Look…He’s Coming

Revelation 1:1-8

I. Trust in His True Word. (v. 1-3)

“Revelation” (1 Peter 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:7)

“of Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Revelation 19:11-21)

“which God have to Him to shew unto His servants” (Mark 13:32; Revelation 5:6-7)

“His servants” (1 Corinthians 2:14; Matthew 13:11-13)

“shortly come to pass” (2 Peter 3:3-12)

“angel” (Revelation 22:16; Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:2)

“John” from Patmos (Revelation 1:9; Acts 12:1-2)

Date: 95-96 AD under Emperor Domitian (confirmed and attested by Irenaeus, a disciple of Polycarp, a disciple of John)

“Blessed” (Revelation 22:6-7,14,17)

“for the time is near” (Romans 13:12; 1 Peter 4:7)

No direct Old Testament quotes, but anywhere from 250 to over 500 Old Testament allusions, themes, and references in just 404 verses.

II. Trust in the Triune God. (v. 4-6)

“Him which is, and which was, and which is to come” (Exodus 3:14)

“seven Spirits” (Isaiah 11:1-2; Zechariah 4:2-6; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4)

“faithful witness” (Revelation 3:14; John 18:37)

“firstborn of the dead” (Colossians 1:15-18; Psalm 89:27; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

“ruler of the kings of the earth” (Psalm 2:6-9)

“made us kings and priests” (Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 5:9-10)

III. Trust in His Triumphant return. (v. 7-8)

“clouds” in Scripture symbolize God’s presence.

-In the wilderness wonderings God led Israel during the day with the pillar of cloud (Ex. 13:21-22; 16:10; Num. 10:34).

-At the giving of the Law there was a thick cloud on Mt. Sinai (Ex. 19:16; 20:21; 24:15-18).

-The tabernacle and temple were filled with a cloud (Ex. 40:34-38; 1 Kings 8:10-12).

-Jesus ascended to heaven in a cloud (Acts 1:9-11).

-We will meet the Lord at the Rapture in the clouds (1 Thess. 4:17).

“cometh with clouds” (Daniel 7:13-14; Mark 14:60-65; Zechariah 14:1-4)

“those who pierced Him” (Zechariah 12:1-14; Acts 2:22-23; Zechariah 13:1; Matthew 24:27-30)

“wail” (Revelation 9:20-21; Zechariah 12:10)

We are to be those who look for and love His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8; 2 Peter 3:12).