

# Revelation

## Prologue

**1** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which he gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of the Lord and the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

## Greetings and Doxology

<sup>4</sup>John,  
To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” <sup>b</sup>dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun, shining in all its brilliance.

...his feet as though dead. Then he ... his right hand on me and said: “Do not ... I am the ...

in your favor: You hate the  
the Nicolaitans, which

<sup>7</sup>He who has an ear,  
what the Spirit says to  
To him who overcomes,  
right to eat from the tree  
is in the paradise of God

*To the Church in Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“To the angel of the church  
write:

These are the words of  
the First and the Last, who  
came to life again. <sup>9</sup>I know  
tations and your poverty-  
rich! I know the slander  
say they are Jews and are  
a synagogue of Satan.  
afraid of what you are ab  
I tell you, the devil will pu  
in prison to test you, and  
fer persecution for ten da  
ful, even to the point of  
will give you the crown

<sup>11</sup>He who has an ear,  
what the Spirit says to  
He who overcomes will  
all by the second death

# DESCRIPTION OF JESUS

- **First and Last**
- **Who died and came to life again**
- **The ruler of God's creation**
- **Walking among the lampstands**
- **Eyes of blazing fire and feet like burnished bronze**

# DESCRIPTION OF JESUS

- Him who has the sharp, double-edged sword
- Who Holds the Key of David
- Him who is holy and true
- The Amen, the faithful and true witness
- Son of God

## DESCRIPTION OF JESUS

- He Who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars

## INSIGHTS OF CHURCH LIFE (POSITIVE)

- Doctrinal purity
- Faithfulness in Adversity
- True to the name of Christ
- More than you did at first
- Little Strength, but faithful

# INSIGHTS OF CHURCH LIFE (POSITIVE)

- Love
- Faith
- Service
- Perseverance

## INSIGHTS OF CHURCH LIFE (NEGATIVE)

- Consumed with doctrinal purity
- Teaching of Balaam and the Nicolaitans
- Tolerate Jezebel
- You are Dead
- Neither Hot nor Cold

## INSIGHTS OF CHURCH LIFE (NEGATIVE)

- You are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked
- They lost love
- Failed to be a light to the world



## WARNING/INSTRUCTION

- Remember what they already know
- Repent of the error
- Removal of the lampstand
- Do not be afraid
- Devil is at work

## WARNING/INSTRUCTION

- Coming time of testing
- Christ will fight against them with the sword
- Bed of Suffering
- Strike her children dead
- Searches hearts and minds

## WARNING/INSTRUCTION

- Repay according to your deeds
- Wake Up!
- Strengthen what remains
- Unfinished in the sight of My God
- Remember, Obey, Repent

## WARNING/INSTRUCTION

- Christ will come as a thief
- I will spit you out of my mouth
- I counsel you to buy from me
- Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline

## PROMISE/ASSURANCE

- Overcomers, Victorious, Faithful
- Tree of Life
- Paradise of God
- Life as Victor's Crown
- Not hurt by 2<sup>nd</sup> death

## PROMISE/ASSURANCE

- Hidden Manna
- White Stone with a name on it
- No additional burden on you
- Give authority over the nations
- The Morning Star

## PROMISE/ASSURANCE

- Never Blot Out Their Name From the Book of Life
- Acknowledge that Name
- I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut
- Keep you from the trial

## PROMISE/ASSURANCE

- I am coming soon
- Hold on to what you have
- A pillar in the temple of my God
- Here I am!
- I will come in and eat with them and they with me
- The right to sit on the throne



## GENERAL THOUGHTS

- Revelation 1:3
  - Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.
- This is a message of hope

## GENERAL THOUGHTS

- This is not about “us” versus “them”
- This is about “us” versus “us”
- What we believe matters
- What we do matters
- We must be faithful because He is faithful and true