Revelation 1 The Revelation of Jesus to John

v. 1 Revelation by Jesus' angel, i.e. a messenger v. 2 angel of churches Rev 2:1,8,12,18; 3:1, 7,14

Rev 5:2 strong angel

Rev 8:1-11:15 who stand before God

Rev 14:6-19 warning angels

Rev 16:2-17 The 7 angels of punishment

Rev 18:1, 21 Warning angels

Rev 19:17 Angel with invitation to the supper

Rev 20:1 angel with the key

Rev 22:6 return to the angel revealing to John

- v. 2 Jesus is the word Jn 1:1, 14, who revealed the father Col 1:15 Heb 1:3
- v. 3 We must hear (and thus obey) Jn 13:17 Ja 1:22
- v. 4 Written to 7 churches but we know of at least 9 (Colossae and Hieropolis, Col 4:13)

The number 7 complete = all churches of all time

v. 5 witness Jn 8:14 firstborn (preeminent) never to die again I Cor 15:20 ruler of kings Mt 28:18, Dan 2:44 those who submit to Him

loves us Gal 2:20 released us I Cor 6:11 Heb 9:14

- v. 6 We are a kingdom (not Kings as in KJV) Mk 9:1 Col
- 1:13. We are priests -- can approach God directly I Jn 1:9
- v. 7 He will come in the clouds I Th 4:17-18 II Th 1:7-8 Mt

26:64 Both living and dead will see Him.

- v. 8 The α and the ω -- 1st and last -- Rev 1:8, 17-18 used interchangeably of God and Christ Rev 22:13. A statement of His (Jesus, Father, Holy Ghost) eternal nature Rev 21:6 Rev 1:4
- v. 9 tribulation Acts 14:22 I Pet 4:16 Kingdom Col 1:13 Perseverance as in Rev 2:2, 10

Patmos an island in the Agean; according to tradition - Irenaeus, Eusebius, Jerome; John was exiled here-- in the 14th year of the reign of Domitian and returned to Ephesus under Nerva (96 AD). (ISBE)-late date; Origen, Epiphanius, Syriac History of John, possibly Clement, during reign of Nero - early date.

- v. 10 "in the spirit" -- a vision on Lord's day (that belonging to Gr kuriakee heemera only here and of supper in I Cor 11:20 -- not day of judgment II Pet 3:10 heermera kurion (Robertson)
- v. 11 7 churches representing all churches of all times (1:4)
- v. 12 seven complete. lampstands explained v. 20 Mt 5:15
- v. 13 "Son of Man" Dan 7:13-14 Rev 14:14 not "a son" but "like" -- Jesus -- the form of a man Isa 9:6. paps (KJV) breasts
- v. 14-16 an image of incredible beauty, power and majesty to show us that it is Jesus and none other who speaks
- v. 17-19 repetition of v. 4, 8, 5, 3
- v. 20 Interprets the vision and tells us what the images represent.