

Revelation Series

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Revelation 1:4, “John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,”

The Seven Churches of Revelation





Samothrace

Asia

Aegean Sea

Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Ephesus

Patmos

Cos

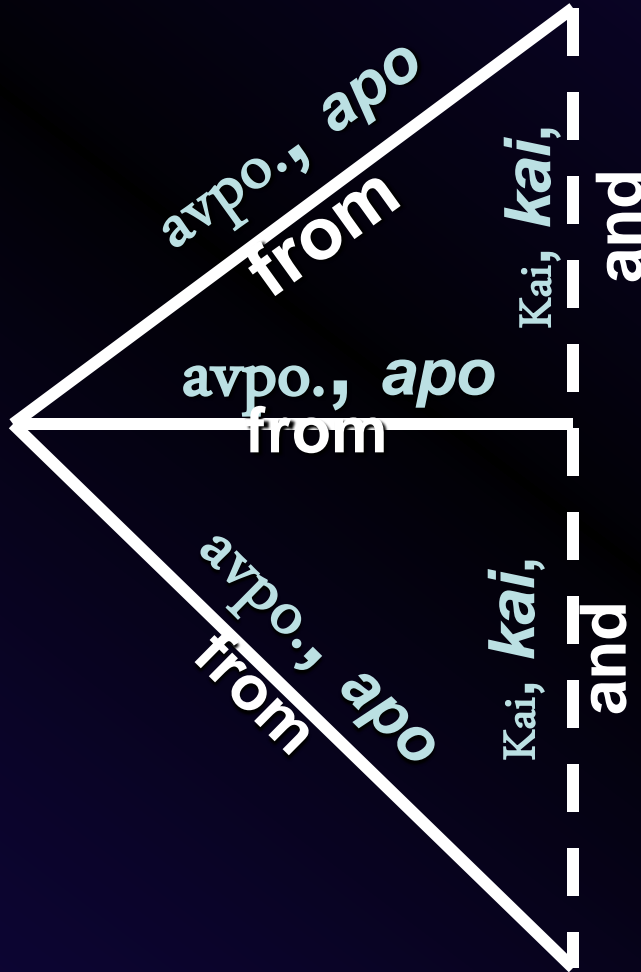
Rhodes

Crete

Rev. 1:4–5a

He who is and who was and who is to come (God-F)

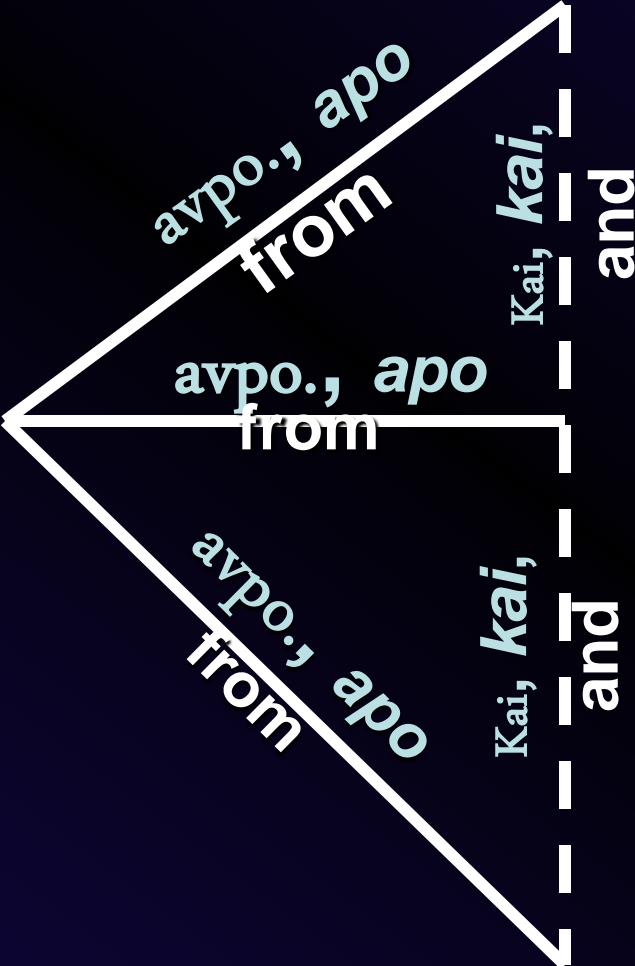
**Grace
and
peace**



**Exodus 3:14, “And God said to Moses,
‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus
you shall say to the children of Israel, “I
AM has sent me.” ’ ”**

Rev. 1:4–5a

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He who is and who was and who is to come (God-F)

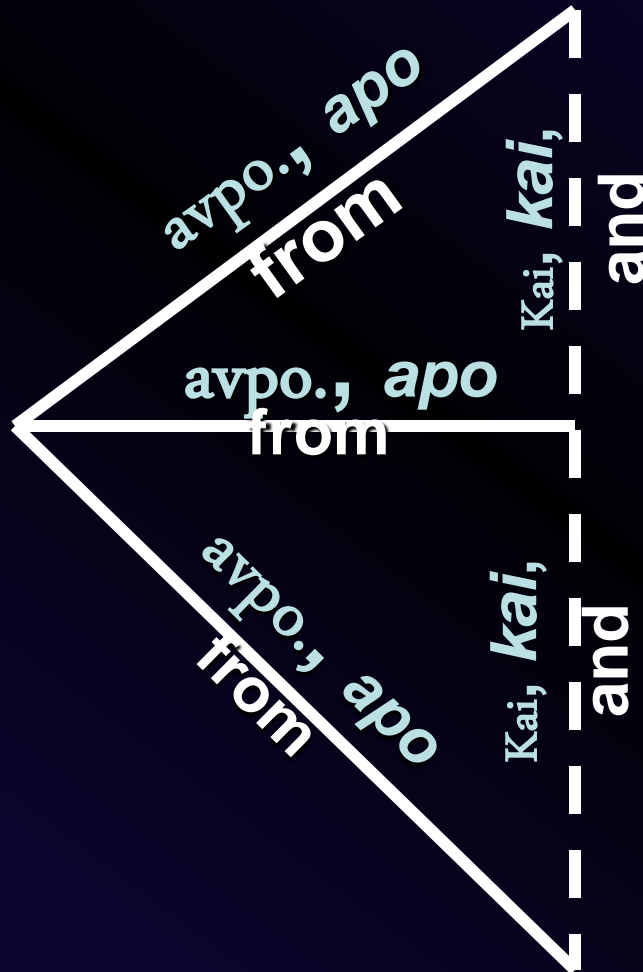
The seven spirits who are before His throne (God-HS)



Revelation 3:21, “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me [Jesus Christ] on My throne [yet future], as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne [the current session].”

Rev. 1:4–5a

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*He who is and who
was and who is to
come (God-F)*

*The seven spirits
who are before His
throne (God-HS)*

*The faithful witness,
the firstborn from
the dead, and the
ruler over the kings
of the earth. (God-S)*

**Revelation 1:5, “and from [*apo*] *Jesus*
Christ,
the faithful witness,
the firstborn from the dead,
and the ruler over the kings of the
earth.**

**To Him who loved us
and washed us from our sins in His
own blood,”**

“The Faithful Witness”

o` ma,rtuj o` pisto,j, *ho martus ho pistos*

**Lament. 3:21, “This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.**

**Lament. 3:22, “The LORD’S
lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
Because His compassions fail not.**

**Lament. 3:23, “They are new every
morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”**

**1 Cor. 1:9, “God is faithful, by whom
you were called into the fellowship of
His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

Hebrews 10:23, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”



Rev. 19:11, “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.”

Psalm 89:36, “His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me

Psalm 89:37, “It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky.” Selah

**“The Firstborn from the dead
[one’s]”**

**o` prwto,tokoj tw/n nekrw/n, *ho prototokos*
*ton nekron***

Colossians 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Acts 26:23, “that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

Romans 1:4, “and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Acts 2:29, “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:30, “Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,”

Acts 2:31, “he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Acts 2:32, “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”

“The Ruler of the kings of the earth.”

o` a;rcwn tw/n basile,wn th/j gh/j

ho archon ton basileon

Psalm 89:27, “Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.”

Doctrine of the “Blood of Christ”

1. The phrase Blood of Christ or His blood or the blood of the Lamb is a common biblical phrase describing the death of Christ.

2. Unfortunately this is a much misunderstood phrase and is often taken as a literal description.

3. Following the basic rules of word study we see the idea of the phrase “shedding of blood” takes its meaning from the murder of Abel by Cain who was the first murder.

**Genesis 9:6, “Whoever sheds man’s
blood, by man his blood shall be shed,
for in the image of God He made man.”**

4. This is clearly recognized by the standard Lexicons.

**5. When our Lord died on the Cross
He shed very little physical blood.**

6. Therefore the term “blood of Christ” is a figure of speech for His substitutionary atonement on the Cross.

7. The substitutionary death of Christ was to pay a penalty for sin. The penalty was not physical death but spiritual death.

8. Therefore it was not His physical death, or physical bleeding, that was efficacious, but His spiritual death, when God the Father judged Him for our sins.

9. This imagery derives from the Old Testament sacrifices where the literal, shed blood of the sacrifices, spoke of the physical death of the animal which foreshadowed the death of the Messiah.

Hebrews 9:22, “And according to the law almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

10. The physical death of the Messiah signified the completion of His spiritual substitutionary work and was necessary for His resurrection, which indicated the Father's acceptance of His sacrifice and His conquering of sin and death.