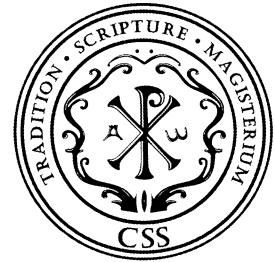


# Revelation

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## **Notes from the Podium**

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***These notes are intended to augment your own reading and study of the lesson. Please use as an aid to help document the main message of the lecture.***

### **Revelation 1:1-20**

#### I. The Presence of Christ

##### A. Revelation

1. “Apocalypse” – the ending of one world and the beginning of another
2. The unveiling
  - a. Jesus Christ – The Groom
  - b. The Bride – the new Jerusalem, the Church
3. Consummate Union
  - a. between the Son of God and His bride, the Church
  - b. hence, benediction
4. “Soon to take place” – *Dan 2:28*
  - a. Old Testament saturation
  - b. Daniel seals scroll
  - c. John does not seal scroll – imminence
  - d. Destruction of the temple – AD 70 dating

##### B. “Bore witness”

1. “martyria” – martyrs are the ones who bear witness
2. Mt 26:57
  - a. Witness and Testimony
  - b. Christ is The Great Witness
  - c. Christ’s testimony is True
  - d. “Son of Man”

##### C. Benediction

1. Proximity of prophesy fulfillment
2. First of seven
3. Liturgical context
  - a. Mass
    - i. Lord’s day
    - ii. “sursum corda” - “Lift up your hearts”
    - iii. caught up in the Spirit
    - iv. witness
4. Mat 24:30 – “Son of Man”
  - a. reference to Dan 7

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- b. Divine title
  - D. Letters to the 7 churches
    1. "... from Him who is , who was and who is to come" – elaboration on the name: "I AM"
    2. "... and from the seven spirits..."
      - a. Isaiah 11
      - b. seven-fold gift of the holy spirit
    3. "... from Jesus Christ"
      - a. The "faithful witness"
      - b. First-born of the dead and ruler of the kingdoms of the earth
        - i. Not like our own dead-dis-incarnate
        - ii. No absentee landlord – "What would Jesus do?"
        - iii. Tangibly present
    4. "To the 7 churches ..."
      - a. 50 mile radius
      - b. 7 = completion, covenant
      - c. Written to Church at large, not just those 7 in Asia
    5. To those who have been saved by His blood
      - a. Praise
      - b. A Kingdom
        - i. Priests to His God and Father
        - ii. Saved by sacrifice, faithful witness, matyria
        - iii. Priests offer sacrifice
        - iv. What is the sacrifice? – your life
      - c. Glory and Dominion
      - d. Coming on the Clouds, *Dan & Mat*
      - e. "Every eye will see Him... Him who was pierced", *Zech 12:10*
  - E. Repetition of Alpha and Omega
    1. The Beginning and The End
    2. Lord of history
    3. "Who is, Who was, and Who is to come"
    4. "Pantocrator, the almighty"
- II. The Prophet and the Churches
- A. Your brother
    1. Share in tribulation, kingdom, and patient endurance
    2. "... on the island of Patmos" because:
      - a. The Word of God
      - b. The Testimony of Jesus Christ
  - B. In the Spirit on the Lord's Day
    1. Liturgy
      - a. trumpets – call to worship
      - b. "sursum corda" – cf *Acts 20:7, 10:10*

## ***Notes from the Podium (cont)***

### C. The Voice and the Appearance

1. Seven golden lamp stands – menorah
2. “like the Son of Man”
  - a. *Dan 7*
  - b. Standing in the midst of the lamp stand
3. Priestly garments – *Josephus and Ex*
  - a. vestments worn after sacrifice
  - b. one sacrifice
4. Symbolic
  - a. Hair, white – eternal
  - b. Eyes, piercing – wisdom
  - c. Feet, burnished bronze – strength, not like the clay kingdom in Daniel
  - d. Voice – living water
  - e. Seven stars- angels
  - f. Weapon – only the Word
  - g. Face – Sun

### D. Reaction

1. fell at His feet as though dead
2. Yet, Pantocrator reaches out with His humanity – “fear not”

### E. Keys

1. Back from the dead
2. Keys of death and Hades
3. Peter is the rock and holds the keys
4. Keys to bind and loose
  - a. Keys unlock the gates of Hell
  - b. Keys “loose” from Hades

### F. The Conqueror

1. Christ, triumphant (*conquered death*) and in His Glory (*rose from the dead*)
2. Here we begin the book of Revelation