

Bereans Bible Institute
Module XI – Revelation
Lesson 3 – Rev. 1:4-5

I. From vss. 1-3:

- A. Vs. 1 “occur suddenly” (shortly come to pass) Rev. 22:6
- B. Vs. 3 “the appointed time is ready” (Kairos + engus – near or ready)
 - 1. Used in Matt. 24:32-33, Rev. 22:10

II. Vs. 4

- A. Introduction – John, to 7 assemblies:
- B. Grace and Peace from the source – the Father, the Son, and 7 spirits/breaths.
 - 1. Paul’s signature opening: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Shows Paul’s influence on John).
 - 2. The 7 “spirits/breaths” before the throne of God – portrayed as 7 lamps (Rev. 4:5) and 7 eyes (Rev. 5:6)
 - a. 7 eyes – Zech. 3:8-9; 4:10 God’s ability to see everywhere
 - b. why 7? Here they SEE the 7 assemblies, the Lamb is watching as indicated in the 7 letters.

III. Vs. 5

- A. Jesus the faithful “witness” (the Messenger who testified to John)
- B. the “first-begotten from among the dead.” This term was borrowed from Paul in (Col. 1:15-18), refers to sequence (1 Cor. 15:20-23).