

Three apocalyptic introductions

DANIEL 7.1-3

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, **Daniel had a dream and visions** of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the **four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea**, different from one another.

1 ENOCH 1.1-3A

The words of the blessing of Enoch, wherewith he blessed the elect and righteous, who will be living in the day of tribulation, when all the wicked and godless are to be removed. And he took up his parable and said -Enoch a righteous man, whose **eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens, which the angels showed me, and from them I heard everything**, and from them I understood as I saw, but not for this generation, but for a remote one which is for to come.

REVELATION 1.10-13

I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning **I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like a Human Being, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.**