

Interpretations of Revelation



Review

1. John the Apostle
2. Apocalyptic Style
3. 7 churches in Asia Minor
4. Struggle between Rome and Church
5. Encourages perseverance
6. Cycle of struggle until 2nd coming
7. Series of visions

Views of Revelation

- **Preterist** – Rome & Church
- **Idealist** – Principles only
- **Historicist** – 100AD to 2nd coming
- **Futurist** – End Times

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- 4. P/I combination offers simplest yet most complete answer**

Revelation

1:1-8

The Message Comes From:

- **The Father**
 - Who was, is, to come - Eternal one
- **The Holy Spirit**
 - 7 Spirits (Perfect)
- **Jesus Christ**
 - Son, Savior, Lord



Revelation 1:9-16

Heavenly Vision of Jesus

- **Son of Man** – O.T. Title for Messiah
- **Long Robe** – Royal Attire
- **Golden Girdle** – Purity/Priesthood
- **Hair White as Wool** – Supernatural
- **Eyes Aflame** – Knowledge

Heavenly Vision of Jesus

- Feet like Bronze – Power
- Voice like Many Waters – Universal
- 7 Stars in Hand – Authority
- Sword from Mouth – Word/Judgment
- Face Shining like Sun – Awe Inspiring

Revelation 1:17-20

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Rewards Mentioned:

- Eat of the Tree of Life
- No Second Death
- Name on White Stone
- Receive Morning Star
- White Garments
- Name in Book of Life
- Pillar in New Jerusalem
- Reign with Christ

The original message was directed to the 7 churches in Asia Minor but applicable to *All Churches then and now.*