### **Revelation – The Time is Near**

#### Jesus and His Church

## **Ephesians 2:19-22 Jesus is the Cornerstone of the Church**

<sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## Matthew 16:18 Jesus is Builder of the Church

"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

# Revelation 1:12-13;16;20 Jesus is in Charge of the Church

And when [John] turned [he] saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man...In his right hand he held seven stars...

[Jesus said] The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## John's Theology about Jesus and the Church from a Revelation Viewpoint

The Greek word for *church* "ekklesia" is used by John in Revelation chapters 1, 2, 3, 17, and 22.

### **Revelation 17:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. <sup>13</sup> They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.

<sup>14</sup> They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

"...and with Him (Jesus) will be His (Jesus') called (kletos) and chosen (eklektoi)" (Rev. 17:14)

At the future battle when Jesus returns to vanquish Satan the church is already with Jesus! (see. Rev. 19)

### Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."