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A Theological Tapestry

Revelation is theological. All of its contents find their meaning in the Person and purpose of God.

Theocentric theology

Four self-identifying statements by God:

1. *"I am the Alpha and the Omega"* (**1:8; 21:6**)
    - the first and the last (**1:17; 22:13**)
    - the beginning and the end (**21:6; 22:13**)
    - the Alpha and the Omega (**1:8; 21:6; 22:13**)

2. *"the One Who is and Who was and Who is to come"* (**1:4,8; 4:8; 11:17; 16:5**)

Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 40:10; Zech. 14:5

3. *"the Lord God Almighty"* (**1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7,14; 19:15; 21:22**)

4. *"the One Who sits on the Throne"* (**3:21; 4:2,9,10; 5:1,713; 6:16; 7:10,15; 19:4; 21:5**)

The Lamb:

- Jesus' identity as the Lamb occurs in 28 passages which emphasizes His salvific work as God's Means of judgment and mercy (**Gen. 22:8; John 1:29**)

- The Lamb and *"the One Who sits on the Throne"* are One in nature, equality, authority, power, and purpose:

  God the Father: **Rev. 1:8**
  Christ: **Rev. 1:17**
  God: **Rev. 21:6**
  Christ: **Rev. 22:13**

...what the Lord God says about Himself, the Lamb also says about Himself.

- Jesus receives the same worship that God receives.

  Isaiah 48:11

  Romans 1:23-25

  Rev. 5:8-13

- Jesus does what God does.

  Rev. 1:4; 2:5,16; 3:11; 16:15; 22:6,12,20

- Jesus shares the Throne with God.

  Rev. 7:17; 22:1,3

The Spirit:

Two phrases: 1) the Spirit 2) the seven spirits

1. The Spirit (14x)
    - 7x with the churches (**ch. 2-3**)
    - Remaining 7: **1:10; 4:2; 14:13; 17:3; 19:10; 21:10; 22:17**

2. The seven spirits (4x)

    Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6

    Zechariah 4:4-14

    Hebrews 4:13

    The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ is the same Spirit

    Rom. 8:9; Phil. 1:19; 1 Peter 1:11