



# Revelation Chap. 1:7

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## From Our Last Episode...

God in the future will make the church kingdom priests (and this will be an extension of Christ rule over the nations).

This rule with Christ will be to the acknowledgment and praise to God the Father.

This will be a physical demonstration of the overall rule of God the Father (by extension of His Son, and the priests of the kingdom).



Question

WHICH VERSION IS  
*TRUE?*

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# Grant Me A Moment

KJV (King James Version)

And hath made us  
kings and priests unto  
God and his Father;  
to him be glory and  
dominion for ever  
and ever. Amen.

New American Standard Version

AND HE HAS MADE US TO  
BE A KINGDOM, PRIESTS TO  
HIS GOD AND FATHER—TO  
HIM BE THE GLORY AND  
THE DOMINION FOREVER  
AND EVER. AMEN.

# Grant Me A Moment

DSV (Dr. Smith Version) *Not Sold in Stores!*

And He (has) made us Kingdom priests to the God and Father His to Him the glory and the dominion in the ages of the ages truly.

## Some Things To Note

The **KJV** is translated from the *Textus Receptus* (A printed, not hand copied Greek text of the 15th century).

The **NASB** is translated mostly from the *Westcott-Hort* text (1881).

**Challenge:** We do not have the original manuscripts from these apostles themselves, but the **copies** of them (textual criticism).

# Why I am Convinced “Kingdom” is more accurate than “Kings”

Christ is the *only* one that is labeled as “King”

Due to the *position* of Christ as King (and His nature as God), we serve him as “priests.”

The *quality* of our serving Him is authority (like a viceroy)

In Rev. 2:27 the word “king” is not used (but rather “shepherd”)

# Why I am Convinced “Kingdom” is more accurate than “Kings”

Rulership is connected to priests with Trib saints (Rev. 20:4-6)





## Question Revised

WHICH VERSION IS  
CONSISTENT WITH THE  
OVERALL INTENT OF  
THE AUTHOR?



**AND NOW BACK TO OUR  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM**

Rev. 1:7 NASB

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

Old  
Testament  
Passages

4.) “I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven  
One like a Son of Man was coming,  
And He came up to the Ancient of Days  
And was presented before Him. (Dan.  
7:13 NASB)

# Question

WHAT ABOUT THE RAPTURE  
DETAILED IN 1 THESS 4:15-19?

# 1 Thess 4:13-18 NASB

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

# Comparative Details

I THESS 4:13-18

CLOUDS MENTIONED IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH SAINTS

SAINTS MENTIONED  
(VS. 16-17)

TRIBES NOT  
MENTIONED

REV. 1:7

CLOUDS MENTIONED IN  
CONJUNCTION W/COMING

SAINTS NOT  
MENTIONED

TRIBES MENTIONED  
(V.7)

# Comparative Details

I THESS 4:13-18

SAINTS GO TO JESUS  
(VS. 16-17)

DEAD/LIVE SAINTS  
DISTINGUISHED  
(VS.16-17)

NO MOURNING

REV. 1:7

JESUS COMES TO  
EARTH (V. 7)

SAINTS NOT  
DISTINGUISHED

MOURNING (V.7)



# Comparative Details

I THESS 4:13-18

CONCERNING HOPE

REV. 1:7

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# Observations

“Every eye will see Him...”

The word for “eye” in the Greek is ὀφθαλμός (pronounced *ophthalmos*).

In this context this is discussing physical eyesight

The tense is in the future indicative. John is speaking to the certainty of this particular event (every eye will [certainly] see Him).

## Rev. 1:7 NASB

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

# Observations

“Even those who pierced Him.”

The word for “pierced” in the Greek is ἐκκεντέω (pronounced *ekkenteo*).

This word is defined as “to dig through” or “to pierce.”

This particular word is used twice in the New Testament.

## The word “Pierced”

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN.” And again another Scripture says, “THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED.” (Jn. 19:34-37 NASB).

**John details the death of Christ (the not breaking of His bones and the piercing of His side). John comments two Scriptures that are found in the Old Testament.**

Old  
Testament  
Passages

5.) Zech. 12:10-14.

# Observations

**God will pour out His spirit of grace on house of David (v.10a)**

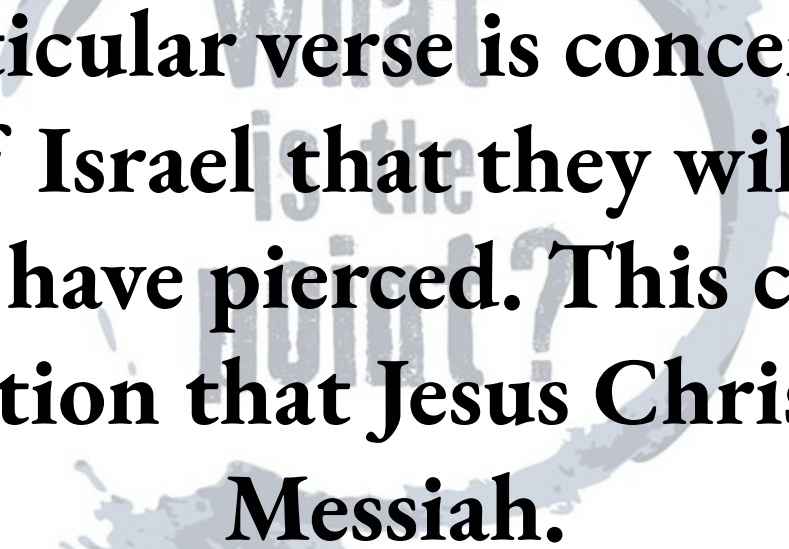
**The result is they house of David (i.e., Israel) would look on (or regard) the one whom they have pierced (v. 10b). This is to underscore they recognize the Messiah.**

**They (i.e., Israel) will all mourn and weep intensely (v. 11). He includes the house of David (kingly line), Nathan (prophet line), and the Levites & Shemites (priestly line) (v. 12-14).**

## Acts 2:29-36 NASB

“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’” Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”





**This particular verse is concerning the Nation of Israel that they will see Him whom they have pierced. This concerns the recognition that Jesus Christ is the Messiah.**

## Rev. 1:7 NASB

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

# Observations

“And all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him...”

The word for “tribes” in the Greek is φυλή  
(pronounced *phyle*).

This word is used 31x in the New Testament.

Frequently it is used of the nation of Israel (Matt. 19:28), and is used of ethnic groups (Rev. 7:9).

# Observations

“And all the tribes of the earth will **mourn** over Him...”

The word for “mourn” in the Greek is κόπτω (pronounced *kopto*).

This word is used 8x in the New Testament

This word is used for cutting (Matt. 21:8; Mk. 11:8), and is used for grief/mourning.

## Matt. 24:29-31 NASB

“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

## Comparative Details

1 THESS 4:13-18

CONCERNING HOPE

REV. 1:7

CONCERNING  
JUDGMENT

**THESE DETAILS IN JOHN LAYS OUT IN REV. 1:7 (AS WELL AS VS. 5-6) CONCERNS THE CERTAINTY OF THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST AND HIS RETURN TO DISPENSE JUDGMENT TO THE NATIONS AND BRING ULTIMATE DELIVERANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.**

## Rev. 1:7 NASB

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. **So it is to be. Amen.**

# Observations

“So it is to be. Amen.”

“So it is to be” is the word amen, which is the same word that ends this sentence.

This word can mean “truly” or “let it be so.”

John uses this word to close out the thought of who Jesus is and His future works.



# JESUS'S COMPLETE WORKS & EFFECTS

His works in His first advent (this includes His death, burial and resurrection)(v. 5).

His radical Second Advent on earth, the deliverance of Israel and judgment (v.7).

His universal rule over the entire earth on behalf of His Father (v. 7)

The position of all of the saints in light of His kingdom (v. 6)

Amen

**To be continued...**

On to verse eight...