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### **Answering Ten Questions**



- 1) What is the title Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 2) Who wrote it? <u>John</u>
- 3) Where was it written from? Patmos
- 4) To Whom was it written? <u>The Seven Churches</u>
- 5) When was it written? <u>A.D. 95</u>
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? 3 part outline
- 7) How was it delivered <u>Seven steps</u>
- 8) Why was it written? Encouragement and holiness
- 9) What is it about? Jesus' final victory
- 10) What makes the book different? OT relationship

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## Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)

- Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)



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Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered			

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- 2. Description of Christ (Rev. 1)
- 3. Commendation
- 4. Rebuke
- 5. Exhortation to change
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- 7. Exhortation to listen
- 8. Promise to overcomers (Rev. 21–22)

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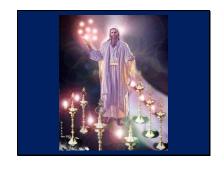
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Grant R. Jeffrey

Apocalyses. The Coming Judgment of the Nations, p. 72-73.

"There is a lot of disagreement about who these Nicolaitans were....Christ created a universal "holy presthood" (1 Peter 2:5) where every believer is a priest. The Nicolaitans attempted to recreate the hierarchy of the Old Testament priesthood. They sought to establish a priestly authority over laymen. The Greek word is derived from Nike meaning 'victory' and Loos meaning 'people.' It suggests a group of people who seek to elevate themselves into a special class of priesthood over other Christians. Issus told us in 1 Timothy 2:5: 'For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.' Such men sought the sole right to interpret the Scriptures for other Christians. Centuries later, after Emperor Constantine's conversion, this Nicolaitan heresy produced the Babylonian hierarchy of priests, leading to the spiritual "dark ages" of the medieval period."

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## Revelation 1:6; 5:10

"and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [basileuō] upon the earth [gē]."




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# So What? - Points of Application! Rev 2:5 "Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent."




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[A] serious Arminian error respecting this doctrine occurs when repentance is added to faith or believing as a condition of salvation. It is true that repentance can very well be required as a condition of salvation, but then only because the change of mind which...has been involved when turning from every other confidence to the one needful trust in Christ. Such turning about, of course, cannot be achieved without a change of mind.



Lewis Sperry Chafer vol. 7, Systematic Theology (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a <u>synonym for believing</u> at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). <u>Repertance</u> nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

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Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10



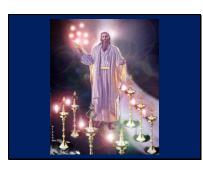

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- Search the immediate context
- Walvoord: 26X
- Search the remote context
- Old Testament
- Thomas: 278 / 404 verses




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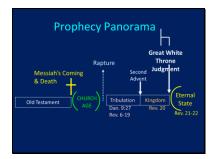
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# Deuteronomy 6:4-7 4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!....6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."


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## **Intro**

1 John 4:1- Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Acts 6:5- The statement found approval with the whole <sup>[e]</sup>congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and <sup>[f]</sup>Nicolas, a <sup>[g]</sup>proselyte from Antioch.

Rev. 1:6- and He has made us *to be* **a kingdom, priests** to <sup>[e]</sup>His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 John 2:27- As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, <sup>[i]</sup>you abide in Him.

John 3:16-"For God so loved the world, that He gave His <sup>[e]</sup>only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 2:13-22-13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; <sup>16</sup> and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a <sup>[1]</sup>place of business." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME." 18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us [g] as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this [h]temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this [i]temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the [i]temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Acts 17:16- Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols.

1 Sam. 17:26-Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?"

Ps. 119:104-From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore **I hate** every false way.

Eph. 4:26-BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger.

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Eph. 1:15- For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and <sup>[u]</sup>your love for all the <sup>[v]</sup>saints.

Matt. 7:21-23-1"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many [n] miracles?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Eph. 5:22-33-<sup>22</sup> Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church <sup>[q]</sup>in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but

nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,<sup>30</sup> because we are members of His body. <sup>31</sup> FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. <sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she <sup>[r]</sup>respects her husband.

John 15:1-8- "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He <sup>[a]</sup> prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already <sup>[b]</sup> clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit <sup>[c]</sup> of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* <sup>[d]</sup> prove to be My disciples.

# <u>5a</u>

Matt. 27:3-Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he <u>felt remorse</u> and returned the thirty <sup>[a]</sup>pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders

1 Cor. 11:23-26--<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way *He took*the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

## <u>5b</u>

John 10:27-29-<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> [d] My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

Matt. 5:14-16-<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a <sup>[f]</sup>hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup> nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a <sup>[g]</sup>basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Rev. 1:20- As for the mystery of the seven stars which 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.

## <u>7a</u>

Deut. 6:4-\_"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Jas. 1:19-19 [u] *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger.

Luke 10:38-42-<sup>38</sup> Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with <sup>[q]</sup> all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; <sup>42</sup> but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has **chosen** the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

## <u>7b</u>

1 John 5:4-5-<sup>4</sup> For whatever is <sup>[f]</sup>born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.<sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rev. 22:2-in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the <u>tree of life</u>, bearing twelve <sup>[c]</sup>kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev. 22:14-Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the **tree of life**, and may enter by the gates into the city.

Gen. 3:22-24--<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the **tree of life**,

and eat, and live forever"—<sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the <u>tree</u> of life.

Rev. 21:4-4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

2 Pet. 3:11- Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.

Titus 2:13- looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of hour great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

## **Conclusion**

Num. 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you; <sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.