

Greeting the Seven Churches (Revelation 1:1-8)

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Introduction

Introduction to Revelation

Author: the Apostle John (1:1, 4, 9; 22:8)

Date:

Theory of an AD 95–96 date (Domitian exiled John/Nerva freed him)

71–72 date (Domitian exiled John/Nerva freed him)

Place of Writing: Patmos (1:9)

Recipients: Churches at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira. Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea

Interpretive Approach:

Preterist (theory that the entirety of the book predicts events of AD 70)

Historical (the book predicts events from Pentecost to the second coming)

Allegorical (the book has no relevance to events of past- or future-history)

Futurist (Rev 6–22 are predictive future)

Thematic Verse: Rev 1:19

What you have seen:

The things which are:

The things which will take place after this:

Exposition: 1:1-8

The Writer and His Readers (1:1-4a)

Trinitarian Blessings (1:4b-5a)

Praise to Jesus Christ (1:5b-6)

Prophecy of the Second Coming (1:7)

Declaration by Jesus Christ (1:8)

Conclusion