

*Rev 1:1-3 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, (2) who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. (3) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

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 7 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

C.I. Scofield popularized dispensational premillennialism through the Scofield Reference Bible, first released in 1909.

Moved from Lutheran to Presbyterian to Congregationalism to Southern Presbyterian

7 church ages with Jesus returning to set up an earthly kingdom reigning in Jerusalem.  
Required Prophetic postponement



*to His bond-servant John, (2) who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.*

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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

Joh 13:17 "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

*Rev 1:4-5 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, (5) and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

From the God head: God, the eternal Father, the Holy Spirit (7 is used for completeness), From Jesus Christ, now in His eternal kingdom.

John also addresses Jesus once again – *Rev 1.5...To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood (6) and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Not kings (KJV)

Mar 9:1 And Jesus was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

Col 1:12-13 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. (13) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

We are priests -- can approach God directly  
our fellowship is with God, v. 5 if we walk in the  
light and it is to Him v. 9 refers.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and  
righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.



*Rev 1:7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.*

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Mat 26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

*Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. "*

*Rev 1:17-18 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, (18) and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.*

In v. 8, God the father, in 22:13 the son

*Rev 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."*

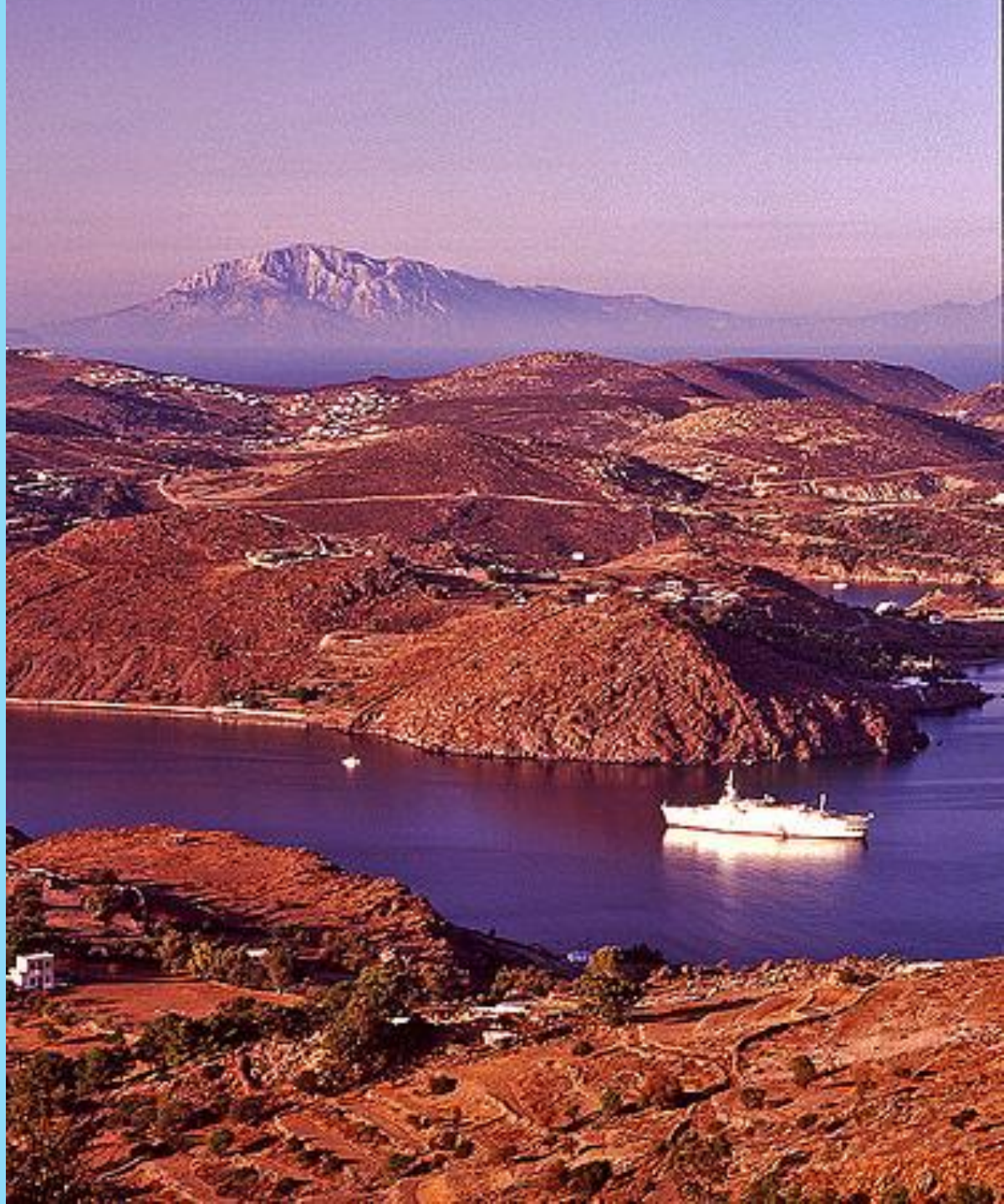
*Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

Dan 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed,

Act 14:22 ..."Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

Patmos  
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);





Aerial view of  
Patmos  
Origen,  
Epiphanius,  
Syriac History  
of John,  
possibly  
Clement,  
during reign of  
Nero.



*Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,*

“in the spirit” -- a vision on Lord's day (that belonging to Gr *kuriakee heemera* only here and of supper in 1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, -- not day of judgment II Pet 3:10 *heermera kurion* (Robertson)  
2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat,

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*Rev 1:11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."*

Representing all the churches of all  
times 7 = complete

*Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;*

*Rev 1:20 "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.*





*Rev 1:13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.*

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Rev 14:14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.

Dan 7:13-14 "I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a  
Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the  
Ancient of Days And was presented before  
Him. (14) "And to Him was given dominion, Glory  
and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men  
of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is  
an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away;  
And His kingdom is one Which will not be  
destroyed.

*Rev 1:14-16 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. (15) His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. (16) In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.*

Not the man John knew on earth but a magnificent image of beauty, power and majesty.

*Rev 1:17-19 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, (18) and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (19) "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.*

repetition of v. 4, 8, 5, 3

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The interpretation of the vision thus far. Notice the emphasis on perfect number – 7

It will also be seen in 12 and 1000, each of which calls to our minds completeness.

