

INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 1:1-8 = intro - like an overture: intro'd to themes. Read Rv as an act of worship by faith in Christ Jesus.
2. John assumes our knowledge of Scripture - covers a lot of ground in few words: v5 [1st coming] - now v7 - 2nd coming.

1st: The OT Prophetic Background

1. v7 cld be lyrics of an ancient hymn: 4 lines w/ concluding *amen*. Worship
2. Conflates 3 OT texts: Dan 7:13-14; Zech 12:9-14 & Gn 12:3.
3. Dan 7:13-14 *Son of Man* - exalted over earth's beastly kingdoms
 - i. Fallen kingdoms ravage men like predatory animals.
 - ii. Jesus' kingdom of redemption by the Lamb.
 - iii. John quotes Dan 7:13a to describe the 2nd coming of Christ.
4. Zech 12:9-10 Zech speaks to newly returned exiles to encourage to rebuild temple. See in context of v11-14 [repent]; 13:1-6 promise of cleansing; 13:7-9 re: smitten Shepherd - sheep scattered & tested: become believing remnant who *call on name of Lord*. Context of *mourning* => repentance; but Jn's use of these verse is ambiguous...
5. Gn 12:3 - *all the families of the earth* are in view: bless & curse.
 - i. Zech 12:9 - destruction of nations, yet v10 Spirit given to mourners
 - ii. But Jn attaches the *mourning* to *all the families of the earth* at the 2nd coming by those who are not blessed as Ab's seed: *mourn* in despair.

2nd: Christ's Fulfillment of The Prophecies

1. Already-not yet - OT promises fulfilled in 2 stages: 1st & 2nd comings
2. Jesus as *Son of Man* [Dan 7:13] - already exercising authority & rule. Defined title in terms of redemptive mission: come to save His people.
 - i. Lk 9:34-35 - transfig: conflates Ps 2:7 & Isa 42:1. Jesus *come* in cloud
 - ii. Mat 24:29-31 - 2nd coming: conflates Dan 7:13 & Zech 12:10 & Gn 12:3 - distinguishes *tribes mourning* [v30] w/ *His elect* [31].
 - iii. Mrk 14:61-62 - *I am* - cites Dan 7:13
 - iv. Ascension - Lk 24:51; A 1:9 cloud => glorious presence of God.
 - a. Cf. Ex 13:21 - pillar of cloud; Ex 16:10 glory of God in temple
 - b. Jesus ascends & returns in cloud: going & coming.
 - v. A 1:10-11 - there is only One who can *come w/ the clouds*: GOD.
 - a. At Transfig & ascension, only disciples saw - but at 2nd coming *every eye will see Him*.
3. An already-not yet tension to fulfill Dan 7:13, Zech 12:10, & Gn 12:3

4. In 19:37 soldier *pierced* J [v34] - the already fulfillment of Zech 12:10.
 - i. At this fulfillment, God's believing remnant *mourn* in repentance; *the Spirit of grace & supplication* applies salvation of Smitten Shepherd.
 - ii. But [Mat 24:30] there is a "not-yet" fulfillment of Zech 12:10 at 2nd coming - those *of earth mourn* in despair of eternal curse - Rv 1:7.

3rd: The Certainty of the Prophecies

1. Rv's inclusio - Rv 22:20. *Behold, He is coming! Yes, I am coming quickly*. Church responds: *Amen! Come Lord Jesus!* Rv is about Jesus' coming.
 - i. The meaning of Jesus' *coming* has elasticity; ascension, Jesus *comes* to His church [Rv 2-3]; & 2nd coming.
 - ii. Idea in Jesus' *coming* is authority & execution of judgment wh/ is teh context in wh/ church is saved - Rv 22:20 *AMEN - Come, Lord Jesus*.
2. See Jesus now - for salvation. At 2nd coming men will see Him in judgment. *He comes [is coming]* - pres tense but *will see* = future tense.
3. *Every knee will bow & every tongue confess* - Phil 2:10-11.
4. An already-not yet *mourning*. Already: repentance [Isa 6:5] 2C 7:9-10
 - i. *Godly sorrow produces repentance wh/ leads to salvation:*
 - ii. *sorrow of world leads to death*
 - iii. Gospel calls you to mourn in true repentance & faith
5. Mourning of Rv 1:7 is future - when men see Jesus come for FJ. The commencement of eternal mourning.
6. Hymn of Dan 7:13, Zech 12:10 & Gn 12:3 [Mat 24:30]: *AMEN*.
 - i. Rv 1:7 *so it is to be* [NASB]; *so shall it be* [NIV]; *even so* [KJV, ESV]
 - ii. We long for Jesus to return: our salvation! But we also know His return will commence eternal damnation for unsaved men.
7. What can we do? Witness - Worship. Rv 1:7. Rv 22:20