

John, Jesus and the Seven Churches (part 1)

Revelation 1:1-9

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A. Introduction (Revelation 1:1-8)

1. Prologue

Revelation 1:1-3

a) The preeminence of Christ

John 1:1-4, 14; 1 John 1:1-3

b) The beatitudes

Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14

2. The Trinitarian Greeting

Revelation 1:5-6a; Eph. 1:14-17; Eph. 3:14-17; 1 Peter 1:1-2

3. The Centrality of Christ

Revelation 1:5b, 6-8; Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:1-4

4. The Doxology

Revelation 1:5b-6; Romans 11:36

B. Vision of the Lord Jesus (Revelation 1:9-20)

1. John's encounter by location

Revelation 1:9-11

2. John's vision of Jesus: His appearance

Revelation 1:12-16

3. John's vision of Jesus: His message

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