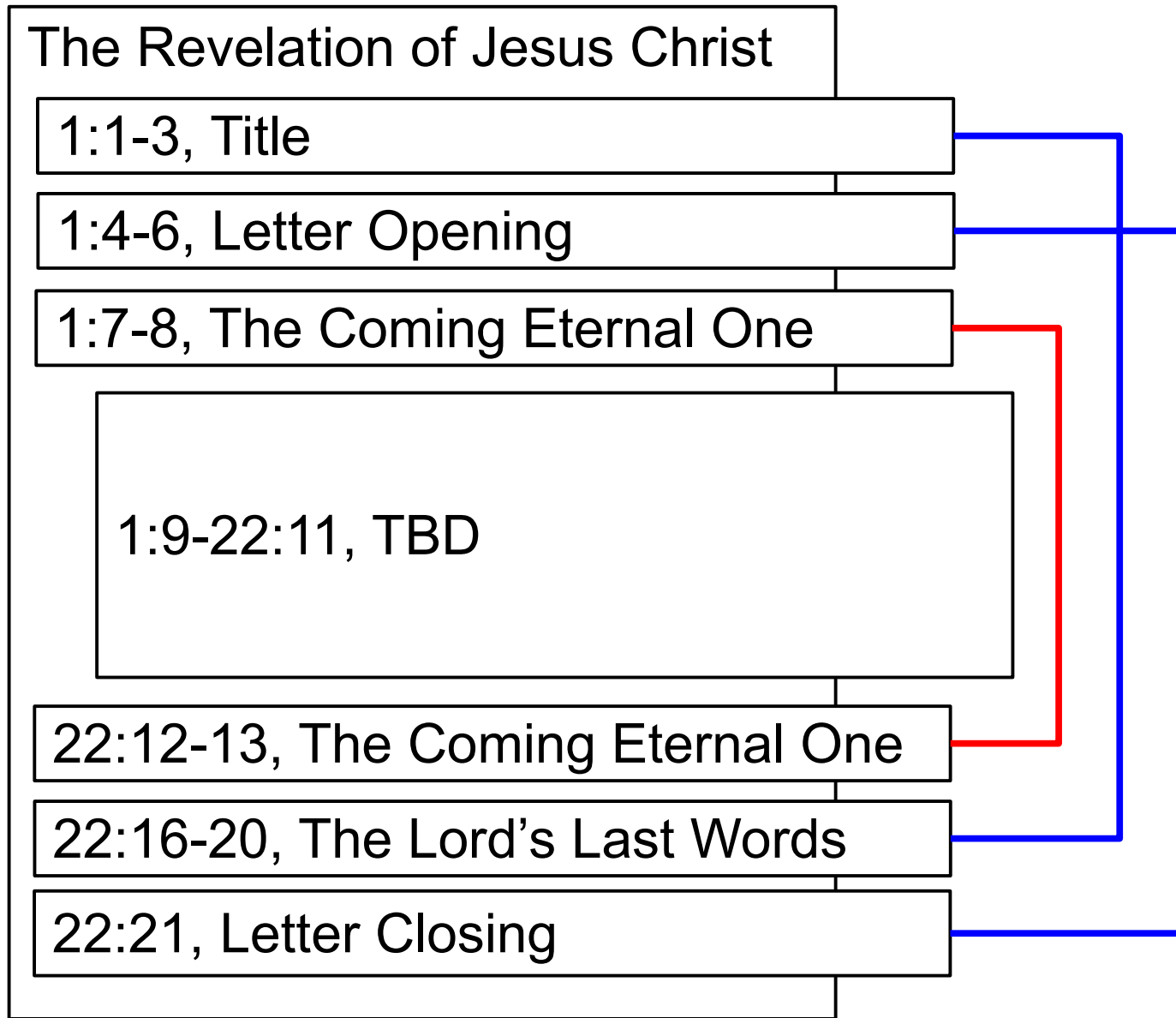


# Structure of the Revelation

Rev 1:1-6



Delivery Chain:

1b **God** gave unto  
**him** (Jesus Christ)

1c he sent by **angel**

1d unto **John**

4 John to the **seven  
churches ...**

Rom 1:14 **I am  
debtor** both to the  
Greeks, and to the  
Barbarians; both to  
the wise, and to the  
unwise. 15 So, as  
much as in me is, I  
**am ready to preach  
the gospel** to you  
that are at Rome  
also.

# References for Rev 1:1

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Subjective Genitive:* Gal. 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by **the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

*Objective Genitive:*

1Pet. 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory **at the appearing of Jesus Christ**:

1Pet. 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at **the revelation of Jesus Christ**;

which God gave unto him

Mar 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, **neither the Son**, but the Father.

things which must **shortly** ἐν τάχει come to pass

Lk 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he **bear long** with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them **speedily** ἐν τάχει.

his **servant** δοῦλος G1401 John

Mat 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. ... 25 Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your **servant** δοῦλος: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

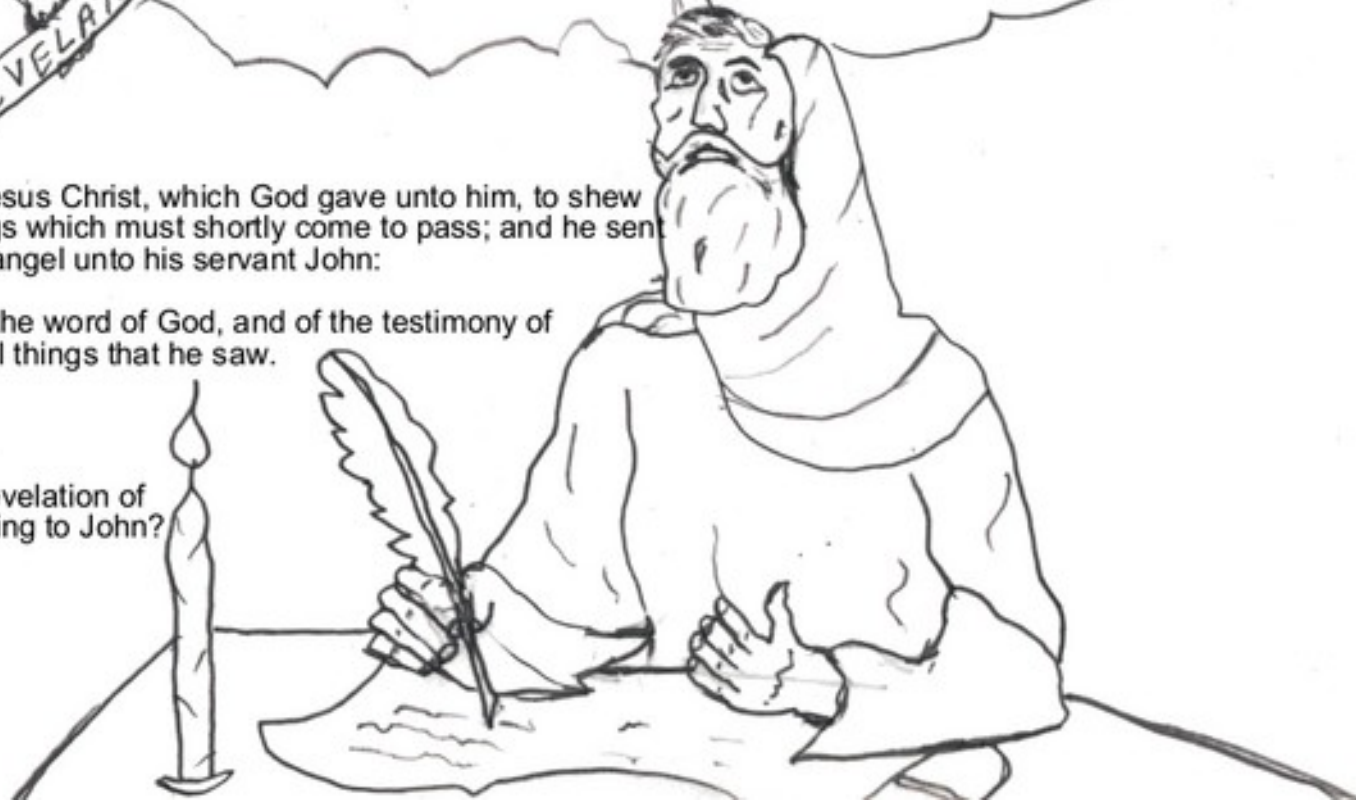


Revelation 1: 1-2

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:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

- Why was the Revelation of Jesus Christ giving to John?



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# Echoes of the Title in ch. 22

Revelation 1	Revelation 22
1 things which must <b>shortly</b> come to pass	6 the things which must <b>shortly</b> be done. 7, 12, 20 behold, I come <b>quickly</b> 10 the time is <b>at hand</b>
1 and he sent and signified it by <b>his angel</b> unto his servant John:	16 I Jesus have sent <b>mine angel</b> to testify unto you these things in the churches.
2 the <b>testimony</b> of Jesus Christ	16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to <b>testify</b> unto you 20 He which <b>testifieth</b> these things saith, Surely I come quickly
3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this <b>prophecy</b> ,	18 ... the words of the <b>prophecy</b> of this book,... 19 ... the words of the book of this <b>prophecy</b> ,
3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that ... <b>keep those things</b> which are written therein:	14 Blessed are they that <b>do his commandments</b> ,

# The Revelation as an Epistle

	Colossians	Revelation
Sender	1:1 Paul ... and Timotheus	1:4 John
Recipients	1:2 to the saints ... which are at Colossae	to the seven churches which are in Asia
Greeting	Grace to you and peace	Grace be unto you, and peace
	from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ	from God ... and from the seven Spirits ... and from Jesus Christ
Praise to God	1:3 We give thanks to God	1:5 Unto him that loved us ... be glory and dominion ...
Prayer for Readers	praying always for you	(lacking)
Body	ch. 1-4	ch. 1-22
Farewell	4:18 Grace be with you.	22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

# 1:4 God, which is, and which was, and which is to come

Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** [“which is”] and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers**, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, [“which was”] hath sent me unto you: this is my name **for ever**, and this is my memorial **unto all generations.** [“which is to come”]

Isa 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I am the first, and I am the last;** and beside me there is no God.

Isa 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.**

Psa 50:3 **Our God shall come**, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

Isa 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 10 Behold, **the Lord GOD will come** with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

# The Seven Spirits

Parallel with Father and Son → Holy Spirit

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name **of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**:

1 Cor 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same **Spirit**. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same **Lord**. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same **God** which worketh all in all.

2Co 13:14 The grace of **the Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of **the Holy Ghost**, be with you all.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one **Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One **Lord**, one faith, one baptism, 6 One **God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, through sanctification of the **Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**:

Why “seven”?

Rev. 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth.

Zec 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: ... 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with **those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD**, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from **thy spirit**? or whither shall I flee from **thy presence**? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. ...

# Praise to the Lord Jesus

	His Person	His Work
Earthly ministry	the Faithful Witness: Mic 5:2 whose goings forth have been from of old	unto him that loved us: John 13:1 having loved his own which were in the world
Passion	the First Begotten of the Dead: Rom 4:25 delivered for our offenses, raised again for our justification	washed us from our sins in his own blood
Future victory	the Prince of the Kings of the earth: Rev. 11:15 The kingdoms of this <b>world</b> are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.	hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father: 1 Pet 2:9 a royal priesthood (cf. Rev 20:4)