



# “Alpha to Omega & In Our Midst”

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“Alpha to Omega & In Our Midst,” Intro to the 7 Churches



“Apocalypse”





ἀποκάλυψις apokalupsis  
an uncovering: —revealed(1), revealing(1),  
revelation(13), Revelation(1), revelations(2).





ἀποκάλυψις apokalupsis  
“To pull off the cover...”





“Yohannan ben Zebedeh”  
“John, son of Zebedeh”  
John - “Yahweh is Gracious”  
Brother of James -

The beloved  
disciple of Jesus



# A very Hebrew Book

\* 2000 allusions

\* 400 explicit refernces

\* 90 literal citations





Dan. 12:12 Blessed are those who persevere and attain the thousand three hundred thirty-five days.\*

Dan. 12:13 But you, go your way,<sup>v</sup> and rest; you shall rise for your reward at the end of the days.”\*



Rev. 1:3 ¶ Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.



Dan. 7:2 “I, Daniel...”

Rev. 1:9 ¶ I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.



Rev. 1:1 ¶ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,



Rev. 1:1 ¶ The  
revelation of Jesus  
Christ...



Rev. 1:4 ¶ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: ¶ Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,



Rev. 1:8 ¶ "I am the Alpha  
and the Omega," says the  
Lord God, who is and who  
was and who is to come,  
the Almighty.\*



Rev. 1:7 ¶ Look! He is coming with the  
clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him,  
and all the tribes of the earth will  
wail on account of him.

¶ So it is to be. Amen.





Rev. 1:10 I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

Rev. 1:11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Rev. 1:12 ¶ Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,



Rev. 1:13 and in the midst of  
the lampstands I saw one like  
the Son of Man, clothed with  
a long robe and with a golden  
sash across his chest.





Rev. 1:14 His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire;

Rev. 1:15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters.

Rev. 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

Dan. 7:9 ¶ As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.





Rev. 1:17 ¶ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last

Rev. 1:18 and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.



Rev. 1:19 Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this.

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



Rev. 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. ¶ To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood

Rev. 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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