

REVELATION

The King is Coming!

Not Yet Returned but Definitely Not Absent

INTRO: *Today we study what one scholar described as an “Epistolary Prescript.” Regardless of how it is described, our passage contains an initial vision that is nothing short of shocking.*

I. _____ **has an important message for His**
_____ **during His** _____ **absence (1:4-8).**

*Though Revelation was written to seven churches located in Asia Minor, **all churches** heed the message.*

II. **Jesus’** _____ **absence can** _____ **the**
Church’s _____ **and** _____ **to His**
important message (1:9-11). *The adage, “Out of sight, out of mind,” is true of humans, and sadly, sometimes even the Church.*

III. _____ **to Jesus’ important message to His**
_____; **Though not yet** _____, **He**
is _____ **present (1:12-20).** *As we study Jesus’ letters to the seven churches, we must be careful to receive them **as if Jesus were physically** in our midst talking to us.*

A. _____.
The glorified Jesus’ attire is that of a dignified judge.

B. _____.
There are commendations to receive and condemnations to avoid in each of the letters.