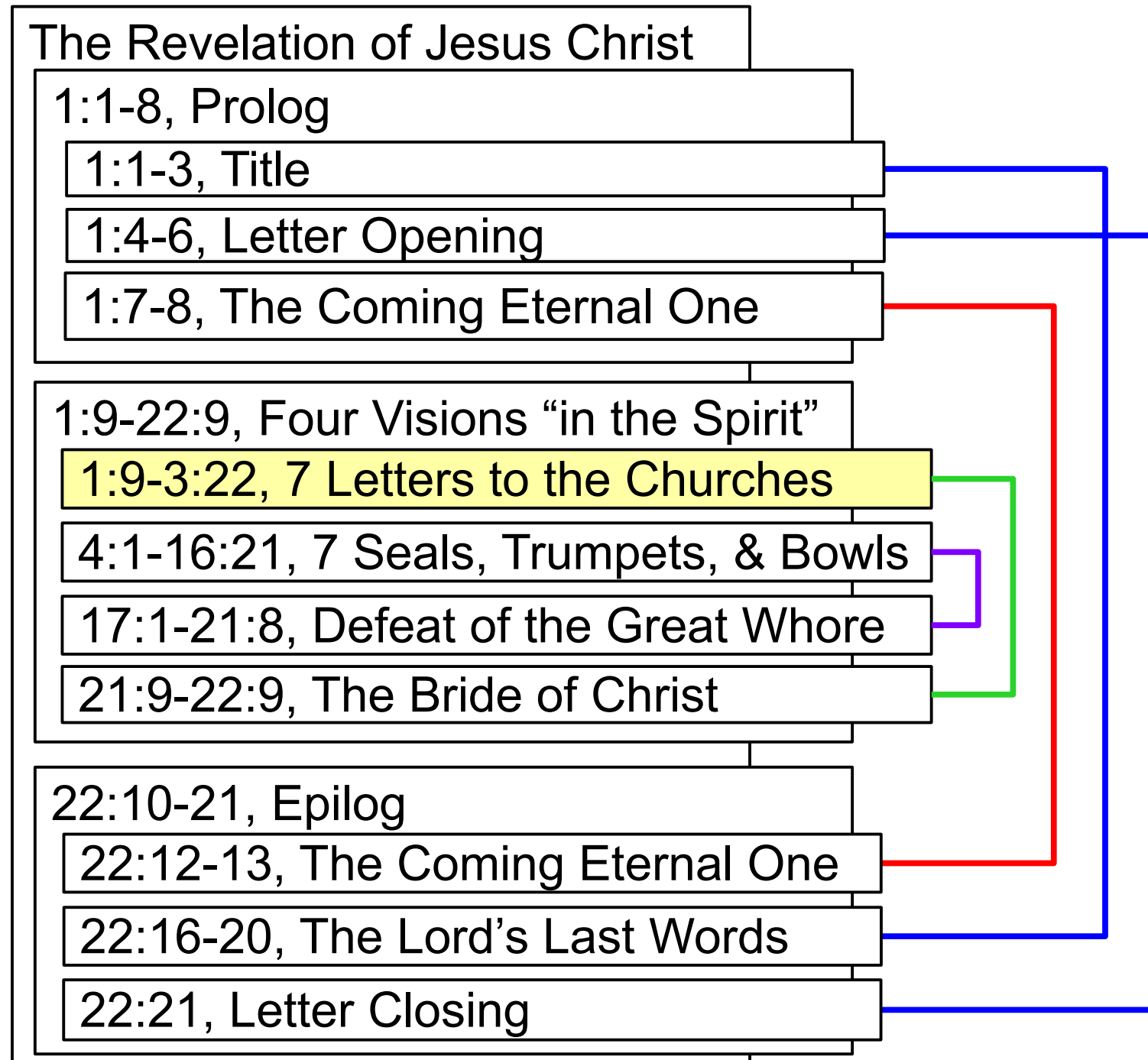


# Structure of the Revelation

Rev 1:17-20



# Helpful References

I fell on my face ...

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Lev. 9:24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and **fell on their faces**.

Eze 1:28 This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, **I fell upon my face**, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Fear not ...

Is. 35:4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, **fear not**: behold, **your God will come** with vengeance, even God with a recompence; **he will come** and save you.

Is. 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!**

Is. 41:10 **Fear thou not; for I am with thee**: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. ...

# 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?
1:4	X				Father
1:8	X	X		(x)	Father
1:11		(x)	(x)		Son
1:17			X		Son
2:8			X		Son
4:8	X				Father
21:6		X		X	Father
22:13		X	X	X	Son

X: Majority reading

X: First occurrence of majority reading

(x): Minority (but KJV) reading

Is. 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, **the first, and with the last; I am he.**

Is. 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.

Is. 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; **I am the first, I also am the last.**

# 1:17b-18a I am the first, and the last, and the living one

“The Living God”: Implies power over (pagan) adversaries

Jos 3:10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that **the living God** is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

1Sam. 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of **the living God**.

2Kings 19:16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach **the living God**.

Jer 23:36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of **the living God**, of the LORD of hosts our God.

# the keys of hell [Hades] and of death

Job 38:17 Have the **gates of death** been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

Hos 13:14 **I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death:** O death, I will be [better, “where are”] thy plagues; O grave, I will be [“where is”] thy destruction:

2Co 5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Rev. 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and **death and hell** delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And **death and hell** were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Matt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the **gates of hell** shall not prevail against it.

# Two readings of 1:19

the things which thou **hast seen**, → ch. 1  
and the things which **are**, → ch. 2-3  
and the things which **shall be** hereafter → ch. 4-22

But:

”thou hast seen” is aorist (timeless), not imperfect or perfect (past; contrast 1:4, “who was”)

Ch. 2-3 say much about the future

Ch. 4-22 say much about the past and present

Better:

Write the things which thou seest, cf. 1:11  
even the things which are, } *Both applicable*  
and the things which shall be hereafter } *throughout the book*

# 1:20 The seven stars are the angels ...

“Angel” ἄγγελος G32 = “messenger”

Genitive = source, “angel of X” = “messenger sent by X”

Luke 7:19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? ... 24 And when the **messengers of John** were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

Luke 7:27 This [John the Baptist] is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send **my messenger** before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 And sent **messengers** before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.