

INTRO: Rev 1:1-3 ... Revelation of Jesus Christ = The Anointed One

The Names of Jesus in Revelation (*in order of mention*)

1:1 - Jesus Christ	15:3 – King of the Saints
1:5 – Faithful Witness	17:14 – Lord of Lords & King of Kings
1:8 – Alpha & Omega, Beginning & End, The Almighty	19:6 – Lord God Almighty
1:13 – Son of Man	19:11 – Faithful & True
2:18 – Son of God	19:13 – Word of God
3:14 – Faithful & True Witness	19:16 – King of Kings & Lord of Lords
4:8 – Lord God Almighty	22:13 – First & Last
5:5 – Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Root of David	22:16 – Bright & Morning Star
5:8 – The Lamb	22:21 – Lord Jesus Christ
11:13 – God of Heaven	

Isa 61:1-7 - Anointing of Jesus

1. Breaks our poverty with Good News
2. Heals our broken hearts
3. Frees us from what has capture us
4. Releases us from things that imprison us
5. Ushers in the season of God's favor towards us and vengeance toward our enemy
6. Comforts & consoles our pain
7. Replaces our despair with beauty
8. Anoints us with Joy
9. Covers us with a garment of praise that lifts heaviness from us
10. Transforms us into Treas of righteousness & the planting of the Lord
11. Empowers us to rebuild things ruins & redeem generational loss
12. Compels others to want to bless us & work for our success
13. Sanctifies us as priests to the Lord to serve Him
14. Secures double honor and double blessing for us

The Door of Heaven: Rev 4:1-3 ... God has left the door OPEN for us

- Door - signifies a separation of space, sphere, and experience
 - It is a place of access & entering into (heaven)
- Open - an invitation to enter, to experience heaven
 - Rev 3:20 – Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
 - if we open our door to Him, we are giving Him an expressed invitation to come in
 - God has opened the Door of Heaven to us ... He is giving you & I His expressed invitation to

- COME UP HERE – 2 realms of reality, experience, awareness
 - Jn 3:5 - unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God
 - Rm 8:14 - For as many as are **led by the Spirit** of God, these are sons of God.
 - Jn 1:12 – But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
 - Rev 1:10 – I was **in the Spirit** on the Lord’s Day
 - Phil 3:17 - For our citizenship is in heaven
 - Eph 2:6 - made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
 - Example: our own heavenly Wi-Fi camera

- **Q: Who has the Desire & Courage to go through the Door this morning?**
 - Desire – causes us to sacrifice for what we have for what want & value
 - Ps 27:4 - One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.
 - Ps 132:3-5 - “Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵ Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob
 - Ps 63:1 - My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You
 - Ps 84:2 - My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
 - Courage – The things behind heaven’s door will be overwhelming
 - Rev 1:17 - And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.
 - Isa 6:5 - Woe is me, for I am undone!
 - Eph 3:14-21 – strengthened with might in the inner man ... know the love of God & filled with the fulness of God

What will we find beyond the Door?

1. Revelation of things to come
 - a. Rev 1:1 - The Revelation of Jesus Christ [includes] things which must shortly take place
 - b. Rev 4:1 - Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.
 - c. *We must not settle for just insight into the times & seasons on the earth.*
2. Angels & Heavenly realm realities
 - a. I call these the marvelous distractions of the spirit realm
 - b. Seeing/experiencing these are amazing BUT not the intended focus or prize of our desire
 - c. *We must not settle for these marvelous distractions of heavenly things*
3. Message from the voice of God
 - a. The voice of God is Soooo important – It creates faith in us and gives us access to the Life of God
 - b. It also gives us the revelation of truth and the clear message of God – the Testimony of Jesus
 - c. *We must not settle for just knowing the Voice and having the Message of God*

*** the 1st 3 are necessary to minister to people on behalf of God (Mt 7:22-23)

*** the last one is the reward for those who choose to minister to God

Ezek 44:13-16 - *And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.* ¹⁴ *Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.* ¹⁵ *“But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood,” says the Lord God.* ¹⁶ *“They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.*

Ezek 48:10-11 - *The sanctuary of the Lord shall be in the center.* ¹¹ *It shall be for the priests of the sons of Zadok*

4. The beauty of God

- a. The Revelation of Jesus Christ!
- b. Rev 1:13-16, ch 4, ch 5
- c. Can you see Him? Look at Him and behold His beauty.

4 Benefits of beholding God’s beauty

1. Satisfaction – Both immediate satisfaction and sustaining hunger
 - a. Ps 145:16 - You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing
 - b. Ps 16:11 - In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
 - c. This is the key to being hungry for more of God! - eating & drinking deeply of His beauty
2. Multiplication - of our awareness of & focus on Him
 - a. Beholding Him enlarges our capacity for more of Him
 - b. Rev 1:15 - His voice as the sound of many waters;
 - c. Sound & Site ... sound of many waters AND the sight of many splendors - ALL AT ONCE
 - d. Increases our ability to focus on all we see & experience of Him
3. Magnification - of our attraction to and affection toward Him
 - a. His Beauty - Intensifies the pull of your heart to get closer & closer
 - b. Your soul will begin to demand more of Him and a more accurate, experiential view of Him
 - c. Your spirit will demand more unrestrained affection – thanksgiving, praise, adoration, worship
 - i. 2 Sam 6:14 – David danced wildly before the Lord
 - ii. v 21-22 - Therefore I will play music before the Lord. ²² And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sigh
4. Purification - of our desires and perspectives
 - a. Once you have tasted the “best” you are ruined for everything else
 - b. Real transformation comes from beholding Him – 2 Cor 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
 - c. 1 Jn 3:2 - we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.