



Revelation Chap. 1:1

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION DETAILS THREE ASPECTS

Therefore write the things which **you have seen**, and the things **which are**, and the things which **will take place after these things**. (Rev. 1:1 NASB)

BOOK SUMMATION:

THE GOD WHO REVEALS ALL THINGS



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Rev. 1:1 NASB

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John...

Observations

“*The* Revelation of Jesus Christ...”

Ἀποκάλυψις (apokalypsis)- uncover, lay bare

John gets the credit for this book, but in reality the title should be “The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John.” Here is the first four words of this verse the owner of this book is established.

Usage of The Word “Revelation”

As a Light to the Gentiles (i.e. the Nations)(Lk. 2:32).

Concerning the message of the Gospel of Christ(Rom. 16:25).

Concerning the appearing of Christ (1 Cor. 1:7).

Concerning Paul’s experience (c.f., 2 Cor. 12:1-8).

Concerning “spirituals” among the saints (1 Cor 14:26)

Concerning God’s wrath (tribulation)(Rev. 1:1).

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For the Gentiles: Concerning the true God and life in Him

For the Gospel: Concerning the Church economy

For Paul: Concerning his apostleship

For God’s wrath: Concerning those who do not believe

For “spirituals”: Concerning the message of the True God.

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For the appearing: Concerning the destiny of the church.

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Two Questions:

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What is a bondservant?

Jesus's Relationship To The Father

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him (Jn. 5:19-23 NASB).

Jesus's Relationship To The Father

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” (Jn. 6:38-40 NASB)

Jesus's Relationship To The Father

“I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father.” (Jn. 8:38 NASB)

Jesus's Relationship To The Father

For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.” (Jn. 12:49-50 NASB)

Jesus's Relationship To The Father

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. (Jn. 14:10 NASB)

Something To Note...

There is no account in Scripture where the Holy Spirit instructed Jesus to do or complete anything. There is also no Scripture where the Holy Spirit gave a message to Christ Jesus.

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Defining Bond-Servant

doulos (doulos)- slave; bond-slave

Concerning the church. These are the witnesses of His word and work (for the apostles the laying of the foundation of the church, for others it is the devotion to the word of the apostles).

Bond-servant

Concerning Paul: Paul, a **bond-servant** of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God (Rom. 1:1 NASB).

Concerning Jesus: but emptied Himself, taking the form of a **bond-servant**, and being made in the likeness of men. (Phil. 2:7 NASB).

Concerning Saints In General

just as you learned it from **Epaphras**, our beloved **fellow bond-servant**, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf (Col. 1:7 NASB).

As to all my affairs, **Tychicus**, our beloved brother and faithful servant and **fellow bond-servant** in the Lord, will bring you information. (Phil. 2:7 NASB).

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τάχος (tachos)- quickly, shortly

This word is used seven (7) times in the New Testament.



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Concerning τάχος

...and I saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem **quickly**, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.’ (Acts 22:18 NASB).

Festus then answered that Paul was being kept in custody at Caesarea and that he himself was about to leave **shortly**. (Acts 25:4 NASB).

Concerning τάχος

The God of peace will **soon** crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. (Rom 16:20 NASB).

And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true”; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must **soon** take place. (Rev. 22:6 NASB).

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“...the things which must soon take place...”

τάχος (tachos)- quickly; soon (7x)

This word itself is considering an aspect of time. “These things” (which will be detailed in this book) will take place in *quick* and *rapid* succession.

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Jesus Christ = Main subject

The masculine personal pronouns refer to Jesus (i.e., “His, Him, He, etc”).

All bond-servants are servants of Jesus Christ.

Back To Bond-servant

Concerning Paul: Paul, a **bond-servant of Christ Jesus**, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God (Rom. 1:1 NASB).

Concerning Timothy: Paul and Timothy, **bond-servants of Christ Jesus**, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: (Phil. 1:1 NASB).

Back To Bond-servant

Concerning other saints: just as you learned it from **Epaphras**, our beloved **fellow bond-servant**, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, (Col. 1:7 NASB).

As to all my affairs, **Tychicus**, our beloved brother and faithful servant and **fellow bond-servant in the Lord**, will bring you information. (Col. 4:7 NASB).

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Jacob, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad:
Greetings. (Jas 1:1 NASB).

Whose Angel Is This?

Unfortunately the words: “His angel” only shows in this verse. However observing the context of the passage, and how the pronouns are consistently used this angel is more than likely Jesus Christ’s.

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σημαίνω (semaino)- indicate; signify (6x)

In its frequent use this word expresses something that was revealed or foreshadows and events or information that was important and was to take place.

Examples of this word

Concerning Jesus: But He was saying this to **indicate** he kind of death by which He was to die (Jn. 12:33 NASB).

to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, **signifying** by what kind of death He was about to die. (Jn. 18:32 NASB).

Now this He said, **signifying** by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, “Follow Me!” (Jn. 21:19 NASB).

How has this angel communicated this Revelation?

Although we see many angels in the Book of Revelation there are two such observations found in Scripture where an angel “guides” significant aspects of the prophecy (i.e., he is known as the “strong angel”).

**Rev.
5:1ff**

**Rev.
10:1ff**

**Rev.
18:21ff**

Biblical Precedent For This Transmission

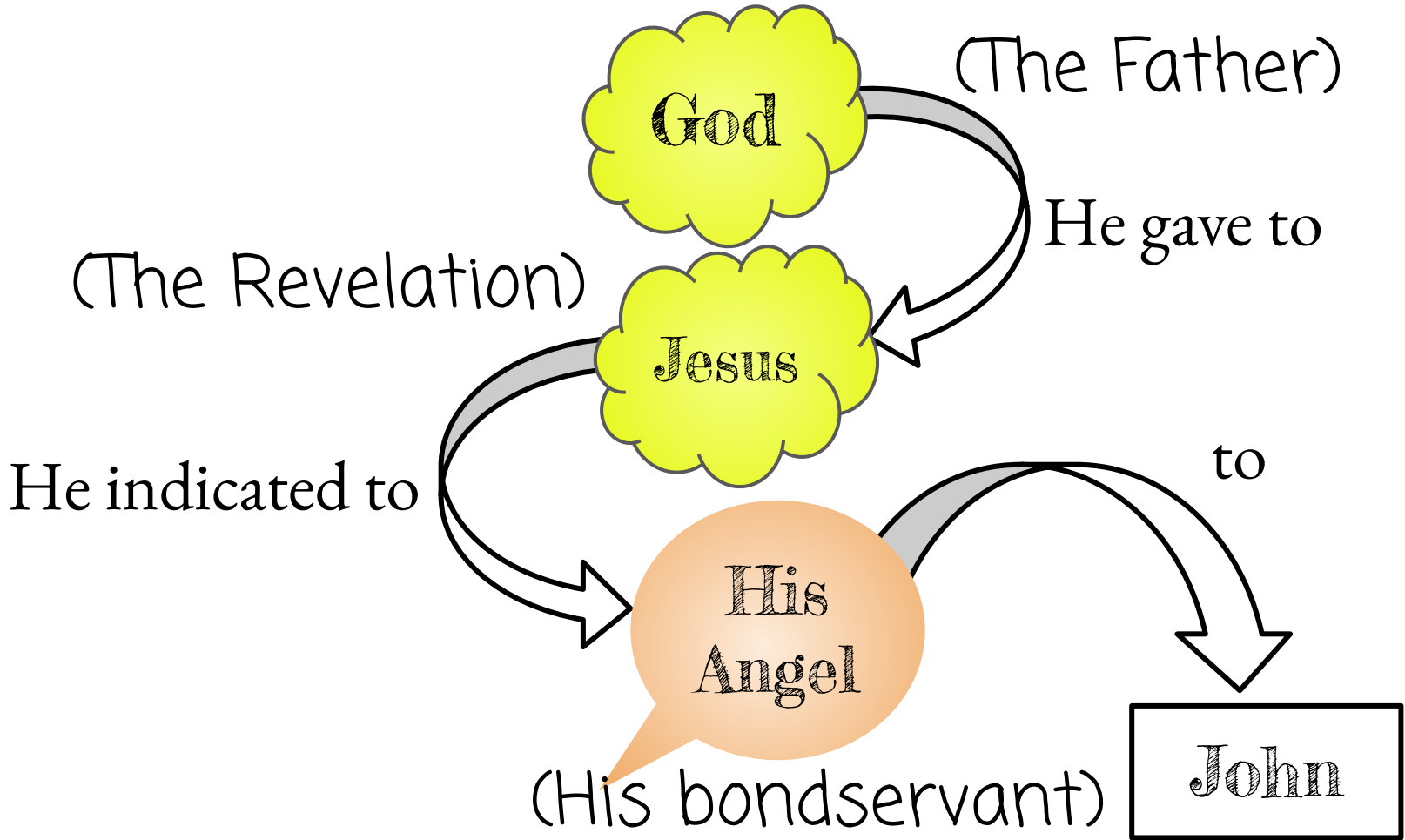
**Dan.
8:16ff**

**Dan.
9:21ff**

**Lk.
1:19ff**

**Lk.
1:26ff**

Verse One



To be continued...

On to verse two...