

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Sermon 1 in the Revelation Series

I. The Introduction 1:1-3

The Book has relevance for us, and it certainly had relevance for the people to whom this Revelation is addressed. Chapters 6-19 are not exclusively for some distant 7 year time period,

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There are 7 blessings given in revelation.

1:3 – Blessed are those who read and those who hear – it was read in the churches.

14:13 – Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

16:15 – Blessed are those who stay awake because Christ is coming as a thief.

19:9 – Blessed are those invited to the marriage supper of the lamb

20:6 – Blessed are those who share in the first resurrection

22:7 – Blessed are those who keep the prophecy of this book

22:14 – Blessed are those who wash their robes

II. The Grace Greeting 1:4-6

A. To the Seven Churches -- v. 4

B. Grace and Peace 4-5a

It is a Trinitarian greeting. From the Father. from the 7 Spirits (Isa. 11:2) and Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace can only come from God.

Firstborn Hebrew designated privilege and rule.

Psalm 89:27 -- And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

C. The Doxology 5b-6

III. The Sovereignty of God 1:7-8

A. He is Coming – v. 7

Zechariah 12:10; 13:1 -- And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, **so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced**, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

B. I am the Alpha and Omega -- v. 8

Jesus Christ is Lord – not Rome or Caesar or any earthy ruler.

IV. The Son of Man 1:9-20

A. John Exiled and Commissioned 9-11

B. The Vision of the Son of Man 1:12-20

Son of Man was Christ's favorite name for Himself – and Caiphas used this self-designation of Jesus as a cause to falsely convict Him of blasphemy and put him to death. Matthew 26:65.

Rev. **1:12, 16, 19, 20** – 7 Lampstands and 7 -- Stars – and from his mouth a sharp sword.

Daniel 7:9-10 – Ancient of Days/and the PURITY of His judgement.

Daniel 7:13-14 – Encompasses His ascension – His present rule – His coming again and the ushering in of the eternal state.

Daniel 10:5-6, 9

James Hamilton compiled this list comparing Revelation with Daniel chapter 7 and 10

10:5 – clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold.

1:13 – clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest

7:9 – the hair of his head like pure wool (Ancient of Days) – think Trinity

1:14a – the hairs of His head were white, like white wool

10:6c – his eyes like flaming torches

1:14 – His eyes were like a flame of fire (also 2:18)

10:6d – his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze

1:15c – His feet were like burnished bronze refined in a furnace (2:18)

10:6e – the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude

1:15b – and His voice was like the roar of many waters

10:6b -- his face like the appearance of lightning

1:16c – His face was like the sun shining in full strength

Daniel fell down at the vision – and the angel laid his hand on him and helped him up -- 10:9-11

John fell down at the vision – and Christ lifted him up