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Revelation 1-11

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NT #48 Glory and Power Be Unto the Lamb for Ever

Who is John?

- obviously a prophet
- jewish
- church leader
- OT student or scholar

Apocalypse - Revelation in the sense of an uncovering
 shroudy - this would tend to confirm the sense from 1 John
 that John believed the end times were imminent.
 "time is at hand" some words used by Jesus for
 Kingdom of heaven

Names for Christ:
 faithful witness
 first begotten of the dead
 prince of the kings of the earth

Prophecy → not necessarily a foretelling, but the word of God revealed through his mouthpiece
 the BoF M was written for our day on purpose. Revelation, though profitable for us, was not

Part I: Epistles.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches
 - just as it would make no sense to fail to hear if you have ears - it would be
 Vision of God/Christ: hair white as wool, eyes as a flame of fire, etc. ^{that stupid to not list}

Alpha and Omega
 the beginning and the ending
 which was, and is, and is to come
 the Almighty
 the first and the last
 the Son of Man
 he that liveth, and was dead
 Lion of the Tribe of Judah
 Root of David
 Lamb as it had been slain
 him that liveth forever
 God's Christ

Ezekiel 1: the point is that words are simply inadequate to convey what's going on
 - talk about the winged beasts in Ezek. 1

Isaiah 6: six-winged seraphim, throne theophany, holy, holy, holy, coal purifies mouth
 - he is about to represent God to a rebellious people

Jeremiah 1: humility (I can't speak for thee), I have made thee an iron pillar
 - Prophet feels inadequate, sanctified by God

Daniel 7: four beasts emerge out of the sea, representing wicked kingdoms
 - horns represent kings. 7/10 of them. Son of Man, Ancient of Days

Tells each of seven churches (congregations - wards? stakes?) what they are doing right and where they need to repent. These admonitions should be taken in context.

Blessings for them that overcome:
 I will give to eat of the tree of life
 a crown of life
 I will give to eat of the hidden manna
 I will give a white stone w/ a new name

Military language → "overcome" actually means to conquer or prevail in armed conflict.

Ch 4. Throne theophany - Ezek. 1, beast w/ 6 wings - Isaiah 6
 mighty creatures in the attitude of glorifying God

Ch 5. Scroll w/ seven seals - only the Lion of Judah - Gen 49
 only the Lamb is worthy to open them

Ch 6. first 6 seals w/ judgments unleashed upon the earth
 v. 12-14, sun became black, moon to blood, stars fell to earth
 (Zechariah 1 - horsemen)

John hears Conqueror sees slain Lamb

I will give power over the nations
 - I will give the morning star
 - clothed in white raiment
 I will confess his name before my father
 I won't blot his name from the Book of Life
 I will make him a pillar in God's temple
 he shall go no more out

Sevens:
 churches in Asia - seven candlesticks (Zechariah 4) - seven spirits of God sent forth
 servants/angels of churches - seven stars

I will write on him the name of God & of City of God & my new name
 - seven eyes (5:6)

- seven seals
- seven trumpets
- seven thunders

sit with me in my throne even as I overcame and sit with God on his throne

Ch. 7 sealing power - sealed in their foreheads - the center of memory & allegiance (faith)
hears the number 144,000 ^{military census like number ch. 1} ... sees a multitude "no man could number" worshipping
v. 15 - serve him day and night in his temple

Ch. 8 open seventh seal
- silence for 1/2 hour (20 years 10 months)
Seven trumpets - judgments during the seventh seal
4 trumpets are blown
compare Joel 1

Ch. 9 5th angel sounds trumpet - bottomless pit; smoke - locusts
compare Joel 2
In both cases, a devastation like a plague of locusts is described in military terms

Sixth trumpet kills 1/3 of people → they don't repent - like Pharaoh
God's judgment is not what changes people

Ch. 10 an angel from heaven cries with a loud voice, and then seven thunders uttered their voices, but John is commanded to seal it

John is given a book, and commanded to eat it

- Ezek. 3:1-14 truth is sweet, message is bitterness

- D&C 77:14 Mission given to John

Ch. 11 John commanded to measure the temple (see Ezek. 40-46, 12 tribes Ezek. 48) Zech. 2 - protection

2 olive trees, 2 candlesticks - 40 on 2 months → 3 1/2 years

5-6 miracles like Moses, Elijah, & Elisha

7-8 killed in Jerusalem like Jesus

11 3 1/2 days - then they ascend
earthquake

3 1/2 = time
times
1/2 = time

voice - the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord & of his Christ
Then the seventh angel sounds

- Justice rendered to all

- temple of God revealed in heaven