

**The Revelation of Jesus Christ:  
The Book's Introduction  
Revelation 1:1-8**

1. Subject (v.1) - JESUS CHRIST
2. Purpose (vv.1,2) - "To show His servants the things that must soon take place" (v.1)
3. Blessing (v.3) -
  - "The one who reads" (here a public reader)
  - "Those who **hear** and **obey**"
4. Recipients (v.4) - The 7 churches in Asia
5. Greeting (v.4) - "Grace to you, and peace"  
Two summarizing words of the Christian Faith
6. Threefold Source: The Godhead (vv.4,5) -
  - God the **Father** - "who is, and who was, and who is to come"
  - God the **Spirit** - "the 7 Spirits before ..."
  - God the **Son** - "the Faithful Witness, Firstborn from the dead" (both conqueror, firstfruit of a *harvest*), Ruler of the kings ...
7. Doxology (vv.5,6) - "to Him ... be **glory** ..."  
"who loves us, freed us, made us ..."
8. Central Theme (v.7) - "*Behold, He is coming*" -
9. Authentication (v.8) "*I am the Alpha & Omega*"  
Q: Are these words the Father's or Son's?