

INVESTIGATION OF PROGRESSIVE REVELATION IN THE BIBLE

MICAH 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

ISAIAH 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever. 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

John 14:10...The words that I have spoken to you...do not come from Me, the Father who remains in me does His own work.

John 14:24...And the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

Jesus was given the title "The Word of God" this is His essence. However it appears clear from the above excerpts of the Bible itself that this Word was made manifest before. We cannot deny that the first excerpt is referring to Jesus Who came from Bethlehem, but what can we make of the statement "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." This is telling us that The Word of God - Jesus has gone forth before and will do again.

Also the second excerpt tells us that God promises that His Word will be sent many many times - "henceforth and for ever".

If we turn to the Book of revelation we find Jesus Himself presented as one of Seven Messengers.

Revelation 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

At Revelation 21:9 we read that John of Patmos encounters one of the Seven Angels mentioned throughout the text: It is important to realise that the word Angel comes from the Greek Angelos which simply means "Messenger".

Revelation 21:9 One of the seven angels who held the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke to me. "Come", he said, "and I will show you the bride, the wife of the lamb."

Now this angel - one of the seven of which we have spoken - guides John through the remainder of his visions, but it is not until chapter twenty two, verse twelve, that this angel, who is introduced as being one of seven, reveals his identity!

"I am coming soon, and bringing with me my recompense...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Now this is amazing, for this, without doubt, is Jesus Himself speaking, the "Alpha and the Omega"; the "first and the last"; the One Who is "coming soon".

A little further on we find the angel's identity even more fully unveiled:

Revelation 22:16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the offspring of David, the shoot growing from his oak, the bright star of dawn."

Now the angel, or messenger, Jesus refers to here is none other than John who has been entrusted with the mission of delivering Christ's message to the seven churches as stated in the opening chapter of Revelation:

Revelation 1:4 John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace be to you and peace, from him who is, who was, and who is to come...

So the astonishing truth is laid bare before us. Yet it is only when you trace backwards from the angels announcement that he is the "Alpha and the Omega", Who is "coming soon" that you realise that this very same angel announcing Himself as "I Jesus", is introduced in chapter twenty one as, "one of the seven angels"!

This evidence from the Holy Bible itself can not be denied. God and Jesus are telling us that the essence of Jesus, The word of God - has been here before and will come again, and again, for evermore.

The next thing we need to look at is the Title Son of God...what does this

mean and was Jesus the only one given this title.

More to follow.