

"The End Is Near"

BASED ON REVELATION 1: 1- 8

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The risen Christ had called John into the presence of God so that the old man could know, and through him we could know, this fact: Behind the universe there is a Power and a person worthy of our praise and of our trust. In spite of rumors to the contrary, we are not creatures abandoned on a planet spinning madly through the universe, lost in galaxies upon galaxies of gaseous flaming suns or burnt-out cinder moons. We are the children of a great and wonderful God who even now sits in power accomplishing His purposes in His creation.

At the heart of this mystery is great hope. The national powers that we see hell-bent for destruction—amassing weapons, killing, and being killed—are not the ultimate power. Nor are the individual figures who rule in our lives the ultimate powers; mothers, fathers, teachers, pastors, counselors, politicians, diplomats, bankers, police officers, social workers, wardens and jailers, probation officers, tax collectors, dictators and their soldiers, kings and presidents will all one day stand powerless before this God of John's vision. — Dr. Billy Graham, *STORM WARNING*

Here is what is revealed to us in the early moments of the Book of Revelation:

1. The _____ is revealed.

Revelation 1:1–2, NIV84 -¹ *The revelation* of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place [ἐν τάχος, "must come to pass with rapidity" (Tachometer)]. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

***Revelation** – Gk: ἀποκάλυψις, *apokalypsis*, means, "unveil", "to reveal", or "to make clear"—**The Book of Revelation is not a riddle!**

2. A _____ is revealed.

Revelation 1:3, NIV84 -³ *Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time [καιρός, "seasons"] is near.*

Want a blessing? Then read...hear...keep God's Word!

3. The _____ is revealed.

Revelation 1:4–5, NLT -⁴ *This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne;⁵ and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.*

4. A _____ is revealed.

Revelation 1:5–7, NIV84 -⁵ *and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples [γῆ, "lost people who have rejected God"] of the earth will mourn [κόπτω, "cut off"] because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*

5. A _____ is revealed.

Revelation 1:8, NIV84 -⁸ *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

Jesus-Revealed!

Jesus is the **Proclaimer**—"Who is the faithful witness" – v. 5a

Jesus is the **Proof** (resurrection)—"firstborn from the dead" – v. 5b

Jesus is the **Prince**—"prince/ruler of the kings" – v. 5c

Jesus is the **Propitiation**—"freed us from our sins by His blood"—v. 5d

Jesus is the **Priest**—" [He has] made us a kingdom of priests" – v. 6a

Jesus is our **Promise**—"Look, He is coming..." – v. 7



JESUS CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN TO RESCUE THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM!



ANSWERS TO "THE TIME IS NEAR" MESSAGE

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