

Considering the Book of **REVELATION** Through its Story Flow



I 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. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, 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.

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And 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. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And 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.

And 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: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

[Revelation 1:9-19]



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The book of Revelation, also known in theological circles by its untranslated title as “the Apocalypse” (which in Greek means a ‘revealing’) represents the greatest enigma of all the books of the Bible. With its abundance of graphic symbolism and its intricate levels of detail, it can confound the most educated theologian, causing others to take great leaps into speculative territory where, as the old song says, “angels fear to tread”!

But the opening scene in the book, as presented on the inside cover page, sets forth the general intent of the narrative, for John to “*write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the **things which shall be hereafter.***” Its opening statement clearly explains the true origin of its message as, “*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:*” Despite claims otherwise, Revelation was given to the Apostle John in the mid-90’s AD by our living Savior, Jesus Christ, and presents a broad overview of events that only He could possibly foresee with such great detail and profound accuracy!

While many books and commentaries have been compiled over the centuries, it is the intent of this treatise to consider its revealing message by remaining closely focused upon its running narrative, its ongoing ‘story flow’, without the distraction of what are referred to as ‘inset chapters’. While inset chapters are extremely revealing in themselves, and serve an important purpose in explaining details related to the book’s prophecies, their break-away nature, creating pauses in the story flow, can cause the reader to lose focus on the sequence of events it otherwise presents.

Instead, this booklet, as we move on from the book as written in Part One, under Part Two, it will segregate and present the **running narrative**, as this booklet’s author and working associates see it, without interrupting the sequential prophetic story flow. Inset chapters will be reviewed, but carried more as though ‘supporting appendices’, allowing the reader to remain focused on its main prophetic insights while not losing the presentations of side matters which enhance their respective areas of thought.

As a further explanation of the reason for taking such an approach as this booklet does is that oftentimes, as we read with riveted fascination, we don’t always realize that there has been a pause in the narrative, or a set back in time in order to further explain one of the scenes previously presented. This can cause us to lose our place as to where we are in the prophetic story flow. So perhaps as yet another tool in fathoming Jesus’ extraordinary revelation of “*things which must shortly come to pass;*”, this reorganized approach may prove a helpful format to those of us who are still coming to understand those things prophesied in its amazing profoundness.

Those who prefer to read the narrative exactly as written by the beloved elder, John, may of course, refer to the Bible translation of ones’ choice. Part One presents the King James Version in its entirety and in its presented order. It is hoped that this booklet in its reorganized format will enhance the original book as penned by the beloved Elder Apostle, John by direct command of his loving Lord and Master.

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