

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: Revelation – verse by verse

Scripture(s) for Today: Revelation 1:4-20 – the focus and purpose of the book of Revelation

Today's Message:

“Behold, He Cometh”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we introduced the book of Revelation. In this book, the “*end of all things*” is revealed to such an extent that it is the most feared, hated, and misunderstood book in the Bible. Today, we will see both the revealer and the **OBJECT** of the revelation – the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! We will hear from the divine Author as He declares Himself to be the eternal Father, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ the Son – the triune God of heaven and earth. John will become a time **TRAVELER** as he is catapulted in time “*in the Spirit*” to be present at the **DAY** of the Lord – the day all creation waits for...

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text Rev 1:4-20

#1. The Source – this book comes directly from the **THRONE** of God. (4-6)

1. John was the human author inspired by Holy Spirit. 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21
2. This book comes from **God the Father**
 - ✓ Which is, and which was, and which is to come... Gen 1; Ps 90; Isa 48:3-5
3. This book comes from **God the Holy Spirit**...
 - ✓ The seven Spirits which are before his throne... Rev 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Isa 11:2
4. This book comes from **God the Son Jesus Christ**...
 - ✓ Who is **the faithful witness**... Rev 3:14; 19:11; 21:5; 22:6
 - ✓ And **the first begotten of the dead**... Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16
 - ✓ And **the prince of the kings of the earth**... Isa 9:6; 1Tim6:15; Rev17:14;19:16
 - ✓ Unto him that **loved us**... washed us from our sins in his own blood. Rom 5:9

NOTE This is no ordinary book!! God has chosen to reveal the future before it happens!

#2. The Setting – John moves *in Spirit* to the **DAY** of the Lord and writes. (9-10)

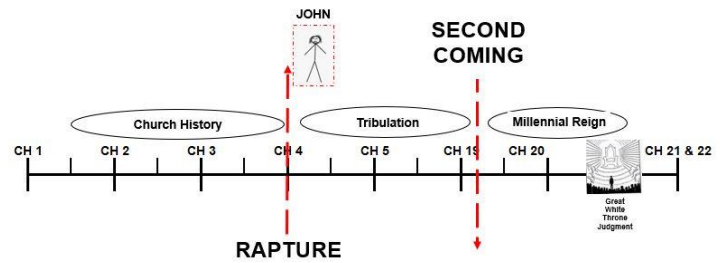
1. He is our brother...companion in tribulation... kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ...
2. He was on Patmos for the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev 19:10

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3. He was *in the Spirit* on the Lord's day... Rev 1:10; 2 Pet 3:8; Isa 13:6; Joel 1:15

"the day of the LORD"

- ✓ The **Rapture of the Church**
- ✓ The **Tribulation Period**
- ✓ The **Second Coming**
- ✓ The **Millennial Reign**



4. He heard **behind him** a great voice as of a trumpet. Rev 1:10; 1 Thes 4:16
5. He was to **write what he saw** and send it to the 7 churches. Rev 1:11; Rev 2 & 3

NOTE John was a time traveler! **Behind him** was church history. **Below him** was the Rapture of the church. **Before him** was the Tribulation and Second Coming!

#3. The **Subject** – the central focus is the **PERSON** of Jesus Christ Himself. (7-20)

1. **Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...**
They also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.
2. **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord...**
Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
3. **And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man...**
*Clothed with... His head and his hairs... his eyes... his feet... and his voice...
And he had in his right hand seven stars... out of his mouth... his countenance...*
4. **Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead...**
And behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

NOTE There is no person like Jesus Christ! He is the I AM! History is His story! He is the glorious theme of our blessed Book! And He is ALIVE FOREVERMORE! Amen!

2. The Lesson (How can we learn from our passage today?)

1. The **RETURN** of Jesus Christ is the central theme of all God's prophets.

➤ The day of the Lord is the theme of all of God's prophets; they waited for that day!

❖ **Question:** "Are you faithfully waiting for Christ?" Luke 18:8; 24:27; Acts 3:19-24

2. The **GLORY** of Jesus Christ is the central goal and aim of the entire Bible.

➤ The day of salvation is a day of great clarity regarding the person of Jesus Christ. What would ever cause a person to lose a whole-hearted love and devotion for Him?

❖ **Question:** "Is Jesus Christ your life and passion?" Col 3:1-4; Php 1:20-24; 3:7-14

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