The Revealing

Of Blessings to Seven Churches (For our Benefit)

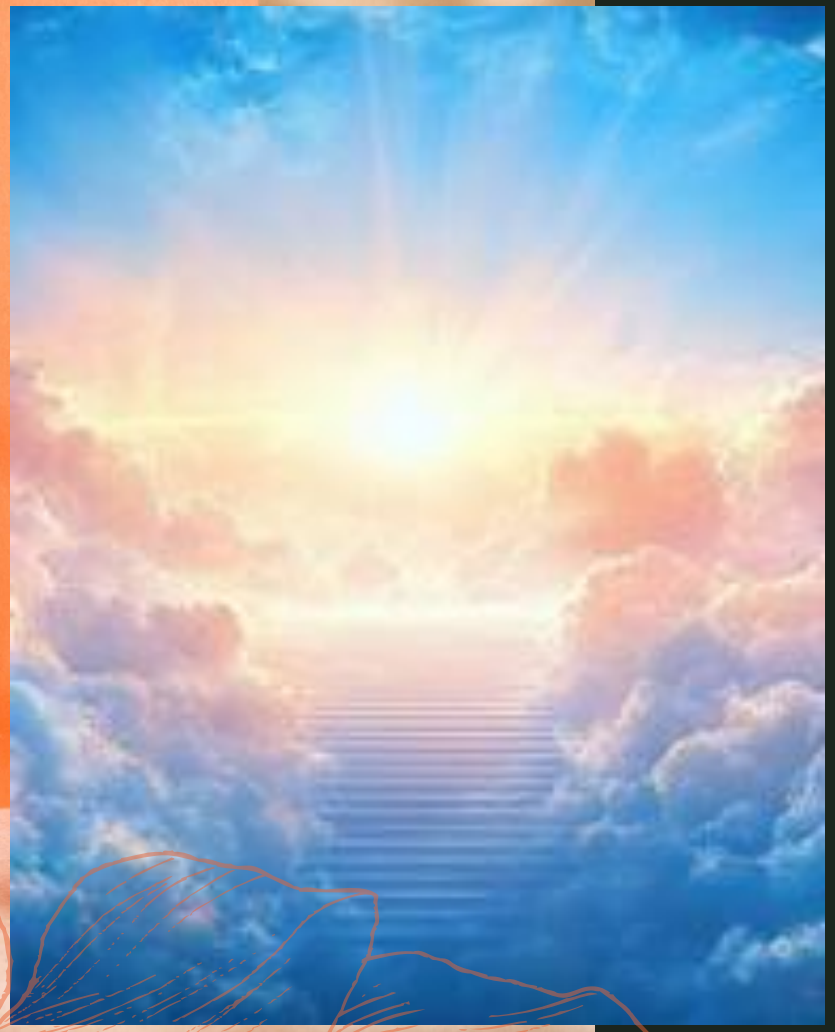
Introduction

Today -

- Who is, who was, and who is to come.
- The Godhead.
- Jesus Christ.
- Seven Stars, Seven Lampstands.
- Introduction to the Letters to the Seven Churches.

Who is, Who Was and Who is to Come

The eternal reality of God



The Godhead!

In Revelation Chapter 1, we see God the Father:

- Him who is, and who was, and who is to come. (Verses 4 & 8)
- Alpha and the Omega. (Verse 8)
- The Almighty. (Verse 8)

Alpha & Omega

“and from the seven spirits
who are before His throne”

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
[Isaiah 11:2; NASB]

Jesus Christ

In Revelation Chapter 1, we first see Jesus Christ:

- The faithful witness. (Verses 5)
- The firstborn of the dead. (Verse 5)
- The ruler of the kings of the earth. (Verse 5)
- Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood. (Verse 5)
- He made us into a kingdom, priests to His God and Father. (Verse 6) (See also **1 Peter 2: 4 – 10**)

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

(Verse 7)

Jesus Christ

In Revelation Chapter 1, we first see Jesus Christ:

- A loud voice like the sound of a trumpet…
- Like a son of man…
- Clothed in a robe reaching to the feet.
- With a golden sash.
- His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow.
- His eyes were like a flame of fire.
- His feet were like burnished bronze when it has been heated to a glow in a furnace

Permanent, unyielding authority and endurance.

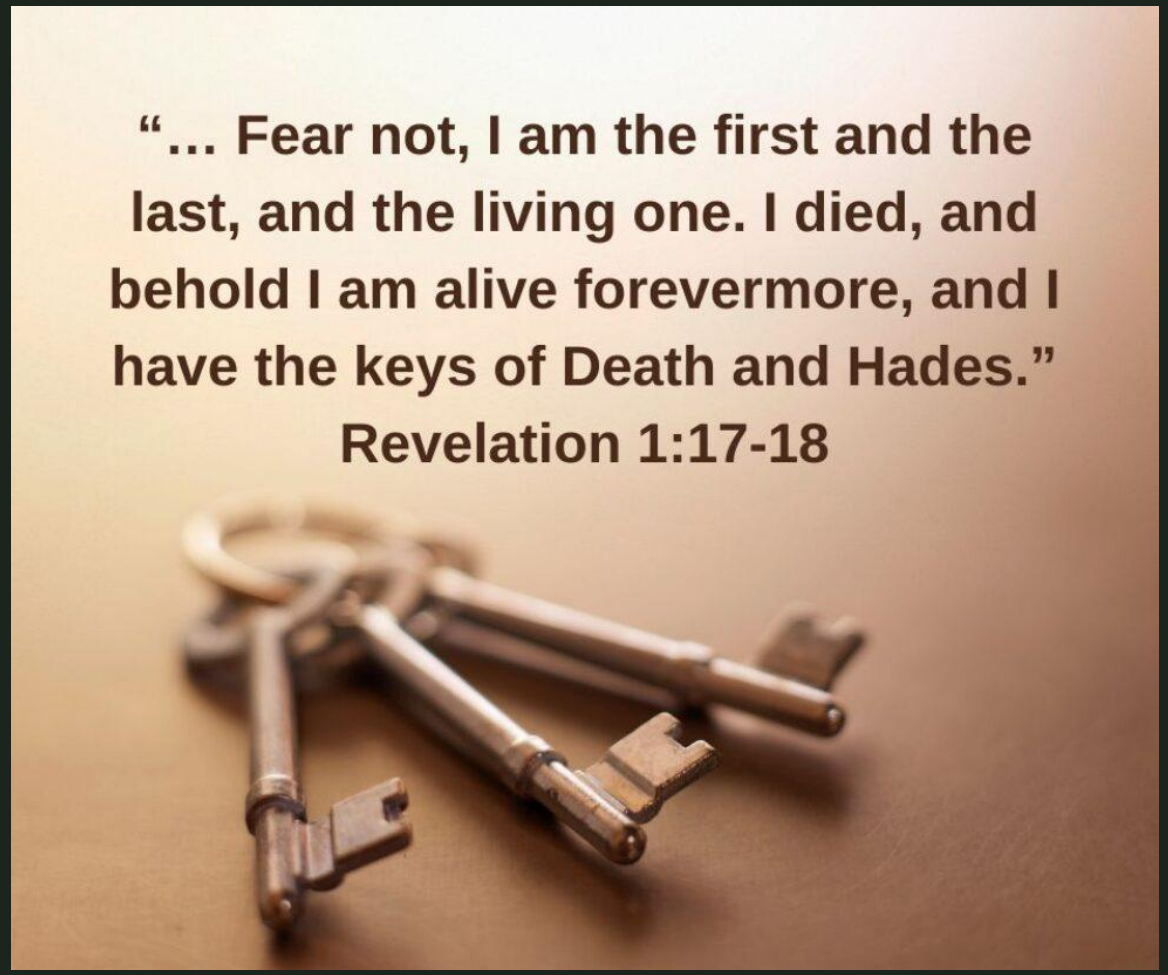
Jesus Christ

In Revelation Chapter 1, we first see Jesus Christ:

- His voice was like the sound of many waters.
- In His right hand He held seven stars.
- Out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword . (See **Hebrews 4: 12, 13**)
- His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Son of Man / Son of God

Do Not Be Afraid



Jesus Christ

In Revelation Chapter 1, Jesus Christ is continued to be portrayed:

- I am the first and the last (!!!)
- …the living One; and I was dead.
- behold, I am alive forevermore.
- and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Son of Man / Son of God

The Seven Church Cities of Revelaltion

The book of Acts provides details of al the cities that the Apostle Paul visited.

Of the seven church cities, the Bible tells us that Paul only visited Ephesus. Paul mentions Laodicea in Colossians but there is no direct evidence he made it there, nor Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia

The First Blessing -

Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near. [Revelation 1:3]

Thank you

Deeper Digs for Next Week:

1. **Read Revelation Chapter 2 (& 3)**
2. **Read through once – Who are the churches?**
3. **What does Jesus say is positive about these churches.**
4. **What does Jesus say is lacking in these churches.**