



“John’s Address”

Revelation 1:4-8

November 3, 2024

INTRODUCTION:

Prayer

Scripture reading

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-- 6 and He has made us [to be] a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 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 mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." [Rev 1:4-8 NASB95]

* Chart - 3 Views for the 70th Week

- * The Father’s prophetic plan has always been His kingdom on earth. – 2nd coming 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven. [Mat 6:10]
- * The nation is oppressed until the times of the Gentiles [nations] is fulfilled. 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles [nations] are fulfilled. [Luk 21:24 NASB95]
- * The Lord will never destroy Israel or forget the covenant with their fathers.
 - 27 "The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you. ... 29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find [Him] if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. 30 "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. 31 "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them. [Deu 4:27, 29–31 NASB95]
 - 27 "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." 28 From **the standpoint of the gospel** they are **enemies** for your sake, but from **the standpoint of [God’s] choice** they are **beloved** for the sake of the fathers; 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [Rom 11:27–29 NASB95]
- * The Apostles expected the restoration of the kingdom to Israel. 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" [Act 1:6 NASB95]

1. John’s _____ to the church.

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, [Rev 1:4 NASB95]

1) The Apostle John is the _____.

- * John is **the only remaining Apostle** writing in the mid 90s of the first century.
- * The providence of God spread the gospel north into **present day Turkey**.
- * The **5th cycle of discipline** described in Leviticus 26 brought the destruction of the Temple and the dispersion of the remnant Jews into the church age in A.D. 70. 32 'I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will be appalled over it. 33 'You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste. [Lev 26:32-33 NASB95]
- * Salutation: Grace & peace to you

2) He addresses seven _____ churches in Asia.

- * Why 7? - They likely **represent the general characteristics of the church age**.
- * They were **churches John was familiar with**.
- * They were **not likely progressive ages of church history**.
- * They give us **principles for victory in spiritual warfare**.

3) John greets us with "_____ to you and _____" ...

- (1) ...from the throne of God the _____.
 The ever _____ one. God is _____.
 The one who _____. He has past tense always _____.
 The one who is _____. He will be fully manifested in the _____.
 The Father is the _____ God.
- (2) ...from the _____.
 The Holy Spirit is the seven _____ of God.
 The seven eyes are _____ in all the earth.
 6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. [Rev 5:6 NASB95]
 For Zerubbabel the seven lamps were the _____ of _____.
 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof: ... 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. [Zec 4:2, 6, KJV]
 The Holy Spirit is _____.
 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] those seven; they [are] the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth. [Zec 4:10 KJV]
 The sevenfold ministry of the Holy Spirit is _____.
 1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.
 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. [Isa 11:1-2]

- (3) ...from Jesus Christ the _____.
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth... [Rev 1:5a]
 He is the faithful _____.
 • 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained [Him.] [Jn 1:14, 18]
 • 35 "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. 36 "His descendants shall endure forever And his throne as the sun before Me. 37 "It shall be established forever like the moon, And the witness in the sky is faithful." Selah. [Psa 89:35-37 NASB95]
 He is the _____ from the dead.
 27 "I also shall make him [My] firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. [Psa 89:27]
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 27 "I also shall make him [My] firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. [Psa 89:27]
 Jesus Christ is the first of all those who are resurrected from death who will reign as the King of kings at His future 2nd coming.

2. John's _____.

5 ...To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-- 6 and He has made us [to be] a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. [Rev 1:5b-6 NASB95]

1) John speaks a hymn of _____ to Jesus Christ who...

- (1) ... _____ us.
 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. [Jhn 15:13]
- (2) ... _____ us from our sins by His blood.
 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, [the blood] of Christ. [1Pe 1:18-19 NASB95]
- (3) ...made us a kingdom of _____ to God the Father.
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2) To Jesus belongs our _____ of His glory and dominion.

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3. The prophetic _____ of the book.

7 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 mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

1) Revelation identifies the Son of God as the one who _____ a 2nd time.

- ✳ Daniel prophesied resurrected Jesus, the Son of _____ would _____ to the Father.
13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and [men of every] language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. [Dan 7:13-14 NASB95]
- ✳ The Son of _____ comes a 2nd time to earth in the glory of His Father.
13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and [men of every] language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. [Dan 7:13-14 NASB95]
- ✳ All the tribes of the earth will _____ and _____ over Christ.
- ✳ Israel will mourn over Him with _____.
 - 10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. [Zec 12:10 NASB95]
 - 25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; [Rom 11:25 NASB95]
 - 35 "Behold, your house is left to you [desolate;] and I say to you, you will not see Me until [the time] comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'" [Luk 13:35 NASB95]

2) Jesus identifies Himself as the Lord _____, who is to come.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." [Rev 1:7-8 NASB95]

- ✳ The Son of God and the Father are both divine in person and _____ in existence.
 - 30 "I and the Father are one." [Jhn 10:30 NASB95]
 - 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" [Jhn 20:28 NASB95]
- ✳ Jesus will come in great _____ and _____ as ruler of the kings of the earth.
30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. [Mat 24:30 NASB95]
- ✳ The 2nd Coming will complete Daniel’s _____ week.
24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to **seal up vision and prophecy** and to anoint the most holy [place.] [Dan 9:24]