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# The Seven Churches of REVELATION REDISCOVERED

An exploration of their sites and the messages of the Risen Christ to them

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**Sherlock Holmes** picked up the evening paper – "Look Watson, it says 'Prime Minister murdered'. I wonder who can be responsible?"

## **Apocalyptic literature**

- 'apocalypsis' Greek for 'revelation'
- similar to Daniel and Ezekiel
- disclosure of mysterious events
- usually in the future
- highly symbolic







Revelation "is prophetic in the way it addresses a concrete historical situation - that of Christians in the Roman province of Asia towards the end of the first century AD - and brings to its readers a prophetic word of God, enabling them to discern the divine purpose in their situation and respond to the situation in a way appropriate to this purpose."

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#### BY HAL LINDSEY With C.C.Carlson

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a penetrating look at incredible prophecies involving this generation. I turned round to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone LIKE a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash round his chest. The hair on his head was white LIKE wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were LIKE blazing fire.

Revelation 1.12-16

His feet were LIKE bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was LIKE the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, doubleedged sword. His face was LIKE the sun shining in all its brilliance. Revelation 1.12-16

The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 1.20





Apocalyptic

Prophetic

Symbolic

Repeating pattern

Revelation "enables its readers to see their situation with prophetic insight into God's purpose ....by disclosing the content of a vision in which John is taken, as it were, out of this world in order to see it differently....The world seen from this transcendent perspective...is a kind of new symbolic world into which John's readers are taken ... But really it is not another world. It is John's readers' concrete, day-today world seen in heavenly....perspective."

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The key message – Jesus is Lord, Jesus is God

Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 1.17

This is what the Lord says – Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

Isaiah 44.6

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega,'* says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.' Revelation 1.8



I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.... I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. Revelation 22.13, 16

