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A Message from Our Majestic Savior

Revelation 1:4-20

A Message from a Humble Man.

Revelation 1:4a, "John to the seven churches that are in Asia..."

- ❖ John's humility is evident throughout the book of Revelation; John is a witness to the Word of God.

Revelation 1:1b-2 "He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw."

Revelation 1:9 "I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

- ↳ The truth of God is relevant, the conviction of the Holy Spirit changes people, and our responsibility is to be faithful witnesses!

A Message to the Church.

Revelation 1:4a "John to the seven churches that are in Asia..."

- ❖ The book of Revelation gives directions from Christ to the church that are relevant today.

Revelation 1:10-11 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.'"

- ↳ The recipients are the seven churches that are in Asia Minor, but also, they represent the complete church that has existed throughout history.
- ↳ The characteristics of the seven churches in Revelation 2-3 are often present in the development and growth of congregations in our day.

📖 Revelation 1:19-20

A Message of Grace and Peace.

Revelation 1:4 "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."

- ❖ The purpose of God's revelation is to make us participants in the grace and peace that is received through the gospel.

Revelation 1:17-19 "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the Living One. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'"

A Message from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.

Revelation 1:4-5a “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, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.”

❖ The authorship of God Himself in the letter is clear, from God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 3:14a “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM’”

↳ The plan and the message of redemption have been given through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 1:1-3, “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

Isaiah 11:1-2, “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

📖 *Zechariah 4:2-7*

↳ There is a representation of the Holy Spirit present on the throne of God.

Revelation 4:5 “From the throne came flashes of lighting, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God.”

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

↳ The message of salvation has been clearly announced through Christ!

John 18:37 “Then Pilate said to Him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.’”

Colossians 1:18 “And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.”

Isaiah 9:7 “Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

Luke 1:33 “and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Daniel 7:13-14 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

A Message Deserving of Worship.

Revelation 1:5b-6 “To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

❖ John stops writing the events of the vision to worship Jesus Christ as he reflects on the grace of Christ and His message.

Revelation 1:10 “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet”

📖 *Revelation 1:12-17*

↳ John is not led by the circumstances but by the Spirit of God; he is impacted by the love of Christ and the transformation of this message.

A Message of Coming Judgment.

Revelation 1:7 “Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.”

❖ John assures us that Christ is coming back to the earth; this time, He is not coming as the Lamb of God, He is coming to bring judgment.

📖 Hebrews 12:25-29

A Message from the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, ’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

❖ John assures us that the author of this book is Jesus Christ, the Almighty.

📖 Revelation 1:12-17

Revelation 22:12-13 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Endnotes:

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