

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 7

***THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
CHAPTER 1***



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In any movie, the opening scene plays a very important role! It sets the tone for the entire movie and often introduces the main character of the story as well.

What does the opening chapter of the Book of Revelation unveil?

The spotlight shines on Jesus, the Son of Man, the pre-eminent One, who is the most

SUPREME, PERFECT AND COMPLETE LEADER OF ALL HUMAN HISTORY.

He possesses all wisdom and He is altogether lovely.

God is giving us a glimpse of the Man who will lead the global Church at the End of the Age, so that we will have absolute confidence in His leadership through the coming chaotic and challenging times.

Revelation 1 is an **important and vital chapter** of the Book of Revelation. It **lays the foundation** for us to understand the rest of the book.

Verses 1 to 8 reveals to us **two main themes** of this book.



THE MAIN THEME:

TO REVEAL JESUS CHRIST
- HIS GLORY, MAJESTY, POWER
PERSONALITY AND PLAN

**The Book of Revelation gives us the
CLEAREST DESCRIPTION of who
Jesus is in the entire Bible.**

There are close to 100 descriptions of who Jesus is in the Book of Revelation — God wants us to encounter this Man through this book.

One of the main reasons why the Church is generally not passionate about Jesus is because we have not really ventured deep into the Book of Revelation to encounter this beautiful Man. Once we know Him, we will love Him, trust Him and yearn for Him!

The Book of Revelation also gives us the MOST COMPLETE PICTURE regarding who Jesus is.

The Old Testament primarily emphasizes the **deity of Jesus**. The New Testament primarily emphasizes the **humanity of Jesus**. The Book of Revelation, however, gives us the **most complete picture of who Jesus is, both as the Son of God and the Son of Man**.

No other book in the Bible gives us a clearer picture of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge. The major and minor prophets primarily focus on Jesus as the Judge. The Book of Isaiah focuses on Jesus as the King, while the Song of Songs primarily focuses on Jesus as the Bridegroom. But only the Book of Revelation gives us a complete picture of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge.





THE SECOND THEME:

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

(VERSES 5-8)

The Second Coming is not just an event or concept. **It is a reality — Jesus is returning to take leadership of the earth in deep partnership with His people.** And the hour of His coming is near.

Can we pause here for a moment and ask ourselves in all honesty,

“Is the Second Coming of Jesus a reality to me or is it just a mere concept?”

None of us will disagree with the Second Coming theologically, but **are our hearts engaging and connecting with this reality?** If your answer is no, **wrestle with this truth until it becomes so real to you – it will change your life!**

a. Verse 5 gives us **five descriptions of Jesus as the Supreme Leader** who will lead the End-Time Church. He is:

I. The Faithful Witness — He is forever faithful to the Father and He is faithful to us even when we are weak (2 Tim. 2:13).

II. The Firstborn from the Dead — He is the Resurrected One who has conquered death. If we encounter this truth, we will overcome the fear of death.

III. The Ruler over the kings of the earth — Jesus will reign as the all-powerful King.

IV. The One who loves us — we need to let this truth get deep into our hearts. Jesus really loves us so deeply. Pray for yourself using Ephesians 3:16-19 to encounter His deep love. The love of God will energize our hearts to love Him and one another until the end, even to the point of death.

V. The One who washed us from our sins — we are freed from the guilt of sin because of the cross and we can come to Him in confidence at all times.



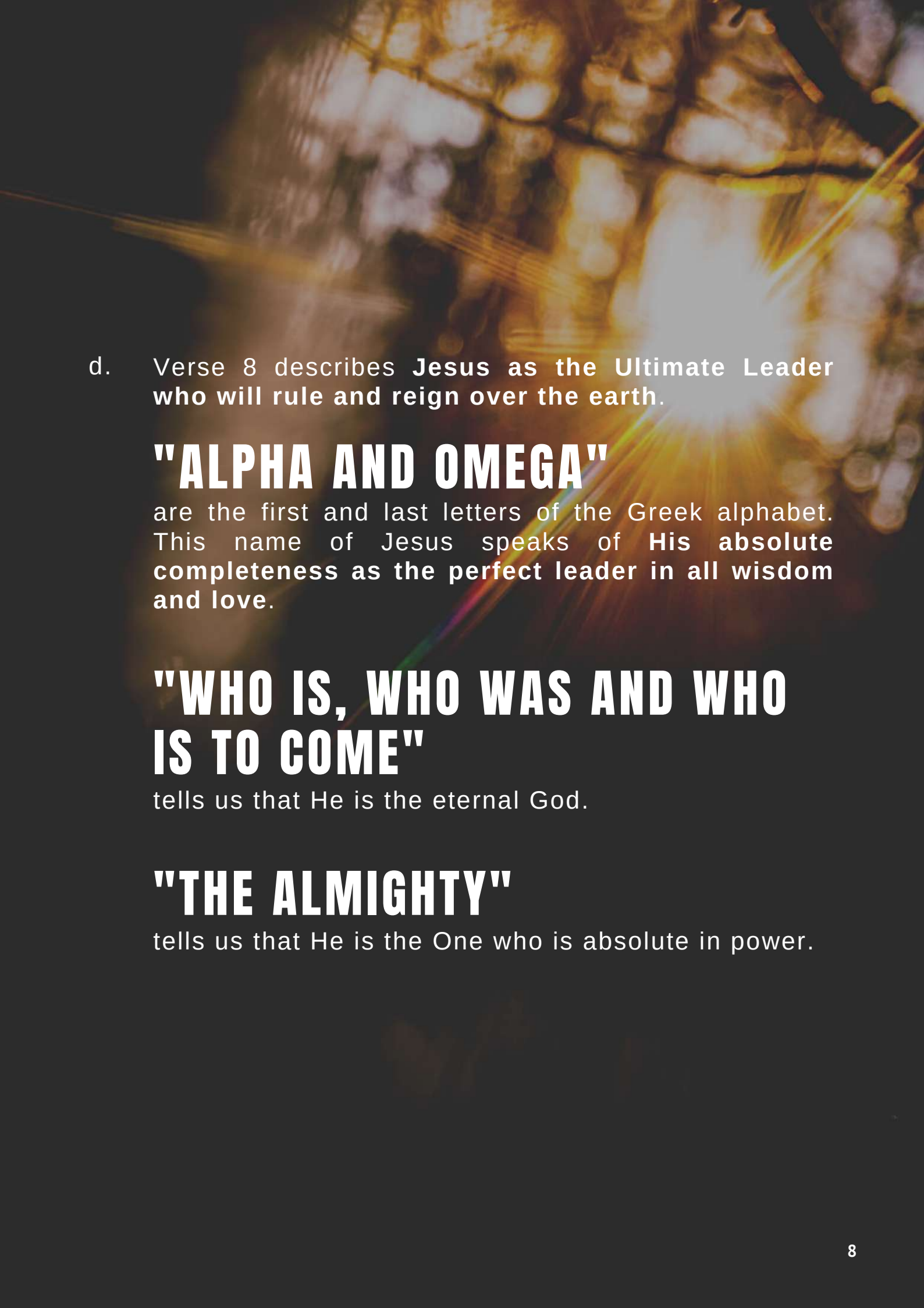


- b. Verse 6 talks about the **plan of Jesus for us to partner Him as kings and priests** in the Millennial Kingdom.

Many of us assume that we will automatically become kings and priests. This is not true. We have to be faithful and live out what God has called us, persevering until the end! Understanding this reality will determine how we live in this age!

- c. Verse 7 is the clearest declaration of the Second Coming of Jesus.

Every eye will see Him – this is a reality that will happen! And many will mourn because they realize that Jesus is coming to judge those who had pierced Him, resisted Him or persecuted His people.

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- d. Verse 8 describes Jesus as the Ultimate Leader who will rule and reign over the earth.

"ALPHA AND OMEGA"

are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This name of Jesus speaks of His absolute completeness as the perfect leader in all wisdom and love.

"WHO IS, WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME"

tells us that He is the eternal God.

"THE ALMIGHTY"

tells us that He is the One who is absolute in power.

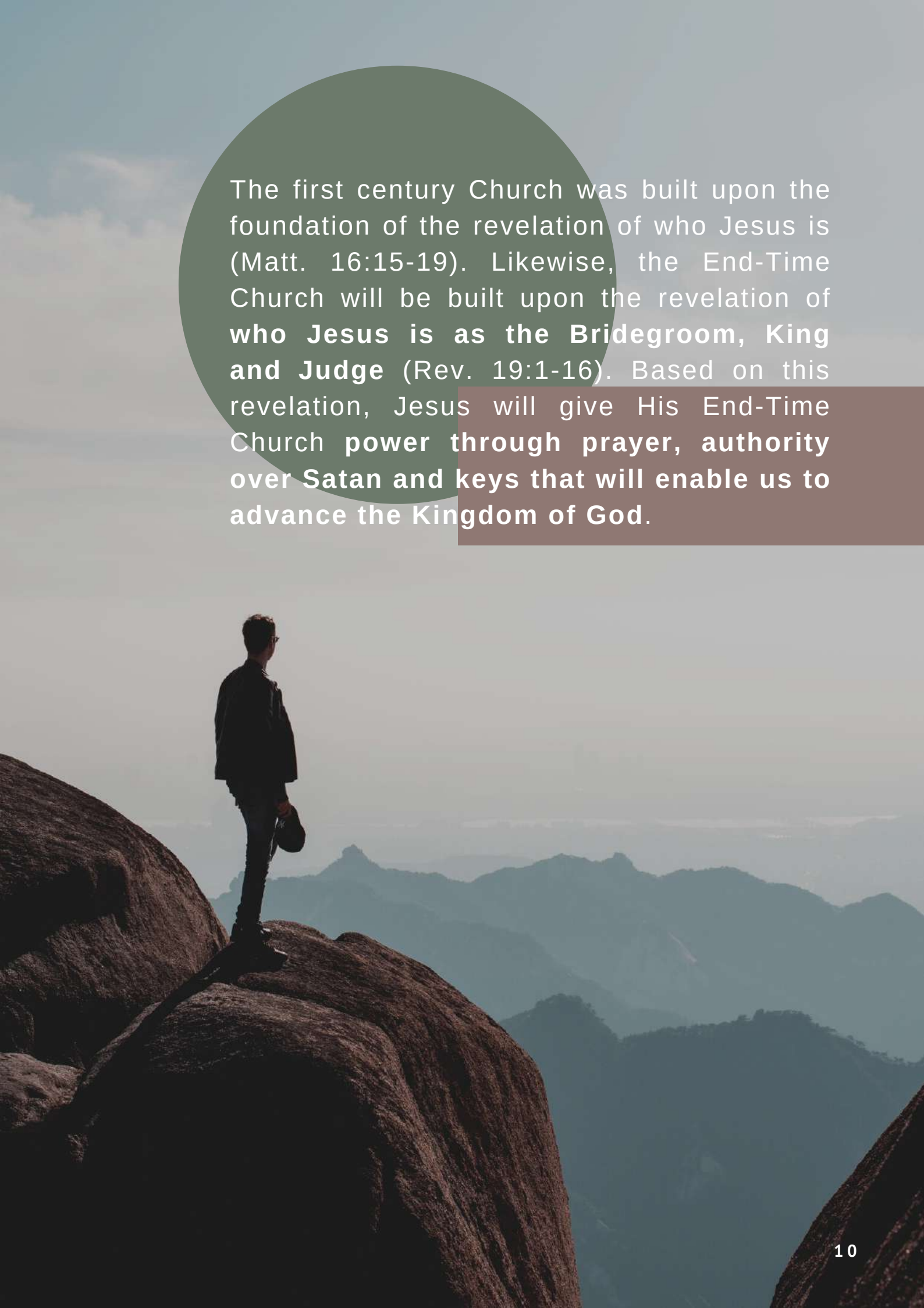
Verses 9 to 20 answers the fundamental question the Holy Spirit is asking the End-Time Church NOW –

“WHO IS JESUS AT HIS SECOND COMING?”

It is **VITAL** for us to be able to correctly answer this question.

A correct understanding of who Jesus is will **prepare the Church to be ready as the mature Bride**, which is our **primary identity** (Rev. 22:17). It will also **prepare the Church to rise up as the mature House of Prayer**, which encompasses both our **identity as a people of God**, as well as our **primary function at the End of the Age** (Isa. 56:7; Matt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Rev. 5:8; 22:17).



A person in silhouette stands on a large, rounded rock formation, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range under a clear sky. The person is wearing a jacket and holding a bag. The background shows multiple layers of mountain peaks, creating a sense of depth and scale. The overall tone is contemplative and serene.

The first century Church was built upon the foundation of the revelation of who Jesus is (Matt. 16:15-19). Likewise, the End-Time Church will be built upon the revelation of **who Jesus is as the Bridegroom, King and Judge** (Rev. 19:1-16). Based on this revelation, Jesus will give His End-Time Church **power through prayer, authority over Satan and keys that will enable us to advance the Kingdom of God.**

In the next session, we will delve deeper into Revelation 1:9-20 to encounter the beauty and excellency of this Son of Man, Son of God. Meanwhile, we want to leave you with this thought:

THE END-TIME PRAYER MOVEMENT WILL BE INTIMACY-BASED AND REVELATION-BASED.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS WILL BE THE FOUNDATION OF THIS PRAYER MOVEMENT.

THE CENTER OF THE END-TIME CHURCH WILL BE THE BEAUTY OF THIS MAN.

As we abide in Him at the place of prayer and as we behold His beauty, our hearts and minds will be transformed more and more into His likeness, **until we come to the place of oneness with Jesus. On that Day, all the churches around the world, together with the Spirit, will cry out in love, in deep yearning, in unison, “Come Lord Jesus, come!” and Jesus will return!**



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