

Questions on Revelation chapter 1

1. What does the word “revelation” mean to you? Verse 1.
2. Is this a revelation from Jesus Christ or a revelation in which Christ was both the recipient and the giver? (The answer is in the next phrase.) Verse 1.
3. What does the word “signified” mean? Verse 1.
4. When John spoke of “the word of God,” did that refer to his gospel and epistles or to “all that he saw”? (“even of all things that he saw” American Standard Version) Verse 2.
5. Who was the reader and who were the hearers and how were they blessed? Verse 3.
6. Is there any indication that the things revealed were in the near future? Verses 1 and 3.

7. Does the phrase “the seven churches of Asia” mean there were only seven churches in Asia, or is this an instance of the seven symbolizing completeness or fullness, suggesting that these congregations possessed qualities characterizing various congregations throughout history? Verse 4.

8. Could the term “seven Spirits” be another use of the symbolic seven meaning the Holy Spirit sevenfold (complete and perfect) in His operations? Verse 4.

9. How was Jesus Christ “the first begotten of the dead”? Verse 5.

10. What is implied in the fact that after Christ’s atonement (verse 5) every believer becomes a priest? Verse 6.

11. Do you think the phrase “and all kindreds (tribes, American Standard Version) of the earth shall wail (mourn, American Standard Version) because of Him” indicates that no man or group of men shall be exempt from the hour of His judgment? Verse 7.

12. What do the terms “Alpha” and “Omega” mean? Verse 8.

13. What tribulation was John speaking of in verse 9? (See John 16:33 and Acts 14:22)

14. If the Lord's Supper was observed on the Lord's Day, what day of the week is under consideration, and would that be the same as or different than the Sabbath? Verse 10.

15. In what modern state would the seven churches be located? Verse 11.

16. Was John only a listener to the voice, or was he also engaged in speaking? Verse 12.

17. What Old Testament prophet used the term "Son of Man"? Verse 13.

18. What two characteristics of the Son of Man does the imagery of verse 13 probably reveal?

19. To what does the imagery of the two-edged sword refer? Verse 16.

20. What is John commanded to do? Verse 17.

21. What credentials of Christ were revealed? Verse 18.

22. What was John commanded to record? Verse 19.

23. What did the seven golden candlesticks represent? Verse 20.

24. Who or what do you think the angels of the seven churches were? Verse 20.