

Appendix: The 30 Descriptions of Jesus in Revelation 1-3

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. There are 24 distinct descriptions in Revelation 1 (7 descriptions in v. 5-7 plus 17 directly related to Jesus as the Son of Man in Rev. 1:10-16), plus 18 descriptions in Revelation 2-3, **totaling 42**. Since 12 are in both Revelation 1 and Revelation 2-3, we identify **30 descriptions** (Rev. 1-3).
- B. There are 12 descriptions in Revelation 1 that are not in Revelation 2-3 and 6 in Revelation 2-3 that are not in Revelation 1. The titles of Jesus seen in Revelation 1 are used when addressing the first six of the churches of Asia but not when addressing the church in Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22). The title of Jesus as One who holds the seven stars is used in two churches (Rev. 2:1; 3:1).
- C. There are nearly **100 descriptions** of Jesus in the book of Revelation
- 6 descriptions in Rev. 5 (2 that are not in Rev. 1)
 - 1 description in Rev. 6 (it is not in Rev. 1)
 - 2 descriptions in Rev. 7 (neither are in Rev. 1)
 - 2 descriptions in Rev. 11 (1 is not in Rev. 1)
 - 2 descriptions in Rev. 12 (neither are in Rev. 1)
 - 1 description in Rev. 13 (it is not in Rev. 1)
 - 5 descriptions in Rev. 14 (3 that are not in Rev. 1)
 - 8 descriptions in Rev. 15 (6 that are not in Rev. 1)
 - 1 description in Rev. 16 (it is in Rev. 1)
 - 14 descriptions in Rev. 19 (7 that are not in Rev. 1)
 - 7 descriptions in Rev. 22 (6 that are not in Rev. 1)
- D. In Revelation 1:5-7 there are 7 descriptions of Jesus
- 1. Jesus (Rev. 1:5)
 - 2. Christ (Rev. 1:5)
 - 3. Faithful and true witness (Rev. 1:5; 3:7, 14)
 - 4. Firstborn from the dead (Rev. 1:5) - similar to “the First” (Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13)
 - 5. Ruler of the kings of the earth (Rev. 1:5), similar to King of kings (Rev. 19:16)
 - 6. He who loved us and washed us and made us kings and priests (Rev. 1:5-6)
 - 7. He is coming with clouds (Rev. 1:7; 3:11) – One who intervenes in history; He is not silent

- E. In Revelation 1:10-18 there are 17 descriptions of Jesus
1. Loud voice, as of a trumpet (Rev. 1:10) similar to a faithful witness
 2. His voice as the sound of many waters (Rev. 1:15)
 3. I am the Alpha (Rev. 1:11; 22:13)
 4. I am the Omega (Rev. 1:11; 22:13)
 5. I am the First (Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13)
 6. I am the Last (Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13)
 7. In the midst of the seven lampstands (Rev. 1:13; 2:1)
 8. Son of Man (Rev. 1:13) Dan. 7:13-14
 9. Garment to the feet (high priest) and girded about the chest with a golden band (Rev. 1:13)
 10. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow (Rev. 1:14)
 11. His eyes like a flame of fire (Rev. 1:14; 2:18)
 12. His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace (Rev. 1:15; 2:18)
 13. He had in His right hand seven stars (Rev. 1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1)
 14. Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword (Rev. 1:16; 2:12)
 15. His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength (Rev. 1:16)
 16. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. (Rev. 1:18; 2:8)
 17. Has keys of the kingdom: I have the keys of Hades and of Death (Rev. 1:18; 3:7)
- F. In Revelation 2-3 there are 18 descriptions of Jesus (the last 6 are not in Revelation 1)
- Note:** Jesus holding the 7 stars and being “true” are mentioned twice (Rev. 2:1; 3:1, 7, 14).
1. Who holds the 7 stars in His right hand (Rev. 2:1; 3:1)
 2. Who walks in the midst of the 7 golden lampstands (Rev. 2:1)
 3. The First (Rev. 2:8)
 4. The Last (Rev. 2:8)
 5. Who was dead and came to life (Rev. 2:8)
 6. He who has the sharp two-edged sword (Rev. 2:12, 16; also Rev. 1:16; 19:15, 21)
 7. Eyes like a flame of fire (Rev. 2:18)
 8. Feet like fine brass (Rev. 2:18)
 9. Has the seven Spirits of God (Rev. 3:1)
 10. He who has the key of David (Rev. 3:7)
 11. The Faithful Witness (Rev. 3:14)
 12. The Beginning of the creation of God (Rev. 3:14)
 13. ***The Son of God (Rev. 2:18)***
 14. ***I will come upon you as a thief (Rev. 3:3)***
 15. ***I am coming quickly (Rev. 3:11)***
 16. ***The True Witness (Rev. 3:7, 14)***
 17. ***The Amen (Rev. 3:14)***
 18. ***He who is holy (Rev. 3:7)***

- G. In Revelation 5 there are 6 descriptions of Jesus
1. The Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5)
 2. The Root of David (Rev. 5:5)
 3. Lamb as though it had been slain (Rev. 5:6)
 4. Has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals (Rev. 5:5)
 5. Lamb having seven horns (Rev. 5:6)
 6. Lamb having seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God (Rev. 5:6)
- H. In Revelation 6 there is 1 description of Jesus
The wrath of the Lamb (Rev. 6:16)
- I. In Revelation 7 there are 2 descriptions of Jesus
1. Salvation belongs to the Lamb (Rev. 7:10)
 2. Will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters (Rev. 7:17)
- J. In Revelation 11 there are 2 descriptions of Jesus
1. His Christ (Rev. 11:15)
 2. He shall reign forever and ever (Rev. 11:15)
- K. In Revelation 12 there are 2 descriptions of Jesus
1. A male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 12:5)
 2. Her Child was caught up to God and His throne (Rev. 12:5)
- L. In Revelation 13 there is 1 description of Jesus
The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8)
- M. In Revelation 14 there are 5 descriptions of Jesus
1. Lamb standing on Mount Zion...with one hundred and forty-four thousand saints (Rev. 14:1)
 2. On the cloud sat One like the Son of Man (Rev. 14:14)
 3. On His head a golden crown (Rev. 14:14)
 4. He thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped (Rev. 14:16)
 5. Who sat on the cloud (Rev. 14:15-16)
- N. In Revelation 15 there are 8 descriptions of Jesus
1. They sing the song of the Lamb (Rev. 15:3): Jesus has His special song
 2. Lord God (Rev. 15:3)
 3. Almighty (Rev. 15:3)
 4. Just are Your ways (Rev. 15:3)
 5. True are Your ways (Rev. 15:3)
 6. O King of the saints (Rev. 15:3)
 7. O Lord (Rev. 15:4)
 8. You alone are holy (Rev. 15:4)

- O. In Revelation 16 there is 1 description of Jesus
Behold, I am coming as a thief (Rev. 16:15)
- P. In Revelation 19 there are 14 descriptions of Jesus
1. The Lord God Omnipotent reigns (Rev. 19:6) (Greek: *pantokrator*, Almighty)
 2. The marriage of the Lamb has come (Rev. 19:7): Bridegroom God
 3. Behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him... (Rev. 19:11): He has a horse
 4. Called Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11): the faithful witness
 5. In righteousness He judges and makes war (Rev. 19:11)
 6. His eyes were like a flame of fire (Rev. 19:12)
 7. On His head were many crowns (Rev. 19:12): ruler of the kings of the earth
 8. He had a name...that no one knew except Himself (Rev. 19:12): mysterious
 9. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood (Rev. 19:13): sword
 10. His name is called The Word of God (Rev. 19:13)
 11. Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword that with it He should strike the nations (Rev. 19:15)
 12. He...treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God (Rev. 19:15): sword
 13. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15): rules the nations with strictness
 14. King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16): ruler of the kings of the earth
- Q. In Revelation 22 there are 10 descriptions of Jesus
1. My reward is with Me to give to every one according to His work (Rev. 22:12)
 2. I am the Alpha (Rev. 22:13)
 3. I am the Omega (Rev. 22:13)
 4. I am the First (Rev. 22:13)
 5. I am the Last (Rev. 22:13)
 6. I am the Beginning (Rev. 22:13, listed in Rev. 3:14)
 7. I am the End (Rev. 22:13)
 8. I am the Root of David (Rev. 22:16)
 9. I am the Offspring of David (Rev. 22:16)
 10. I am the Bright and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16)

II. COMPARING REVELATION 1 WITH REVELATION 19

- A. **Status:** Son of Man (Rev. 1:13); King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16). **Warrior King:** Warrior (Captain of the Host with a sword smiting the nations as in Josh. 5); King (head of state, ruling nations with a rod, i.e., political, economic, social institutions).
- B. **Name:** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last (Rev. 1:11, 17); He is called Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11), a name no one knew (Rev. 19:12), Word of God (Rev. 19:13).
- C. **Eyes:** His eyes were like a flame of fire (Rev. 1:14); His eyes like a flame of fire (Rev. 19:12).
- D. **Feet:** His feet were like fine brass (Rev. 1:14); He treads the winepress of...wrath (Rev. 19:15).

- E. **Mouth:** Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword (Rev. 1:16); out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that...He should strike the nations (Rev. 19:15).
- F. **Clothed:** With garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band (Rev. 1:13); clothed with a robe dipped in blood (Rev. 19:13).
- G. **Position:** In the midst of seven golden lampstands (Rev. 1:13); sat on a white horse (Rev. 19:11).
- H. **Head:** His head and hair were white (Rev. 1:14); on His head were many crowns (Rev. 19:12).
- I. **Hand:** In His right hand seven stars and keys of Hades, Death, and David (Rev. 1:16, 18; 3:7); He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15). Jesus is leader of the Church with the seven stars, and leader of nations with rod of iron. He has a sharp sickle (Rev. 14:14).
- J. **Voice:** Voice as of a trumpet (Rev. 1:10), voice as the sound of many waters (Rev. 1:15); armies in heaven followed Him (Rev. 19:14); He is the Faithful and True Witness (Rev. 1:5; 19:2, 11). His voice alarms as a trumpet, shakes the earth (Heb. 12:26; Joel 3:16) and has authority to direct armies (Joel 2:11; Isa. 42:13).
- K. **Face:** His countenance was like the sun (Rev. 1:16); He shines forth to deliver His people (Ps. 80:1-3; Ps. 94:1-2) and to judge His enemies (Rev. 16:8-9).
- L. **Action:** He judges and makes war (Rev. 19:11); He treads the winepress of wrath (Rev. 19:15). He strikes nations with His sword and rules the nations with a rod of iron.

III. FATHER

- A. The Father used 8 descriptions of Himself (Rev. 1:8; 21:6)
 - 1. I am the Alpha (Rev. 1:8; 21:6)
 - 2. I am the Omega (Rev. 1:8; 21:6)
 - 3. I am the Beginning (Rev. 1:8; 21:6)
 - 4. I am the End (Rev. 1:8; 21:6)
 - 5. The Lord who is (Rev. 1:8)
 - 6. The Lord who was (Rev. 1:8)
 - 7. The Lord is to come (Rev. 1:8)
 - 8. The Almighty (Rev. 1:8)

- B. The six main titles of God in Revelation: Alpha, Omega, Beginning, End, First and Last.
1. Alpha (4x): Rev. 1:8 (Father); 1:11 (Jesus); 21:6 (Father); 22:13 (Jesus)
 2. Omega (4x): Rev. 1:8 (Father); 1:11 (Jesus); 21:6 (Father); 22:13 (Jesus)
 3. Beginning (4x): Rev. 1:8 (Father); 3:14 (Jesus); 21:6 (Father); 22:13 (Jesus)
 4. End (3x): Rev. 1:8 (Father); 21:6 (Father); 22:13 (Jesus)
 5. First (4x): Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13; plus Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12 (all 7 references to Jesus)
 6. Last (4x): Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13; plus Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12 (all 7 references to Jesus)
- C. The 12 names for the Father (which were not spoken by the Father)
1. Him who is and who was and who is to come (Rev. 1:4, 8)
 2. My Father (Rev. 3:5)
 3. Lord God Almighty (Rev. 4:8; 11:17)
 4. Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever (Rev. 4:9-10; 7:15; 10:6)
 5. The living God (Rev. 7:2)
 6. Who created heaven...the earth...and the sea (Rev. 10:6; 14:7)
 7. The God of the earth (Rev. 11:4)
 8. The God of heaven (Rev. 11:13; 16:11)
 9. You are righteous (Rev. 16:5)
 10. God who has power over these plagues (Rev. 16:9)
 11. For strong is the Lord God who judges her (Rev. 18:8)
 12. From whose face the earth and the heaven fled away (Rev. 20:11)

IV. NAMES OF GOD IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- A. **God** (100 times): Rev. 1:1, 2, 6, 9; 2:7, 18; 3:1, 2, 12 (4x), 14; 4:5, 8; 5:6, 9, 10; 6:9; 7:2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17; 8:2, 4; 9:4, 13; 10:7; 11:1, 4, 11, 13, 16 (2x), 17, 19; 12:5, 6, 10 (2x), 17; 13:6; 14:4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 19; 15:1, 2, 3 (2x), 7, 8; 16:1, 7, 9, 11, 14, 19, 21; 17:17 (2x); 18:5, 8, 20; 19:1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17; 20:4, 6, 9, 12; 21:2, 3 (3x), 4, 7, 10, 11, 22, 23; 22:1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 18, 19
- B. **Lord** (23 times): spoken by the Father (Rev. 1:8); spoken to the Father 4:8, 11; 11:15, 17; 19:1, 6; 21:22; 22:5. Spoken to Jesus (Rev. 11:8; 14:13; 15:3, 4; 17:14; 19:16; 22:20; 22:21). Unclear who it is spoken to in Rev. 6:10; 16:5, 7; 18:8; 22:6
- C. **Lamb** (27 times): Rev. 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1, 16; 7:9, 10, 14, 17; 12:11; 13:8, 11; 14:1, 4 (2x), 10; 15:3; 17:14 (2x); 19:7, 9; 21:14, 22, 23; 22:1, 3)
- D. **Almighty** (8 times): once it is self-proclaimed (Rev. 1:8), the others are said to God (Father: Rev. 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 19:15; 21:22); to Jesus (Rev. 15:3); unclear (Rev. 16:7, 14); Omnipotent (Rev. 19:6)
- E. **Lion** (Rev. 5:5)
- F. **Spirit** (9 times) Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 14:13; 22:17)

- G. *The seven Spirits of God* (4 times) Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6
- H. *Amen* (9 times): Spoken by John (Rev. 1:6-7, 22:20, 21); by either John or Father (Rev. 1:7); by Jesus (Rev. 1:18); Jesus' name (Rev. 3:14); by seraphim, elders, or angels (Rev. 5:14; 7:12; 19:4)