



Revelation Chap. 1:2

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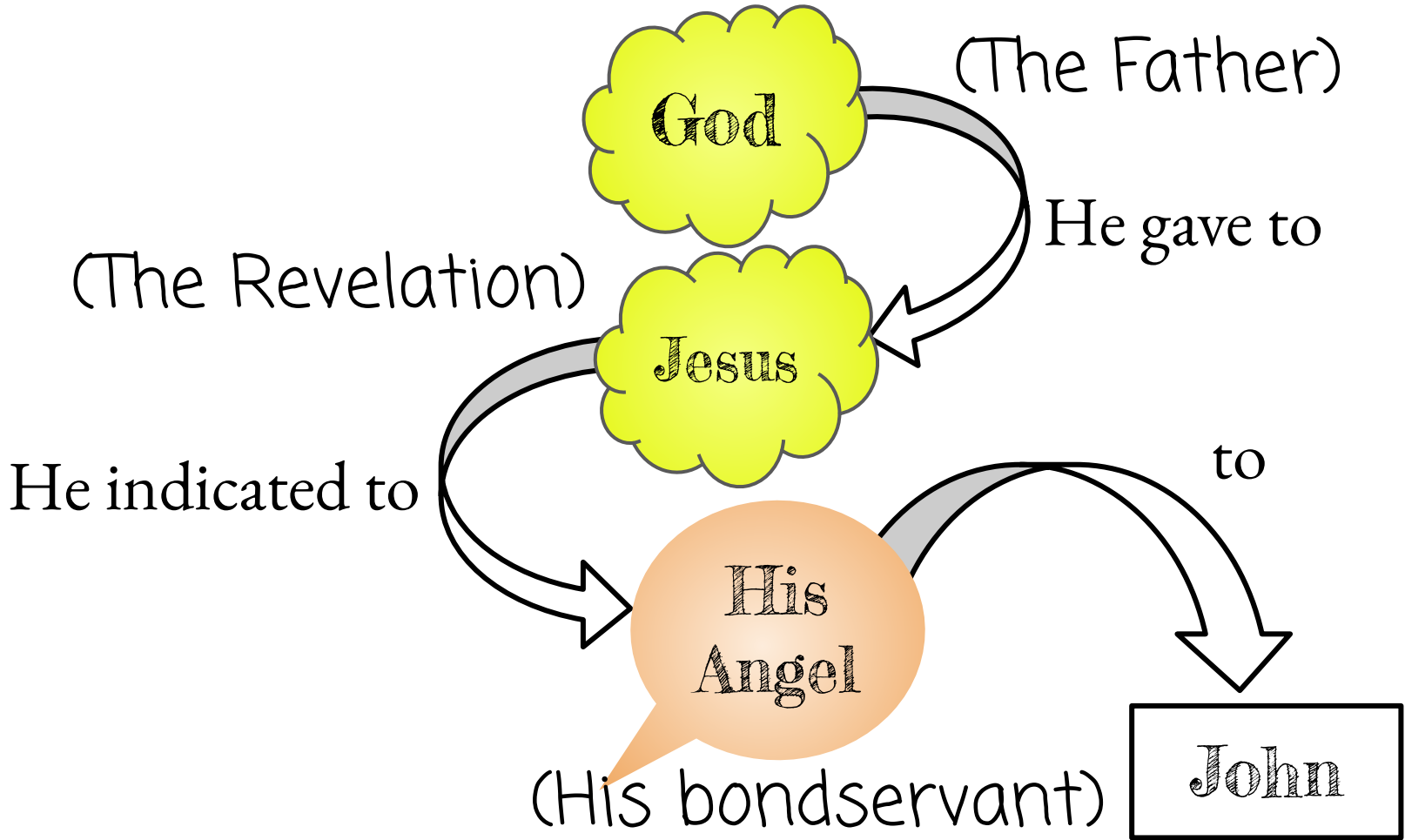
THE BOOK OF REVELATION DETAILS THREE ASPECTS

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”

Verse One



Rev. 1:2 NASB

who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Observations

“who testified to the word of God”

μαρτυρέω (martyreo)- witness, record, testify; verb (79x).

This word “testified” is associated with the word *martyr*. In this context this is concerning John’s account of the word of God.

Examples of this word

Concerning John the Baptist: He came as a witness, to **testify** about the Light, so that all might believe through him (Jn 1:7).

Concerning God the Father: “There is another who **testifies** of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.” (Jn 5:32)

Concerning the world: “The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I **testify** of it, that its deeds are evil.” (Jn. 7:7)

Concerning Cornelius: “Of Him all the prophets **bear witness** that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” (Acts 10:43)

Observations

“Who (has) testified to the word of God”

Aorist Indicative Active

Aorist: It is an action without reference to its past, present, or future time. Usually it is translated as a past action in the English.

Indicative: This is a statement of fact or reality.

Active: The subject is performing the action.

Observations

“Who (has) testified to the **word of God...**”

The phrase “the word of God” occurs 47x in the entire Bible.

This phrase frequently shows in the book of Acts (12x)

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“Who (has) testified to **the word of God...**”

The phrase in the Hebrew דְבַר אֱלֹהִים (*Elohim dabar*). This word is used 5x in OT.

The phrase in Greek τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ (*ton logon tou theou*). This word is used 41x in the NT.

Examples of this phrase

Concerning the prophets of the Old Testament:

“But **the word of God** came to Shemaiah **the man of God**” (idiom for a prophet), saying (1 King 12:22)

“It came about the same night that **the word of God** came to **Nathan**, saying...” (1 Chron. 17:3)

Examples of this phrase

Concerning The Old Testament: he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the **word of God** for the sake of your tradition. (Matt. 15:6 NASB).

Concerning The Apostles: So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the **word of God** in order to serve tables..." (Acts 6:2 NASB).

Examples of this phrase

Concerning the Jews: The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7 NASB).

Concerning The Gentiles: Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received **the word of God**. (Acts 6:2 NASB).

Examples of this phrase

Concerning Paul: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but **the word of God** is not imprisoned. (2 Tim. 2:9 NASB).

Concerning John: John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the **word of God**... (Rev. 1:9 NASB).

Something To Note..

The **word of God** is not only a term to refer to the Source of this word (It came from God through the prophets in the Old Testament (1 Sam. 9:27) and through the apostles), But it is that which exposes God's desire and plan for mankind (this also includes the words of Christ!)

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who testified to the word of God and
to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even
to all that he saw.

Observations

“to the **testimony** (or witness) of Jesus Christ.”

μαρτυρία (marturia)- witness, record, testify; noun (79x).

This word “testimony” is (also) associated with the word *martyr*. This is concerning the testimony of Jesus Christ. I believe the better term here is *witness*.

Examples of this word

Concerning John the Baptist: He came as a **witness**, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him (Jn. 1:7).

Concerning Jesus Christ: “If I testify about Myself, My **testimony** is not true.” (Jn. 5:31)

Concerning the Father (about Christ): “There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the **testimony** which He gives about Me is true.” (Jn. 5:32)

Concerning Cretans behavior: This **testimony** is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith (Tit. 1:13)

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even to all that he saw...

Turn To John 8:12-18

The Point

John testifies (or witnessed) that of the **works** and **word** of Christ Jesus, which was also given in the Old Testament. This was to show that Jesus was God (which was given in **the word of God**).

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31 NASB)

The Point

Furthermore this is associated with Jesus Second Coming the establishment of the Righteous Reign (this is the **testimony of Jesus**).

In fact this phrase “testimony of Jesus” is **ONLY** used in the Book of Revelation:

Concerning Israel (Rev. 12:17)

Concerning Trib. saints (Rev. 20:4)

Concerning all saints (Rev. 19:10)

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Observations

“... to **all** that he (has) saw...”

This relates to all of the things God is going to reveal to John, and that he is going to lay out in this particular book.

The particular
vision of the Lord
Jesus Christ &
mess. for church
(Rev. 1-4:1-11)

The Heaven scene
and the judgment
of the tribulation
& The Kingdom
(Rev. 5-20)

The New
Jerusalem and
the eternal Age
(Rev. 21-22:1-5)

**“What all he himself (has)
saw...”**

How Do We Know This?

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. “And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.” **I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things** (Rev. 22:6-8 NASB)

To Recap

- John testified to God's word (to connect with Jesus). It also underscores the authority of His apostolic ministry.
- John witnessed to the witness of Jesus (that this underscores the truth of His word and work, which also includes eschatological events).
- John outlines the message that God communicated to him (This once more highlights the apostolic ministry of the apostles).

To be continued...

On to verse three...