

Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation Theme and Commission to Write Rev. 1:7-11

I. Theme (7-8)

A. Dan. 7:13 and Zech. 12:10

1. Preterists see this as Christ's coming in Judgment on Jerusalem
2. Most see this as the Second Coming
3. Dan. 7:13-14 is the ascension, when Jesus receives authority to exercise His kingship over the nations.
"Better understood as a process occurring throughout history." Beale 2:5, 2:16; 3:11*
Jn. 19:37 cites Zech 12:10 (at the crucifixion)

B. Alpha and Omega

1. Alpha and Omega
"He is the origin and goal of history" (RB)
2. Says the Lord God
Yahweh Elohim (430 verses in OT)
The omnipotent Ruler over everything
3. The One who is
4. The Almighty (Shaddai or LORD of Hosts)
1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 19:6; 21:22 (7x)
"Indicates not so much God's abstract omnipotence as His actual control over all things" (RB 30).

Conclusion

II. The Commission to Write (9-11)

The next section is 9-20
The commission to write (9-11)
The glorious vision of the Son of Man (12-16)
John's response and Jesus' comfort (17-18)
The command to write (19-20)



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A. John

1. Your brother
2. Fellow partaker in the
 - The tribulation
 - And kingdom
 - And perseverance
 - (which are in Jesus)
3. Was on the island called Patmos
 - Because of the Word of God and testimony of Jesus (1:2)

B. In the Spirit on the Lord's Day

1. In the Spirit
2. On the Lord's Day

C. I heard behind me a voice Like a loud trumpet – Divine presence (Ex. 19:17-20)

D. The commission

1. Write what you see
2. Send it to the seven churches

