

REVELATION

CHAPTER 1

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, to show to His servants what must quickly come to pass; and He signified, sending by His angel to His servant John,

2 who gave by testimony the Word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, whatever he saw.

3 Blessed *is* he who reads, and they who hear, the words of the prophecy, and keep the things written in it; for the time *is* near.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* 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;

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the First-born from the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and washes° us from our sins in His blood,

6 and makes us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him *be* glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold He comes with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they

who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall wail because of Him. Yes; amen.

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega,¹ the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

9 I, John, who also am your brother, and companion in affliction, and in the kingdom and patient *expectation* of Jesus Christ, was in the island called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.²

10 I came to be in the spirit on the Lord's day; and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega,³ the First and the Last; and what thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* to the churches, those in Asia; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and, having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands;

1. The Greek simply has the letters A and Ω.

2. John was commanded to betake himself here for a spiritual reason (AE 50).

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