

“The Revelation Given”
The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Part 3
Revelation 1

Daniel’s Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
(An Outline of Prophecy)

“Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Daniel 9:24-27

****The initiation of the prophecy by the decree of Artaxerxes given to Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem**

****The rebuilding of Jerusalem completed in 49 years**

****The presentation of Jesus as Israel’s Messiah (April 6, A.D. 32, Palm Sunday). Jesus Christ fulfilled this prophecy as He entered Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey. This happened on the precise day that ended the 69th week of Daniel’s prophecy. On that Palm Sunday, Jesus prophesied against Jerusalem, Luke 19:38.**

****The 70th week of seven years a covenant made by the Anti-Christ and the breaking of the covenant at the mid-point of the seven years.**

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Daniel 9:27

Application: Hundreds of detailed prophecies were fulfilled when Jesus came 2,000 years ago. As we examine the literal fulfillment of these prophecies, we gain confidence that the prophecies that remain will be fulfilled literally. Can anyone give a reason why God would not plan to fulfill the prophecies of “The Revelation” just as He has all the other prophecies of the Bible?

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Purpose of the Book

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, **2** who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **3** Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

****Who is the author of the book of Revelation? (John is the writer, but God is the Author.)**

****What is the purpose of the book of Revelation? (Revelation unravels the mystery of History.)**

****What does the book of Revelation deal with? (Revelation deals with predictions.)**

****What kind of blessing do the readers receive? (Comfort, guidance and assurance)**

Greeting and Doxology

4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! 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."

****What are the seven spirits?**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord...

Isaiah 11:1-3

****Recognize the titles of Jesus.**

****Recognize who you are in Christ.**

*"The focal point of human history is
Jesus coming in the clouds!"*

****How will people respond to Christ's coming? (Matthew 24:30; Zechariah 12:10)**

John's Commission

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

****John is exiled on Patmos because of his testimony.**

****The Revelation is given to John while worshiping on Sunday.**

John's Vision of Christ

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 His head and hair

were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. **15** His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. **16** In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. **17** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. **18** I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. **19** Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. **20** The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

Lifework: The better our understanding of who Jesus really is, the more quickly we'll respond in submission and obedience. Our understanding of Jesus will dramatically affect our worship and our prayers. Proverbs 9:10 tells us, *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

As we study Revelation, let's get to know Jesus better. Our Lord Himself invites us to look behind the veil of history to see the awesome things He is doing and will do.