

CROWNING A KING

Revelation & The Story of Tribulation Past



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“Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth.”

- Buddha



Dedicated to the idea that if we all agreed with each other,
some of us would be unnecessary.

To Kelly;
Thank you for your editing help, and for being my best friend and a great helper.

To K and J;
I'm very proud of you both. Keep knocking it out of the park.

To Sir Henry;
May your walks be short, the curbs be low and your bowl overflowing.

Revelation 1

[1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

[2] Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

[3] Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

[4] John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

[5] And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

[6] And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

[7] Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

[8] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.



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Chapter 1

Introduction

The opening paragraph in Revelation is all about who wrote it. Since it speaks about the author in the 3rd person it was likely added to the top of the actual letter to the churches as it was passed along from church to church in the very beginning.

[1] God sent his unveiling of Jesus Christ to show his servants things that will happen soon. He sent his angel to show it to his servant John. John is a witness of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that reads and hears the words of this prophecy, for the time is at hand.

[2] John writes to the 7 churches in Asia: Grace be to you, and peace from him who is, and was, and is to come; and from the 7 Spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth. To him that loved us, washed us from our sins in his own blood, and made us kings and priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

[3] Behold, he comes with power and authority and every eye will see him, even those that crucified him, and all people of the earth will wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, said the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

[9] I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

[10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

[11] Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

[12] And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

[13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

[14] His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

[15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

[16] And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

[17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Did you know?

In Matthew 24 Jesus was asked 3 questions after he stated that every stone that makes up the buildings of the temple grounds they were walk-ing through would be thrown down and destroyed: "When?", "How will we know it's you?" and "How will we know it's the end of the era?"

If you read on, he mentions almost everything that happens on earth in the book of Revelation, and he also says of the disciples - to whom he is speaking in person - that they would be killed and, in verse 34, that 'this generation would not die until all these things came to pass'.

Chapter 2

Letters to the Churches

Each of these churches were real churches that existed at the time this letter was written. They were located in the far western Asian province of the Roman Empire, hundreds of miles from Jerusalem in territory today we call Turkey. Most of them were involved with Caesar worship and had built idols to other gods of various kinds. The Isle of Patmos is off the west coast where John is in prison. His location is just one reason why it made sense that God would choose him to speak to these churches.

The letter mentions specific church teachings prevalent during the time, and also specific people like 'Jezebel'. The early churches were allowing sin to creep into them in a variety of ways that we will now read about.

[2] A star is an angel and a candlestick is a church. An ordained church has an angel over it even today.

[1] I John, your brother and companion in difficulties and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle of Patmos because of my testimony of the word of God and Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice that sounded like a trumpet, saying,

"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. What you see write in a book and send it to the 7 churches which are in Asia: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

[2] I turned to see the voice that spoke to me and I saw 7 golden candlesticks. In the midst of the 7 candlesticks was one like the Son of man clothed down to the foot and with a golden belt around the waist. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like fine brass baked in a furnace, and his voice sounded like rushing water. He had in his right hand 7 stars and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword. He glowed as bright as the sun. When I saw him I fell at his feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me, saying to me,

[18] I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

[19] Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

[20] The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Revelation 2

[1] Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

[2] I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

[3] And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

[4] Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

[5] Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

[6] But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

[7] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

[8] And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

[9] I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy

[3] It appears here that this church, though wise in the law of God and the commandments of Jesus, had forgotten their first love. Jesus says he may take away their candlestick, which is their ordination.

“Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am he that lives, and was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and I have the keys of hell and of death.

Write the things which you have already seen, and the things which you see now and the things you will see next. The mystery of the 7 stars which you saw in my right hand and the 7 golden candlesticks is this; the 7 stars are the angels of the 7 churches and the 7 candlesticks which you saw are the 7 churches.”

[3] To the angel of the church of Ephesus write: The one that holds the 7 stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the 7 golden candlesticks, said this:

“I know your works, labor, patience, and how you can't stand those who are evil. You have tried them that say they are apostles and are not, and have found them to be liars. You have endured and had patience and for my name's sake have labored and not fainted.

Nevertheless, I have something against you because you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen and repent. Do the first works; or else I will come to you quickly and will remove your candlestick unless you repent.

But this you have; You have hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. If one has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

[4] To the angel of the church in Smyrna write; : The first and the last, which was dead, and is alive, said this;

“I know your works, difficulties and your poverty (but you are rich). I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and

Did you know?

The seals are assignments of duties. They are an introduction of the major players who will act later on. The trumpets serve as official announcements in heaven of changes or decrees and the bowls are the judgements.

of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

[10] Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

[11] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

[12] And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

[13] I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

[14] But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

[15] So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

[16] Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

[17] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

[18] And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

[19] I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

[20] Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

[21] And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

are not, but are the church of Satan. Fear none of those things which you will suffer: the devil will cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you will have difficult times 10 days: be faithful to death and I will give you a crown of life. He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He that overcomes will not be hurt by the second death."

[5] To the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things said he who has the sharp two-edged sword;

"I know your works, where you dwell and even where Satan's seat is. You hold fast to my name and have not denied my faith even in those days when Antipas, my faithful martyr, was slain among you where Satan dwells.

But I have a few things against you because you have there among you those that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. You also have them that hold to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which I hate.

Repent or else I will come to you quickly. I will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit said to the churches. To him that overcomes, I give the hidden manna to eat, and will give him a white stone; and in the stone a new name written which no man knows except he that receives it."

[6] To the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things said the Son of God, who has his eyes like flames of fire, and his feet like fine brass;

"I know your works, charity, service, faith, patience and perseverance. I know the last works to be more than the first.

However, I have a few things against you because you tolerate that woman Jezebel. She calls herself a prophetess. She teaches and seduces my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her space to repent of her fornication

[22] Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

[23] And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

[24] But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

[25] But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

[26] And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

[27] And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

[28] And I will give him the morning star.

[29] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3

[1] And unto the angel of the

church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

[2] Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

[3] Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

[4] Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

[5] He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

[6] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

[7] And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

[8] I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door,

and she did not. So I will cast her into a bed, and those that commit adultery with her into great despair, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. I will give to every one of you according to your works.

But to you and the rest in Thyatira I say this; whomever does not follow this doctrine of hers and does not know the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden but that which you have already. Hold fast until I come. He that overcomes and keeps my commands to the end, I will give to him power over nations. He will rule them with a rod of iron. Like the pots of a potter they will be broken to pieces, just like the power and authority I received of my Father, and I will give him the morning star. He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit said to the churches.”

[7] To the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things said he that hath the 7 Spirits of God, and the 7 stars;

“I know your works. You are alive but are dead. Be watchful and strengthen the gifts you have remaining that are about to die. For I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember how you had received and heard? Hold fast and repent. If you will not watch, I will come on you as a thief and you won’t know what time I will come.

You have a few people in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. They will walk with me in white for they are worthy. He that overcomes, the same will be clothed in white and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit said to the churches.”

[8] To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things said he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that opens and no man closes; and closes and no man opens;

“I know your works: behold, I have set before you an open door

and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

[9] Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

[10] Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

[11] Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

[12] Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

[13] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

[14] And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

[15] I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

[16] So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

[17] Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

[18] I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

[19] As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

[20] Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

[21] To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

[22] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

and no man can shut it, for you have only a little strength. You have kept my word and have not denied my name.

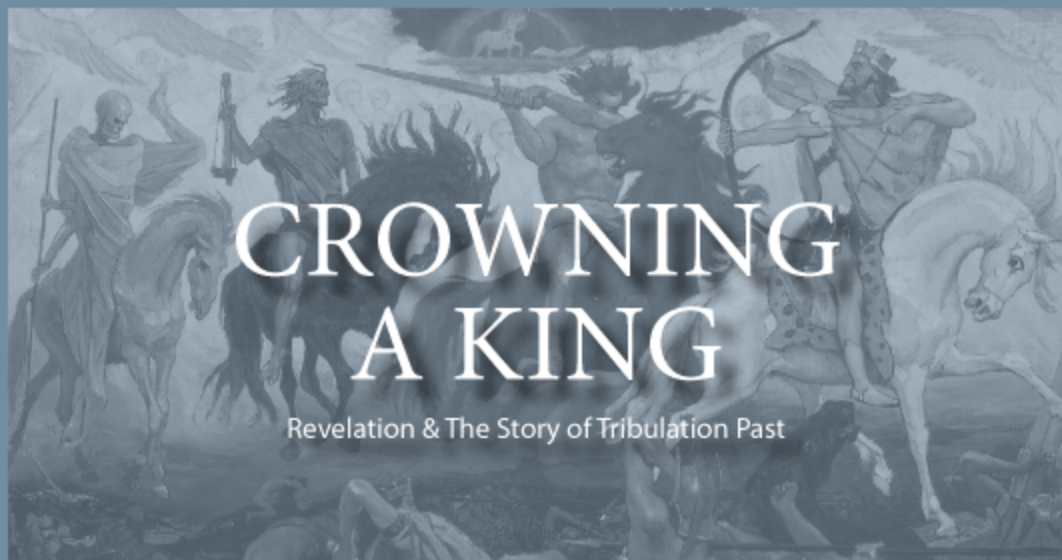
Behold, I will make those of the church of Satan come and worship before your feet and to know that I have loved you.

Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which will come on all the world to try them that live on the earth. Behold, I come quickly. Hold on to that which you have, so that no man takes your crown. He that overcomes I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he will go out no more. I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God: and I will write on him my new name. He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit said to the churches.”

[9] To the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things said the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

“I know your works, and you are neither cold or hot. I wish you were either cold or hot, but because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth; because you say, ‘I am rich and have many things, and have need of nothing’. You don’t know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

“I suggest you buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich and in white clothing. Then you will be clothed and the shame of your nakedness won’t show, and we can anoint your eyes with eye salve, so you can see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he with me. To him that overcomes I will grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame and sit down with my Father on his throne. He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit said to the churches.”



CROWNING A KING

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