**Revelation 1, ESV, https://www.esv.org/Revelation+1/**

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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.