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**Prologue**

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ,

which God gave him

to show to his servants the things

that must soon take place.

He made it known

by sending his angel to his servant John,

2 who bore witness to the word of God

and

to the testimony of Jesus Christ,

even to all

that he saw.

3 Blessed is the one

who reads aloud the words of this prophecy,

and

blessed are those

who hear

and

who keep

what is written in it,

for the time is near.

**Greeting to the Seven Churches**

4 John to the seven churches

that are in Asia:

Grace to you

and

peace from him

who is

and

who was

and

who is to come,

and

from the seven spirits

who are before his throne,

5 and

from Jesus Christ

the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead,

and

the ruler of kings on earth.

To him

who loves us

and

has freed us from our sins by his blood

6 and

made us a kingdom,

priests to his God

and

Father,

to him be glory

and

dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

7 Behold,

he is coming with the clouds,

and

every eye will see him,

even those

who pierced him,

and

all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

Even so.

Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,”

says the Lord God,

“who is

and

who was

and

who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Vision of the Son of Man**

9 I,

John,

your brother

and

partner in the tribulation

and

the kingdom

and

the patient endurance

that are in Jesus,

was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God

and

the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,

and

I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

11 saying,

“Write what you see in a book

and

send it to the seven churches,

to Ephesus

and

to Smyrna

and

to Pergamum

and

to Thyatira

and

to Sardis

and

to Philadelphia

and

to Laodicea.”

12 Then I turned

to see the voice

that was speaking to me,

and on turning

I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and in the midst of the lampstands

one like a son of man,

clothed with a long robe

and

with a golden sash around his chest.

14 The hairs of his head were white,

like white wool,

like snow.

His eyes were like a flame of fire,

15 his feet were like burnished bronze,

refined in a furnace,

and

his voice was like the roar of many waters.

16 In his right hand

he held seven stars,

from his mouth

came a sharp two-edged sword,

and

his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him,

I fell at his feet

as though dead.

But

he laid his right hand on me,

saying,

“Fear not,

I am the first

and

the last,

18 and

the living one.

I died,

and

behold

I am alive forevermore,

and

I have the keys of Death

and

Hades.

19 Write therefore the things

that you have seen,

those

that are

and

those

that are to take place after this.

20 As for the mystery of the seven stars

that you saw in my right hand,

and

the seven golden lampstands,

the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches,

and

the seven lampstands are the seven churches.