

Rev. 1: 19, 20

God's Outline of the Apocalypse

SUBJECT:

The Mystery of the  
Seven Stars

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1:19 O<sup>3</sup>V therefore. of Matt 28:19 "Go ye therefore..."  
 on the basis of 28:18 "all authority is given..." so here...  
 The **illative** particle refers to the preceding word of Christ -  
 I am the first and the last... the **illative**... we died, and alive  
 from now. Wait, therefore, for the things which he writes, revealed,  
 are **not** first and last; they will carry this through. Christ is  
 not **the** first in our eyes and hearts; **rather** they are **with** us  
**and** **with** us. The same **will** **carry** **this** **through**. **will** **carry** **this** **through**.

Here, then, is the great starting point, the grand foundation  
 of the book, the key to its true analysis. [After reading it, **will**  
 to key to it, **will** **carry** **this** **through**. **will** **carry** **this** **through**. **will** **carry** **this** **through**.  
 Outline of the Book: 2<sup>part</sup> - 4<sup>part</sup> - 7<sup>part</sup>. Here is God's outline and  
 revealed meaning.]

In The things which <sup>thou</sup> have said seem.  
 The **vision** recorded in chapter 1. Here our Lord identifies  
 and authenticates himself and sends greetings to the seven churches,  
 symbolizing the churches of all ages.  
 7 14  
 pages.





2) The delinquency, based on the script, new messengers  
of the angel to Zacharia, etc.

These are earthly messengers, angels, guardians of the church  
with respect to the church, their ministry is the message of Christ. Appointed by  
the Lord Jesus the H.S. to be able to testify for the church, they  
assist, minister, pastor, in charge of the church.  
called "stars" because illumination. leaders, H.S. so follow the  
called "angels" because they sent them. II Cor 5:20 "ambassadors"  
I Cor 4:11 "steeped in the night"  
no body in modern times. just one angel for one church - the pastor.

Where you see stars, <sup>NEED</sup> lampstands, then darkness  
how dark the world - with all its splendor, glory, a vast  
glory, music, power, beauty, counting  
yet are empty brutal  
body in material form.  
when the gospel goes forth over the world, described Rev 1:22-32  
when God's messengers came forth with that light and truth?  
Rev 11:3-7  
even the 14, 14 martyrs, greater martyrs. Babylon, world.  
Said this dark world.

But then stars, lampstands not visible. Some attribute to the  
light, it's a crying power of love, reject system  
both together - left of darkness  
what is there? / not by side  
X and attempt / at war with man. In way  
found a nail / interest until the end, the  
cannot hold on with the  
regions, and the operators

where.

Many outlines, divisions. Each of them is good.

2 part division:

The goal of the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ on the earth is reached twice in the book, in 11:15-17 and in 19:6,7.

So the book falls into 2 natural divisions: 1-11 and 12-22, each 11 chapters in length.

4 part division:

There are 4 visions (of unequal length and of differing content), each introduced in the same manner with almost identical phrasing: each mentions to see personally: each begins with the phrase, "I was in the spirit"; each takes us to a different place where to see things not ordinarily given to mortal sight.

1: 9, 10 in statement (doubtless physically true for all of the visions), the vision of Christ walking in middle of Euphrates. I 1-3

4: 1, 2 location the sees in Heaven II 4-16

17: 3 " " in the wilderness III 17-20

21: 10 " " a great & high mountain IV 21, 22

7 part division.

Prologue 1:1-9

I The Seven Churches 1:9-3:22 (chs. 1-3)

II The Seven Seals 4:1-8:1 (chs 4-7)

III The Seven Trumpets 8:2-11:19 (chs. 8-11)

IV The Seven Announcements 12:1-14:20 (chs 12-14)

V The Seven Vials 15:1-16:21 (chs 15, 16)

VI The Seven Downings 17:1-20:15 (chs. 17-20)

VII The Seven New Things 21:1-22:5 (chs 21, 22)

Epilogue 22:6-21

μετὰ τὰ φυσικά = after those things that relate  
to eternal (matter) nature, after physics.

μετὰ beyond, after  
φυσικός relating to eternal nature, natural, physical  
from φύσις = nature

The term first used by <sup>Andronicus</sup> Andronicus of Rhodes, the  
editor of Aristotle's works, as the name for that  
part of his writings which came after the physics.

Aristotle originated natural science, the  
study of nature, natural phenomena. In his  
search for an intellectual explanation of the universe,  
he made innumerable observations which became  
the basis of physical science. These observations and  
studies in astronomy, meteorology, animal  
plants, etc. Andronicus placed under the general  
title τὰ φυσικά, the physical, physics, the natural.  
But Aristotle has many philosophical  
speculative works on matter which were not  
physical, such as the theory of knowledge, of being,  
cause & genesis, the nature of God, logic.  
Andronicus grouped all these studies together  
and called them, μετὰ τὰ φυσικά -  
after the physical, beyond the physical.



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The seven churches of Asia.

"Asia" = province formed by Rome about 130 B.C., included the greater part of Western Asia Minor, including the older countries of Mysia, Lydia, Caria, a part of Phrygia, the islands like Samos, Patmos, etc. Its first capital was Pergamon, the old capital of Mysia; later moved to Ephesus in the days of Augustus when Asia became the most wealthy of all the provinces of the Empire.

These seven churches are chosen from among others.

W. Laod. of Colosse - Col. 1:2

" " " " Thyatira - Col. 4:13

" " " " Tros - Acts 20:6,7

But they were (in a great sense) chosen for certain characteristics.

The messages have a four-fold application:

- (1) Local, actual, to the churches addressed.
- (2) Universal, admonitory, to all churches of all times.
- (3) Personal: "He that hath an ear, let him hear..."
- (4) Prophecy:

And this is the "mystery": comprise seven phases of the spiritual history of the church. Hidden to the early church, because time takes its unfold prophetic development. Unknown to them: they never dreamed so long. The "mystery" lay in the fact that the seven churches are representative of the church whose history is typical of the history of the church throughout the course of the church age.

This mystery of the seven churches is the prophetic  
forevision of the church age from the day of the apostles  
until the time of the end, when the church is caught  
away as out of the earth. The reasons are known:

Rev. 1:19: I the things which thou hast seen  
The vision of Christ 1:9-20

II The things which are  
The seven churches. 2, 3

III The things which shall be  $\mu\epsilon\tau\alpha\ \tau\alpha\ \upsilon\tau\alpha$   
after the church age  
(27 Rev. 4:1-7)

4:1  $\mu\epsilon\tau\alpha\ \tau\alpha\ \upsilon\tau\alpha$   
after 2, 3 the church no longer  
appears until with her Lord  
at the wedding supper of the  
Lamb in 19. The word "church"  
no longer occurs until all things  
have been fulfilled.

Chapter 1. in  $\mu\epsilon\tau\alpha\ \tau\alpha\ \upsilon\tau\alpha$  <sup>looking at</sup> vision of Christ  
" 2, 3 " " <sup>looking at</sup> church age  
" 4-7, in heaven recording  
things in heaven and on earth,  
after the church is caught away.

1. Ephesus.

2:4 "left thy first love"  
beginning to cool, that first fervor, devotion

2:6 Nicolaitanes

view to engage, and those } the beginning  
λαοὺς τοῦ λαοῦ } of the hierarchy,  
over, separate  
from the people.

2. Smyna

2:16 "thou shalt suffer"  
the church of the genuflecting. (Boly, camp)  
The only one, all good, commendatory.

3. Bergamos

2:14 "the doctrine of Balaam..."  
Numbers 22-25; 31:8, 16 Israel on way to Canaan  
reached land of Moab. Balak King of Moab sends for  
Balaam into him in Pithor or Enphathar him to curse  
curse them. Balaam instead, but told Balak how to  
defeat Israel. Invited them to licentious feasts of they  
got Balak at Prov. It worked.

4. Thyatira

2:20 Jezabel

idolatry in Israel (the great crisis of the nation...)  
Ahab his husband  
Ahab's son Jehoram his two sons  
Athaliah his daughter married to Jehoram. 15:7 just  
House of Baal built in Jerusalem

5. Sardis

3:1 "dead"

6. Philadelphia

3:8 "open door"  
revival

3:10 "from tribulation" not pass through the tribulation.

7. Ladicea

The only one, all bad.

3:10 The Christ outside

Does come in? not there change of the church  
but seen in individuals, members