

Knowing the Triune God

Text: Revelation 1:4–8



Knowing the Triune God *(Revelation 1:4–8)*

Revelation 1:4–8 answers the question:

“How can we Rest in Unstable Times?”

1

The Triune God
Controls History

vv. 4–5a

2

The Triune God *Cares*
for His People

vv. 5b–6

3

The Triune God *Calls* All
Men to Eternal Worship

vv. 7–8

The background is a dark, atmospheric landscape painting. It features a range of mountains in the distance, with a winding river or path leading through a valley. In the foreground, there is a still life arrangement including a vase with flowers and some other objects, though they are less distinct due to the low light. The overall color palette is dominated by dark browns, greys, and muted greens, creating a somber and contemplative mood.

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II. The Triune God Cares for His People (vv. 5b–6)

John responds in Worship

What motivates the worship is not the *promise* of what Christ will do — it is the *accomplishment* of what Christ has **already done**.

Before Revelation ever looks forward, it looks back — to a decisive act already lodged in history.

The focus is on Jesus, yet the Father and Spirit are present in their pleasure and power.

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A. What He has Done: Deliverance from Sin's Power (v. 5b)

"He loves us" — Present Tense

His love is not a past kindness but a present reality we are living in right now.

"Released us" — Past Historic Fact

The verb *luo* means "to untie, set free, release." Finished, accomplished.

"By His Blood" — The Price

Not by our religious performance, but by **His blood**.

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B. What He has Made us: Priesthood of all Believers (v. 6)

Exodus 19:6 — "...and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

What God said to Israel at Sinai, the risen Christ now says to the church: "**You are My kingdom and My priests.**"

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A Kingdom (Singular)

Our citizenship and allegiance. There is one King: Jesus Christ.

Priests (Plural)

Every believer has direct access to God and a mediating witness toward the world.

Glory to the King Alone

When we all serve as priests, no one man or woman gets the glory – but only our King Jesus.

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Martin Luther famously stated: "**We are all priests, as many of us as are Christians.**"

Ephesians 4:12 — "...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service..."

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A. The Lordship of King Jesus (v. 7)

"Behold!" — Pay Attention

The word means "pay attention" or "listen carefully." What follows demands your full focus.

"He is coming" — Present Tense Certainty

An event not yet occurred, but certain in thought, and viewed as already accomplished.

King over All — Christ Jesus

Daniel 7:13 + Zechariah 12:10 tied into one knot around Jesus of Nazareth. (Matt 24:30)

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The First Coming —
Seen by a Few

Witnessed by shepherds and a handful of Judean villagers. When He ascended, only the disciples watched Him leave.

The Second Coming —
Seen by All

When He returns, **all mankind** will see Him in all His glory — there will be no missing this moment.

All the Tribes Will
Mourn

The word "mourn" means "to beat the breast" For some — joyful mourning of repentance. For others — mourning over judgment.

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B. The Power of the Father (v. 8)

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

The divine name from verse 4 returns here, **now on God's own lips**. What John confessed about God in the greeting, God now confesses about Himself.

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Alpha and Omega

The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. God is the source of all our days

Pantokratōr — The Almighty

The All-Ruler. The one whose hand is on **everything**. A key name for God in Revelation (1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 19:6; 21:22).

The Isaiah Background

Isaiah 44:6 — "I am the first and I am the last..." **Isaiah 48:11–12** — "... I am the first and I am the last."

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What is the Spirit's Role in Heaven?

Revelation 22:17 — "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."

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Psalm 33:1 — "Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright."

01

Come Early to Church

Make worship a priority — arrive prepared, not rushed.

02

Prepare Your Heart

Prayer and Scripture reading before the service.

03

Participate Fully

Engage wholeheartedly in singing and prayer.