

REVELATION 1

Enacted Scripture

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CHARACTERS:

PLAYER 1 (The Spirit of God)

PLAYER 2 (John the Apostle)

SYNOPSIS:

An introductory piece to John the Apostle's book of Revelation, Chapter 1:4-8. Setting the scene for the book of Revelation, the piece calls the audience to "behold," alongside John the Apostle and the Seven Churches, the glory to be revealed to them through the revelations of God.

Throughout the piece, PLAYER ONE carries the Christ candle to each of the seven candles scattered amidst the audience, drawing the congregation into John's call to the seven churches. PLAYER TWO, depicting John the Apostle, is at once writing his letter, addressing the audience, and coming to his own realization and awe in the beholding of the Spirit of God.

Optional sound, such as the striking of a woodblock, can be used every time PLAYER 1 tells the audience to "behold."

PROPS:

Christ candle
7 assorted candles
Pen
Letter
Writing desk
Wood block

REVELATION 1: SCRIPT

PLAYER 1: Hear these words from the book that we love, from the first chapter of Revelation.

PLAYER 2: Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

(PLAYER 1 *picks up the Christ candle, crosses to 1st candle*)

PLAYER 1: Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

(PLAYER 2 *crosses to writing desk, becoming John the Apostle*)

PLAYER 2: John, to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

(PLAYER 1 *at 2nd candle*)

PLAYER 2: Behold.

PLAYER 1: And from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

(PLAYER 1 *at 3rd candle*)

PLAYER 1: Behold.

PLAYER 2: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father.

BOTH: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

PLAYER 2: Amen.

(PLAYER 1 *at 4th candle*)

PLAYER 1: Behold.

PLAYER 2: He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

(PLAYER 1 *at 5th candle*)

PLAYER 1: Behold.

REVELATION 1: SCRIPT

PLAYER 2: "I am ...

BOTH: "...the Alpha and the Omega,..."

PLAYER 2: ...says the Lord God.

BOTH: "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

(PLAYER 1 at 6th candle)

PLAYER 1: Behold.

(PLAYER 1 at 7th candle)

PLAYER 2: (*realizing*) Behold.

BOTH: This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.