

# Revelation— Jesus Has the Keys!



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We can be sure that Jesus will return because He promised Revelation 1:7 “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.” Millions have no hope in the world, but the believer is Titus 2:13 “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Everyone will see Jesus return—some will rejoice and many will mourn.

Jesus is the Revelation 1:8 “Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Jesus and the Father are One and equal. As God, Jesus knows the beginning and the end of everything—and He has the keys. Colossians 1:19 “It pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.”

Jesus accepted worship on many occasions—and He said to the devil, Matthew 4:10 “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” Jesus claimed to be God because He is God.

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. It is a reminder that He will finish any work He has begun in our life—if we want Him to Philippians 1:6 “He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” God is involved in our life and will

stay involved—as long as we continue to trust Him to do the spiritual work needed.

Revelation 1:9 “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

The Isle of Patmos was not a beautiful island in the Pacific, but a very small island in the Aegean Sea—cold, windy, and desolate. The Christian church was facing much persecution at that time, and the Roman government banished Christians to Patmos as punishment. Many thought they would never see John again; but they did, and the world did—God gave him this glimpse into the future.

Revelation promises a special blessing if we will meet three conditions. Revelation 1:3 “Blessed is he that readeth”—and the original Greek means to read out loud which can make a passage have more impact. We must take the *time* and have the *interest* to read and study Revelation—asking God to open our spiritual vision to understand it and how it applies to us today.

“And they that hear the words of this prophecy”—is a reminder of the many times Jesus said Matthew 11:15 “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.” We are not to just read words, but to read; heed; and do by the understanding and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

“And keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand”—which is a dire warning of the *soon* and *sudden* return of the Lord. We are told to *keep the Truth* that is written in Scripture. To *keep the Truth* is to keep on *living* it as God instructs in the New Testament. We should want to learn about the *future* because it helps us to trust God in the *present*.

Jesus is the *Word*, and the *Word* is *God* John 1:1, so the Father speaks through His *Word* to

inform us of His Son on whom we must put our trust. Hebrews 1:8 “Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.” To overcome in the faith is to have our name in the Book of Life. 1 John 5:4 “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

The apostle describes Revelation in the language of his day. As things were being revealed to him, John Revelation 1:12 “Turned to see the voice that spake with me.” The more we read about the sudden return of the Lord Jesus, the more it should motivate us to live a godly life of faith and trust on Him—until He returns.

2 Peter 3:11 “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.” Revelation should inspire us to live *closer* to God—reading and heeding the verses—and *asking* Him for spiritual light on this marvelous Book.

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

Bible prophecy *informs* us, *reminds* us, and *inspires* us to live a life of faith in Christ, through the power of His Spirit. 2 Peter 3:14 “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation.”

Revelation gives this description of Jesus. Revelation 1:13 “And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the

paps [chest] with a golden girdle. <sup>14</sup> His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”

These descriptive terms tell of His righteousness; His wrath; His justice and divine power. Our eyes say *much* about our intentions. Jesus, as God, came to earth to pay for our sins, and later return to earth to take back to Heaven—those who have fulfilled John 6:29 “All the thing that God requires—that you should be believers in Him whom He has sent.”

Jesus said John 15:4 “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in me.” When we pray to the Father, we pray to the Son. It was Jesus who took our place on the cross to disable the sin nature in us, and to enable the divine nature to control—a nature that wants to trust God in faith for—health, healing, protection, provisions, guidance, justice, and victory over wrong desires.

That blood sacrifice enables us to claim healing without trust on medicine; to claim protection without trust on devices; to claim finances without trust on bank loans; and to claim everything else in faith and trust on God’s divine power. Psalm 49:6 “They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; <sup>7</sup> None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him”—only by faith in the Atonement Blood of Jesus will anyone be redeemed.

Jesus is God—and Hebrews 2:14 “Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break

the power of the Devil, who had the power of death.”

<sup>1</sup> John 5:20 “We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.” Jesus was both human and divine, so He could die *as man* to pay for our sins *as God*.

The incarnation of Christ means that God is with us. There are millions of false teachers giving millions of false messages today that could jeopardize one’s eternal life—due to their omitting Jesus’ teaching on faith and trust for—healing, finances, justice, forgiveness, and other faith issues that cannot be omitted. John 3:18 “He who trusts in Him does not come up for judgement. He who does not trust has already received sentence, because he has not his trust resting on the name of God’s only Son.”

The unbelieving Jews rejected Jesus because He referred to Himself as *Yahweh* or *I AM Almighty God*, but that is who He is. John 8:24 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” Only the Father can forgive sins, and only the Son can atone for them.

Many who profess faith in God do not give Him anything to do—and instead put every type of substitute ahead of God—or they seriously limit His power. Either way, God is present to do great things for the believer. Matthew 28:20 “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world”—anything we need spiritually, physically, materially, in the home, or at work is available from Him.

We pray to Jesus as God because Matthew 28:18 “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” He who created the world, parted the sea, and healed the sick is standing by to do what we

need done. Our part—John 15:7 “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

We may feel lonely and isolated at times—just as the apostle in the middle of the Aegean Sea, but God can work with us during these Patmos experiences—they can be times of much spiritual light and spiritual growth. No one asks for problems; but the apostle Paul had many to deal with.

After encountering serious trials and troubles, the apostles Acts 14:21 “Returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” Revelation 1:18 Jesus said, “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”

The fact that Jesus decides the fate of everyone on earth, is a very serious and sobering thought! It makes us stop and think when we are offended—Luke 6:37 “Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.” Or our showing love toward those who seem not to deserve it—John 15:12 “Love one another, as I have loved you.”

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