

Revelation

John's Introduction and Salutation

INTRODUCTION (1-8)

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■ INTRODUCING THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (1-2)

- Which God gave Him to show His servants
 - Bondservants
 - The Christians to whom the revelation was sent.

- Regarding things which much shortly take place
 - The revelation that John is to present
 - The great battle between good and evil
 - The persecution of Christians

- Sent and signified by His angel

- To His servant John, who bore witness...
 - To the word of God
 - To the testimony of Jesus Christ
 - To all things that he saw

■ THE BLESSING OF THE REVELATION (3)

- Blessed is he who reads and those who hear this prophecy

- Blessed are those who keep those things written in it, for the time is near
 - Happy is he that keeps those things written.
 - For the time is near
 - For John to bear witness
 - For those who will be blessed by hearing and doing the things contained in the prophecy
 - For Christians to be encouraged by the message
 - For the revelation to be applied so Christians can do battle against evil

■ GREETINGS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES (4-6)

- From John, to the seven churches in Asia (4a)

- With grace and peace (4b-6)
 - From Him who is and who was and who is to come
 - Him who is eternally present (Ex 3:13-14)
 - He who inhabits eternity (Is 57:15)
 - From the seven Spirits who are before His throne

- From Jesus Christ
 - The faithful witness
 - Dependable
 - Trustworthy
 - He knows what he speaks
 - What he says is the revelation of God

- The firstborn (Begotten) from the dead
 - To show the pre-eminence of Christ
 - The first begotten (Heb 1:6)
 - First born of every creature (Col 1:15)
 - The First born among many (Rom 8:29)

- The ruler (Prince) over the kings of the earth
 - Not all have submitted but all are accountable
 - Prince can also mean heir to a throne but Christ is already ruling.
 - By being the ruler, Christ will have justice over all who have not submitted to His rule.

- Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood

- Who made us kings and priests to His God and Father -- To Whom be glory and dominion forever and ever!
 - Individually Christians are priests (1 Pet 2:5)
 - Collectively Christians are a kingdom (Jn 3:5, Col 1:13)
 -a kingdom of priests.....

■ ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S COMING (7)

- He is coming with clouds
 - It is not for us to know the times or seasons (Acts 1:7)
 - He's coming in the same manner as he left (Acts 1:9-11)
 - He is not slack concerning his promises (2 Pet 3:9)

- Every eye will see Him,
 - His return will not be hidden
 - It will not be spiritual or figurative (1 Thes 4:13-18, 2 Pet 3:9-12)

- ...and they also who pierced Him
 - Refers to the crucifixion
 - All the dead shall rise (In 5:28,29)
 - Therefore those who participated in His death...(In 19:32-34)

- All the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him -- Even so, Amen (so be it)
 - Those who failed to obey the Gospel.

■ THE SELF-DESIGNATION (8)

- "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End"

- "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty"

■ LIFE APPLICATIONS:

- Jesus is described as....
 - The Ruler over kings of the earth.
 - The one who loved us.
 - Who washed us from our sins
 - Who made us kings and priests.
- John describes himself as....
 - Your brother and companion in tribulation.
 - In the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.
- The coming of Christ....
 - He will be coming with clouds.
 - Every eye shall see him
 - All the tribes of earth shall mourn.
- What does that mean for us today?

