

Who Is Coming?

Revelation 1:1-8

“1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 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.”

Let us glory in the titles and descriptions given about the Author of this marvelous book Who is the One Who *cometh with clouds!*

Jesus is the Faithful Witness. There is amazing peace in understanding that the promises of the gospel are not dependent upon our faithfulness but God's. Jesus is not hoping we will keep up our end of the bargain. God is a covenant making and a covenant keeping God. He made the covenant within Himself for us and it is His faithfulness that will bring glory to pass.

We hear this marvelous name once again in Revelation 19:11. There Jesus is seen as the conquering hero on a white horse and His name is Faithful and True!

Not only is Jesus faithful to His duty as Redeemer, He is also faithful to deliver the message from His Father to us. As the writer says in Hebrews:

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;” (Hebrews 1:1-2)

The First Begotten From The Dead. There have been others who raised from the dead before Jesus in chronological time, but His resurrection is cause of all others. He is declared to be the Son of God with power¹ because He raised from the dead. His resurrection is the day God declared before all men that Jesus is His Eternal Son Whom He begot from the dead!² Jesus may not have chronologically raised first but His resurrection has the preeminence!

This also means that Jesus has already conquered our greatest enemy. If he beat death, death cannot stop Him and He will come and save!

The Prince of The Kings of the Earth. The only power that exists on earth is what God has brought to pass or has allowed or suffered to be so. But this title means so much more. Right after this phrase we learn that He has made us kings and priests. We are the kings of the earth. Our Prince is coming for us!

Our Prince loves us so much that He died for us and washed us white in His own blood. That is Who is coming. Our Prince is coming!

Him Which Is, Which Was, And Which Is To Come. This is a beautiful description of Jehovah – The Self Existent God. Jesus declared, “Before Abraham was, I am.”³ He was literally existing outside of time while in time! Do you understand what that means? It means that Jesus won’t get here too late to help us! He is not bound by time and space and unable to answer when we call. He knows and He will deliver!

This title agrees with **Alpha and Omega.** Moses and John began their writings with the same phrase “In the beginning.” Moses starts at the beginning of time and declares creation’s history for us. John begins at the same phrase but speaks of the eternal nature of God’s Son before, or outside of, time. Jesus is the One who spoke time and space into existence. And He will be the One to end it as He ushers in our glorious eternity with Him.

The Almighty. Jesus is omnipotent. This doesn't mean He has more power than anyone else. It means Jesus has all the power.

¹ Romans 1:4

² Psalm 2:7

³ John 8:58

The One Who is coming is Jesus Christ. His name literally means "he shall save his people from their sins."⁴ He is the anointed (Christ) Savior who was set apart by the Father.

The One Who is coming will be faithful to His calling and He will raise up all that the Father has given Him on that last day.

The One Who is coming is risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.⁵ This means we will rise in glory.

The One Who is coming is our Prince who will not be late and He cannot fail!

⁴ Matthew 1:21

⁵ 1st Corinthians 15:20