



Rapture of the Church (God's Promise)
Revelation 1

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 1

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John: ²Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. ³Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; ⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ **“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,”** saith the Lord, **“which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”**

⁹I, John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹Saying, **“I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.”**

¹²And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; ¹³And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. ¹⁴His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; ¹⁵And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. ¹⁶And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength.

¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, **“Fear not; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. ¹⁹Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”**

COMMENTARY

We see God's revelation through John to the seven churches in Asia Minor against the backdrop of Jesus' promise in John's Gospel where John recorded it in Chapter 14 (verses 1-3):

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there you may be also.”

The return is called the Rapture of the Church; the day when Christ will fulfill His promise to return and take home to heaven every person who has put their faith in His finished work on a cross at Calvary.

John earlier recorded in his gospel that God loved us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die in our place, as our substitute, and pay the price of our sin. We only need to believe that, and put our faith in that, to be born again into the family of God, be placed in His Church, and be assured of an Eternity in Heaven with God.

In Revelation, Chapter 1 we see the risen, glorified Christ begin His message through His servant John. In [Revelation 1:19](#), He gives us the outline of the message:

Write the things which you have seen - Chapter 1 - The risen, glorified Christ.
And the things which are - Chapters 2 & 3 - The seven literal churches which were in Asia Minor.

And the things which shall be hereafter - Chapters 4 – 22 - Everything from Chapter 4:1 through the end of the book will happen in the future.