

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## Chapter 1 – Keys to Understand Revelation

### THE KEY TO UNLOCK THE BIBLE – REVELATION 1:7-8

Chapter one gives us keys to understanding Revelation. Without it we would not be able to rightly \_\_\_\_\_ the book itself. But chapter one is much more than that; it is the \_\_\_\_\_ that unlocks the entire Bible. Today's text will more than prove that point by revealing not only the theme but its central character. Here in these two short verses, we are introduced to the most significant event in human history—the glorious \_\_\_\_\_ return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### The central theme of Revelation:

#### 1. The Lord's Day – Revelation 1:7, 10a

##### a. He cometh with clouds – verse 7a

- This is \_\_\_\_\_ the rapture of church age saints

When he first came it was \_\_\_\_\_ as a babe in a manger to only believers—shepherds, Mary and Joseph, then much later *privately* to the wise men of the east, then much later at 30 years of age his *private* ministry finally became \_\_\_\_\_ along with his crucifixion

When he arose from the dead he appeared *privately*, only to believers

When he came again and revealed himself to Saul of Tarsus it was \_\_\_\_\_ and even those accompanying him did not see Jesus; here Saul became a believer and was later known as the apostle Paul – Acts 9:1-9

Also, when he left it was *not public* but \_\_\_\_\_, with only believers present – Acts 1:9-11

When he returns in the sky it will be in *like manner*, \_\_\_\_\_, revealing himself to only believers when we are raptured – 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

- This is the second coming of Jesus Christ – verse 7

It is the greatest day on God's calendar

The theme of Revelation and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the entire Bible – Acts 3:19-21

##### b. He will be seen publicly by earth's entire population – verse 7b

- Every man, woman, boy and girl

- Antichrist himself

Evil administrators of the one-world government

Priests, pastors, Holy men, and Imams of the one-world religion

- Nation of Israel – his chosen people

c. He will cause all the inhabitants to wail – verse 7c

- This *day* was prophesied by Zechariah

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one **mourneth** for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. Zechariah 12:10*

- The Lord's Day is also referred to as The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 2:12 For the **day of the LORD** of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:*

*Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

*Jeremiah 46:10 For this is the **day of the Lord GOD** of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.*

*Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, even the **day of the LORD** is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.*

*Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for the **day of the LORD** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.*

*Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the **day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;*

*Joel 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the **day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*

*Amos 5:18-19 Woe unto you that desire the **day of the LORD!** to what end is it for you? the **day of the LORD** is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.*

*Zephaniah 1:14 The great **day of the LORD** is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the **day of the LORD:** the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.*

*Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD:***

*Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable **day of the Lord** come:*

*1Thess. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the **day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.*

- The Lord's day is also referred to as *That Day* (found 226 times in 219 verses...)
  - Mt. 7:22 Many will say to me in **that day**, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*
  - Mt. 24:36 But of **that day** and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*
  - Lu. 10:12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in **that day** for Sodom, than for that city.*
  - Lu. 17:31 In **that day**, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.*
  - 1 Thess. 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that **that day** should overtake you as a thief.*
  - 2 Thess. 1:7-10 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in **that day**.*
  - 2 Thess. 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day** shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*
  - 2 Ti. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against **that day**.*
- On *That Day* He will establish, by \_\_\_\_\_, his literal, physical, Davidic kingdom in Jerusalem on Mt. Zion (Rev. 19:11-21). This is why *all the kindreds of the earth will wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*
- *That Day* begins with the rapture and ends with the completion of the millennial reign of Christ. (Remember: one day is as one thousand, and one thousand is as one day with the Lord – 2 Peter 3:8).

## **The central character of Revelation:**

### 2. The Lord Jesus Christ – Revelation 1:8

#### a. Alpha and Omega

- He is every single \_\_\_\_\_ in the alphabet
  - Alpha – the first letter in the Greek alphabet
  - Omega – the last letter in the Greek alphabet
  
- He is the \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God – Rev. 19:13

#### b. Beginning and Ending

- He transcends time and space
- He knows everything between the beginning and the end
- He has absolute jurisdiction over, and is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority of, all things

#### c. Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty

- Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ God – Joel 1:15
- Nothing and no one are like him; He is not bound by any force whatsoever, not even time