

Title: The Unveiling

Text: Revelation 1

Target: The centerpiece of the book of Revelation is not the events of the future, but instead the love of an eternal Father.

- I. **The Divine Disclaimer:** Revelation 1:1-3
 - A. **Spotlight of this Revelation:** *"The revelation of Jesus Christ."* (Vs. 1)
 - B. **Scope of the Revelation:** God-Jesus-Angel-John-Seven Churches (Vs. 1-2)
 - C. **Significance of the Revelation:** *"Blessed is the one who (reads) aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who (hear), and who (keep) what is written in it, for the time-Kairos is near."* (Vs. 3)
- II. **The Distinction of the Doxology:** Revelation 1:4-8
 - A. **Highlights the Trinity:** (Vs.4-5)
 1. **Good Father:** *"Grace to you and peace from him who is, and who was and who is to come."* (Vs.4)
 2. **Gracious Holy Spirit:** *"...and from the (seven spirits-complete) who are before his throne."* (Vs. 4)
 3. **Glorious Savior:** *"and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth."* (Vs.5)
 - B. **Highlights our Testimony:** (Vs.5-8)
 1. **Redeemed Us:**
 - a) **Loved Us:** *"To him who loves us..."* (Vs. 5)
 - b) **Freed Us:** *"...freed us from our sins by his blood"* (Vs. 5)
 - c) **Made Us:** *"made us a kingdom, priests..."* (Vs. 6)
 2. **Returns for Us:** *"Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen."* (Vs. 7)
 3. **Rules over Us:** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."* (Vs. 8)
- III. **The Description of our Deliverer:** (7 lampstands/7 churches of Asia)
 - A. **The Righteousness of Christ:** *"The hairs of His head were white, like white wool, like snow."* (Vs. 14)
 - B. **The Reproof of Christ:** *"...eyes were as like a flame of fire."* (Vs. 14)
 - C. **The Retribution of Christ:** *"his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace."* (Vs. 15)
 - D. **The Roar of Christ:** *"voice was the roar of many waters."* (Vs. 15)
 - E. **The Rule of Christ:** *"In his right hand he held seven stars"* (Vs. 16)
 - F. **The Rebuke of Christ:** *"from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword"* (Vs. 16)
 - G. **The Radiance of Christ:** *"...his face was like the sun shining in full strength."* (Vs. 16)
- IV. **The Decree in our Defense:** (Revelation 1:17-20)
 - A. **Promise of His Presence:** *"...he laid His right hand on me."* (Vs. 17)
 - B. **Peace in His Presence:** *"Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one."* (Vs. 17)
 - C. **Power in His Presence:** *"I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."* (Vs. 18)

Takeaway: If we know we win in the end, let us not live in defeat today!