



Revelation 1:1-20 Chiastic Structure

1A) 1:1-3:22 INTRODUCTORY BLESSINGS and WARNINGS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES;

1a.1) 1:1a The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, **to show to His servants things which must shortly come to pass;**

1a.2) 1:1b-20 **John bore witness** to the testimony of Jesus Christ which he saw;

1a) 1:1b-2 And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, **2 who bore witness** of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw;

central axis) 1:3 **Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it, for the time is at hand;**

2a) 1:4-20 **John bore witness** to all the things which he saw;

1A) 1:4-6 John **TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES WHICH ARE IN ASIA:** Grace be to you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; **5** and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen;

CENTRAL AXIS) 1:7 **BEHOLD, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS; AND EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM, AND THEY ALSO WHICH PIERCED HIM; AND ALL TRIBES OF THE EARTH SHALL MOURN BECAUSE OF HIM. EVEN SO, AMEN;**

2A) 1:8-20 John, **TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES WHICH ARE IN ASIA;**

1a.1) 1:8-11a John's witness to the **Alpha and the Omega;**

1a) 1:8 "**I am Alpha and Omega**, the beginning and the ending," says the Lord, "which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty;"

central axis) 1:9-10 **I John, who am also your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet;**

2a) 1:11a Saying, "**I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last;**"

1a.2) 1:11b And, "**What you see, write** in a book;

1a.3) 1:11c And send it to **the seven churches** which are in Asia; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea;"

central axis) 1:12-17a And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden lampstands; 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands one like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 and His feet were like fine bronze, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and His countenance was as the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead; [*i.e.*, *The vision of the glorified Son of Man*];

2a.1) 1:17b-18 And He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Fear not; **I am the First and the Last**. 18 I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death;

2a.2) 1:19 **Write the things which you have seen**, and the things which are, and the things which shall be after this;

2a.3) 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of **the seven churches**, and the seven lampstands which you saw are **the seven churches**;

1a.3) 2:1-3:21 **The testimony of Jesus Christ to the seven churches**;

This structure is the mirror of the structure from Rev 22:6b-21 which concludes the structure, and the book.