



REVELATION

The Vision of Jesus Christ, pt. 1 / Rev 1:9-11

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Call to the Word - Rev 1:9-11

...saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Call to the Word - Rev 1:9-11

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

Call to the Word - Rev 1:9-11

Introduction

“What’s in a Name?”

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“To know God’s names is to experience His nature, and that level of intimacy is reserved for those who humbly depend on Him... One name by itself can't fully represent God's majesty & power.”

(Evans)

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“Let me introduce myself...”

Rev 1:9

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Brother. Companion... in tribulation... meaning, he's been there, just like you... He can relate to you...

2Co 1:3-4

"I feel your pain in my heart..."

(Inuit)

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**V1b: for the word of God and for the testimony of
Jesus Christ**

Linguistically it could mean to 'receive' the Word of
God or 'because' of the word of God

In his isolation John received revelation!

Let me introduce myself...Rev 1:9

***“Filled with the Spirit on the Lord’s Day
Or
“Caught up in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day”***

***Either way, he’s “waiting on the Lord
&
“waiting for the Lord”***

Psa 27:14

Let me introduce myself...Rev 1:9

“Let me tell you what I heard...”

Rev 1:11

Isolation is always for the purpose of revelation, but
you must be willing to respond

If you're feeling *isolated* and want to be *revealed*...
say, "Lord, speak, your servant hears..."

What John heard...Rev 1:10

“Meet the Alpha & Omega”

Rev 1:11

“Alpha” and “Omega” - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, mark God as the One who has both creation and re-creation in His hands.

“...the First and the Last” - the God of all eternity, Lord of eternity past and eternity future.

Meet the Alpha & Omega / Rev 1:11

Almighty God (v.8): “the one who has his hand on everything.”

*“He knows all things... He knows the ending from the beginning; and He puts everything in between in perfect fashion and makes no apologies for it.”
(Swindoll)*

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The First and the Last... the LORD (Yaweh)

Isa 41:1-4

Isa 44:6

Isa 48:12

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He alone is the God *who is...* who is here now... who has chosen you – before the foundations of the earth... before He spread out the heavens above...

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He is the Alpha, the Omega... the God who cares about what comes between the “A” and “Z” of the universe.

Mat 11:28

1Pe 5:7

Psa 27:13-14

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I have set my foot on the machinery of providence and history. What can I not do for you?

I have your eternity in my hands – can I not also take care of your now?

Is there anything I cannot do?

Meet the Alpha & Omega...Rev 1:11

“You can sleep peacefully at night because you are God’s beloved—you have aligned yourself underneath His lordship and comprehensive rule—and He is working while you are snoring.”

(Evans)

Meet the Alpha & Omega...Rev 1:11

Reflections

***We need a regular reminder that our God is
above all.***

*For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me...
Isa 46:9*

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***Jesus Christ represents both the source
and the goal of all of life.***

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.... By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

(John 15:5,8)

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If you have Christ, you have purpose and direction.

He is the beginning and the end of all things. He knows the ending from the beginning. He knows how the pattern fits together. He puts it together in perfect fashion, and it makes absolute perfect sense. Every death. Every birth. Every achievement. Every failure. Everything that surprises you and me. He knows the beginning, the ending, and the reason why in-between.
(Swindoll)

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If you have Christ, you have security.

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