

Revelation 1:5b-7a ...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...

Behold Look This is a call for you to look, or to pay attention.

The world is always trying to get your attention, to get you to look at something:
-shiny, delicious, big, impressive, new, interesting

The world always is trying to get your attention, to get you to look at someone doing something:
-movie star, athlete, politician, musician

Here is a call, not from the world, but from God, by the pen of the apostle John, that you look at someone doing something.

Behold, He Jesus Christ, the one who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood!

This is not at all the first time the scriptures called us to behold Jesus Christ.
This is the culmination of many such calls to behold Him.
The call to behold Jesus Christ includes the call to believe in Him.

Behold the child born to a virgin; He shall be God with us.

Matthew 1:22-23 KJV [Isaiah 7:14] Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Behold the man who has the Spirit of God upon Him. He shall bring God's justice to the Gentiles.

Matthew 12:17-18 KJV [Isaiah 42:1] That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 18 **Behold** my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

Behold the man who comes to Jerusalem not as a proud conqueror riding a war horse, but as a meek servant riding on a donkey. He shall be your King!

Matthew 21:4-5 KJV [Isaiah 62:11; Zechariah 9:9] All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **Behold**, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Behold the man whose wisdom is greater than that of Solomon, and whose preaching is greater than that of Jonah. If you do not listen to His wisdom, and you do not repent at His preaching, you will be condemned in the judgment.

Luke 11:31-32 KJV The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, **behold**, a greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, **behold**, a greater than Jonas is here.

He cometh He is coming

Not that He will come, but that He comes, He is coming

He said that He would

John 14:1-3 KJV Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

His apostle Paul said that He would

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

In both of those instances, this truth was presented for our comfort:

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled...

1 Thess 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

So, let this be for our comfort.

-There will be many strange things presented in this book of Revelation

-There will be many troubling things that happen between when John wrote and the end of the world

-There will be many troubling things that happen during your life here on this earth

Be comforted in all these things by looking to Jesus Christ coming again.

He cometh with clouds

A renewing of the angels' promise

Acts 1:9-11 KJV And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, 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.

a glorious coming

-He came as a poor baby the first time, humbling Himself to serve, and to give Himself a ransom for many.

-But behold, He comes next with clouds and great glory!

and every eye shall see Him

Comfort for the saints who long to see Him

Job 19:25-27 KJV For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

and they also which pierced Him

Zechariah 12:10 KJV And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

John 19:34-37 KJV But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.

Even so, amen.

To fortify us for what we are about to read; and, thus
To fortify us for what the churches are to endure,
We are told that He comes; that He is coming

It is grief to us that we who long to see Him cannot see Him.
It is grief to us that those who do not know Him don't care to see Him
It is grief to us that those who should mourn over their sins just go on laughing
and mocking

Therefore it is comfort to us that all such wrongs shall be righted
Our hope is made more sure when His coming is described to us, and the results
of it

