# THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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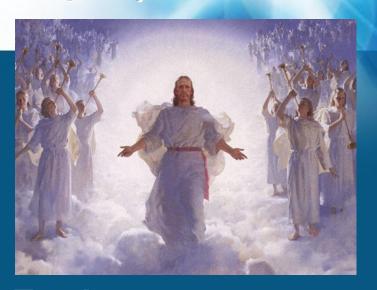
Christ in Our Thanksgiving

#### **A Reminder: Mission Statement**

This study of the Book of Revelation gives special attention to the testimony it provides concerning our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev 19:10; cp. 1:2), leading us to worship and serve Him in everything.

#### Theme: Jesus Christ Himself (1:1)

- Names (chapter 1):
  - Jesus Christ
  - Faithful Witness
  - Firstborn of the Dead
  - Ruler of the Kings of the Earth
  - The Alpha and the Omega
  - The Lord God
  - The Almighty
  - The First and the Last
  - The Living One



#### Purposes of the Book of Revelation

- 1. To reveal Jesus Christ.
- 2. To correct moral and doctrinal problems.
- 3. To reveal the climax of human history.
- 4. To reveal the ultimate triumph of true believers and the final victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. To reveal to all true Christians, especially to those in the midst of persecution, that they have a sure hope for the future.

#### Purposes of the Book of Revelation

#### **Doctrinal principles:**

- Faith triumphs over might.
- The judgment of sin is inevitable.
- The Christian approach represents the true philosophy of history.
- The Lord is faithful in all He has promised and He is all that He claims to be.

- · He reveals Himself.
- He cares about His people.
- He gives hope to His people.
- He will fulfill all that He has promised.

- He is the eternal God.
- He communicates with His people through His Word.
- He loves us.
- He released us from our sins.
- He possesses all authority over the churches.

#### **Ephesus**

- He is sovereign.
- He cares for His church.
- He preserves His church.
- He abides with His church.
- He knows His church.
- He instructs His church.

#### **Smyrna**

- He is sovereign over all history.
- He lives for His church.
- He knows His church's sufferings.
- He gives spiritual riches to His church.
- He calms His church's fears.
- He desires His church's faithfulness.
- He rewards faithful believers.
- He leads in battle with Satan.

#### Pergamum

- He judges by His Word.
- He knows His church's works and faithfulness.
- He knows His church's inconsistencies.
- He knows the impact of Satan on His church.
- He calls for repentance.
- He rewards faithful believers.

#### **Thyatira**

- He judges.
- He knows His church's works, love, faithfulness, and patience/perseverance.
- He knows His church's problems.
- He gives even false teachers time to repent.
- He will make His church know that He searches minds and hearts.
- He rewards each according to their works.
- He lightens or simplifies the burden for those unaware of Satanic opposition.
- He will establish His rule over all nations.

#### Sardis

- He has authority over the Spirit of God.
- He has authority over the leaders of the churches (and over the churches).
- He knows His church's works.
- He knows His church's spiritual condition.
- He calls His church to repent.
- He can come at any time to judge His church.
- He rewards the faithful few even in a dying church.

#### **Philadelphia**

- He is holy and true.
- He has authority over the Davidic kingdom.
- He knows His church's works.
- He knows His church's spiritual condition and faithfulness.
- He has authority over Satan's kingdom.
- He loves His church.

#### **Philadelphia**

- He will preserve His church from the coming great tribulation.
- He rewards the faithful.
- He has a new name.

#### Laodicea

- He is faithful and true.
- He is the Creator.
- He knows a church's works.
- He knows a church's spiritual condition.
- He provides salvation.
- He loves even the unbelieving church.
- He will reprove and chasten.
- Her rewards the faithful.
- He sits with the Father on His throne.

#### Revelation 4 and 5 imply by context:

- Throne room is readied for the entrance of a great King.
- The appearing of Jesus Christ will affect even spirit beings near the throne of God.
- Jesus Christ is so great that only heaven can reveal His greatness.
- Jesus Christ is one with the Father, who receives the praise in these chapters.

- Jesus is the man of righteousness, not the man of sin.
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace who offers a peace beyond understanding.
- Jesus is the Bread of Life who feeds His people.
- Jesus is the Life, the Living One, not death.
- Jesus is holy and true (v. 10).
- Jesus will do that which is just and right.
- Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- Jesus will judge with divine wrath.

- Jesus is from the tribe of Judah (first tribe listed in Revelation 7).
- Jesus draws multitudes to Himself.
- Jesus is the source of salvation.
- Jesus shed His blood so that sinners might be robed in white.
- Jesus is the Shepherd of His servants (cp. Psalm 23).
- Jesus guides His own to springs of the water of life.

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- Only three chapters lack any reference to Jesus: chapters 8, 9, and 18.
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- Head and hair like white wool or snow (1:14a)—Daniel 7:9.
- Eyes like a flame of fire (1:14b)—Daniel 10:6; Revelation 19:12.
- Feet like burnished bronze (1:15a)—Ezekiel 1:7.

- Sharp two-edged sword out of His mouth (1:16b)—Isaiah 49:2; Hebrews 4:12–13; Revelation 19:15.
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# Implications Regarding Jesus Christ (ch 10)

- Jesus, as the Word of God, speaks from heaven.
- Jesus is the eternal living God.
- Jesus is the Creator of all things.
- Jesus will finish the mystery of God.

# Implications Regarding Jesus Christ (ch 11)

- Jesus prophesied about these events during His earthly ministry.
- Jesus fulfills the work of Daniel 9:24–27 related to these events.
- Jesus is the Lord of all the earth.
- Jesus had been crucified in order to be our sacrifice for sin.
- Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

This is just half of the book! Hallelujah, what a Savior!