

# 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?

*Which is:* 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

*Which was:* 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, hath sent me unto you:

*Which is to come:* this is my name **for ever**, and this is my memorial **unto all generations.**

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.**

The Coming God:

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 40:10 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 4:10 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[lamps]; 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

	1:5a, Greeting: His Person	1:5b-6, Praise: 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 1 John 1:7 the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
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)

# Jesus Christ ... to whom be glory and power for ever

Eternal glory and power to God:

Rom. 11:3 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of **God!** ... 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: **to whom be glory for ever.** Amen.

Rom. 16:27 **To God** only wise, **be glory** through Jesus Christ **for ever.** Amen.

Eph. 3:21 **Unto him be glory** in the church by Christ Jesus **throughout all ages,** world without end. Amen.

Phil. 4:20 Now **unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever.** Amen.

1Pet. 5:10 But **the God of all grace,** ... 11 **To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.** Amen.

Jude 25 **To** the only wise **God** our Saviour, **be glory** and majesty, dominion and power, **both now and ever.** Amen.

Not during his earthly ministry (except for his first miracle and the transfiguration):

Isa 53:2 he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is **no beauty** that we should desire him. 3 He is **despised** and **rejected** of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

His expectation:

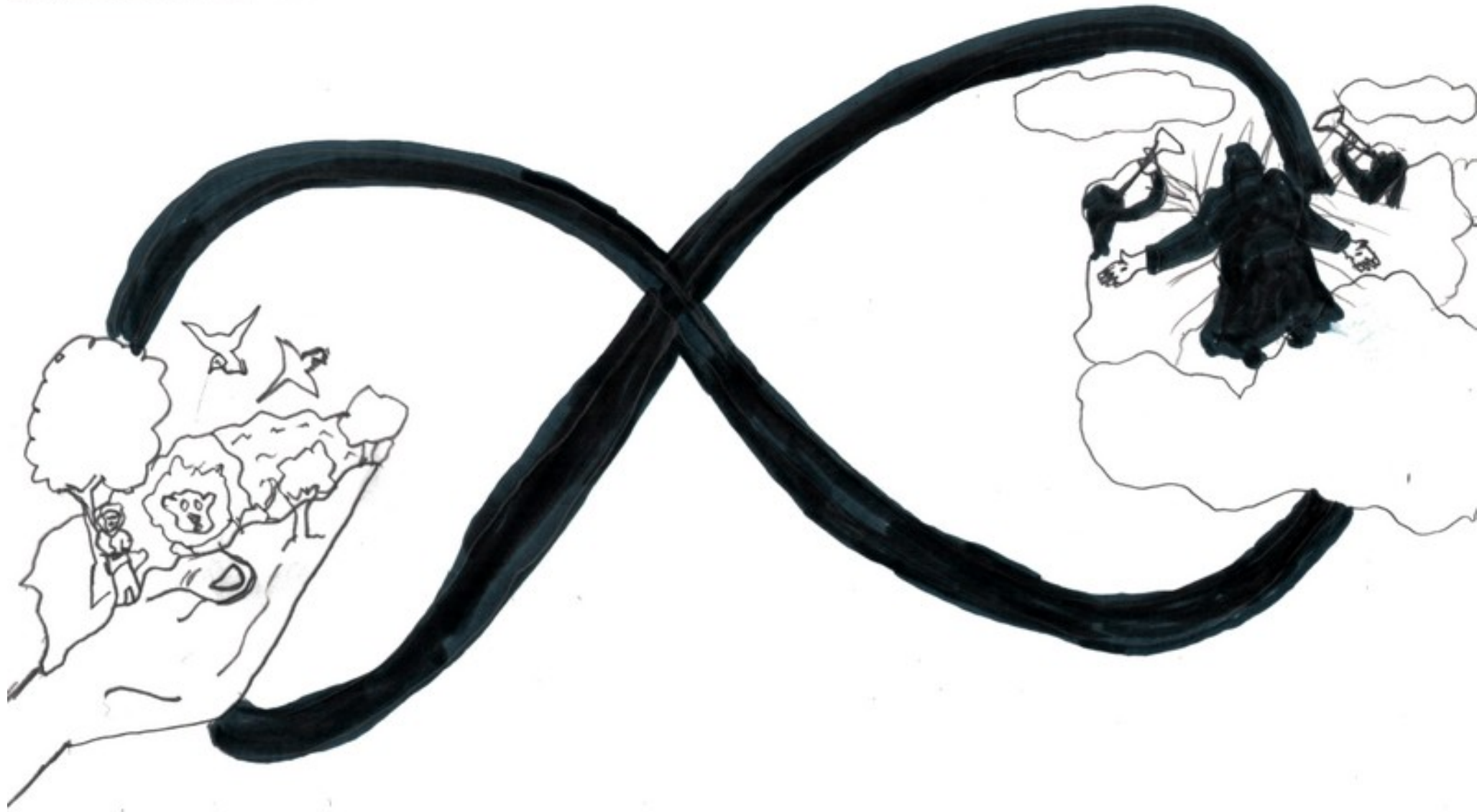
Joh 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; **glorify thy Son,** that thy Son also may glorify thee: ... 5 And now, O Father, **glorify thou me** ...

Mat 24:30 and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and **great glory.** ... 25:31 When the Son of man shall **come in his glory,** and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the **glorious appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

# 1:7 The Summary: He is Coming

Rev 1:7	OT	Matthew 24
Behold, he cometh with clouds;	Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom,	30b and they shall see <b>the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven</b> with power and great glory
and every eye shall <b>see him</b> , and they also which <b>pierced</b> him: and <b>all kindreds of the earth</b> shall <b>wail</b> <b>κόπτω G2875</b> because of him.	Zech 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall <b>look upon me</b> whom they have <b>pierced</b> , and they shall <b>mourn κόπτω</b> for him, as one <b>mourneth</b> for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (+3x in vv. 11-12, mourning by <b>Israel</b> )	Matt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days ... 30a ... then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall <b>all the tribes of the earth mourn</b> <b>κόπτω</b>



Revelation 1:8

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.

- Who said, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending" in this verse eight of the book of Revelations?

# 1:8 Titles of Eternity

Ref	Alpha and Omega	The First and the Last	The Beginning and the Ending	The One who is, and who was, and who is to come	Who is in View?	Evidence
1:4				X	Father	“God”; Trinitarian greeting
1:8	X		(x)	X	Father	The eternal Lord, 1:4 Almighty = (LORD of Hosts)
1:11	(x)	(x)			Son	Stands in the midst of the candlesticks, 1:12
1:17		X			Son	Was dead, is alive, 1:18
2:8		X			Son	Writer to Smyrna
4:8				X	Father	Vision from Isaiah 6
21:6	X		X		Father	He that sat upon the throne (21:5); father (21:7)
22:13	X	X	X		Son	The one who comes quickly (22:12)

X: Majority reading

(x): Minority (but KJV) reading