

THE HERE AND COMING CHRIST

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Standing In The Fire, part 2

The *Revelation-Apocalypse-Unveiling* of Jesus Christ.

BIG IDEA: Let the present and coming Jesus take his rightful place in every dimension of your life—putting your complete trust in him and his love for you.

“It seeks to set the present moment in light of the future. It seeks to set the present moment in light of the unseen realities of the present. Things are not as they seem. There is more to reality than can be deduced with our unaided senses.” **Darrell Johnson**

96 AD Domitian/“Caesar Kurios” Caesar is Lord/Patmos/Churches

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1. “What must soon take place.” “Don’t seal up the words... the time is near.”

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God *has come near*. Repent and believe the good news!”

Mark 1:15

“Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near you.’ **Luke 10:9**

“If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God *has come upon you*.” **Matthew 12:28**

“The Lord is *near*.” **Philippians 4:5**

2. “He Is Coming.”

1:7 “Behold, he is coming.”

22:7 “I am coming quickly.”

22:12 “I am coming quickly.”

22:20 “I am coming quickly.”

“the already and the not yet.” **Gordon Fee**

“the presence of the future.” **George Ladd**

“the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.” **1 John 2:8**

3. “Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (1:8; 22:13) (Is. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12) Jesus and God are both Alpha and Omega.

Eugene Boring: John has already given remarkable expression to the Christian conviction that at the End we meet not an event but a Person. All Revelation’s statements about the “End” are really statements about God.”

He is **Alpha**, First, Beginning (*arche*) *archetype*

End, *telos*, the inherent goal/destiny of a thing.