

# “THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST”

## Revelation 1:1-8

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### INTRODUCTION

We will seek to honor God and His Son Jesus Christ: **AFTER ALL, THIS IS THE “REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.”**

#### I. THE NATURE OF THE BOOK (1a)

“Revelation”; How else can we know about God?

Things that “must shortly take place”; cf. v. 3—“The time is near”

#### II. SOURCE OF THE BOOK (1b)

A. God the \_\_\_\_\_ gave to Jesus Christ—cf. “the word of God” in v. 2.

B. “Revelation of \_\_\_\_\_” —cf. the “testimony of Jesus Christ” in v. 2

- The book does tell about His person and His coming; **this book highlights the person and work of Jesus Christ!**
- Yet, in this context, the key element is that **He reveals these truths.**

C. The “Seven \_\_\_\_\_” that are before His throne” (v. 4)

The Holy Spirit in the full manifestation of His being and activities

D. “Through His \_\_\_\_\_” (v.1)—“sent and communicated it” (signified it); cf. 17:1ff.

E. To John (“His bond-servant”) and to His other “bond-servants” to whom John would communicate the message of this book (v. 1). Note that John was the divine “witness bearer” of “all that he saw” (v. 2).

#### III. THE GOD OF THE BOOK

A. The Father (4, 8)

1. Source of Grace and Peace (v. 4)

2. His \_\_\_\_\_ (4, 8)

a. “Is, was, is to come” (vv. 4, 8)

b. “The Alpha and Omega” (v. 8)

3. His Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8—“the Almighty”)

4. His \_\_\_\_\_ and Reliability (“Lord-God”—reflects the OT Yahweh/Elohim).

B. The Spirit (4)

1. Seven Spirits: variety and completeness of His gifts

2. His Mission (“before His throne”—serving the Father and ministering on His behalf). He is the “Spirit of Christ” yet also the Spirit to the Church.

3. He gives a diversification of gifts to the churches; the entire Church has the fullness of the Spirit; so does Christ (cf. 5:6—“seven horns and eyes” of the Lamb which are the “seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.”)

C. The Son (5-6, 7)

1. His relation to God:

- The Father is “His \_\_\_\_\_”—as an incarnate human being.

- The Father is His “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” in their eternal arrangement
2. His Position as Faithful Witness—John 1—made the Father and His will known
  3. His Position as \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead:
    - First one raised
    - Foremost of all and Leader
    - Promise of all the rest who will rise
  4. His position as “ \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kings of the Earth”
    - His eternal Glory and Dominion (v. 6)
    - Doxology—breaking out in Praise! (v. 6)
  5. His Visible \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)
    - a. With the Clouds—divine presence; cf. Daniel 7:13
    - b. Visible to all—“every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him” (Zech. 12:10).
    - c. Mourned by all
      - Israel mourns acc. to Zechariah.
      - “All the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.”
- “Even so, ‘Amen’”—Come Lord Jesus (v. 7).

#### IV. RECIPIENTS OF THE BOOK

“Blessed” (v. 3); “Grace and Peace” (v. 4)

A. Identity: 7 Churches that are in Asia [Roman province of Asia Minor (v. 4)]

B. Action (v. 3—“obey”; so should we!)

C. Privileges and Position

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (v. 5)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ—through His **blood** (5; literally “loosed us”)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ: “Made us to be a kingdom” [Ruled over and ruling; see Ex. 19:6; Rev. 5:10—“They will reign on the Earth”] (6)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ—“priests” (v. 6)

#### CONCLUSION

Christ is the Central Figure of this book! Sensational prophecies are not the focus.

He is coming; all will mourn. It is better to mourn over your sins now!

Believers will rejoice and share His love and redemption and will reign with Him.

**ADORE AND HONOR THE CHRIST OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION.**