

Rooted in Him - Awaiting Him

September 28, 2025 | *Revelation 1:1-8*



Observation: What is happening here?

- **V. 1–2:** God gives the revelation of Jesus Christ, sent by His angel to John, to show His servants what must soon take place.
- **V. 3:** There is a blessing for those who read, hear, and keep what is written.
- **V. 4–5:** The greeting to the seven churches: from Him who is and who was and who is to come, from the seven Spirits before His throne, and from Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 44:6)
- **V. 5:** Jesus Christ is the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, Ruler of the kings on earth. (Note that Firstborn = prōtotokos - rank and significance.)
- **V. 5–6:** He loves us, freed us from our sins by His blood, and made us a kingdom. In turn we are priests in this kingdom.
- **V. 7:** He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; all tribes will wail on account of Him. (Daniel 7).
- **V. 8:** “I am the Alpha and the Omega... the Almighty.” From beginning to end, the Triune God reigns.

Ontario Community Church: Encouraging, Equipping and Engaging lives for Christ. John 6:47 (ESV) *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.”*

Interpretation: What can we learn?

From Beginning to End, Christ Reigns

- Christ is the Son of Man who comes with the clouds. He **will** be seen by all.
- “Alpha and Omega / First and Last” reveals that God is sovereign and ruler of all.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 1:5–8; Daniel 7:13–14; Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 44:6; John 19:37; Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:9–11; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 15:20–26.*

In Christ, we are a Kingdom of Priestly People

- God loves us and frees us. He makes us a kingdom and priests. This is a present identity and a future promise. Let our allegiance be to Christ; his grace and truth.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 1:5–6; Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9–10; Revelation 5:9–10; Romans 12:1–2; Hebrews 13:15–16.*

Be Good Soil: Read, Hear, and Keep

- The blessing of Revelation is for those who read (the Word), hear (understand it), and keep (persevere) it. Hold fast.
- Let the word of Christ dwell richly within you despite evil, sin, and distractions.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 1:3; Luke 8:4–15; Luke 8:18; Mark 4:24; Luke 11:28; James 1:22–25; Psalm 119:11.*

Application: How should we live?

Declare and Display Christ’s Grace and Truth

- Let your life (word and deed) declare Christ, even when living in Babylon!
- Be salt and light. Let your light shine. This world needs Christ more than ever!
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 1:5–6; Daniel 7:14; 1 Timothy 6:15–16; Acts 5:29; Revelation 11:15.*

Await Him. Stand Firm. Persevere.

- God is your refuge and strength. Wait upon him. Rest in Him.
- Be in Christian community. Pray for one another. Live in grace and truth!
- **Scriptures:** *Colossians 1:11–12; Hebrews 10:36; James 5:7–8; Luke 8:15; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Titus 2:11–13; Revelation 1:7–8.*

Live in Response: Read, Hear, Keep

- **Read** the Word publicly and privately. Ask God to **hear** (to understand and to be transformed). **Keep** the Word with you and remain rooted. Await Him.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 1:3; Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18; Daniel 7:13–14; Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 44:6.*

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