

Sermon Scripture Passage: Revelation 1:4-20

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 kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and 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 tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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."

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. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 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."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 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, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Scripture References:

Isaiah 11:2 – 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.

Revelation 7:9-10 – After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

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The Big Story of the Bible: Part Two #6 – Revelation 1:4-20 – The Victory of Jesus

Question: At the end of the gospels how many would see Jesus as winning the victory?

The last image the public would have seen would be Jesus on the cross being _____ by the Romans, _____ by the Jewish leaders, and _____ by his own followers.

Revelation 1:4-20 John sees a victorious Jesus in the throne room of heaven!

1:4-5 Addressed to 7 specific church congregations which _____ the whole church.

Addressed from God in Three Persons. How is the Trinity formulated in these verses?

1:5-8 What shows Jesus to be victorious?

He is the _____ witness

He is the _____ from the dead

He is the _____ over the kings

He has _____ us from our sins

He has set up His _____

Those who pierced him will _____

1:9-11 The churches listed are all in _____ Minor, and shows how the church has spread to multiple cities in the Roman Empire by the time of Revelation around _____ A.D.

1:12-16 This passage shows the culmination of Daniel 7 and the vision of the 4 _____

Two things point to the _____ of Jesus:

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1:17-18 Compare these verses to John 1:1-5 and to John 11:25-26:

1:19-20 Double-Edged _____: What is the Lord's plan to bring His Kingdom to earth?

Seven _____ lampstands: What is the Lord using to bear His Light to earth?

Answers for the blanks:

- Shamed
- Mocked
- Abandoned
- Represent
- Faithful
- Firstborn
- Ruler
- Freed
- Kingdom
- Mourn
- Asia
- 90 A.D.
- Beasts
- Wisdom
- Strength
- Glory
- Sword
- Gold
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