
from Him (1:4) Also (1:8) (4:8)	
who is and who was and who is to come (1:4)	
to the seven churches (1:11)	> for the churches. (22:16)
by His angel (1:1)	> My angel to testify to you these things (22:16)
I am the Alpha and the Omega, (1:8)	> I am the Alpha and the Omega, (21:6)
	> (I am) the Beginning and the End (21:6)
	> (I am) the Beginning and the End (22:13)
I am the Alpha and the Omega, (1:8)	> I am the Alpha and the Omega, (22:13)
the First and the Last, (1:17) Also (2:8)	> (I am) the First and the Last, (22:13)
says the Lord God, (1:8) Also (1:4) (4:8)	
who is and who was and who is to come (1:8)	
the Almighty (1:8) Also (1:4)	
(4:8)	
the Lord God, (4:8) Also (1:4) (1:8)	
who is and who was and who is to come (4:8)	
the Almighty (4:8)	

John follows a common approach to Writing, used today:

"Say what you're Going to say, Say it, and Say what you said"