

## THE END OF IT ALL

Revelation 1:7–11

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In order to have a proper perspective on time and life, you must understand the 3 essential elements of the return of Jesus that personalize His return for you:

### 1. THE FACT OF HIS RETURN (Rev. 1:7)

*...and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.—Rev. 1:6-7*

...For some, the return of Jesus is a message of hope; for others, it is a message of dispair. Which is it for you?

### 2. THE FINALITY OF HIS RETURN (Rev. 1:8)

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

...The return of Jesus is assured because of His 3 greatest characteristics:

- A. He knows all (Rev. 1:8a)
- B. He sees all (Rev. 1:8b)
- C. He controls all (Rev. 1:8c)

### 3. THE FORETASTE OF HIS RETURN (Rev. 1:9-11)

*I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."*

...Your foretaste of His return occurs when Jesus meets you in your painful experience to give you a message of hope.