Revelation 1.1-20 – **Get in the Action!**

**The ACTIVE Presence of God!**

***See Write Send!***

**1** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John: **2** Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

**3** Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand. **4** John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; **5** And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, **6** And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. **7** Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. **8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**9** I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. **10** I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, **11** Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. **12** And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; **13** And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. **14** His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; **15** And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. **16** And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength. **17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: **18** I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. **19** Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; **20** The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

I. The Revelation (#602 *apokalupsis:* disclosure, revealed) is given OF Jesus TO Him by God to show His servants things shortly coming to pass, sent and signified by John by 1) the record of His Word; 2) the testimony of Christ; and 3) all things he saw; blessed is he that 1) reads and 2) hears the words of this prophecy and 3) keep those things written here\*: for the time is at hand.\*\*

1. The Revelation (#602 apokalupsis: disclosure; manifestation) of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

2. Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony (#3141 *maturia* evidence) of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3. Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein\*: for the time *is* at hand.\*\*

Long summary: The revelation (*disclosure*) OF Jesus given TO Jesus to show His servants (*slave,* ***qualified by subjection*** *[****in a position that places one under the power or authority or another****] or* ***subservience*** *[****the willingness to do what another wants or considering your wishes as less important than that of another****]*) things which must shortly come to pass, sent and signified by his messenger unto his servant John, who bare record of His Word and the testimony of Christ and all things he saw. Blessed is he that reads and hears the words of this prophecy and keeps those things written therein\*: because **the time is at hand**.\*\*

Short summary: The Revelation OF Jesus TO Jesus given by God to show His servants things which must shortly come to pass, sent and signified to John who bare record of 1) the Word of God, 2) the testimony of Christ, and 3) all things he saw: blessed is he that 1) reads and 2) hears the words of this prophecy and 3) keep those things written here\*: for the time is at hand.\*\*

Shorter Summary: John was exiled for the Word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ and was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day and **saw, read, heard and kept:** “I AM Alpha and Omega. First and Last. SEE; WRITE; SEND to the 7 Churches!

It has been revealed to me, as Christ's servant, the things which must shortly come to pass; I bare record as John of: 1) the Word of God; 2) the testimony of Christ; and 3) all things which I have seen. I am blessed that I 1) read; 2) hear the words of His prophecy; and 3) keep those things written\*. *For the time is at hand.*\*\*

\*"**keep**" = #5083 = *tereo*, to guard (from loss or injury, by keeping the eye upon) -- from #2892 (*koustodia* **=** custody, Roman sentry, watch); note (a prophecy); fulfill a command; hold fast!

**KEEP** the things written here for the time is at hand! Same as in:

\* John 14.21: He that hath my commandments, and *keepeth* them, he it is that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him,...

\* John 15.10: If ye *keep* my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have *kept* my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.

\* 1 John 2.3-5:  And hereby we do know that we know him, if we *keep* his commandments. **4** He that saith, I know him, and*keepeth* not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5** But whoso*keepeth* his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

\* 1 John 3.22: And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we *keep* his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

\* 1 John 3.24: And he that *keepeth* his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

\* 1 John 5.2: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and*keep* his commandments. *3For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments*: and his commandments are not grievous.

\* 1 John 5.18: We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God*keepeth* himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

\* Rev 3.3: Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and **hold *fast***, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

\* Rev 3.8: I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast *kept* my word, and hast not denied my name.
\* Rev 3.10: Because thou hast *kept* the word of my patience, I also will *keep* thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

\*\* John 7.6-8: Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. **7** The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. **8** Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.

\*\* Matthew 24.32 (& Mark 13.28 & Luke 21.30): Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is**nigh*: **33** So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, **know that it is *near***, *even* at the doors.

Application Questions:

 1. Have I put myself by subjection into a position that places me under the power and authority of Christ, subservient and willing to do what He wants and considering His wishes more important than that of mine?

 2. In such a position, as a *servant* of the Lord Jesus Christ, have I allowed Him to show me the things which must shortly come to pass, signifying to me as to John, so that I too may bear record:

 a) of the Word of God? How do I bear such record?

 b) of the testimony of Christ? How do I bear such record? and

 c) of all things I have seen? How do I bear such record?

3. How am I blessed from

a) *reading?*

 b) *hearing the words of this prophecy?*

 c) ***keeping*** *the things written here?*

 4. Do I know, and have I learned from the parable of the fig tree that summer *is nigh?* What things have I seen to know that it is *near, even* at the doors? What tells me that *the time is at hand?*

II.

4. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and **from the seven Spirits\* which are before his throne**; 5. And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6. He hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion (#2904 kratos strength) for ever and ever. Amen.

7. Behold, he cometh with clouds; every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending\*\*, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Summary: John to the seven churches in Asia: Grace and peace from Him which is, which was and which is to come, and **from the seven Spirits before His throne**, and from Jesus Christ (the faithful witness and first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth) unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen. Behold He comes with clouds and every eye shall see Him and they which pierced Him and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (*Pantokrator,* from *kratos* – the “all ruling.”)

Shorter summary: I turned to **see** Who spoke and **saw!**

John to the 7 churches in Asia

Grace and peace from:

 Him which is, which was and which is to come

 the seven Spirits before His throne

 Jesus Christ (the faithful witness and first begotten of the dead and prince of the kings of the earth)

\*Grace and peace is from Him which is and was and is to come and from the ***seven Spirits*** which are before His throne,...

Seven Spirits: (1) Spirit of the Lord; (2) Spirit of Wisdom; (3) Spirit of Understanding; (4) Spirit of Counsel; (5) Spirit of Might; (6) Spirit of Knowledge; (7) Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

Isaiah 11.2-3 – *And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the* ***spirit of wisdom*** *and* ***understanding****, the* ***spirit of counsel and might****, the* ***spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD****; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:* (Deut 34.9 - *And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the* ***spirit of wisdom***;...)

Revelation 19.10 - *...the testimony of Jesus is the* ***spirit of prophecy****.*

Hebrews 10.29 -- *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the* ***Spirit of grace****?*

Zechariah 12.10 -- *...And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the* ***spirit of grace and of supplications****:...*

John 14.17 -- *Even the* ***Spirit of truth****; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you*.

John 15.26 -- *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the* ***Spirit of truth****, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:...*

John 16.13 -- *Howbeit when he, the* ***Spirit of truth****, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

1 John 4 -- *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

Romans 1.4 -- *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the* ***spirit of holiness****, by the resurrection from the dead:*

\*\**beginning and* ***ending* [5056. τέλος telos, tel´-os; from a primary τέλλω tello (to set out for a definite point or goal); properly, the point aimed at as a limit, i.e. (by implication) the conclusion of an act or state (termination (literally, figuratively or indefinitely), result (immediate, ultimate or prophetic), purpose); specially, an impost or levy (as paid): — + continual, custom, end(-ing), finally, uttermost.]** Same as in:

**Hebrews 3:6** But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the **end**.

**Hebrews 3:14** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the **end**;

**Hebrews 6:11** And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the **end**:

**Revelation 2:26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the **end**, to him will I give power over the nations:

To Him that:

 loved us,

 washed us from our sins in His own blood

 made us kings and priests unto God & His Father

 is due glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

 Behold! He comes with clouds:

 Every eye shall see Him

 They which pierced Him and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him

 Even so, Amen.

 I am Alpha and Omega, beginning and the ending

 He is, and was, and is to come, the Almighty

Application Questions:

1. Do I have the grace and peace that comes from:
2. God the Father – His 7 Spirits (Is 11.2 Spirit of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord)?
3. Jesus Christ the faithful witness, first begotten of the dead, prince of the kings of the earth. He has loved us, washed us from our sins in His blood and made us kings and priests unto God.
4. How do I give HIM glory?
5. How do I give HIM dominion?

III. I turned to **see** Who spoke and **saw! ...**When I saw Him I fell at His feet as dead.

9. I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

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17. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:...**

\*\*girt about the paps with a golden girdle: ready for service. GOLDEN = superiority of His service; royalty; dignity; glory of reward. Service – warfare. Not tripped up/entangled but GIRDED and ready for action. Loins girt with truth, righteousness and faithfulness. Set for battle and hard labor. Is 11.5. 6” belt, fastened around the middle place that supported weapons and sword. Girdle of Truth.

Summary: I turned to **see** Who spoke and **saw! ...**When I saw Him I fell at His feet as dead.I **saw**! The GREAT I AM, Alpha & Omega, Beginning & Ending, Who was and is and is to come – the ALMIGHTY! KRATOS = ALL POWERFUL!

Application Questions:

1. HOW do I *behold HIM –* as the GREAT I AM, Alpha Omega Beginning Ending, Who was and is and is to come – the ALL MIGHTY (ALMIGHTY)?
2. What has uniquely positioned me to hear God speak?
3. What do I need to put out of the way in order for me to hear God more clearly?
4. Have I *turned* to *see Him?* Through His WORD – sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing the joints and marrow and discerning the thoughts and intents of my heart (Hebrews 4.12)? What Truth is He wearing? What wisdom does He carry?
5. When I see Him, *really see HIM,* do I fall to my feet in His presence and die to my self to see Him lifted up? (Hebrews 2.9) What mission does He send me on? What is He speaking to me?
6. I *(your name)*, who also am your *(your role)*, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in *(your place of residency)*, *studying*  the word of God, and *devoted to*  the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit and heard a great voice, as of a trumpet, ...Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and,

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1. What is God speaking to me that I need to hear?
2. About Who He is?
3. About what He wants me to do?
4. About who He wants me to impact with what I know of Him from His Word to me?
5. What do I need to apply *FEAR NOT... I AM...* to in my life right now?

IV. WRITE! TELL! That which I have **seen** and **heard** I declare unto you!

18. I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Summary: If I hear from Him I have something to tell. A witness. (Luke 8.10 *And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.*)

Application Questions:

1. What has Jesus told me – ***apokulupto*** *lifted the cover off to me –* what have I witnessed from His Word to me, that I may *understand* and be a *witness of?* (Acts 4.20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. 1 John 1.3 *That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*)
2. What does He want to remind me of about His character:
3. I AM the First and Last. Where do I need to *know* He has me?
4. I AM He that lives and was dead. What does He need to make alive in me?
5. I AM alive forevermore! AMEN! What *death* needs to be conquered in/through me?
6. I HAVE the keys of hell and death! Is He holding the keys?!
7. What does the Lord have me to do with what He has shown me? This may be different for different things.
8. What do I need to *write* or *tell* of what I’ve seen and heard?!

Subject Sentence: See Him! Hear Him! Know Him! Testify of Him!

Aim: This passage of Scripture would cause me to be blessed by reading and hearing the words of this prophecy; *seeing, hearing and knowing* what He is saying to me and His Church, KEEPING (guarding from loss or injury!) the things written therein, and *testifying*: *FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND!!*