

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"From God With Love"
Revelation 1:4-8
Part-2

Revelation 1:5

The Theme Of Revelation: Revelation 1:1 – "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," – "Unveiling, to uncover Jesus Christ"; "Jesus Unveiled"; "His Person,"; "His Power,"; "His Program".

The Outline Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19

- 1. Things which you have seen – Revelation 1**
- 2. The things which are – Revelation 2-3**
- 3. The things which shall take place after these things – Revelation 4-22**

Thought Of Our Passage: God's Greeting Results In Praise For His Imminent Return And His Eternal Reign As King Of Kings.

- 1. Verses 4-6 – Greeting And Blessing**
- 2. Verses 6-7 – Outburst Of Praise**
- 3. Verse 8 – Testimony Of The Almighty**

1. Verses 4-6 – Greeting And Blessing:

Revelation 1:4

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia:"

Revelation 1:3

"Seven Churches": The number "Seven" is the "number of completion, perfection"; Used 55X in Revelation

"Seven churches of Asia Minor" – Present day Turkey. Revelation 1:11

"Grace" – "God's unmerited favor of God's riches at Christ's expense"

"Peace" – "relationship of peace with God because of God's grace" (Our experience with God)

The Trinity In The Salutation:

1. **God The Father (The Father Existed Eternally):** "From Him Who is and who was and who is to come;" – "Who is"; "eternally existed and will always exist." Exodus 3: 14

Hebrews 6: 17 (Unchangeable Character of His Purpose)

2. **The Holy Spirit (His Perfect Ministry):** "And from the Seven Spirits who are before His throne" – 1 Corinthians 2: 10

Isaiah. 11: 2

Revelation 1: 5

3. **Jesus Christ the Son:** "and from Jesus Christ," – Son of God

3 Descriptions Of Jesus Christ:

1. **"The Faithful Witness"** – "the faithful witness," – (Prophet) summarizing Jesus life – John 7: 7

1 Timothy 6: 13

John 18: 37

Prophet – forth-telling, and fore-telling, testifies.

"Witness" – Acts 1: 8 is witness which means "martyr"; Jesus gave Himself.

2. **"The First-Born Of The Dead"** – "the first-born of the dead," – (Priest) First born refers "to priority, prominence, preeminence, the most important of all resurrected."

Colossians 1: 15

1 Corinthians 15: 20

Priest – Died for us – paid the price – Hebrews 9: 28

3. **"Ruler Of The Kings Of The Earth"** – "and the ruler of the kings of the earth." – (King) (His future Reign Over The Earth)

Revelation 11: 15

Psalms 72: 11

Zechariah 14:9

"kings of the earth." – Philippians 2:9-11

3 Things Jesus Christ Did For Us:

- 1. Who loves us** – "To Him who loves us," – Present tense, "who keeps on loving us." I don't know how He can but He does.
- 2. Released us from our sins** – "released us from our sins by His blood," – (aorist tense) "once and for all released in or by His own blood."

Revelation 1:6

- 3. He Has Made Us Priests** – "He has made us to be a kingdom, priests" – Not kings and priests but "A kingdom of priests".

Exodus 19:5-6

As priests, we minister on behalf of Jesus Christ –
2 Corinthians 5:20

2. Verses 6-7 – Outburst Of Praise:

"to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

This is the first Doxology – "offering glory and splendor to God"

"to His God and Father," – Jesus the Son has God as His Father. John 5:18

"to Him be the glory" – Divine attribute, "glory of God"; Summarizes all the divine attributes in His powerful radiance.

"and dominion forever and ever." – Divine attribute, "sovereignty of God"; Extent of God's might and active rule over all.

"Amen." – "Truth" or "Faithfulness"; Literally "be it true, or so be it."

Revelation 1:7

"Behold" – "look – see"

"He is coming" – 500 verses in the Bible speak of it. His return is mentioned every 25 verses in the NT. "I will come again" – John 14:3

"with the clouds," – In Scripture, clouds symbolize God's presence, with Israel, giving of the Law, or a scene of heaven. Daniel 7:13

I Thessalonians 5:1-4

Matthew 24:29-30

"even those who pierced Him;" – (Jews), Zechariah 12:10

"and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him." – (Unbelieving Gentile Nations), Matthew 24:30.

Jesus speaking to the High Priest Caiaphas – Matthew 26:64

"Amen." – "Truth" or "Faithfulness"; Literally "be it true, or so be it", Isaiah 65:16.

John 14:6

Jesus is called "the Amen", Revelation 3:14.

3. Verse 8 – Testimony Of The Almighty:

Revelation 1:8

"The Almighty" – 8X in Revelation – El Shaddai, "the Sufficient One, The Almighty God"; Genesis 17:1-2 – Speaks of "God's omnipotence; He is all powerful."

2 Timothy 4:8

Application:

1. Jesus Is The Faithful Witness Who Came To Witness To The Truth Of The Gospel Of Salvation. We Can Know The Truth.
2. Jesus Is The First-Born Of The Dead Having Preeminence As The Son Of God: John 11:25-26.
3. We Don't Fear The Future Because Jesus Rules Over The Kings Of The Earth. Jesus Wields All Power And Authority: Revelation 11:15
4. How Could We Ever Doubt God's Love And Care? Revelation 1 Says Jesus Loves Us, He Released Us From Our Sins, He Has Make Us A Kingdom Of Priests.