

## “New Revelation of Eternal Word” (Jn. 1:1-34)

1. A New Beginning (1-5)
  - a. Story about Creator and creation.
  - b. Gen. 1-2 = creation of heaven and earth. Jn. 1:1 = heaven to earth.
    - i. Gen. 1:2-3 = Spirit & Word overcomes the dark, chaotic waters to bring forth design, beauty, and goodness.
    - ii. Jn. 1:3-5 = the Word, logic, intelligence overcoming the darkness of hearts.
    - iii. Logos = the wisdom of creative genius and the power of the spoken word cf. Ps. 33:6.
    - iv. “And God said...”
2. A New Light (6-13)
  - a. Revelation of the Light (6-8) cf. Isa. 9:2
  - b. Rejection of the Light (9-11)

The Light of creation became the Light in creation (9).
  - c. Reception of the Light (12-13). Invitation.
3. A New Man (14-18)
  - a. God w/ us cf. Isa. 8:8, 10; 9:6.
  - b. God became man. God entered into His creation.
  - c. God “tabernacled among us.”
4. A New Voice (19-28)
  - a. The prophesied voice of Isa. 40:1-18.
  - b. A new voice for the old prophesies.
  - c. The siren of revelation personified (v. 8) and of rescue (v. 29)
  - d. We are not to call attention to us but point to Him (Jn. 3:30; 2 Cor. 4:5).
5. A New Lamb (29-34)
  - a. OT prophesies witnessed of His person and work and now the Father & Spirit speak and witness of His person and work.
  - b. The “Lamb” of atonement. It’s no coincidence that Jesus died when the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple! N.T. Wright wrote: “Only when the Temple has been made clean and ready—the Temple of human hearts, polluted by sin and rebellion—can the presence of God come and live there. So, on the evening of the first Easter Day, Jesus breathes on his **disciples**, giving them his own spirit, his own breath, to be theirs (20:21–23).”<sup>1</sup>
  - c. The New Temple and New Exodus! ‘
    - i. Old = delivery from Egypt via Passover lambs and provided Tabernacle.
    - ii. New = delivery from sin via Lamb of God in the Tabernacle of His body!

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The New Testament means nothing without the old. The foundations of truth, life, choice, responsibility, and righteousness had to be laid and played out so that redemption in the person and work of Jesus Christ could be enacted and proclaimed. He has come, the truth has been proclaimed, and redemption provided. Have you rejected (vv. 9-11) or received (vv. 12-13) Him? The difference of results in the choice is either darkness or light (v. 5), strength or weakness (v. 5), truth or disdain for it (v. 9), and life or death (vv. 3-4).

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<sup>1</sup> Wright, T. (2004). [\*John for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-10\*](#) (p. 12). London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.