Title/Passage

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read Revelation 1:4-8.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

4John

to the seven churches

that 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

of the dead,

and

the ruler

of the kings of the earth.

To Him

who loves us

and

released us

from our sins

by His blood--

6and

He has made us

*to be* a kingdom,

to His God and Father—

to Him

*be* the glory

and

the dominion

forever and ever. Amen.

7BEHOLD,

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.

8“I am

the Alpha

and

the Omega,”

says the Lord God,

“who is

and

who was

and

who is

to come,

the Almighty.”

1. Who wrote this letter? (See preceding verses as needed.) Who does he say this message is from?
2. Who specifically was this letter written to? (Also see 1:11)
3. How is Jesus described?
4. What has Jesus done?
5. Describe what is announced in vs. 7.
6. What is Jesus’ relationship with the kings and leaders of the world? Also see John 18:33-37, Romans 13:1-2, Colossians 1:15-17
7. How will the world respond to Jesus?
8. What is stated about God the Father?
9. What statement appears twice in this passage?

* Day 2

Read Revelation 1:4-8 again.

1. What specifically came “from Him who is and who was and who is to come”?
2. Who are the “seven Spirits”? Also see 3:1, 4:5, and 5:6 (are these the same as in 1:4?).
3. How is Jesus praised in this passage?
4. What does it mean that “He has made us to be a kingdom”? Or “priests to his God and father”? Also see Col 1:13, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Rev. 20:6
5. List the ways sin is referenced or implied.
6. What specifically has Jesus done for or to believers? How has he “released us from our sins”? See Romans 6:4-7, 6:23, 7:6; 2 Cor. 5:16-19
7. What does it mean that “all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him”? See Rev. 6:15-17
8. What significance does the repeated statement in vs. 4 and 8 have? Why would this be repeated at this point in the letter? Why would it appear surrounding what is stated in the body of this passage?

* Day 3

Read Revelation 1:4-8 again.

1. What significance does vs. 8 have here? What does this mean for the letter of Revelation as a whole?
2. How has the study of this passage increased your appreciation and worship of Jesus?
3. Describe how the promise of Jesus’ return to earth might impact your view of current world events?
4. How should a believer’s mind be prepared through this passage to read the remainder of this letter?
5. How can this passage be used in your witness of the gospel to an unbeliever?
6. Summarize this passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of our congregation to receive the Word. Pray we would be mindful of the Lord’s return and spurred onto faithfulness because of His coming.