

The Revelation of Jesus Christ
Revelation 1:7-8.

SMBC Family Devotion

Week of January 17, 2021

*This Sunday morning Bro. Jono will be preaching on the sanctity of human life. Please be in prayer for him as he delivers a timely message. Also be in prayer for the love offering we will be taking up for the First Choice Pregnancy Center.

*Sunday evening, Lord willing, Bro. Jono will be returning to Revelation 1. I pray the following devotion would be a help to prepare you for both of Sundays messages.

Before you begin:

- Discuss how your time of fasting has been so far.
- Share as a family some of the things that stuck out to you from Bro. Jono's message this past Sunday, "The Revelation of the Local Church."
- We believe as a church family that the relationship between a member and it's church, the church and it's members, is a covenantal relationship. Two parties equally responsible to the other to love each other. Do you believe this is the biblical? Could you explain this to someone from Scripture? If you do not agree with this, could you build your case from Scripture?
- What is the difference in building your life around the church vs. the church around your life?

Read the text:

"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him—even those who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and was and is to come—the Almighty."

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Discussion:

1. "Behold" is used 25 times in the Revelation. And its purpose is to get our attention to consider what follows. And there are 7 observations we can make about what follows. What are they?
 - a. He, Jesus, is coming.
 - b. He is coming with clouds, symbolizing God's presence!
 - c. When He comes every eye will see Him. (This is a warning against any and all "religions" that are founded and/or continue in secrecy.)

- d. When He comes, every eye, including those responsible for His death will see Him.
 - e. Those who see Him, and are guilty of His death, will mourn for Him. (This word “mourn” in the Greek has an interesting literal definition and context. Pay attention Sunday as Bro. Jono expounds on it.)
 - f. This coming, this seeing, this mourning, “so shall it be.”
 - g. Because Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, I Am, the Almighty, we can be certain He is coming again.
2. Here in the first few verses, John presents us with the challenge of the Revelation. What is that challenge?
 - a. We all must be ready for His return.
 3. How do we get ourselves ready for His return?
 - a. See Revelation 1:3.

Prayer:

- Pray for the First Choice Pregnancy Center.
 - For their workers, like our very own Dottie Mershon.
 - For their board members, like Darla Damron and Elizabeth Taylor.
 - For their volunteers, like Nicole Kitchell, Jenny Graham, Danielle Moscato, and Koen Dieter.
 - That they can have the Fish Fry this year, a major fundraiser for them.
- Pray for those close to you that need to read and hear and obey the Revelation, because the time is near...