

## Revelation 1

### 1. Prologue (1-3)

- a. Revelation means...
- b. These things will *soon* take place.
- c. God promises a blessing.

### 2. Greeting to the Seven Churches (4-8)

- a. **Grace and peace come to us from the triune God!**
  - i. God the Father: “Him who is and who was and is to come.”
  - ii. God the Holy Spirit: “from the seven spirits who are before His throne”
  - iii. God the Son: “from Jesus Christ”
    - 1. The faithful witness
    - 2. The firstborn of the dead
    - 3. The ruler of kings on earth
- b. **Christ has redeemed us!**
  - i. Christ loves us continuously.
  - ii. Christ has freed us from our sins by His blood.
  - iii. Christ has made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father.
- c. **Christ is coming with the clouds!**
  - i. There are different senses in which Scripture speaks about the “coming” of Christ.
  - ii. Matthew 10:23, Matthew 16:28, Matthew 24:30, Matthew 26:64
  - iii. Coming on the clouds: Isaiah 19:1, Psalm 18:7-12, 97:1-5, Psalm 104:1-4, Nahum 1:2-5, etc.
  - iv. OT Background: Daniel 7:13 & Zechariah 12:10-13
- d. God reminds us of His eternal nature and thus the ongoing relevance of this prophecy.

### 3. A Vision of the Son of Man (9-20)

- a. John shares the circumstances of his vision.
  - i. John’s description is reminiscent of the calling of an OT prophet.
  - ii. John mentions three present realities for him:
    - 1. The tribulation

2. The kingdom
3. The patient endurance
- b. John's initial vision is of the glorified Christ (12-20).
  - i. Christ is clothed like a priest (13).
    1. Golden sash- Exodus 28:4
  - ii. The highly figurative description of Christ highlights His radiant glory.
    1. Hair like white wool, like snow
    2. Eyes like a flame of fire
    3. Feet like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace
    4. Voice like the roar of many waters
    5. Right hand holds the seven stars
    6. From His mouth comes a sharp two-edged sword
    7. Face shining like sun
  - iii. John's response to Christ's presence is a picture of the gospel.
    1. He fell at His feet as though dead.
    2. Jesus assures John that He is the resurrection and the life.
      - a. He touches John!
      - b. He speaks words of life!
- c. Verse 19 gives us a basic structure for the rest of the book.
  - i. "the things that you have seen" (Revelation 1)
  - ii. "the things that are" (Revelation 2-3)
  - iii. "the things that are to take place after this" (Revelation 4-22)