

Structure of the Revelation

Rev 1:7- 13

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7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; ... and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.	12 And, behold, I come quickly ; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
8 I am Alpha and Omega , the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord	13 I [the one who comes quickly] am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end , the first and the last.

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 the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory
and every eye shall see him , and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail κόπτω G2875 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 look upon me whom they have pierced , and they shall mourn κόπτω for him, as one mourneth 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 Israel)	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 all the tribes of the earth mourn κόπτω

1:8 Titles of Eternity

Ref	The One who is, and who was, and who is to come	Alpha and Omega	The First and the Last	The Beginning and the Ending	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: First use
(x): Minority (but KJV) reading

“in the Spirit”

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Rev. 1:10 **I was [γίνομαι “became”] in the Spirit** on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice,

Rev. 4:2 And immediately **I was γίνομαι in the spirit:** and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Rev. 17:3 So **he carried me away ἀποφέρω in the spirit** into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, ...

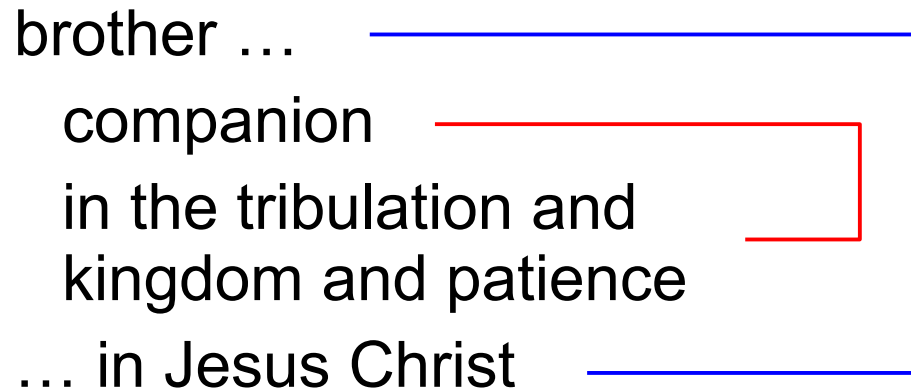
Rev. 21:10 And **he carried me away ἀποφέρω in the spirit** to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, I came to be in the Spirit ...

Acts 22:17 come to be in a trance

Acts 12:11 come to oneself

1:9-20, Introductory Vision

Chiastic organization in 1:9a



brother

Mat 23:8, all ye are
brethren.

companion κοινωνός
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Luke 5:10 James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were **partners** with Simon.

the tribulation and kingdom and patience

2Th. 1:4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your **patience** and faith in all your persecutions and **tribulations** that ye endure: 5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the **kingdom** of God, for which ye also suffer:

Helpful Verses on 1:9-10

1:9 for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ

6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain **for the word of God, and for the testimony** which they held:

12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep **the commandments of God**, and have **the testimony of Jesus Christ**.

1:10, Setting for John's Visions

I came to be in the Spirit ...

Acts 22:17 come to be in a trance

Acts 12:11 come to oneself on the Lord's day

Not "the day of the Lord"

1 Cor 11:20 the Lord's supper

1:10 voice ... of a trumpet

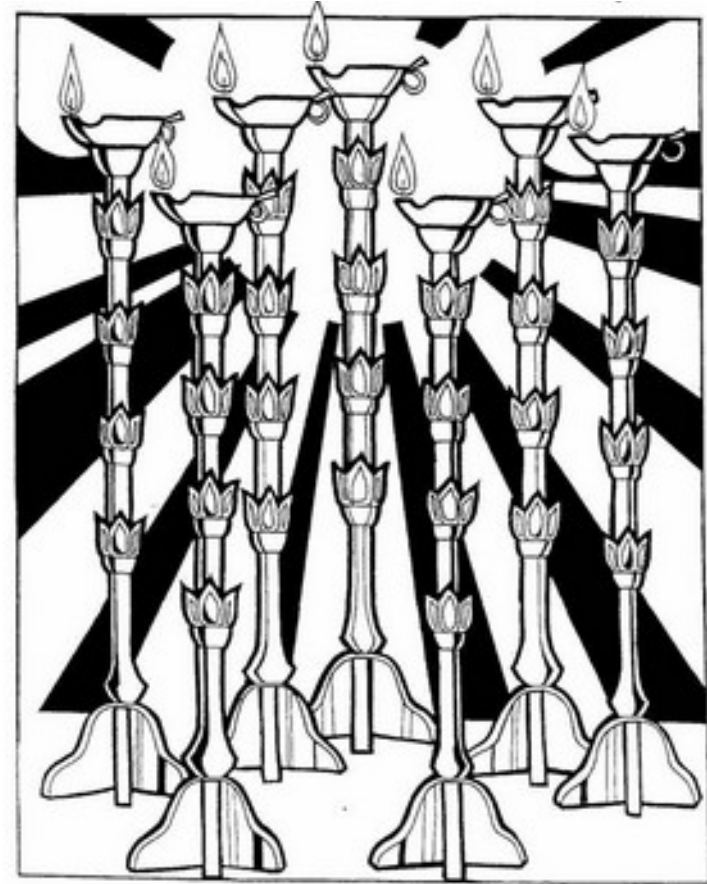
Ex. 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the **voice of the trumpet** exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

OT vs. NT Candlesticks



Tabernacle and Temple: seven branches on one candlestick (Exod 25:31-37)
→ **centralized** organization

<http://clipart-library.com/clipart/yckA6yxoi.htm>



Churches: seven independent candlesticks
→ **decentralized**, autonomous assemblies

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John's Vision of the Lord Jesus

Verse	Description	Origin	Significance
13	one like unto the Son of man ,	Dan 7:13	Man
	clothed with a garment ἐνδύω G1746 down to the foot ποδηρής G4158,	Ex. 29:5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon ἐνδύω Aaron the coat ποδηρής, Zech. 3:4 I will clothe ἐνδύω thee [Joshua the HP] with change of raiment ποδηρής. Ezek 9:2 one man among them was clothed ἐνδύω with linen ποδηρής, (also 9:3, 11) <i>to mark the righteous</i>	Priest
	and girt about the paps with a golden girdle .	Dan. 10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man ... whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz :	Conqueror of kings
14	His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow;	Dan. 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow , and the hair of his head like the pure wool :	God
	and his eyes were as a flame of fire;	Dan. 10:6a ... his eyes as lamps of fire,	Conqueror of kings
15	And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;	Dan 10:6b his feet like in colour to polished brass,	Conqueror of kings
	and his voice as the sound of many waters .	Ezek. 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters :	God
16	his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength .	Judg. 5:31 let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might .	Righteous man