

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 4 – Rev. 1:6-8

I. Verse 6

A. made us “Kingdom priests”

1. A FUTURE role (Rev. 20:6; Rev. 3:12).
2. We are NOW in TRAINING for this role (1 Pet. 2:4-5,9)

B. to HIS God and Father

1. Jesus has a “God” (John 20:17; Rom. 15:6; 2 Cor. 1:3; 2 Cor. 11:31; Eph. 1:3; Col. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3; Rev. 3:12)
2. Jesus is sometimes called “God” due to full sovereignty given to Him in certain circumstances (Heb. 1:8-9 quoting Psalm 45).
3. The term “God” defines a relationship, like “Master.” (Rev. 22:7)
 - a. pagan deities were called “gods” because they allegedly had sovereignty over a particular aspect of nature. (god of war, god of the Nile, god of fertility, etc.)
 - b. The “one God” statements in the OT refer to YHVH’s sole Sovereignty over everything and everyone. (see vs. 8)
4. To HIM (Jesus) be glory & power unto ages of ages – WORSHIP of Jesus
 - a. Matt. 4:8 Worship is due to God alone (1st Commandment)
 - b. Jesus accepted “worship” on many occasions (Matt. 2:11; 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9,17).
 - c. God wants the Son to be worshipped (John 5:23)
 - d. Worship of the Son is vicarious worship of His Father who sent Him.

II. Verse 7

A. He is coming with clouds (Dan. 7:13-14)

1. After the tribulation, the HOPE of Christians (Matt. 24:29-31)
 - a. All tribes will mourn (vs. 30) – “tribes” in the NT refers to the 12 tribes of Israel (Rev. 7:4)
 - b. Those who pierced Him (Zech. 12:8 – 13:1)

III. Verse 8

A. From the Father:

1. Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (cf. Isa. 44:6 & Rev. 1:17)
2. The God who IS – YHVH
3. Who was & is to come (eternal)
4. The SOVEREIGN OVER ALL. (not “Almighty”)