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This Book, the Grand Finale of “the” Revelations of Jesus Christ

Revelation. 1:4-11

John, to the seven churches which 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, :5 (and) from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, :6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.(Amen). :7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, (Amen). :8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” :9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. :10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, :11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea

JESUS CHRIST – CENTER STAGE

1.) From God’s Point of View

vv. 4

*John, to the seven churches which 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,*

1st) God’s Accounting – “these seven churches”

v.4

John, to the seven churches...

God’s Accounting = all the churches for all ages

These Seven Churches;

There Were Many More Than Seven Churches in John's Day, but These Seven Represented the Body of Churches Existing.

The Number Seven

Means completion or totality or all churches

#1 - Revelation 2:7

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. 2:11,17,29,3:6,3:13,3:22

2nd)

God's Geography – "this Asia"

v.4

*John, to the seven churches **which are in Asia**:*

This Asia – Not the Continent;

Is Located in The Western Half of Turkey Today. Your Bible Should Have a Map Detailing these Churches.

(these were real, actual, churches of that day... and for us today)

Asia Minor, Turkey

What was Happening There on a Small Scale, would someday Happen on a Grand Scale

John 10:16

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

3rd)

God's Nature – "who He is at all times"

v.4

*Grace to you and **peace** from Him **who is** and **who was** and **who is to come**,*

grace – grk - 5485. *ca;riß charis, khar'-ece -- the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; making one acceptable, bestowing benefits, applying favor, the giving of gifts, having pleasure in, favoring someone = to the divine degree.*

Being the Object of God's Affection

peace - 1515. *eijrh/nh eirene, i-ray'-nay (to join together in peace, quietness, the rest, to be at one again. heb – shalom - traditional greeting among believers*

He is "The" Eternal God The One Who is, was, is to come

Isaiah 57:15

*For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name alone is Holy:*

We Saw How “God” is the One Who is;

The Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, The Beginning and The End, The Almighty, The One Who is, was and is to Come !

God Does Not Dwell Along a Timeline. There’s Nothing New to God.

“Let That Comfort You”

My Problems Come and Go and I am Currently Traveling Toward My Next Problem. – that sounds very depressing!

But To God

It’s Not a Problem Coming or Going – It’s Now to Him.
So when my next trouble arrives – God was already there!

He’s “No-Where” – He’s “Now-Here”

Matthew 6:8

“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. – **meaning He knows in advance, so ask with boldness!**”

That Nature is Alone Reserved for God; Yet the Bible Ascribed This Nature not only to The Father But to The Son also...

Interchangeable

Revelation 1:8

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

Revelation 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, **Who was and is and is to come!**”

Revelation 11:1-17

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, :17 saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, **The One who is and who was and who is to come**, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Revelation 16:5

And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, **The One who is and who was and who is to come...**”

4th) God’s Position – “where He’s coming from”

v.4

...(and) from the **seven Spirits** who are before His throne,

No One is Sure as to Who is Referenced Here

Isaiah 11:1-2

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. :2 (1) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, (2) **The** Spirit of wisdom and (3) understanding, (4) **The** Spirit of counsel and (5) might, (6) **The** Spirit of knowledge and (7) of the fear of the LORD.

In The Hebrew Scripture, There are three sets of two = "6"

It Could be The Holy Spirit

Zechariah 4:1-7

And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. :3 Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." :4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What *are* these, my lord?" :5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." :6 So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. :7 "Who *are* you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

The Oil Signifies the Person of the Holy Spirit

Or Maybe It's Not The Holy Spirit at All

The Holy Spirit is Singular – One!

The Holy Spirit Does Not Dwell Before God's Throne as Localized
But These Seven Spirits Do - they are local - before His throne!!!

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are **the seven Spirits of God** sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 3:1

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,
"These things says He who has the **seven Spirits** of God

Revelation 4:5

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. **Seven lamps** of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are **the seven Spirits of God**.

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, **having seven horns** and **seven eyes**...
(which are **the seven Spirits** of God sent out into all the earth.)

THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD ARE SEVEN SPECIFIC ANGELS

Revelation 8:6

So the **seven angels** who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound their trumpets :7 **The first angel** sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and the hail and fire were thrown to the earth. And a third of all the trees of the earth were burned up, and all green grass was burned up...

Revelation 8:8

Then **the second angel** sounded: And *something* like a great mountain was burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

Revelation 8:10

Then **the third angel** sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch...

On and On this Goes Until the Seventh Angel

Revelation 10:7

but in the days of the sounding **of the seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Revelation 8:2

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

In Speaking of Angels

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for (to benefit) those who will inherit salvation?

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