

The Book Of Revelation
Chapter 1 Part 2
“Behold, He is Coming”

John 14:2-6 Jesus Said:

2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

If Jesus were to appear today suddenly upon the earth, how would the earth react to His return?

☞ **How would** the news stations report Jesus return?

“We interrupt this program to bring you some astounding news from the Mount of Olives in Israel. It seems that a report has just come in that what is believed to be Jesus Christ, entering the atmosphere above the earth, has just happened. He has apparently descended upon the mount of Olives. Oh, I am told now that there has been a great earthquake and that the Mount of Olives has split in two... It has also been reported that there are with Jesus, Billions in number of what seem to be Human beings wearing white garments down to their feet, also riding on white horses, with Jesus...”

☞ **What effects** would the realization by the world, that everything the Bible said about Jesus, is actually true?

☞ **The reality is that** what I just read to you, of the news stations reporting the return of Jesus, is actually about to happen at any moment, according to the Bible, and according to what we see happening in the world today.

As we continue our study in the Book of Revelation Chapter 1, we pick up with verse 7 where we see the description of Jesus return to the earth.

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7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

☞ **By the context, this verse,** we know that it is speaking of the literal return of Jesus, physically to the earth because it says: **“Every eye will see Him...”**

- ☞ **If this was “The Rapture”**, as Jesus comes in the air for His church, it would not include the term “*Every eye will see Him...*”
- ☞ **When Jesus comes** at the Rapture, not every eye will see Him, only those who have loved Jesus and have been waiting for Him, will see Him.

The Rapture and the 2nd Coming are not the same event

- ☞ **At the Rapture**, we “*Meet Jesus in the Air*”.
- ☞ **At the 2nd Coming**, we return from heaven with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to touchdown physically on the earth.

The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord Himself will **descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**

The Second Coming

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7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and **every eye will see Him**, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Zechariah 14:4

And in that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,

We know that the Bible predicted the exact day, that Jesus would come the first time, to Jerusalem, on **Palm Sunday, April 6th, 32 A.D.**

Daniel 9:25-26

“Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (**of years, or 483 years**) ; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off (**Crucified**)

- ☞ **Daniel was told** that “*From the going forth of the command to return to Israel from Their captivity in Babylon, to rebuild the city and the walls of Jerusalem, that it would be 483 years till The Messiah the Prince would come.*”

Encyclopedia Britannica records that on March 14th, 445 B. C. Artaxerxes Longimones gave the command for all those in Babylon that were Jews, to return to Israel and begin to rebuild the city and the walls.

This was recorded in the Book of Ezra:

Ezra 1:1-5

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled,...

2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah.

3 Who is among you of **all His people**? May his God be with him, and **let him go up to Jerusalem...**

5 go up and build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

This command by Artaxerexes was on March 14, 445 B.C. **If we Add 483 years to this date as instructed in Daniel 9, we get the date April 6, 32 A. D**

Matthew 21:1-9

1 Now **when they drew near Jerusalem**, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and **immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her**. Loose them and bring them to Me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "**The Lord has need of them**," and immediately he will send them."

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, **FULFILLMENT OF ZECHARIAH 9:9**

'Behold, your King is coming to you,

Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.'

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **THIS WAS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 32 A.D.**

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' **FULFILLMENT OF PSALM 118:26**
Hosanna in the highest!"

**Jesus spoke of this event that we are reading this morning in Revelation chapter 1
Where He will return physically to the earth**

Matthew 24:30

Then **the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 26:64 ¶

Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and **coming on the clouds of heaven**."

In Acts chapter one, Jesus is described as being "Taken up with a cloud to heaven" after He was Crucified, and rose from the dead...

☞ **In Acts 1:11**, The angels that are nearby tell the disciples that “*in the same way that Jesus came from heaven, he will also return to heaven in a cloud.*”

Acts 1:9-11

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they (**The Disciples**) watched, He (**Jesus**) was **taken up**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, (**Angels**)

11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come **in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven.”

In other words, “*The same way that you saw Jesus return to heaven here at the Mount of Olives, will also be the same way that Jesus will return to earth when He comes: Physically to the earth at the Mount of Olives*”.

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“...And every eye will see Him...”

In Matthew 24, Jesus confirms this verse in Revelation 1 that we are studying, that when Jesus comes Physically at his second coming to the earth, “**everyone will see Him**”, even as the lightning when it strikes, everyone can see it.

Matthew 24:23-27

23 “Then if anyone says to you, “Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ **do not believe it.**

24 For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 “Therefore if they say to you, “Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Since 53 A. D, 70 times people have predicted the return of Jesus.

53, 500, 1000, 1033, 1186, 1420, 1524, 1426, 1534, 1650, 1660, 1666, 1809, 1814, 1836, 1843, 1844, 1859, 1881, 1910, **1914, 1918, 1925, 1941, 1967**, 1970, 1973, **1975**, 1977, 1981, 1982 X2, **1984**, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991 X 3, 1992, 1993, 1994 X 4, 2000 X 5, 2002, 2011, 2018, 2012, 2060.
Dates in Blue are the Watchtower Society, source: “raptureme.com”

Since 1914, The Watchtower Society alone, has predicted the return of Jesus 7 Times. **Each time The Watchtower Society amending their former prediction to cover their errors.**

☞ **Jesus said** that if anyone says to you “*Look here is the Christ or there, Do Not Believe it...See I have told you beforehand...*”

Revelation 1:7

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“Every eye will see Him ...Even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him, Even so, Amen.”

There is an amazing prophecy in the Book of Zechariah, where he seems to be writing Exactly what Jesus will say on the day that He returns to the mount of Olives:

Zechariah 12:10-14

10 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, **they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son,** and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

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8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

“I AM the Alpha and the Omega”

The “**Alpha**” is the first Greek letter in the Greek Alphabet, “**Omega**” is the last Letter in the Greek Alphabet.

- ☞ **Jesus is the One** saying this here in verse 8, He is saying that everything in the universe **begins and ends** with Him.
- ☞ **It is interesting** that in the Book of Revelation, every place that “**Alpha**” is written, the whole word “*alpha*” is written.
- ☞ **At the same** time the Greek Letter “Omega” is spelled “**O**”, with only the first letter, leaving out the rest of the letters.

It seems to be the purpose of the Lord that because Jesus is the “**Alpha**” and has always existed, and the Greek word “**Omega**” is the ending, but Jesus has no end, the word “Omega” is not finished.

In other words Jesus said it like this: I am the **ALPHA AND THE O...**”

- ☞ **It is also interesting** that the word “*Alpha*”, means “**to adjudicate**”, to finalize a judges decision.
- ☞ **This is very interesting when you consider** that when Jesus completed His death on the Cross, all of the sins of every person ever born on the earth was “*Adjudicated*”, that is “Judgment was passed on these sins and a sentence of death for those sins was carried out on JESUS.

By Jesus using the Ancient term “**Alpha and Omega**”, he was claiming to be the one in the Old Testament who is also “the First and the Last” of Isaiah. Jesus is claiming to be the Creator of the Universe.

Isaiah 41:4

Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? “I, the LORD, am the first; And with the last I am He.

Revelation 1

9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

John was the Apostle that Jesus chose to write the Book of Revelation

- ⊕ **The Roman emperor** Domitian had tried to kill John by Boiling him in oil.
- ⊕ **When they placed John** in the boiling oil, nothing happened.
- ⊕ **So they took him** and put him on the island of Patmos, a remote Island in the Mediterranean.

There had been a rumor started by the other Apostles that John would never die.

John 21:20-23

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”

21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “**But Lord, what about this man?**”

22 Jesus said to him, “**If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.**”

23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?”

Revelation 1

10 (John Says) I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

- ⊕ **“The Lord’s Day”** is not Sunday, but literally, “*The Day of the Lord*”, the Old Testament term for the 7 year Tribulation period, and the return of Jesus to the earth.
- ⊕ **This is the title given** to the time period spoken of in the Old Testament of the Time when the Messiah would finish all judgment of the World.

Isaiah 2:12

For **the day of the LORD** of hosts Shall come upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up— And it shall be brought low—

Isaiah 13:6

Wail, for **the day of the LORD is at hand!** It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Isaiah 13:9

Behold, **the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,** To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

Jeremiah 46:10

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, **A day of vengeance**

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Ezekiel 30:3

For the day is near, **Even the day of the LORD is near**; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.

Joel 2:1

Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; **For the day of the LORD is coming**, For it is at hand:

Zechariah 14:1

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

In the New Testament, the timing of “The Day of the Lord” is much clearer.

- ⊕ **The Day of the Lord begins** at “*The Rapture of the Church*” and **ends** at the conclusion of the 7 year Tribulation and Great Tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 5:2

For you yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so comes as a thief in the night.

2 Peter 3:10

But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up

Revelation 1:10

and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

- ⊕ **The voice that will be speaking to John** sounded like the frequency of a trumpet, loud and high pitched.
- ⊕ Trumpets were used to **Gather Gods people**.
- ⊕ Trumpets were used to **Prepare for battle**.
- ⊕ Trumpets were used to **Sound an attack on the enemy**.

Revelation 1

11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, **write in a book** and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

1. **Ephesus: 30 ad to 300 ad**—the church immediately after the lord, the church at Ephesus, was “**The Apostolic church**”, the church that was in existence when the apostles that had been with and had seen Jesus, was in existence.
2. **Smyrna: 100 ad to 313 ad**—“**The church that was martyred**”, the church at Smyrna endured 10 periods of horrible persecution under 10 Roman Caesars.

- 1) **Nero** (54-68): Paul beheaded; Peter crucified upside down.
- 2) **Domitian** (95-96): John exiled.
- 3) **Trajan** (104-117): Ignatius burned at the stake.
- 4) **Marcus Aurelius** (161-180): Polycarp martyred.
- 5) **Septimus Severus** (200-211): He killed Irenaeus.
- 6) **Maximinus** (235-237): He killed Ursula and Hippolytus.
- 7) **Decius** (249-251);
- 8) **Valerian** (257-260);
- 9) **Aurelian**, (270-275);
- 10) **Diocletian** (303-313); Probably The Worst of all!

- ⊞ **The period of time** covered by these 10 Roman Emperors was **250 years!**
- ⊞ **Fox's Book of Martyrs** says that **Five million believers died** for Christ during this period or time!

3. **Pergamos: from 314 ad to 590 a.d.**— called "**The compromising church**", they began the doctrine of the nicolaitans, causing the people to go through a priest to get to God, The word Nicolaitans comes from 2 words: "**Nicao**", To Conquer "**Laos**", "**Laity**", the people.
4. **Thyatira: from 590 ad to 1517 ad** the name means "**The continual sacrifice**". . Many credible scholars believe this could be the Roman Catholic church. They had good works, love and sincere service, but introduced idol worship.
5. **Sardis: 1517 ad to 1700 ad**—this is referred to "**The Protestant reformation period church**". . They did not complete the reformation. They brought in some pagan practices from abylon like infant baptism, etc. Jesus has absolutely nothing good to say about this church!
6. **Philadelphia: 1700 ad to 1900 ad**—this is called "**The Missionary church**". The church of the true believers in Christ, it is the only church of the 7 that is still in existence today.
7. **Laodicea: 1900 ad to the present time**—commonly called "**The Lukewarm church**", they considered themselves rich, Jesus said they were "Poor, miserable, blind and naked..." .

Revelation 1

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

- ⊞ **Here is the first example** of using "*Figurative language*" or "**Codes**" in the Book of Revelation.
- ⊞ **How would we know** what the "*Lampstands*" were?
- ⊞ **You don't need someone's Bible Commentary**, all that you need is a good concordance and the Bible.
- ⊞ **You can find the answer to the codes** in the Bible by studying the other places in the Bible where Lampstands are found.

In this case, to find in the Bible what the term :"**Lampstands**" means, we only have to go down to verse 20:

Revelation 1:20

20 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 which you saw are the seven churches.**

If you are going to be a serious student of Bible prophecy, one of the first principles you need to learn about is "The Principle of First mentioned Things."

- ⊖ **If you want to know** the Bible definition of a particular word or phrase, go to that place in the Bible where it mentions it "The First Time".
- ⊖ **For example:** If you want to know what the Holy Spirits definition of "Love" is, go to the first place in the Bible where the word "Love" is mentioned...

Genesis 22:2

Then He said, "Take now **your son**, your only son Isaac, **whom you love**, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.

The Holy Spirits definition of what "Love" really means, is found in the Bible example of A father offering up His only Son, whom He loves...The picture of our Father offering up Jesus whom He loved, for us, that is what real love is, **SACRIFICIAL LOVE, WHERE YOU LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE.**

Revelation 1

13 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.

Remember that verse 20, defines this for us:

- ⊖ **The 7 lampstands** are the 7 churches.
- ⊖ **Here is Jesus** standing in the middle of His church.

We now begin to see what Jesus looks like today.

...the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band

- ⊖ **Jesus is wearing** the garments of the high priest, walking in the midst of His Church, the 7 Golden Lampstands.

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession

- ⊖ **A White garment** that goes all the way down to His feet.

☞ **A Golden band** across Jesus Chest.

Revelation 1

14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

☞ **White hair** speaking of His Eternity, and His wisdom.

☞ **Eyes like flames of Fire**, speak of His ability to see right through everything and into the heart of the matter or the person.

Revelation 1

15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

☞ **Brass** in the Old Testament represented “Judgment”, the Bronze or Brass Laver was where the Priest washed that took the animals for the sacrifice.

☞ **Voice like the sound of Many Waters**. The loud roar that the water makes coming off of Niagara Falls is deafening.

Psalms 93:4

The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.

Ezekiel 1:24

When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, **like the noise of many waters**, like the voice of the Almighty

Revelation 1

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

☞ “**Stars**” in the Bible are the Greek word “**Angelos**” or the Messengers, these could be the Pastors of the 7 churches.

Job 38:7

When the **morning stars** sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Revelation 12:4

His tail drew **a third of the stars** of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Double edged sword is the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12

For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and **sharper than any two-edged sword**, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Revelation 19:15

Now **out of His mouth goes a sharp sword**, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 1

17 **And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.**

- ☞ **When John sees Jesus as He is**, the effect that he has upon John is overwhelming sense of his own sinfulness.
- ☞ **This will always be the correct response** of any person that would come into the presence of the Living God.

Isaiah 6:5 –7

5 So I said: "**Woe is me, for I am undone!** Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

7 And **he touched my mouth with** it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; **Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.**

18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

- ☞ **He who lives**, Jesus Eternity past.
- ☞ **Was Dead**, His Death and Crucifixion 2,000 years ago.
- ☞ **Alive forevermore**, after the Resurrection and forever.
- ☞ **Jesus death on the Cross** took the keys of Hell and Death.

1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

Hebrews 2:14 –15

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through death He might destroy him who had the power of death**, that is, the devil,

15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

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54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**"

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

Revelation 1

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

- ☞ **This verse** is the "Key" to the entire Book of Revelation.
- ☞ **What you have seen:** Is Jesus.
- ☞ **The Things which are,** Chapters 2 and 3, the Churches.
- ☞ **The things that will take place after this** "**Meta Tauta**", literally in the Greek language, "*After the things of the church*". Chapters 4-18
- ☞ **The church is not seen** from chapters 4 through 18

Revelation 1

20 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 which you saw are the seven churches.

Chapter 1 is the description of what Jesus looks like now.

Chapters 2-3 is the message that Jesus has for us as His church.

Chapter 4 is the "Rapture" verse, where we see a description of heaven and what I believe you will see the moment you arrive in heaven.

Chapter 5 Jesus takes the "*Title Deed*" to the earth from the hand of the father.

Chapter 6 is the beginning of the Tribulation period by the opening of the first seal by Jesus.