

Revelation of Jesus Christ

John the Apostle (last original) around 90 AD

went to Ephesus just before 70 AD (Rome, boiled in oil, audience converted)

Patmos: island off Turkey – political exile (Rev 1:9)

letter to seven regional churches (Turkey) (Rev 1:11)

- not scary with Correct Focus (love story – wedding)
- parallel Moses/Exodus (partnership prayer)
 - Goshen – Powerful Church (Acts)

Chapter 1

Revelation: Correct Focus

the **Man** – Jesus Christ (1)

Son of Man (13) – our King (Dan 7:13-14)

the **Plan** – “must take place” (1, 19)

not about what’s going to happen to me (blessing)

Blessing: if we Participate in the Plan (3)

Read, Hear (Understandable), Keep (Partnership)

Leadership: Eternal, All Encompassing, Brilliant

Him who is and was and is to come; He who lives, was dead, alive forevermore (4, 8, 18)

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last (8, 11, 17)

Almighty (8)

Biblical Numerology: 3 = Trinity/Perfection, 7 = Perfection/Completion

it’s a Perfect Plan

Identity:

Faithful Witness (5) – Truth (Jn 18:37)

Firstborn from the dead (5) – Conqueror of death/hell (18)

Ruler of kings (5) – Worthy to Reign

Motivation: Love (5), Redemption (5), Partnership (6)

Purpose: He is Coming! (7) (Zech 12:10)

He is already walking in the midst of the Church (12-13, 20)

our Partnership in the Plan is necessary (2 Pe 3:12)

Appearance: (13-16) Symbolism (Literal, Biblical)

long garment – Priest (Heb 4:14)

golden band – Royalty (Rev 19:16)

white hair – Purity, Wisdom (Dan 7:9)

flaming eyes – piercing clarity (Heb 4:13)

brass feet – Strength, Stability (contrast Dan 2:42 clay)

voice as the sound of many waters – Authority, Might (Ps 93:4)

stars (angels of churches – 20) in right hand – Lord of Hosts (200+ references)

Commander of the Army of the Lord (Josh 5:14, Mt 26:53)

sharp two edged sword in mouth – Word of Power (Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12)

countenance shining like the sun – Glory (Rev 21:23)

Effect: Revelation of Jesus Christ

initially Fear (17)

ultimately Frees us of Fear (17) – conquered death and hell (18)

Eternal Perspective (Rev 12:11)

I Trust the Man, I'll Keep the Plan

Chapters 2 & 3

Letters to the Seven Churches

Preparation for Partnership in the Plan

Chapter 1 Symbolism referenced in each letter