

KEYS TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION REV. 1:1-3,11,19,20

What are the keys:

I. The spiritual key: written to His servants

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew **unto his servants (τοις δούλοις αὐτοῦ)** things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel **unto his servant (τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ Ἰωάννη) John:**

The first things one must ascertain when picking up any piece of mail would be – whose mail is this?

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Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared **to his servants (τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ)** the prophets.

Revelation 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward **unto thy servants (τοις δούλοις σου)** the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of **Moses the servant (Μωϋσέως τοῦ δούλου τοῦ θεοῦ) of God,** and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Revelation 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, **all ye his servants (πάντες οἱ δούλοι αὐτοῦ),** and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and **his servants (οἱ δούλοι αὐτοῦ)** shall serve (λατρεύσουσιν) him:

Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew **unto his servants (τοις δούλοις αὐτοῦ)** the things which must shortly be done.

The spiritual key:

Written to his servants

Written for his own

Written for those who obey his teaching

Written for those who follow his teaching

Revelation 1:11 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.**

This book is obviously a circular letter

II. The grammatical key: written in &/ with signs, similies & metaphors.

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation (Αποκάλυψις) 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 (ἐσήμανεν)** it **by** his angel **unto** his servant John: **Revelation 1:2** Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

To read anything / hear anything one must understand the rules of grammar / syntax → how the language works.

John tells us how his language works!!!

“It’s raining cats and dogs!”

This book was seen & heard! You will be amazed at how often this is stated!

Revelation 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things **that he saw**.

Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, **and heard** behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

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Revelation 1:12 And I turned **to see** the voice that spake with me. And being turned, **I saw** seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation 1:17 **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:

Revelation 1:19 Write the things **which thou hast seen**, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Revelation 22:8 And I John **saw** these things, and **heard** them. And when I had **heard** and **seen**, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which **shewed** me these things.