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Revelation Chapter 1b

Before we get started here this morning moving into the second half of the first chapter of the book of Revelation, I'd like to just very quickly recap what we've already been over in part one of chapter one, just in case we have any new viewers that are with us here this morning.

Last week in the first part of chapter 1 of the book of Revelation, we spoke about some very important things that we need to understand concerning not only the book of Revelation, but the Bible itself as a whole. One of those things that we spoke about was the idea of what many call a "Trinity". And I know that this is a very tough subject for a lot of folks out there who have always been taught to believe in three: co-equal gods, namely, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But what we see not only in the book of Revelation, but also all throughout our Scripture is the biblical fact that the Son is subordinate to the Father. And there is simply no way to get around that biblical fact.

In Matthew chapter 24 verse 36 our Messiah tells us that no one knows when he will return to the earth, not the Angels of heaven, or even the Son himself, but only the Father himself knows when he will return to the earth. In numbers chapter 23 verse 19 it is written that God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. In John 14 verse 28 our Messiah tells us very clearly that the Father is greater than he is. In John chapter 14 verse 10 our Messiah tells us that he does not speak on his own authority, and he continuously tells us that throughout his entire ministry. And... in the book of Revelation we are told that it is Yahovah our Elohim, who gives this Revelation to his Son, who then gives it to his Angel, who then gives it to John, who then gives it to us. And we will continue to see all throughout the book of Revelation that the Son is indeed in subordination to the Father.

Yahovah (Our Elohim (God))

Yahshua (His Son (our Messiah))

Yahshua's Angel (messenger)

John (The Apostle)

You and I (The body)

Now you can take that how you like, but this is a common theme not only in the book of Revelation, but all throughout your Bible in both the old, and the New Testaments, and it's important for us to understand the chain of command that we see here right in the beginning of the book of Revelation.

We also took the time last week, to speak about the blessing that is given in Revelation chapter 1 verse three for those who read, and also keep what is written in the book of Revelation. And we spoke about the very clear fact that this particular blessing is only given to those who read, and have the eyes to see, and ears to hear, and actually do keep what is written within the pages of the book of Revelation. The blessing is not for those who simply read the book of Revelation and then toss it in a corner.

We also took the time to speak just a little bit about what the biblical definition of the love of God is, found in first John chapter 5 verse three, which clearly tells us that the biblical definition of the love of God, is that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not a burden to us. And this is once again also very relevant to what we are going to be reading all throughout the book of Revelation.

We also spoke in some detail about the seven letters that John was delivering to the seven churches in Asia minor. And we spoke about the idea of these seven letters being written to the Christian churches that were yet to come in future dispensations of time. Once again, many Earthly scholars of eschatology will try to teach, and preach that these seven letters had nothing to do with the problems that were going on in the seven churches in Asia. They will try to teach that these seven letters were actually some kind of philosophical coding for future churches in future dispensations of time. And once again I happen to strongly disagree with this particular view of understanding.

The first thing that we need to understand is that there is no possible way that our Father in heaven could have listed every problem that was ever going to occur in all of the congregations around the world throughout time. This is just common sense.

As we get into the seven letters and exactly what it is that they tell us, I think that you will agree with me, that these things were already going on in those churches back in that time. It is written in our Scripture that there is nothing new under the sun, whatever will be, has already been. And we can clearly see the persecution that the early assemblies were under at that time. And I would submit to you my friends that nothing has changed between today and their day. Christians to this very day are still being persecuted just like they were back in the days of the apostles and the time of Nero and the Roman Empire. Christians are still battling the same battles... we're still confronted with the same trials and tribulations that our brothers and sisters were confronted with back in the times of the apostles. And if we think about it for just a moment... we should find some solace in knowing these things. We are not alone. And the battles we face have already been faced. And the trials, and tribulations that we have faced and will face, have already been triumphed over by our brothers and sisters long ago.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

We also spoke about the wrong assumption that many men have in thinking that only the Son is going to return. And we went through Zachariah chapter 14 verses one through nine which clearly show us that it will be the feet of the Father who sits down on the mount of olives. And so there should be no doubt in our minds that both the Father, and the Son will be returning to the earth according to our God breathed scripture. And we should already know, that the Father has already promised in the scripture to make the enemies of his Son a footstool for his Son.

And with that understanding we also spoke very briefly about the fact that when we see the word “Lord” written in the Old Testament... we can know, and understand that this English word “Lord” has been used to cover up the very name of our Father in heaven that he wrote in his God breathed Scripture well over 6000 times. Do you think that our Father in heaven wants us to know his name? You bet he does. But once again, men have covered up the very name of God with the word “Lord”. And I mention this so that you will know that when you read the word “Lord” in the Old Testament in the book of Zachariah, what you are reading there is the very name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And so, when Zachariah tells us that the “Lord” will go out and fight against the nation’s, and when he tells us that the feet of the “Lord” will stand on the mount of olives that lies before Jerusalem, and when he tells us that the “Lord” will come with all his holy ones, he’s talking about Yahovah, the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And so, with all of that being said I want us to realize that the Son is indeed going to return to set up his 1000-year millennial kingdom here on this earth, but... he’s not coming alone. And as we said last week, this should cause some distress in the hearts and minds of the sinner.

We also spoke about the number seven in the book of Revelation and how prevalent the number seven would be all throughout the theme of the book of Revelation. Seven, being a number of perfection, a number that represents holiness, and completion.

- Seven Lampstands
- Seven Spirits
- Seven Stars
- Seven Lamps
- Seven Horns
- Seven Eyes
- Seven Thousand
- Seven Mountains
- Seven Kings
- Seven Angles
- Seven Thunders
- Seven Heads
- Seven Crowns
- Seven Plagues

And we also spoke about the fact that it will be the Levitical priesthood that will tend to the

temple during the millennial reign of our Messiah. Too many modern-day Christians believe that our Father in heaven has rejected the house of Israel because they have wrongfully, and shamefully been taught that some new Gentile church has replaced the house of Israel. Those would be, professing Christians are going to have a rude awakening coming Judgment Day according to Ezekiel chapter 44 versus nine through 16 (not to mention the rest of the scripture that they haven't read).

And so, all of these things were gleaned from the first six versus of the book of Revelation last week. This week, we're going to continue on in the first chapter of the book of Revelation, and with the knowledge that we already have under our belts, we'll be much better prepared to understand what is to come next.

Moving forward into our study into the book of Revelation, I want us to turn to versus seven and eight.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

As we read these two sentences, I would submit to you that what we are seeing here is both the Father and the Son returning to the earth. In verse seven we're told that he will be coming in the clouds, and that every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. This is a clear depiction of our Messiah who was pierced by men.

In verse 8, on the other hand, we see that John writes and I quote, "I am the alpha and the Omega" says and I quote, "the Lord God" who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. This clearly establishes the fact that John was indeed writing about the Lord God in verse 8. In other words, the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, the Father of all creation.

Once again my friends it's important to understand that according to scripture, both the Father and the Son will be returning to the earth to deal with the sinner, and to reestablish the millennial reign of our Messiah, and we'll continue to see that as we read through the book of Revelation, and not only is this proclaimed in the book of Revelation, but it's also proclaimed all throughout the writings of the prophets and the apostles. As we mentioned in the book of Zachariah during last week's study, it is clearly written that it will be the Father who will return, and it will be the Father's feet who set upon the mount of olives in Jerusalem, and so we should have no question in our minds about whether or not the Father is going to return with the Son are not. It is written clearly... that both the Father and the Son will indeed return.

And just to be clear here for just a moment... I want everyone within the sound of my voice to understand that I am not in any way, shape, or form trying to diminish the authority or the

dominion, or the power, or the deity of the Son that was given to him by his Father. In fact... I am confirming the authority, dominion, power and deity of the Son, that was given to him by his Father. What I am proclaiming is what the Scripture tells us. And the Scripture tells us that the very deity of the Son, and his dominion, and his power, and his authority, have all been given to him by his Father, and according to our God breathed scripture, this can not be argued.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Mat 11:27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

And so once again, I want us to be clear about not only what John is telling us here in the book of Revelation, but also what our Messiah has already told us in his own red-letter words, and with his own tongue, and his own breath throughout his whole ministry.

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What we need to understand is that verse seven is alluding to Daniel chapter 7, and Zachariah chapter 12, and we're going to take a look at those in just a few minutes. But I want us to concentrate on what it says in verse seven when John says that the earth will wail on account of him. Why will the earth wail on account of him? We have to remember that many who belong to the original house of Israel including the Jews, have rejected their Messiah. For them, they're still waiting for their Messiah to come the first time. When our Messiah splits that sky, and he is seen coming in the clouds, it is at that point in time that every lost sheep of the house of Israel, along with every Jew, and every Gentile across the face of the earth will realize who the true Messiah truly is. There will be no way to argue, or to refute, or to debate who he is because they will see him coming in clouds. And this is exactly why we we'll see weeping and mourning on that day. They will finally come to the realization of what they have done, and what they are guilty of, and who their true Messiah truly is.

And so let's take a closer look at Daniel chapter 7 and Zachariah chapter 12;.

Dan 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter.

Dan 7:2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Dan 7:4 The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

Dan 7:5 And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

Dan 7:6 After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Dan 7:9 "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

Dan 7:10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

Dan 7:11 "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

Dan 7:12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

Dan 7:13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

Dan 7:14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Dan 7:15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.

Dan 7:16 I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the

things.

Dan 7:17 *‘These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.*

Dan 7:18 *But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.’*

Dan 7:19 *“Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet,*

Dan 7:20 *and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions.*

Dan 7:21 *As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them,*

Dan 7:22 *until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.*

Dan 7:23 *“Thus he said: ‘As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces.*

Dan 7:24 *As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings.*

Dan 7:25 *He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*

Dan 7:26 *But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.*

Dan 7:27 *And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.’*

Dan 7:28 *“Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart.”*

Now... there is a ton of information that can be found here in the book of Daniel. And we'll be returning to this particular chapter later on in our study, but for right now, my purpose in reading through this particular chapter is threefold. Number one, to let you know that it's here, and what it says. Number two, is so that you can see how it pertains to Revelation chapter 1 verse seven, where John tells us that he will be coming in the clouds and that every eye will see him even those who pierced him, and that all the tribes of the earth would weep on account of him. And number three, is so that we will understand that not everything in Daniel's vision is going to happen in rapid succession.

In other words... each one of these events that takes place in Daniel's vision is not going to happen one right after another in rapid succession. There may be hundreds, or even thousands of years that might pass between one event and another event. What Daniel is being given here is the unfolding plan of Yahovah throughout time.

Something else that I'd like us to pay attention to, is found in verse nine where we're told that thrones (plural, meaning many thrones) were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat **first**. There should be no doubt in our minds who the "Ancient of Days" actually is. Throughout the Old Testament we will find that the "Ancient One" always refers to the Father Yahovah. Both his hair and his garments are described as being white as snow. This represents not only ageless antiquity, but it also represents wisdom and purity, and holiness (things that we will also see in the Son a little bit later).

Now let's jump down to verse 13:

Dan 7:13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him."

This is what John is describing in Revelation chapter 1 verse seven. John is clearly alluding to Daniel chapter 7, and John assigns the one who is and I quote, "like a son of man"... To Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek). I also want us to notice that the one who was "like a son of man" was presented to the "Ancient of Days". So in other words... our Messiah Yeshua was presented too... his Father. And as we see very clearly in verse 14, dominion, and the glory, and the kingdom was given to Yeshua (the one who is like a son of man) by his Father (the Ancient of Days). And so, the "Ancient One" delegated authority and rulership of God's kingdom on earth to the one "like the Son of Man". Now my friends... there should be no doubt in anyone's mind about the biblical fact, that there is no equality between the Ancient One (the Father) and the one like the Son of Man (the Son).

The part of the man-made, Roman rooted, Trinity doctrine that claims: that both Father and Son are two Gods co-equal in power is purely a man-made tradition. The idea that the Father and the Son are coequal completely defies our God breathed Scripture in both the old and the new Testaments, and especially what we read in the book of Revelation.

My friends, as modern-day Christians we need to wise up. The reason that the Trinity doctrine was created in the first place, was to get rid of the Father. It's just that simple. Roman Catholicism has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They have kick dirt all over his appointments, and his precepts, and his sabbaths, and his laws, and his commandments. And I would submit to you my friends that Roman Catholicism is nothing more than an exact carbon copy of Marcian of Sinope.

Marcian of Sinope was born in Turkey and 85 A.D., and his theology rejected the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as described in the Hebrew Scriptures. Marcian of Sinope was a tool of the devil himself who proclaimed Jesus to be God, and the Father to be dead. And I would submit to you my friends that nothing much has changed within the confines of Catholicism. And to even say that even Jesus is God... for them... maybe hard to believe... what with the veneration of Mary, and her many graven images, and her continual insistence in praying to the dead... but then again... that's another study.

My point in all of this my friends is that there has been a battle going on between good and evil since the beginning of time. Evil has always wanted to replace good. The devil himself dresses himself up like an Angel of light, and so too, do his seed, and those who follow after him. What we must understand, is that there has been a systematical plan to do away with the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob since the fall of man in the garden of Eden. And so, we should not be surprised to find those walking among us today, who want to once again, erase the Father from the picture altogether, and replaced him with anyone, or anything else... including but not limited to... his only begotten Son.

It should be of no surprise to us that today's main stream protestant churches have become nothing more than the daughter churches Catholicism who want their version of Jesus to be the God of Christianity, while they wrongly systematically teach that the Father of the Old Testament, is the God of the Jews. Or in some cases, it's taught that the Father has handed all of his authority, lock stock and barrel, over to their version of Jesus, and then the Father has just walked off and disappeared much like a king on his deathbed finally hands all his authority over to his Son when he dies. They may not teach this in so many words... but end game is the just the same.

This nonsense has been taught throughout the ages by those who are rooted in Roman Catholicism, and today's modern-day protestant churches have become nothing more than the daughters of Catholicism, continuously preaching and teaching the sabbaths of Catholicism, and the holidays, and the traditions, and the myths of Catholicism rather than preaching and teaching the truth of what we find in our Scripture that tells us very clearly, that there is only one seventh day Sabbath, and it falls only on the seventh day according to our God breathed Scripture. Our Messiah died on Passover day, not on some Roman rooted, man-made, "Good Friday". And he was resurrected on first fruits, to be the first fruit of the new harvest, not on some pagan Easter Sunday morning. But once again... that's another study. But I want you to keep these things in mind because these things are going to become very prevalent in the unfolding message of the book of Revelation as we move forward.

What we need to grasp here, is that the Father is "El-Olam"... (Eternal) is indeed omnipotent and omnipresent. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Our Father is indeed the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end who called forth the generations, and so too is his Son the first and the last who will call forth the generations from the dead... the first... and the last. And as we read the book of Revelation, we'll clearly see that John's book of Revelation

teaches us that the Father is indeed fully preeminent. It's important to understand that this is John's mindset, and because it is John's mindset, it is a crucial part of the context of the book of Revelation. And in order to understand any of the books of the Bible, the first thing that we need to properly understand is the context of any given book. And by the way... who was it that our Messiah taught us to pray too anyway?

Mat 6:5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward."

Mat 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Mat 6:7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words."

Mat 6:8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Mat 6:9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Mat 6:10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Above all else my friends, it's important to understand that our Messiah's words have more authority than the words of the human writers of the New Testament because while their words were divinely inspired... Yeshua's words are directly given to us as divine oracle. Today's modern-day professing Christians would do well to study the red-letter words of their Messiah first... and then read the writings of the apostles, rather than reading the writings of the apostles first, and then trying to make what they think the apostles said, fit the spoken words of our Messiah. And I already know what's coming next... because when I tell our brothers and sisters these things, there is always that one person that wants to stand up and shout "what about John 14:9 where Jesus says whoever has seen me has seen the Father?" And my reply to them is always the same. Have you not read the rest of the chapter?

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Joh 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

Yahshua was not telling his disciples that he was his Father. He was simply telling them that if they had seen the works that he had done, and the way that he walked... they had already seen the Father. In other words, they had seen all of the Father that they needed to see, because the Father was in him, working through him.

To be honest with you, whether you accept this teaching are not isn't the point; the point is that John did. John understood that the Son was indeed subordinate to the Father. And this is the perspective that John is coming from all throughout the book of Revelation. And I want you to

remember what I asked you before we ever even started this teaching into the book of Revelation. I clearly asked everyone to leave their preconceived theologies, philosophies, and Roman rooted religions at the door. And my hope and my prayer, is that you have done just that, as we continue in our study into the book of Revelation.

Moving forward I want to concentrate on what John tells us in Revelation chapter 1 verse nine

Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

I want us to understand that John is telling us very clearly here, that he is our brother and a partner in the tribulation and the kingdom. In other words, John is once again telling us that he is writing down this Revelation for believers. And just as we've said earlier in our introduction to the book of Revelation, those who are not believers will not be able to understand the book of Revelation in the same way that a believer will. The Ruach Hackodesh of Yahovah dwells only in those whom he has chosen to give his Ruach Hackodesh. And only those who have his Ruach Hackodesh will be able to accept the mysteries of Revelation given to us through the Ruach of Yahovah.

Moving on to verse 10, John says a couple of very interesting things.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

One of the first things the John tells us is that he was in the spirit. This is often times the way that the prophets spoke when they were given an Oracle of Yahovah. Here are just some of the ways that Ezekiel explains how he was given prophecies from our Father in heaven.

Eze 3:12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great earthquake: "Blessed be the glory of the LORD from its place!"

Eze 3:14 The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me.

Eze 3:24 But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself within your house.

And so, it should be clear to us that in some supernatural way, these prophets were being taken up in the spirit to a place where they could be shown these symbolic visions that would allow them to write down what they saw. And as we'll see as we walk through the book of Revelation, these supernatural, spirit filled visions always wind up being astonishingly accurate.

Something else that the apostle John says, is that he was “in the spirit on the Lord’s day”. Many different Bible scholars have taken this many different ways. Some believe that John was telling us that it was Sunday. However, I take issue with that understanding because we’re never told anywhere in the 66 books of our Bibles that Sunday is ever referenced as the Lord’s day. The Lord’s day comes from Catholicism, and her attempt to move what has always been the Lord’s day, which is the seventh day Sabbath to her first day of the week Sunday Sabbath. And by the way... did you know that the Temple in the Millennial kingdom will only be opened on the Sabbath day?

Eze 46:1 *“Thus says the Lord GOD: The gate of the inner court that faces east shall be shut on the six working days, but on the Sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.*

My friends... our Elohim is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow... he does not change... not even for the roman rooted denominational empires of men.

According to the Bible, and our God breathed Scriptures, the Lord’s day is always referenced as one of two days. The Lord’s day is either his seventh day Sabbath, or it is also known as the day that he returns, also known as “that great and terrible day”. There is no reason for anyone to think that John was talking about Sunday, unless you are entrenched in Catholicism, which didn’t come about until well after John was dead and buried.

So what John is telling us is that he was taken up into the spirit on the Sabbath day or... that he was being shown the day that the Lord would return. Either way... John heard a loud voice like a trumpet telling him to write down what he saw in a book, and to send it to the seven churches.

Rev 1:12 *Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,*

Rev 1:13 *and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.*

Rev 1:14 *The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,*

Rev 1:15 *his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.*

Rev 1:16 *In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.*

Rev 1:17 *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,*

Rev 1:18 *and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.*

As John turns around to see who is speaking to him, he sees seven Golden lampstands, and I would submit to you my friends that these lampstands are not just any old Golden lampstands. Chances are very good that these lampstands were indeed menorahs. These would be the same Golden lampstands that stood inside the temple. And in the midst of these lampstands (which were most likely menorahs), John sees one like a son of man. In other words... he sees someone in human form.

Now I want us to pay close attention to the description of who this is. John says that he had white hair like wool, and that his eyes were like a flame of fire, and that his feet were like burnished bronze that had been refined in a furnace, and that his voice was like the roar of many waters.

Because this person in human form tells John not to be afraid, that he is the first and the last, and the living one who died and is now alive for evermore, and has the keys to death and Hades... there should be no doubt in our minds that this is indeed our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach. But a lot of us have a hard time understanding why he has an appearance much like his Father, and why it is that he is called the first and the last.

And so, I want to take some time to analyze this Scripture, and to explain why our Messiah looked the way that he did, and also why he is also called “the first in the last” just like his Father is called “the first and the last”.

First of all, it should be of no surprise that the Son now has white hair and eyes like a flame of fire. We must remember that our Messiah is no longer a flesh and bone man. He has now passed on, leaving his flesh and bone body behind, and is now of the spirit world. And I want us to understand what happened to Moses even when he was still a man. When Moses spoke with the Most-High, his appearance also changed, even though he was still in his body. Let’s turn very quickly to the book of Exodus chapter 34 verses 28 through 35:

Exo 34:28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Exo 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

Exo 34:30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exo 34:31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them.

Exo 34:32 Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

Exo 34:33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exo 34:34 Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,

Exo 34:35 the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

And so, we can clearly see, that when you are in the presence of the Father, your appearance does indeed change. And so, this idea that our Messiah had white hair and flaming eyes, and a white robe should not surprise us. Once again, my friends, this does not lend credence to the doctrine of the Trinity as so many proclaim that it does.

Num 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Once again, I would remind us that it is written in numbers chapter 23 verse 19 that God is not a man, nor is he a son of man.

Let's also take a look at Matthew chapter 17 versus one through three when our Messiah was transfigured in front of Peter, John, and James:

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

Mat 17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

Mat 17:3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Once again, we see our Messiah's face shining like the sun and his clothes became white as light, which once again, matches the description of our Messiah that John sees in Revelation chapter 1. Once again, there is no mention here of our Messiah being his Father.

Many will then automatically turn to Revelation chapter 1 verse 17 where our Messiah tells John that he is the first in the last. And they will proudly proclaim that because our Messiah tells us that he is the first in the last... that he must be God the Father. Let's take a minute or two to think about that for just a minute.

Isaiah 41:4

Isaiah 44:6

Isaiah 48:12

Revelation 1:8
Revelation 1:17
Revelation 2:28
Revelation 22:13

Wording that pertains to the first and the last is mentioned seven times within our Bibles. And I would submit to you my friends, that the term “the first and the last” pertains to both the Father, and his only begotten Son, both. This does not mean that Yeshua is God the Father. Think about it for just a moment.

When we read the whole Bible, it becomes evident to us that there are several titles that are used for our Father in heaven, our Messiah, and men. For example; the word Lord, Savior, and King of Kings all fit God, Yahshua, and men. Here are just some examples:

Rom 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Luk 1:47 and my spirit rejoices in **God my Savior,**

1Ti 6:14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our **Lord Jesus Christ,**

1Ti 6:15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the **King of kings** and **Lord of lords,**

1Ti 6:16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

We’ll also find that men are also called lords, and Kings in the Bible in various places. Abraham is call “my Lord” in Genesis 32:6, Esau is called “my Lord” in Genesis 32:4. But this does not make them all God the Father. Let’s examine what it means to be the first and the last according to our Scripture. We can find that in Isaiah chapter 41 verse four:

Isa 41:4 *Who has performed and done this, **calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.***

So, it should be clear to us why our Father is called the first and the last. He has called forth the generations of men, and was with the first of them and is with the last of them. And so, the Bible connects the phrase “the first and the last” with the calling forth of the generations.

While our Father in heaven was the one who called forth the generations in the Old Testament,

he is now transferred that authority to his Son. Therefore, it's easy to see why our Messiah is also called "the first and the last" in the book of Revelation. It will be our Messiah who will call forth the generations of people from the grave to enter into everlasting life. Our Father in heaven gave our Messiah the authority to raise the dead in John chapter 5 verse 25 through 27:

Joh 5:25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

Joh 5:27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

It will clearly be by the voice, and the command of our Messiah, that the dead will be raised.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

I want us to realize that even when our Messiah said that he had been given the authority to raise the dead, he never claimed that he had that authority inherently because he was God. Our Messiah always made sure to be very clear, that his Father had given that authority to him.

The idea that Yeshua had the authority to raise the dead because he was God... is not found anywhere in your Scripture. We are clearly told by the Son himself, in his own red-letter words, with his own tongue, with his own breath, that he was given this authority by his Father. Here are just a few of the red-letter quotes that come from the very mouth the very breath and the very tongue of our Messiah:

"The Son can do nothing by himself...

the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son...

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in himself. And He has given him authority to judge"...

The Father is greater than I...

I have not come on my own authority...

I can do nothing on my own...

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

And so, my point in all of this, is that just because both the Father and the Son are both described as “the first in the last”... this does not mean that they are two: co-equal gods. The idea that there is a Trinity of three: co-equal gods is not found anywhere within our Scripture. Our Father in heaven says that he is one God and that there are no other gods before him. In other words... there are no other gods like him because he was the God that created all other gods. And for those of you who don't understand that there are other gods mentioned in your Bible... I would simply take you to Psalms 82:

Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

Psa 82:2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Psa 82:3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psa 82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

Psa 82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Psa 82:6 I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.”

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

Our Father in heaven has always had a divine Council where he sits in the midst of other gods according to our God breathed Scripture. And we would know these things if we read the book from the beginning to the end, instead of reading it from the middle to the end. Once again my friends, this does not mean that all of these gods are coequal with the Father. Nor does it mean that they are the Father. Can our Messiah be called a God? Yes, indeed he can! He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, but this does not mean that he is God the Father. He... Just like his Father... will indeed call forth the generations from the grave, because he has been given that authority from his Father. From the first of them to the last of them he will call, and he will give them everlasting life not because he is God the Father... but because he was given that authority by his Father. And that my friends... is the proper interpretation of the Scripture.

And before we move forward, I'd like to interject something that's very important. Just because something seems to fit... does not mean that it does fit. Just because a theory, or a philosophy

seems to fit the picture, does not mean that it does fit the picture. Just because you can... do something, or because you can... twist something to make it fit... does not necessarily mean that it does fit or that it is the truth.

I kind of liken this to a screwdriver, and a chisel. You brothers out there will know exactly what I'm talking about. I have to admit that I have used a flat headed screwdriver as a chisel.

Now my friends let me tell you... a flat headed screwdriver is not a chisel. But you can use it for one in a pinch in some cases. But just because I can use a flat headed screwdriver as a chisel in some cases... does not make a flat headed screwdriver a chisel. And I would submit to you, that today's modern-day Roman rooted version of Christianity has been using a flat headed screwdriver as a chisel. The problem with doing that... is that you eventually ruin the screwdriver. You can only beat on the handle of a screwdriver for so long before you either bend the screwdriver itself, or break the handle. And that's just what today's modern-day version of today's Roman rooted Christianity has done. They've literally ruined the truth of God's word by using the wisdom of men instead of using the wisdom of Yahovah. The foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men. And very soon... the world's going to figure that out with a little help from our Father and his only begotten Son.

And so, as we read through the book of Revelation, I want us to be able to parse these things out, and I'd like to once again ask everyone, to please leave our preconceived theories, and philosophies, and Roman rooted religions at the door. Come to the book of Revelation with an open mind, and an open heart and allow our Father in heaven to speak to your mind, and to your heart. Because if you come before him with all of your garbage, and all of your philosophies, and all of your man-made Roman rooted nonsense... you're not leaving him any room to fill a glass that's already three quarters of the way full.

Rev 1:15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

Moving forward, I want to go back to Revelation chapter 1 verse 15. John tells us that the feet of our Messiah were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace. I want us to stop right here and realize what this represents. How many of you remember what happened in the wilderness when the house of Israel was attacked by snakes and serpents? These serpents began to attack the house of Israel, and our Father in heaven told Moses to make a fiery serpent, and to set that fiery serpent up on a pole. And everyone who was bitten by a snake that looked at this fiery serpent made out of bronze, that was put on this poll... lived.

Num 21:8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."

Num 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This once again, is one of those shadow pictures that unbelievers never catch. What does a serpent represent in the Bible? A serpent represents sin. What was that serpent that represented sin... made out of bronze... doing on a pole? It was giving life to people who were bitten and condemned to death... was it not?

Was our Messiah not put on a pole? Was he not made to be sin, who knew no sin? And does he not give life to those who are condemned to death because they have been bitten of the serpent of sin?

Once again my friends, you must have the eyes to see, and the ears to hear, and that does not come from anywhere else other than the Ruach Hackodesh of Yahovah.

Rev 1:15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

Rev 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

Let's move on to verse 16. What is this sharp two-edged sword that John sees coming from the mouth of our Messiah?

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Eph 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Hebrews chapter 4 verse 12, and Ephesians chapter 6 verse 17, tell us very clearly that this two-edged sword is indeed the word of God. It's a two-edged sword because it is piercing to the division of the soul, and the spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And so once again, as always, we find that if we allow the Scripture to interpret the Scripture, we can know what the signs, and symbols, and beasts, and heads, and horns, and women, and waters are. But... we must allow the Scripture to define the Scripture in order to understand what our Father in heaven is trying to tell us through the Scripture.

In versus 19 and 20 of chapter 1 of the book of Revelation, our Messiah tells John that the seven stars are the Angels of the seven assemblies, and that the seven lampstands are the seven assemblies.

Now, there's been all kinds of speculation concerning who the seven angels of the seven assemblies are and what they represent. But I would submit to you that the seven angels of the

seven assemblies are just that. They are angels that have been sent to look after these seven assemblies. Some will try to assimilate the seven angels with the seven spirits of Isaiah chapter 11 verse two, and you can look that up for yourself if you want to read about the seven spirits found in Isaiah chapter 11 verse two, but I personally do not feel that the seven spirits of Isaiah chapter 11 verse 2 have anything to do with the seven angels that are commissioned to watch over the seven assemblies that John is writing to.

The seven lampstands of course represent the seven assemblies. Why? Why seven lampstands or menorahs? Because we are called to be the light of the world. The house of Israel was originally called to be the light of the world that would shine the way for the rest of the nations of the earth. The actual symbol for the house of Israel is the menorah... not the star of David that they've plastered on their flag. The symbol for the house of Israel has always been the menorah that shines the light and shows the way back to the tree of life. It was our very Jewish Messiah who was a Jew, and who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah that to this day, still holds the scepter and sits at the right hand of the Father, and rules over the kingdom that his Father has given him. This is the light that comes from the House of Israel.

The New Testament is Concealed in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament

As we close out the first chapter of the book of Revelation, I want us to clearly understand that the New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament, and that the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. We cannot read one half of the book or the other, and then think that we know something. We cannot parse out things that we don't like, and replace them with things that we do like. We can't assume that something is the truth, just because it seems to fit. We can't trade a flat headed screwdriver for a chisel. And we can't just read one of the 66 books of the Bible without reading the rest of the Bible. And if we've learned nothing else here today... my hope, and my prayer is that we have at least learned these things.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I'd like to thank you for joining us this seventh day Sabbath for our teaching on the second half of chapter 1 of the book of Revelation. I hope and pray that this teaching has been a blessing to you and to your family, and I'd like to invite you back to join us this next coming Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time for our live Bible study night, as we move into the second chapter of the book of Exodus.

And as I always do... I will once again ask you to please... take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... Or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... you and I will indeed walk hand in hand through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.

Once again, thank you so very much for joining us this seventh day Sabbath and before I let you go... if you have enjoyed this study, and you have found any value in it... I'd like to ask you to consider being a sponsor of this Ministry and this broadcast.

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Our Father in heaven has kept this ministry going for the last four years by touching the hearts and the minds of those who can give... so that they do give. And we have faith going into this next oncoming year that he will continue to do so. May the will of our Father in heaven be done in all things.

Keep these things in your prayers my friends, and we we'll see you this afternoon at 3 PM Eastern standard time for our live online fellowship. And once again, I want to remind everybody that we will be showing a very important video during fellowship this afternoon concerning the Exodus, so if you would like to join us for our fellowship this afternoon at 3 PM Eastern standard time, all you have to do is email me at pastor V, that's "V" as in Victor... Pastor V@holyimpactministries.com, and just put in the subject line "fellowship request" and we'll be sure to send you an invitation to that you can join our online fellowship every Saturday at 3 PM Eastern standard time. We'd be glad to have you, and we want you to know that there is

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And with all that being said I like to pray over us all...