

The Apocalypses of Jesus Christ

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Series: Revelation, Part 2

Text: Revelation 1:1-8

Main Idea: Revelation is the future unfolding of God's plan for the history of the world culminating in the return of Christ.

1. **The Prelude:** A _____ introduction to the book. (1-6)

- It's essential nature: _____! (v. 1a)
- It's central theme: Jesus Christ. (v. 1b, Mark 13:32)
- It's divine source: God _____ Him. (v. 1c)
- It's human recipients: His bondservants. (v. 1d)
- It's prophetic character: To _____ the things which must soon (imminence) take place. (v. 1e)
- It's supernatural delivery: He sent His _____. (1f, 22:16)
- It's human author: The Apostle John. (v. 1g-2, 4)
- It's promised blessing: _____ are those who read, hear & obey it. (v. 3a, 22:7)
- It's compelling urgency: For the time is near! (v. 3b)
- It's recipients: The seven Churches of Asia Minor. (v. 4a)
- It's _____ benediction: Grace & peace from the Father, Spirit & Jesus Christ.

1) The **Father** is eternal and is the source of all blessing.

2) The **Holy Spirit** completely & perfectly (7) ministers blessings. (Is 11:2-5s, Zech 4:2-6)

3) **Jesus** is the faithful witness (Jn 18:37), firstborn of the dead & ruler of the kings of the earth.

2. **The Pre-eminence:** Christ deserves all glory & is _____ soon! (v. 5b-8)

- Christ loves us by _____ us, making us a kingdom & giving us access to the Father. (v. 5b-6)
- Christ is coming again from _____ (clouds). (25 X in the NT - Matt 16:27, Luke 9:26)
- _____ eye will see Him: unbelieving Jews & unbelieving Gentiles. (Zech 12:10)
- The all-knowing eternal omnipotent God _____ the coming of Christ.