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> The King is Coming (Pt. 2) Revelation 1:9-20

Central Passage

Revelation 1:12–18 (ESV) —12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 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. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 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. 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, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Central Thought: Revelation is a theological, pastoral epic poem that informs our intellect and ignites our imaginations with the grand, cosmic purposes of God – centered on and culminating in Jesus Christ as the eternal Word of God, risen savior and the soon coming king of the universe.

Revelation is...

- From Jesus and about Jesus to John via the angel of the Lord.
- To the seven churches as representatives of all God's people then and now – a message of worship, of warning and of hope.
- Regarding things that *must soon take place* as God's future purposes rush toward our present, calling us to faith and faithfulness.
- Is meant to be read aloud as an encounter with the living God who will bless those who hear and do his will.

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Jesus is...

✤ More transcendent, terrifying and tender than we could ever imagine!

Isaiah 6:1–5 (ESV) — 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple ... 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

- Therefore, he is worthy of my worship and my trust.
- The ruler of everyone and everything, including death and the grave!

1 Corinthians 15:54–57 (ESV) — 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Therefore, I can live in hope rather than fear!
- The Lord of the Church and the light of the world.

Colossians 1:18–20 (ESV) —18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

• Therefore, we can work and witness with courage and confidence for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.

Matthew 5:14–16 (*ESV*) — 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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