

# JESUS CHRIST, The Almighty

The Book of Revelation

This paper is written in response to those who claim that Jesus Christ is lower than God. Some say He was a great prophet or a good man. Some put Jesus on the level of angels, better than man, but not actually God. There are those who claim that Jesus is the mighty god but not the Almighty God. Jesus is not only better than man, He was a perfect man. He is better than the angels; He is the Creator, the Mighty God, and the Almighty God.

### Jesus Christ Identifies Himself

- 1:1 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ.* This book is about Who Jesus Is.
- 1:2 *The testimony of Jesus Christ*. Although written by John, this is the testimony of Jesus Christ. This is Jesus' declaration of Who He is, and of things to come in the future.
- 1:4 The Trinity is composed of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God the Son—from him which is, and which was, and which is to come God the Spirit—and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne

1:5 God the Son—and from Jesus Christ

The Trinity is included here, but we will focus on the Son—Jesus Christ. There are three manifestations but one title—GOD.

- 1:7 We are talking about Jesus Christ here. *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him.* Who was pierced on the cross?
- 1:8 We are still talking about Jesus. *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.* Jesus is the One who is coming back to earth. The angels said to the disciples, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Who is the Alpha and Omega? He is Jesus Christ, the Lord, the Almighty.
- 1:11 Saying, I [Lord Jesus] am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last  $\dots$
- 1:12 *And I* [John] *turned to see the voice that spake with me.*
- 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man. Jesus was the offspring of King David in the Old Testament. Jesus identified Himself in the gospels by the title Son of man.

1:16 *And he* [Jesus, the Son of man] *had in his right hand seven stars*.

1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my [Jesus] right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. Jesus is the Head of the church (Ephesians 5:23).

#### Who Is This One Like the Son of Man?

- 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.
- 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.* Jesus died on the cross and rose again. Only God can overcome death. God is more powerful than Satan. Notice the title of first and last. Jesus claimed this title in verse 11.
- 2:1 Who is talking here? Jesus. These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.
- 2:2 What does Jesus know that only God can know? *I know thy works.* (See also Rev. 2:9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15.)

## What Can Jesus Do That Only God Can Do?

- 2:5 Every time you see the word I, it is referring to Jesus who is the one speaking.
- I [Jesus] will come unto thee quickly, and remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
- 2:16 *I* [Jesus] *will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.* (Rev. 1:16 Out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.)
- 2:22 I [Jesus] will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
- 2:23 I [Jesus] will kill her children with death.
- 2:23 *I* [Jesus] *am he which searcheth the reins* [motives] *and hearts.*
- 2:23 I [Jesus] will give unto every one of you according to your works.
- 2:26 I [Jesus] will give power over the nations.
- 2:28 *I* [Jesus] *will give him the morning star.*
- 3:33 I [Jesus] will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

- 3:5 *I* [Jesus] will not blot his name out of the book of life, but *I* will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
- 3:7 He [Jesus] is holy.
- 3:7 *He* [Jesus] *is true; he hath* the *keys of David*.
- 3:7 He [Jesus] openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.
- 3:10 *I* [Jesus] *will keep thee from the hour of temptation.*
- 3:12 *Him that overcometh will I* [Jesus] *make a pillar in the temple of my God.*
- 3:12 I [Jesus] will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, ...and I will write upon him my new name.
- 3:16 *I* [Jesus] *will spue thee out of my mouth.*
- 3:19 *I* [Jesus] *rebuke and chasten*.
- 3:20 I [Jesus] stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Jesus Christ has the same power that God has: to come into our hearts, judge sin, give eternal rewards; and He controls life and death.

#### Who Is On the Throne of God?

4:2 And immediately I [John] was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and <u>one</u> sat on the throne.

The One on the throne is the Triune God: God in three manifestations or persons with the title---GOD.

4:3 His description: *He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone.* 

Notice He is a singular word.

4:8 They [beasts] rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Whoever is on the throne is called holy. (See Rev. 3:7.) He is **Lord God Almighty**,

which was, and is, and is to come. (See Rev. 1:8.)

4:9 The beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne.

4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne.

4:11 He is the Creator: *Thou hast created all things.* 

He is also identified as the Lion of Judah.

5:5 The Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed.

Who is from the tribe of Judah and a descendant of David? Jesus Christ.

5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain.

(John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!)

# The Lamb Receives Worship

The scene is heaven: the very throne of God. The second commandment is: *Thou shalt have no other gods before me* (Exodus 20:3).

Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me (Isaiah 43:10). I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour (Isaiah 43:11). Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God (Isaiah 44:6). We are to worship God only. Jesus is not a created being on the level of an angel. Jesus Christ and God the Father are both called Savior. Both are called Redeemer.

5:8 The four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb. 5:12 Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. These attributes are only for God.

5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessed, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

These attributes are given to God and to the Lamb.

5:14 And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

We are to worship God only.

For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (Matthew 4:10).

# All Heaven Will Worship the Lamb

7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Note that there is only one throne.

7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God. 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. These words---blessing, glory, wisdom, honour, and power---are the same words given to the Lamb. (See Revelation 5:12-13.)

7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple.

Whose throne is this? God's throne.

7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

# Jesus, the Lamb, Opens the Seals of Judgment

- 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
- 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
- 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Jesus was from the tribe of Judah, from the line of David. (See Matthew 1:1 *The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*) Although God became a man, Jesus is more than a mortal man.

5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Who was slain on the cross? Who gave His blood to redeem us? Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. No man could open the seals. Only the Lamb.

- 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals.
- 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal...
- 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal...
- 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal...
- 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal...

- 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal...
- 7:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal...

These seals are the judgments of the wrath of God on the earth and the inhabiters of the earth.

- 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
- 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

# More Judgments and the Wrath of the Lamb

- 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

The wrath of God is also the wrath of the Lamb. (See Revelation 6:16.) The torment is in the presence of the Lamb who sits on the throne of God. (See Revelation 5:6.)

15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, **Lord God Almighty**; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who are the people singing to? The Lamb. The Lamb is Lord God Almighty. He is the King, the King of Kings.

15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

We are talking about the Lamb here. The Lamb is holy. But only God is holy. Yes, the Lamb is holy because He is God. All nations will worship Jesus, the Lamb.

16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

The wrath of God includes the wrath of the Lamb. (See Revelation 6:16.) These judgments of God are also the judgments of the Lamb.

16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

Who is this: which art, and wast, and shalt be? This is Jesus Christ. Who is the Judge? Jesus Christ.

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son (John 5:22).

16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, **Lord God Almighty**, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Who is the Judge? Jesus Christ. He is called Lord God Almighty.

18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her [Babylon]. Who is the Judge? Jesus Christ. He is called Lord God.

19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God.

Jesus, the Lamb, was already attributed with glory, honour, and power. (See Revelation 5:12-13.) Here He is called the Lord our God.

19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Jesus is the Judge.

19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Jesus is on the throne. The elders and beasts are worshipping Jesus. His title is God.

#### **Battles**

17:14 These [kings] shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

It is the Lamb who will fight in the battle against the kings and nations on the earth.

18:20 Rejoice over her [Babylon], thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Who avenged and fought? Jesus, the Lamb, the King of kings---God.

19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon

him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. This is Jesus.

19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

This is Jesus. (See Revelation 1:13-14.)

19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

This is Jesus Christ. The Word of God is another name ascribed to God the Son. *And the Word* [God the Son] *was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth* (John 1:14). *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God* (John 1:1). Jesus, the Word, was God.

19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of **Almighty God**.

Who has a sharp sword in His mouth? Jesus. (See Revelation 1:13-16.) Who has power over the nations? (See Revelation 17:14.) Jesus Christ. Who will rule as King over the earth? Jesus Christ, King of Kings. Whose wrath is poured out on the earth? The wrath of the Lamb whose name is Almighty God. 19:16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS. AND LORD OF LORDS.* 

This is none other than Jesus Christ, whose title is The Almighty God.

### The Great White Throne of Judgment

The dead will stand before God the Son.

19:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

19:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Who is on the throne? (See Revelation 4:2 and 5:6.) Who is the Judge?

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son (John 5:22).

### The Kingdom of God

11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he [Christ] shall reign for ever and ever.

Who shall reign? Christ.

11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

The elders are sitting before the throne. Who is in the throne? The Father and the Lamb. They worshipped God: both the Father and the Lamb and called them---GOD.

11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, **O Lord God Almighty**, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Who is the One to come? Jesus Christ is coming again. Who will reign? Jesus Christ. He is Lord God Almighty.

12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ.

Christ will reign in His kingdom, the kingdom of God.

#### The Reign of Christ

19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Who will reign on the earth? Jesus Christ, the Lord God.

20:4 They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, and they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Notice the word him is singular.

21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

- 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
- 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Who is speaking here? The Alpha and Omega who is Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end. (See Revelation 1:11-13.) Jesus says, I will be his God.

- 21:22 *And I saw no temple therein* [There is no temple in the holy city, New Jerusalem]: *for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.* Both are the temple. Note temple is singular.
- 21:23 And the city [New Jerusalem] had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. God is light and the Lamb is light.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (I John 1:5).

Jesus, the Lamb, is light and is God.

22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.

Notice the pronouns. Not "their" and "them," but <u>His</u> servants shall serve <u>Him</u>--one GOD.

22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Who is the light? The Lamb is the light (Revelation 21:23). God is light (I John 1:5).

The Lamb is God.

- 22:9 The angel said to John: *Worship God.* The time is short. We need to accept Jesus for Who He is! Jesus is coming soon, so we must repent now and give our lives to God now. Stop. Pray.
- 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be.
- 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 22:20 He [Jesus Christ] which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.