



Revelation Chap. 1:8

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Review From Last Week's Lecture

KJV (King James Version)

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New American Standard Version

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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)

**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)

Rev. 1:8 NASB

I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Question

WHO IS THIS SPEAKING TO JOHN?

Observations

“I am the Alpha and Omega...”

The phrase in the Greek is τὸ Ἄλφα καὶ τὸ Ὠ (lit. “the Alpha and the Omega”) (the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet).

This phrase is used **three times** and found two other places in Scripture.

Rev. 21:6 NASB (First Usage)

Then He said to me, “It is done. **I am the Alpha and the Omega**, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.”

Question

WHO IS THE “HE” IN THIS VERSE?

Answer

And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” (Rev. 21:5 NASB)

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE WHO IS SPEAKING IS GOD THE FATHER (C.F., REV. 4:2-3 IN CONTRAST WITH REV. 5:6-7).

Rev. 21:6 NASB (Second Usage)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Question

WHO IS THE “HE” IN THIS VERSE?

Rev. 21:5-6 NASB

καὶ εἶπεν ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνῳ ἰδοὺ καινὰ ποιῶ πάντα καὶ λέγει γράψον ὅτι οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι πιστοὶ καὶ ἀληθινοὶ εἰσιν **καὶ** εἶπέν μοι γέγοναν ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ Ἄλφα καὶ τὸ Ὠ ἡ ἀρχὴ καὶ τὸ τέλος

And he said the one who is sitting on the throne “LOOK new I made all (things).” And He says “write that these the words faithful and true they are,” **and** he said to me “they are complete I I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end...”

Answer

And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He *said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” **Then** He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

**IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN THIS CONTEXT HE WHO
IS SPEAKING IS GOD THE FATHER.**

Rev. 22:13 NASB (Second Usage)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Question

WHO IS THE “HE” IN THIS VERSE?

Rev. 22:12-16 NASB

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN THIS CONTEXT HE WHO IS
SPEAKING IS GOD THE SON.

Overall Observations

It would appear that the phrase is only used **once** regarding Christ

This underscores the ontological nature of the Godhead (c.f., Jn. 14:7-11)

This also shows the distinctive position and work between the Father and the Son.

Rev. 1:8 NASB

I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Observations

“Who was, who is, and who is to come...”

The phrase in the Greek is ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος (lit. “who was and who is and who is coming”).

This phrase is used **three times** in Scripture.

Rev. 1:4 NASB (First Time)

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.

Question

RECALL: WHOSE THRONE IS THIS? (RECALL
LECTURE REV. 1:4)

Turn To Rev. 4:5-8 NASB
(Second Time)

Observations

The throne of God and the pyrotechnics associated with His throne (v.4a)

The mention of the Seven Spirits of God (v.4b).

The description of the qualities before the throne and the strange creatures (vs. 5-7).

The emphatic declaration of the strange creatures (v. 8)

Rev. 1:8 NASB

I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Observations

“The Almighty...”

The phrase in the Greek is ὁ παντοκράτωρ (pronounced *pantokrator*) which means “the Almighty.”

This phrase is used **50x** in Scripture, and is used **9x** in the Book of Revelation.

Scriptures Concerning *ὁ παντοκράτωρ*

Rev. 4:8 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 11:17 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 15:3 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 16:7 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 16:14 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Scriptures Concerning *ὁ παντοκράτωρ*

Rev. 19:6 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 19:15 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 21:22 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Observations

The term “the Almighty” in Revelation is associated with the “One who sits on the throne.” (Rev. 4:8; Rev. 11:17)

When Jesus is mentioned in these texts it is in the image of a Lamb (Rev. 15:3; Rev. 21:22).

Whenever the phrase shows up with Jesus it is usually on **behalf** of the Almighty (c.f., Rev. 16:14; Rev. 19:15).

Rev. 1:8 NASB

I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Observations

“Lord God”

This phrase is used over 1500x in the NASB! With Deut. usage is 280x! (1st usage is Gen. 2:8).

The phrase in Hebrew is יהוה אֱלֹהִים
(pronounced YHVH Elohim) this word is translated “Lord God.”

The phrase in Greek is κύριος ὁ θεός (pronounced *kurios ha theos*) trans. “Lord ‘the’ God.”

Observations

“Lord God”

This phrase is used **8x** in the book of Revelation.

Scriptures Concerning κύριος ὁ θεός

Rev. 4:8 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 11:17 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Rev. 15:3 (who is the subject of this verse?)

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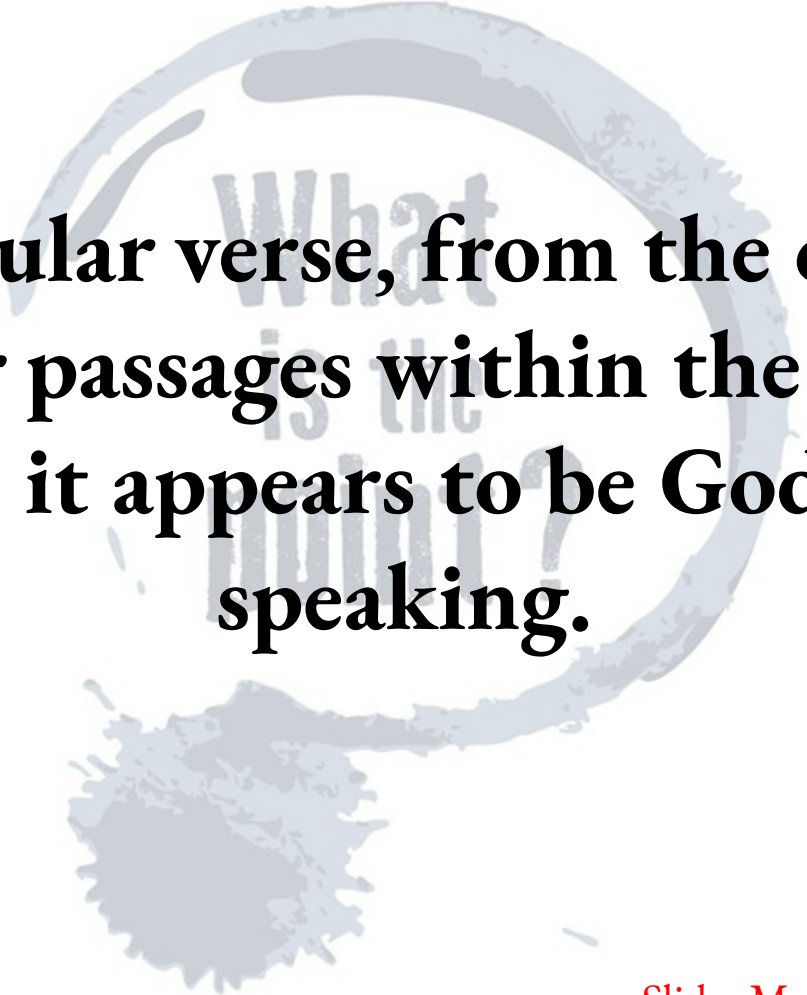
Rev. 21:22 (who is the subject of this verse?)

Observations

The term “Lord God” in Revelation is associated with the “One who sits on the throne.”(Rev. 4:8; Rev. 11:17)

The term “Lord God” is tied to the Almighty in Revelation (Rev. 4:8; Rev. 11:17).

There is a distinction between the “Lord God” and Jesus (i.e., the Lamb) (c.f., Rev. 21:22).



**This particular verse, from the observation
of other passages within the Book of
Revelations it appears to be God the Father
speaking.**

Implications of This Verse

This verse bookends the “One who sits on the throne”
(**Rev. 1:4**)

He is the one who sent Christ to fulfill His word (**Rev. 1:5**)

The Second Coming of Christ is established on behalf
of the Father (**Rev. 1:7**)

The kingdom priestly role is ultimately to the glory of
God the Father (**Rev. 1:8**)

Implications of This Verse

All of these things, in one way or another, coincide with the prophecies given by the YHVH Elohim (i.e., the LORD God) (**Rev. 1:4**).

To be continued...

On to verse nine...

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