

REVELATION CHAPTER 1

PART TWO

Imagine These Times

- Other apostles are all martyred or dead
- Ephesus area among the most developed and knowledgable
- Jerusalem destroyed and Israel dispersed
- Gentile and Jewish Christians no longer getting along in one body
- False teachings, false traditions, pagan influences, loss of spiritual vitality
- No new writings of the Word of God, but false writings circulating

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today
and forever

—Hebrews 13:8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

–Revelation 1:1

who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

–Revelation 1:2, 3

4 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 kings on earth.
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.

–Revelation 1:4-6

7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:7, 8



13 "I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

14 And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13, 14



63...And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

Matthew 26:63-66



10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10



Why so Jewish?

- Bullinger, other dispensationalists and pre-tribulationists say it is because it is after the rapture fulfilling the prophecies to Israel.
- Or... could it be
- Showing the church's connection with the prophecies to Israel.
- Calling out to Israel that this shows that Jesus of Nazareth is your messiah, the seed of David, and here is how all the prophecies are fulfilled.

91, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.





12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

Revelation 1:12-13



14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

Revelation 1:14, 15



16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.
17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

Revelation 1:16, 17



18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

Revelation 1:18, 19



20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that 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.

Revelation 1:20

