

## Some Texts “Behind” and Alongside Revelation 1

(source: marginal apparatus, Nestle-Aland *Novum Testamentum Graecae*, 27<sup>th</sup> edition)

<p>1 revelation of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>6 Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster befall a city, unless the Lord has done it? 7 Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. 8 The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:6-8).</p>
<p>4 from him who is</p>	<p>13 But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “<i>I Am Who I Am.</i>” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘<i>I Am</i> has sent me to you’ ” (Exodus 3:13-14).</p>
<p>4 and who was and who is to come</p>	<p>I, the LORD, am first, and unto the coming I am (Isa. 41:14 LXX).</p>
<p>4 and from the seven spirits who are before his throne</p>	<p><sup>2</sup> The spirit of <i>the LORD</i> shall rest on him, the spirit of <i>wisdom</i> and <i>understanding</i>, the spirit of <i>counsel</i> and <i>might</i>, the spirit of <i>knowledge</i> and the <i>fear of the LORD</i> (Isa. 11:2).</p>
<p>5 Jesus Christ, the faithful witness</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> [The remnant] in their turn said to Jeremiah, “May the LORD be a true and <i>faithful witness</i> against us if we do not act according to everything that the LORD your God sends us through you. <sup>6</sup> Whether it is good or bad, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you, in order that it may go well with us when we obey the voice of the LORD our God” (Jer. 42:5-6).</p>
<p>5 the firstborn of the dead</p>	<p>the firstborn of the dead (Col. 1:18)</p>
<p>6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father</p>	<p><sup>4</sup> You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. (Ex. 19:4-6).</p>
	<p>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9).</p>

<p>6 to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds</p>	<p><sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a son of man <i>coming with the clouds</i> of heaven. And he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> To him was given <i>dominion and glory and kingship</i>, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed (Dan. 7:13-14).</p>
<p>7 everyone will see him, every one who pierced him</p>	<p><sup>10</sup> And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one [me] whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ... 13:1 On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. <sup>2</sup> On that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more (Zech 12:10-13:2).</p>
<p>7 and all tribes of the earth shall wail on account of him</p>	<p>in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (Gen. 12:3, 28:14).</p>
<p>8 וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁמַע ה' אֶת הַצֶּהֳרָא וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁמַע ה' אֶת הַצֶּהֳרָא</p>	<p>13 וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁמַע ה' אֶת הַצֶּהֳרָא וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁמַע ה' אֶת הַצֶּהֳרָא (Amos 3:13 LXX)</p>
<p>10 a loud voice like a trumpet</p>	<p><sup>16</sup> On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of <i>a trumpet so loud</i> that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God (Ex. 19:16-17).</p>
<p>11 write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches</p>	<p><sup>8</sup> Go now, <i>write it</i> before them on a tablet, and inscribe it <i>in a book</i>, so that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. <sup>9</sup> For they are a rebellious people, faithless children, children who will not hear the instruction of the LORD; <sup>10</sup> who say to the seers, “Do not see”; and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, <sup>11</sup> leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel” (Isa. 30:8-11).</p>
<p>12 seven golden lampstands</p>	<p><sup>31</sup> You shall make a lampstand of pure gold ... <sup>32</sup> and there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; ... <sup>37</sup> You shall make the seven lamps for it; and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it. <sup>38</sup> Its snuffers and trays shall be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup> It, and all these utensils, shall be made from a talent of pure gold. <sup>40</sup> And see that you make them according to the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain (Ex. 25:31-32, 37-40).</p>

	<p><sup>2</sup> [The angel] said to me, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see <i>a lampstand all of gold</i>, with a bowl on the top of it; there are <i>seven lamps</i> on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. <sup>3</sup> And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” <sup>4</sup> I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” ... <sup>6</sup> He said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>7</sup> What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’ ” (Zech. 4:2-7).</p>
12 one like a Son of Man	I saw one like a son of man (Dan. 7:13)
	<p><sup>26</sup> And above the dome over their heads there was something like a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was something that seemed <i>like a human form</i>. <sup>27</sup> Upward from what appeared like the loins I saw something like gleaming amber, something that looked like fire enclosed all around; and downward from what looked like the loins I saw something that looked like fire, and there was a splendor all around. <sup>28</sup> Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day, such was the appearance of the splendor all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking (Ez. 1:26-28).</p>
14 his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were a flame of fire	<p><sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient of Days took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence (Dan. 7:9-10).</p>
13 clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.	<p><sup>5</sup> I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist.</p>
15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ...	<p><sup>6</sup> His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. ...</p>
17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid”	<p><sup>9</sup> Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, <i>I fell</i> into a trance, face to the ground. <sup>10</sup> But then <i>a hand touched me</i> and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup> He said to me, “<i>Do not fear</i>, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words (Dan. 10:6-12).</p>
15 the sound of many waters	<p><sup>24</sup> When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty (Ezek. 1:24).</p>
16 from his mouth came a	1 The LORD called me before I [Israel] was born, while I was in my

sharp, two-edged sword	mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword (Isa. 49:1-2).
16 the sun shining with full force	"So perish all your enemies, O LORD! But may your friends be like the sun as it rises in its might." And the land had rest forty years (Judges 5:31, Song of Deborah).
17 I fell at his feet as though dead	17 [The man] came near where I stood; and when he came, I became frightened and fell prostrate. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end." <sup>18</sup> As he was speaking to me, I fell into a trance, face to the ground; then he touched me and set me on my feet. <sup>19</sup> He said, "Listen, and I will tell you what will take place later in the period of wrath; for it refers to the appointed time of the end (Dan. 8:17-18).
17 I am the first and the last	<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god (Isa. 44:6, cf. 44:2; cf. 48:12).
18 and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades	<sup>39</sup> See now that I, even I, am he; there is no god besides me. <i>I kill and I make alive</i> ; I wound and I heal; and <i>no one can deliver from my hand</i> . <sup>40</sup> For I lift up my hand to heaven, and swear: <i>As I live forever</i> , <sup>41</sup> when I whet my flashing sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will take vengeance on my adversaries, and will repay those who hate me. <sup>42</sup> I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh — with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired enemy. <sup>43</sup> Praise, O [nations], his people, [worship him, all you gods!] (Deut. 32:39-43).
19 what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this	<sup>6</sup> You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forward I make you hear new things, [things still to come that you have not spoken] (Isa. 48:6 LXX, cf. Dan. 2:45 LXX).