

End of the Age Revelation

1. Which God gave Him to show His servants:

This is an important reason why God gave this **Revelation of Jesus Christ**. He gave it **to unveil it to His servants**. God gave this revelation that it might be displayed, not hidden. This is an apocalypse - a revelation, not apocrypha (something hidden)

2. Things which must shortly take place:

This describes *when* the events of this book will **take place** - they will happen **shortly**, and they **must** happen **shortly**. This means that the Book of Revelation is a book of *predictive* prophecy. It speaks of things that will happen in the future - at least future from the time of its writing to the end of this age.

A. John's Perspective of Imminence

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things that must *shortly* come to pass ... for the time *is at hand*."

• *Revelation 1:1, 3*

"The Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must *shortly* be done. Behold, I come *quickly*. ... for the time *is at hand*. ... And, behold, I come *quickly*. ... Surely, I come *quickly*. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus."

• *Revelation 22:6-7, 10, 12, 20*

1. This appeal to the soon advent of Christ is also found in the messages to the Seven Churches of chapters two and three.

"I will come unto you *quickly*. ... Repent; or else I will come unto you *quickly*. ... hold fast *till I come* ... shall not know what hour I will *come upon you*. ... Behold, I come *quickly*. ... Behold, I *stand at the door and knock*."

• *Revelation 2:5, 16, 25, 3:3, 11, 20*

3. From Him who is and who was and who is to come:

Him who is and who was and who is to come speaks to the eternal nature of God. It has the idea of a timeless Being, and is connected with the name Yahweh found in the Old Testament ([Exodus 2:14](#)).

Romans 1.20 – For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

4. And from the Seven (Sevenfold) Spirits who are before His throne

Isaiah 11:2-3 -The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear.

1. This is the Greater Works Anointing -John 14:12
2. As Jesus was sent, so will the Bride/Son's
-John 21:21-22
3. The Plumline Ministry involves the Seven Spirits of God – Zechariah 4:10.
4. Gods "Sevenfold Spirit" is a wonderful mystery to highlight the functioning of the Lord's Spirit in the earth. It is not in contradiction to the triune nature of God but a perfect and complete expression of His Spirit that demonstrates the fullness of His character and power.
5. The Spirit of the Lord doesn't **have** wisdom and revelation, counsel and might, knowledge and reverential awe; He **IS** all of these.
6. The Book of Revelations uses the phrase "Seven Spirits of God" in four passages. It is taken from two Greek words:

Hepta= meaning seven or more appropriately sevenfold.

Pneumata= meaning a plural rendering of spirits, breath or wind that can also be used to describe a singular object or person.

7. The seven aspects of the Holy Spirit provide a more clear definition of His nature. The Spirit of the Lord is an expression of who He is while wisdom

and revelation, counsel and might, and knowledge and the reverential fear of God are **what** He is.

8. The Jewish Bible records Revelations 4:5 as follows: From the throne came forth lightnings, voices and thunderings; and before the throne were seven flaming torches, which are the sevenfold Spirit of God.
9. The sevenfold Spirit is a complete representation of His revelation (seven eyes) and power (seven horns) essential to accomplish His plan in the earth.
10. In order for the Church to do the works that He did, fulfilling John 14:12, this same manifestation of the Spirit must also rest upon her! The Lord promised to baptize us in the Holy Spirit and fire; the Seven Spirits of God are manifested in fire.

4. From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth

1. Jesus is the **faithful witness**: This speaks to Jesus' utter reliability and faithfulness to His Father and to His people, even unto death. The ancient Greek word translated **witness** is also the word for a *martyr*.
2. First Born from the Dead
3. Jesus is the **ruler over the kings**. Before the Book of Revelation is over, Jesus will take dominion over every earthly king. At the present time, Jesus rules a kingdom, but it is a kingdom that is not yet of this world.

5. And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father:

1. This is status Jesus gives to those whom He **loved** at the cross and who are **washed ... in His own blood**.
2. It would have been enough just to love them and cleanse them. But He goes far beyond, and makes **us kings and priests to His God and Father**.
3. This is more than Adam ever was. Even in the innocence of Eden we never read of Adam among the **kings and priests** of God.
4. We are kings, so we are God's royalty. This speaks of privilege, of status, of authority.
5. We are priests, so we are God's special servants.

6. We represent God to man and man to God.
7. We offer sacrifice unto Him (Hebrews 13:15). We have privileged access to the presence of God (Romans 5:1-2).
8. Kings *and* priests: In the Old Testament, it was forbidden to combine the offices of king and priest. King Uzziah of Judah is an example of a man who tried to combine the two offices, and paid the penalty for it (2 Chronicles 26:16-23).
9. But under the New Covenant, we can be like Jesus in the sense that He is both King and High Priest (Luke 1:31-33; Hebrews 4:14).

6. The Almighty:

1. This word **Almighty** translates the ancient Greek word *pantokrater*, which literally means "the one who has his hand on everything."
2. It speaks of the great sovereign control the Lord has over everything - past, present, and future.
3. This great word **Almighty** is used ten times in the New Testament, and nine of the ten times are in the Book of Revelation.
4. This book emphasizes God's sovereignty – the understanding that He has His hand on *everything*

7. Seven Lampstands

Revelation 1:12 – Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band

1. There were **seven** separate **lampstands**. Every Age has had a representation of God's fullness through the Sevenfold Spirit of God.
2. This is an image that *reminds* us of the *golden lampstand* that stood in the tabernacle and the temple (Exodus 25:31-37).
3. The light doesn't come from the **lampstands**. The light comes from the oil within the lamps themselves.
4. The stands merely make the light more visible. Therefore, the **lampstands** are a good picture of the church. We don't produce the light, we simply display it.