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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

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Revelation 1:6-8

**“The Things Which You Have Seen – Part 2”**

**I. The Things Which You Have Seen – Revelation 1**

**A. Prologue (1-8)**

**1. Preface (1-3)**

**2. Greetings from the Trinity (4-6a)**

- a. **Grace to you and peace** – “I wish you the favor of God, that you would know that you are right with Him and have His blessing, even though you don’t deserve it.” “May you experience His peace and well-being in every area of your life.”
- b. **Father** – the One who is transcendent and imminent.
- c. **Spirit** – “7 spirits” – cf. Rev. 4:5; Is. 11:1-2; Zech. 4:1-10; Rev. 5:6 = Holy Spirit.
- d. **Son** – faithful witness (Jn. 18:36; 1 Tim. 6:13; Rev. 3:14; 19:11; Ps. 89:37); firstborn of the dead (Ps. 89:27; Col. 1:15-18; 1 Cor. 15:22; Rev. 1:17-18); ruler of the kings of the earth (Ps. 89:27; Mt. 28:18-20; Rev. 19:15-16); Him who loves us (Mic. 7:19; Ps. 103:12; Rom. 8:1, 38-39); made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father (Ex. 19; Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9).

**3. Doxology (6b)** – cp. 4:8-11; 5:9-14; 7:12; 11:16-17; 14:6-7; 15:3-4; 19:1-2)

**to Him *be* the glory**

**and the dominion**

**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

#### **4. Theme (7-8)**

**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.**

**<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,**

**“who is and who was and who is to come,**

**the Almighty.”**

**So What?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. How much time did you spend this past week **thinking about the imminent return of Jesus**? (See Mk. 13:32-33; Lk. 12:40; Rom. 8:19-25; 1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Thess. 5:2-6; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; Tit. 2:13; Jude 21) How did it impact your thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions? If you didn't spend much time, why not? How could you set aside more time this week to meditate on this all-important truth?
2. What are your duties as a **priest** of God, representing His kingdom? How specifically did you carry out those duties this past week?
3. What is the difference between a **doxology** (two Greek words: glory + saying) and a **benediction** (utterance of good wishes)? Why are they both important? What is the relationship between the two? How might a profoundly deep and rich doxology cause a benediction to be more meaningful to you?
4. Read some **Old Testament doxologies** out loud (Gen. 24:27; Deut. 32:3-4; 2 Sam. 22:2-4; 1 Chron. 29:11-13; 2 Chron. 5:13). Then read some **New Testament doxologies** (Acts 4:24; Rom. 11:33-36; 16:25-27; Eph. 3:20-21; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 13:20-21; 1 Pet. 4:11; 5:10-11; 2 Pet. 3:18; Jude 24-25).
5. Read the doxologies in **Rev. 1:5-6; 4:8-11; 5:9-14; and 7:12; 11:16-17; 14:6-7; 15:3-4; 19:1-2**. What are your favorite attributes / works of God? Write your own doxology about Jesus and share it with your group. Put it to music if you can.
6. What is **Revelation's theme** in 1:7-8?
7. What does it mean that Jesus is "**coming with the clouds**" (cf. Dan. 7:13-14; Acts 1:9-11)? How would that encourage people who were being persecuted by their current government?

8. How might **every eye see Him**?
  
9. Who are “**those who pierced Him**”? (See Zech. 12:10-14) How will Jewish people respond when they see Jesus return? (See Is. 53; Rom. 11:25-29)
  
10. Who is referred to by “**all the tribes of the earth**”? Why will they mourn over Him? Is mourning always in repentance? (See 2 Cor. 7:8-11; Rev. 6:15-17; 9:20-21; 16:9, 11, 21)
  
11. What does “**So it shall be. Amen.**” mean? Why say it that way? Why do we say “Amen” at the end of a prayer or when truth is spoken? What are the implications of this right after Revelation says Jesus will come back both in eternal blessing and eternal judgment?
  
12. Why is it important in our study of the Book of Revelation, that we understand God is:
  - “the Alpha and the Omega”
  - “who is and who was and who is to come”
  - “the Almighty”
  
13. **Read the book of Revelation this week.** Send any **questions** that you have about specific passages to Pastor Paul ([pbrown@tbbfchurch.org](mailto:pbrown@tbbfchurch.org)). He will attempt to answer them when we get to them in our verse-by-verse study.
  
14. **Make a list of at least 5 people you know who do not yet know Jesus as Savior & Lord.** Pray for them daily and seek opportunities to share your salvation testimony and/or the Gospel. Invite them to a LIFE Group, church worship service, and/or our Christmas Concert on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
15. Share **prayer requests** with people in your small group and pray for one another to be doers of what you learn in this study of Revelation.