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## SEVEN CANDLESTICKS

**I**n the book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ we read about seven candlesticks in the first chapter. These seven candlesticks are the representation of the seven churches that are discussed in Asia or what is now present day Turkey.

### **Revelation 1:1-20**

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto 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. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced

him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am 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,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw **seven golden candlesticks**;

13 And in the midst of the **seven candlesticks** one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

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16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the **seven golden candlesticks**. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the **seven candlesticks** which thou sawest are the seven churches.

This book opens up with a blessing for all who read it. There is no other book in the Bible that opens with a blessing for all readers of the book. The Revelation of Jesus Christ tells us that we will be blessed when we read the words of this prophecy.

Though many have a hard time understanding and reading Revelation, I have found if you ask the Lord for understanding, you will not only understand, but you will gain a great insight into the rest of the Bible. Jesus wants his followers to know and understand his divine word and what is planned for the future. Jesus loves his followers and wants them to be informed. He called his disciples friends.

### **John 15:15**

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known

unto you.

Abraham was a friend of God, along with the born-again Christian. As a friend of God you are in the inner circle knowing God's master plan.

There is a second part of the blessing which stipulates keeping the words of this prophecy.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Most want to hear that they will be blessed by reading and hearing the words of Revelation; but when it comes down to keeping the word of God, that seems to be another matter. There are some strong words for those who do not keep the words of the Bible.

Jesus considered this prophecy so vital that there were seven original copies made and sent to seven different locations. Now in this age of computers we hear of backups. Now the most secure system backup is a backup which is kept off site in a remote location. Jesus was taking no chances with Revelation, so he had John make seven copies which were sent to seven different locations. This shows the level of security that the Lord considered for the last book of the Bible.

Next look at the attributes that John describes Jesus as having:

- which is
- which was
- which is to come
- who is the faithful witness
- the first begotten of the dead
- prince of the kings of the earth

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- him that loved us
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- all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him
- Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending
- which is, and which was, and which is to come
- the Almighty

This is an image of Jesus who resides outside of what we know of as time. He was, he is, and he is to come. He has already seen the end and he is the end from the beginning.

Jesus is seen by John in the middle of the seven golden candlesticks which are the seven churches in Asia. Every church has a candlestick representing it along with an angel.

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