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Revelation 1:4-20

“Words from the King”

I. John served as a scribe and witness.

9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- **Revelation 1:9 NKJV**

11 "What you see, write in a book ... 19 "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. - **Revelation 1:11, 19 NKJV**

II. The letters were to churches, but also the Church.

4... to the seven churches which are in Asia ... 11 ... "What you see, write in a book and send [it] to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." - **Revelation 1:4, 11 NKJV**

16 All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. - **2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV**

III. The letters contain the words of the King.

4...from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth - **Revelation 1:4,5 NKJV**

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, [the] Beginning and [the] End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." - **Revelation 1:8 NKJV**

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," - **Revelation 1:10 NKJV**

13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands [One] like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair [were] white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet [were] like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength - **Revelation 1:13-16 NKJV**

17... I am the First and the Last. 18 "I [am] He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. - **Revelation 1:17 NKJV**

IV. We should be comforted and respond in worship and obedience.

4... Grace to you and peace from Him... - **Revelation 1:17 NKJV**

5... loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him [be] glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. - **Revelation 1:5, 6 NKJV**

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen - **Revelation 1:7 NKJV**

3 Blessed [is] he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time [is] near. - **Revelation 1:3 NKJV**

How Important Are the King's Words to You?