

SO, JUST WHO IS THIS JESUS, ANYWAY?

Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

THE OUTLINE OF THE REVELATION:

“Therefore write the (1) things which you have seen, and the (2) things which are, and the (3) things which will take place after these things.

Revelation 1:19

SETTING THE SCENE:

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Revelation 1:9-11

John’s description of himself:

I, John, your (1) brother and (2) fellow partaker in (what) the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are (what) in Jesus...

Revelation 1:9a

The tribulation...

The kingdom...

The perseverance...

Which are “in” Jesus

John’s description of the circumstances:

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was (where) on the island called Patmos (why) because of (1) the word of God and (2) the testimony of Jesus. I was (what) in the Spirit (when) on the Lord’s day...

Revelation 1:9-10a

The island called Patmos...

The word of God and the testimony of Jesus...

I was in the Spirit...

On the Lord’s day

The divine commission from Jesus:

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I (what) heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, (what) “Write in a book what you see, and (what) send it to the seven churches: (which are) to (1) Ephesus and to (2) Smyrna and to (3) Pergamum and to (4) Thyatira and to (5) Sardis and to (6) Philadelphia and to (7) Laodicea.”

Revelation 1:9-11

Loud voice...

Like...

Write in a book what you see...

Send it to the seven churches

THE SEVEN CHURCHES:

Ephesus – Apostolic church (30-100)

Smyrna – Persecuted church (100-313)

Pergamum – State church (313-590)

Thyatira – Papal church (590-1517)

Sardis – Reformed church (1517-tribulation)

Philadelphia – Missionary church (1730-rapture)

Laodicea – Apostate church (1900-today)