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 - When the Lord Jesus was walking on the sea, He told His disciples to "not be afraid" (Matt. 14:27). When he was transfigured, He also told His disciples to "not be afraid" (Matt. 17:7). Now that he has ascended to heaven, he tells us not to be afraid (v.17). Therefore, let not be afraid of the suffering church.
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1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ was given to him by God to make known to his servants what was to be done quickly. So he sent messengers to his servant John.

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1:5 and Jesus Christ, who is the first to rise from the dead, and who is the head of the kings of the world, who is a true witness. There is grace and peace with you . He loves us and frees us from sin with His own blood. [Leave the ancient scrolls for washing]

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1:10 On Sunday I was moved by the Holy Spirit, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet,

1:11 And what thou saw, as it was written, and the seven churches of Ephesus, and Smyrna, and Begamo, and Thyatira, and Sardis, and Philadelphia, and Laodicea, and the seven churches.

1:12 I turned around to see who spoke to me . and when he turned around, he saw seven golden lampstands .

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The Book of Revelation (also known as the Book of Revelation, the Book of Revelation) in the New Testament is a book in the Bible that is believed to have been written by the Apostle John and records his revelation of things to come in a vision. This book has profound significance in Christian theology, covering many theological ideas and spiritual influences.

Here are some highlights of the theological significance, theological thought, and spiritual impact of Revelation chapter 1:

Nature of Revelation: Chapter 1 depicts John's vision at the island of Patmos, in which he sees the resurrected Jesus Christ. This emphasizes the resurrection of Christ, shows his authority to reveal the future, and sets the tone throughout the book. This emphasizes the power and sovereignty of Christ.

Glory of God: The vision of Christ is depicted wearing a robe, a girdle of gold, hair as white as wool, and eyes as fiery as fire. Such depictions express the glory and majesty of God and show that Christ is not only a friend of man, but also God Almighty.

Power of Christ: Jesus called himself "Alpha and Omega," the first and last letters of the Greece alphabet, expressing that He is the Lord of all beginnings and ends. This underscores his absolute authority in history and in the universe.

Character of the Church: The chapter also includes Jesus' message to the seven churches that reveal their strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. This is a reminder for Christians to remain faithful, passionate, and faithful.

Foreshadowing of the End Times: The visions in chapter 1 reveal eschatological events, including the return of Jesus, judgment, and the creation of new heavens and a new earth. This provides the context for the revelation in subsequent chapters, revealing God's plan and purpose.

Encouragement of Faith: This chapter encourages Christians to remain steadfast in their faith in the face of adversity and persecution. John was trapped on the island of Marcia, but he was still able to receive God's revelation and endure for the name of Christ in his writings.

In terms of theological thought and spiritual influence, Revelation 1 emphasizes the divinity, sovereignty, and power of Jesus Christ, as well as God's plan and encouragement for believers in the last days. This book has had a wide-ranging impact on Christian doctrine, worship, and faith life, inspiring reflection on the kingdom of God and eternal values. At the same time, it has become one of the important sources of theological discussion on many eschatological events and apocalypticism.