

Salutations - Rev 1:4-8

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.

Call to the Word - Rev 1:3

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

...and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Call to the Word - Rev 1:6-7

"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."

Call to the Word - Rev 1:8



introduction

## "The time is near"

Near (Kairos): the right moment; coming time of crisis associated with the last times.

The Urgency - Rev 1:3

# **CHAPTER 1** . the seven Spirits (Rev. 1:4+), he seven candlesticks (Rev. 1:12+), the seven stars (Rev. 1:16+)

## CHAPTERS 4,5 & 8

- the seven lamps of fire (Rev. 4:4+)
- seven seals (Rev. 5:1+)
- seven horns and seven eyes of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6+)
- seven heavenly Angels with their seven trumpets (Rev. 8:2+)

Hepatic Structure- Rev 1:4

### CHAPTERS 10-13

- seven thunders (Rev. 10:3+)
- Seven heads of the dragon
- seven crowns upon these heads (Rev. 12:13+)
- the same of the beast rising out of the sea (Rev. 13:1+)

Hepatic Structure- Rev 1:4

#### CHAPTERS 15-17

- seven last plagues (Rev. 15+;1+)
- seven vials (Rev. 15:7+),
- seven mountains (Rev. 17:9+)
- seven kings (Rev. 17:10+)



#### SEVEN VISIONS

THE SEVENFOLD ASCRIPTION OF GLORY TO THE LAMB (REV. 5:12+)

AND TO GOD (REV. 7:12+)

Hepatic Structure- Rev 1:4

Why the hepatic structure?

Seven is the number of completion.

Almost certainly one of the primary reasons is to emphasize that this *is* the last book of the Bible!

Hepatic Structure- Rev 1:4

#### **Grace & Peace**

To the degree you understand the grace of God will you experience the peace of God.

"If we are still trying to please God through being good enough, defeat and frustration will be our lot. If we have trusted in God's grace to transform us and form Christ within us, we will enjoy life and peace." (Smith)

I AM – the Self-Existent One...

I AM - the Becoming One: whatever you have need of at any day, any time, in any situation.

"Who is to come" = "He who is already on His way may arrive at any moment."

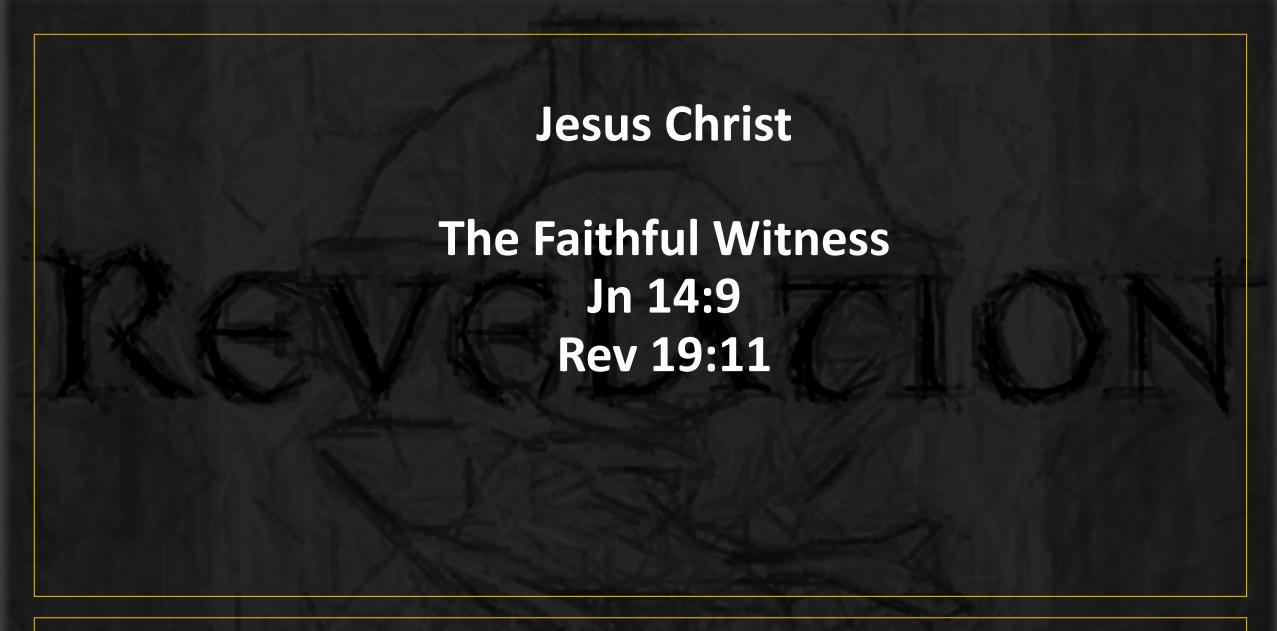
Salutation from the Father - Rev 1:4

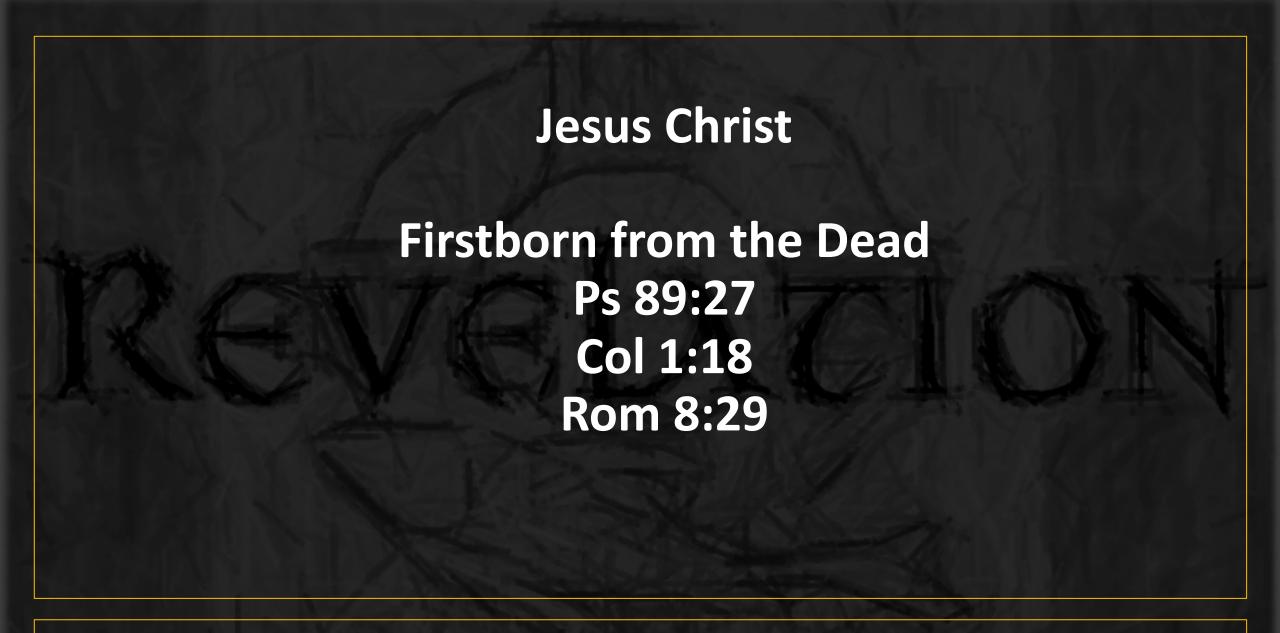
# **Seven Spirits before the Throne**

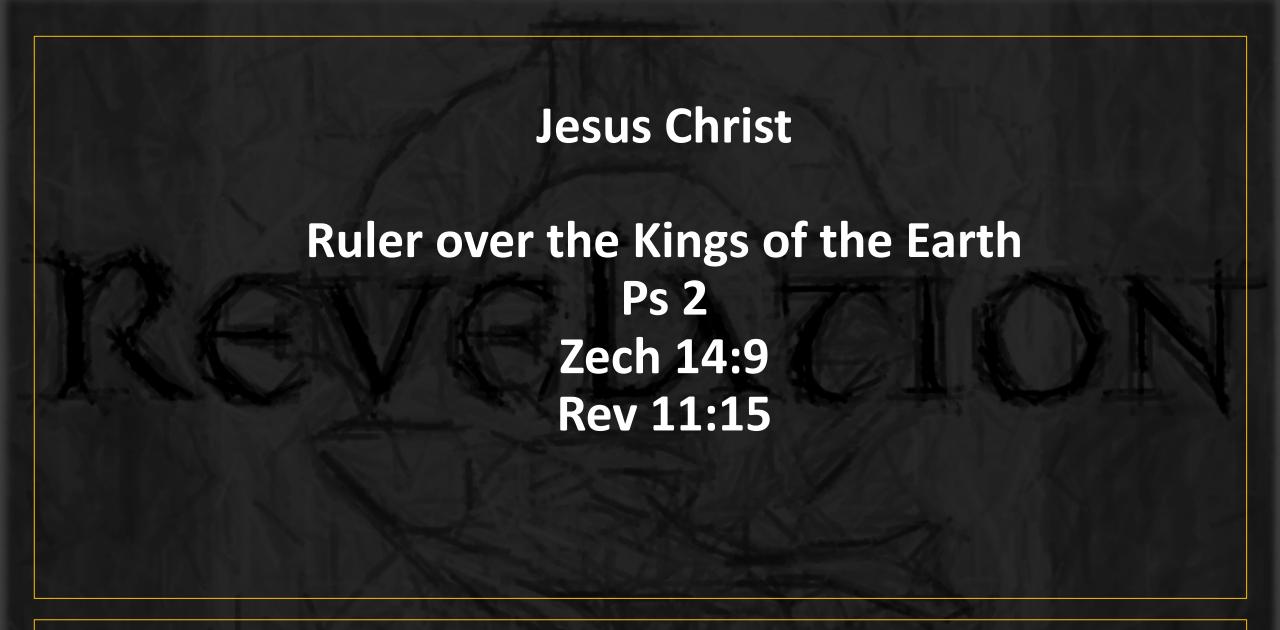
One Holy Spirit with Seven Characteristics

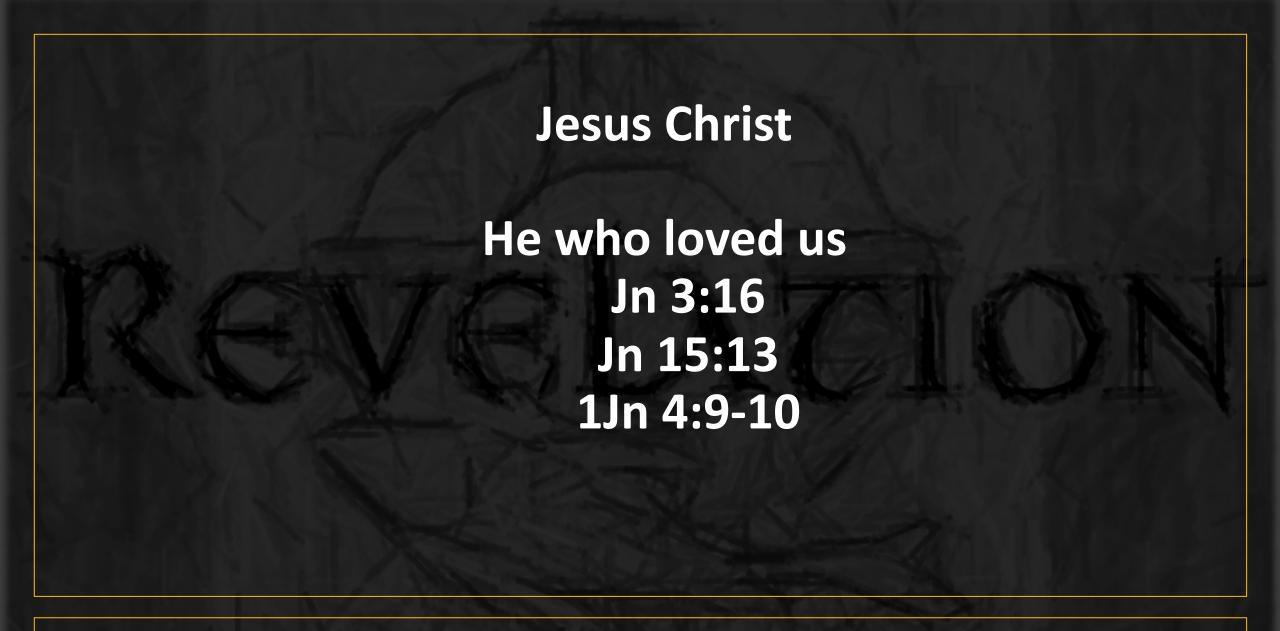
Spirit of the Lord; Wisdom; Understanding; Counsel; Might, Knowledge; Fear of the Lord

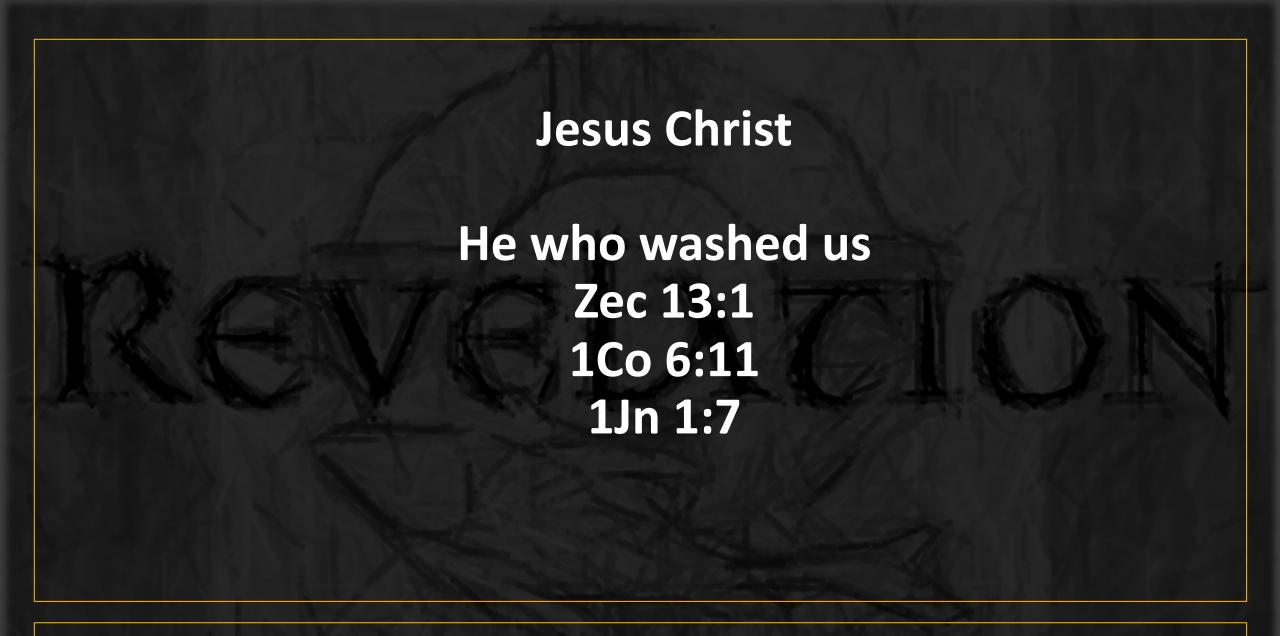
Salutation from the Holy Spirit - Rev 1:4











#### Christ died for us in our worst state

If he loved me at my lowest when I could care less, then it stands to reason that He loves you even more today.



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