

JESUS: THE LIVING ONE

Revelation 1:1-20

Key Verse: 1:18, "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

1. How is this book described and for what purpose was it written (1,3a)? To what does John testify (2)? Who is blessed (3)?
2. Who does John specifically address and how does he greet them (4-5)? Where were these 7 churches (11; see a Bible map). How does the description of God enlighten the suffering Christians?
3. To whom is glory directed, what has he done, and for what purpose (5b-6)? How does the author describe Jesus' second coming (7; Dan 7:13-14; Zech 12:10)? How can we be assured of this (8)?
4. Where was John and why (9)? How did he identify himself? On the Lord's Day, while in the Spirit, what did he hear (10-11)?
5. What did John see, and how is Jesus described (12-16)? Imagine the majesty, glory and beauty of Jesus. How does this encourage suffering believers?
6. Read verses 17-18. What impact did this vision have on John? What is the implication of Jesus' words, "I am the Living One..."? What did this Jesus want John to do (19-20)?