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The Three Introductions of Revelation

1.Apocalyptic (1:1-3) 2.Epistolary (1:4-8) 3.Personal (1:9-20)

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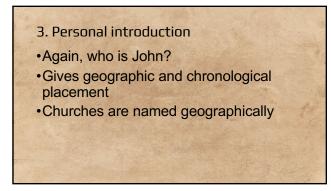
1. Apocalyptic Introduction (v. 1-3)

- 3rd person voice
- A "sign" sent by an angel
- Who is "his servant John"?
- "Word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ"
- First of Seven Blessings
- "for the time is near"

2. Epistolary Introduction (v. 4-8)

- •First Person voice, 3rd person introduction
- •Who is John?
- •Trinitarian greeting
- •V. 7 Imagery from Zechariah
- •v. 8 God's voice; God is dictating, John is writing

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- 3. Personal introduction
- •Again, who is John?
- •Gives geographic and chronological placement
- •Churches are named geographically
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3. Personal introduction

- •Again, who is John?
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- •Churches are named geographically
- •Only physical description of Jesus!
- Most symbols are explained!

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HOMEWORK:

Referring to Rev. 1, compare the imagery of Jesus to its reference in each church in ch. 2-3