The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1:1–3

Notice three observations that John makes before he ever begins describing his vision:

<u>First</u>, this book is a revelation.

The Greek word translated revelation is apokalypsis, which means an unveiling or a revealing.

<u>Second</u>, John tells us this revelation was shown to him by Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:1

"Write on a scroll what you see..." (Revelation 1:11)

"Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later." (Revelation 1:19)

<u>Third</u>, John tells us these things are near.

Revelation 1:1

Revelation 1:3

This book was written to encourage real Christians living in the first century who were facing increasing pressure because of their allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:3

<u>Now let's move into John's circumstances.</u>

Revelation 1:9

Vs 11 - Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

Revelation 1:10

Faithfulness does not always remove us from hardship, but neither does hardship mean we have been abandoned.

The God Who Reveals Jesus

Revelation 1:4–5

Notice that John's greeting is distinctly Trinitarian:
Grace and peace come from the Father, the Spirit, and the Son.

The Father: ”him who is, and who was, and who is to come."

That language reminds us of God's self-revelation to Moses in Exodus 3 when He declared, "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14).

The Spirit: "the seven spirits before his throne."

The Son: "Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

Revelation 1:5–6

Revelation 1:7

Revelation 1:8

Revelation 1:12–13

Daniel 7:13–14:

“…dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest” (Revelation 1:13).

John presents Jesus as both Priest and King
Priest: One who ministers on behalf of His people
King: One who possesses all heavenly authority

“The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow,” (Revelation 1:14).

"*His eyes were like blazing fire” (Revelation 1:14).*

“His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace,” (Revelation 1:15).

“His voice was like the sound of rushing waters” (Revelation 1:15).

“In his right hand he held seven stars,” (Revelation 1:16).

Exodus 15:6

“coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword” (Revelation 1:16).

Hebrews 4:12

“His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance” (Revelation 1:16).

Israel's Scriptures:
- Daniel's Son of Man
- Daniel's Ancient of Days
- Ezekiel's vision of God's glory
- Isaiah's conquering Messiah
- The High Priest
- The righteous Judge
- The eternal King

John gathers all of those images together and says, This is Jesus.

Revelation 1:17–18

Revelation 1:19—20

Jesus is standing in the midst of His churches.

"*Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" *(Matthew 28:20)*