

## **1.0 Jesus Revealed to His Servants.**

Are you a servant of Jesus Christ, that is, Mashiach? God gives you this prophetic book of *apocalypse* to reveal to you His Son, Jesus Mashiach.

### **Purpose of Revelation: Timely service**

The purpose of this book of *apocalypse*, of revealing Jesus, is to “show” you the things “that must soon take place” (1:1). For, as you know Jesus as the coming Mashiach, you will understand His times and purposes that are drawing “near” (1:3). For, Jesus reveals himself first to his servants of the Church Age, that they might witness to the Jews; then, to his servants of Israel, that they might be His witnesses to the whole world. Finally, to the great harvest of servants who will serve him as witnesses, as *martyrs*, to glorify him sacrificially by word and by life.

### **Plan of Revelation: Kingdom established in love**

So, listen to the Lord Jesus Mashiach’s “plan” has a Kingdom purpose to restore you home to God’s “grace and peace” in love. The Father himself draws near to the day of family reunion, for He is the eternal God who “is to come” near (1:4), and He sends His Spirit in “seven” glorious incarnations to be present with the seven churches. God’s Kingdom future takes shape through Jesus Mashiach, for He is the Kingdom Family’s “firstborn heir” to inherit and rule a new resurrected reality (1:5). And, we as His servants have a place in this Kingdom future, for our Lord “frees” us from our “sins by his blood” (1:5) so that we might support His Kingdom rule as He “comes” with his “clouds” of armies to rule in His “kingdom” (1:6-7; 19:14).

### **Power Revealed: The Glory of Jesus Christ**

As we Servants bear witness of Jesus Mashiach through our generations, we “partner” in the Kingdom’s “tribulation” and “patient endurance” (Rev. 1:9), but we do not serve alone. God reveals Jesus Mashiach to us in the glorious power we need to serve and endure. Jesus Mashiach is present with His seven churches through their years of witness as the “Son of Man” walking among His “seven golden lampstands” (1:12). His “voice” moves us like the “roar of many waters” (1:15); His “eyes” uncover like “flame of fire” the surrounding darkness that threatens to blind us (1:14). And, He alone holds the “keys” to our greatest enemies, “Death and Hades” (1:18), so we have nothing to fear.

So, whether you serve Jesus Mashiach in the Church Age or the age to follow; as a Gentile or a Jew; in the last days or during the time of testing to follow, which pits your witness against the world and its ruling antichrist. Whoever you are, the Lord God “blesses” you as you read and proclaim this book of prophecy! May grace and peace be yours!

## **2.0. Jesus Mashiach Revealed to His Seven Churches.**

As the lampstand of seven burning lamps, the Seven Churches are the first Kingdom Witness on earth, coming after Israel's olive tree of old covenant witness and preparing Israel's fruitful olive tree of Kingdom witness. Designed to be a temporary light during Israel's spiritual wilderness apart from its rightful Mashiach, the Church still reveals several valuable insights into how the spiritual Kingdom comes into this sin-darkened world.