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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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SOME GLORIOUS "AMENS"

Revelation 1:5b-8

**I. Doctrine: The Churches' "Amens" _____, "So Be It!" To
God's Wonderful Exaltation of Christ**

A. –John is Addressing *Praise To Jesus* on _____ of the
Seven Asian Parishes (and us), in vv. 5b-7; . . .

B. . . . *And Then, The Lord* _____ *Speaks*, in v. 8

**II. The _____ For All the Laurels That the Church
Heaps On Christ, vv. 5b-8**

A. –The Fact That He Has Made us *Forgiven*, _____ *Wor-*
shippers of The True God, vv. 5b-6

B. –The Fact That He _____ Over ALL—*Having Con-*
quered (by now), *All His Enemies*, v. 7

C. –The Fact That He Is _____ The *Sum* and *Goal* of All
History, v. 8

**III. Why These Verses are So _____ To the Church's Under-
standing of The Book of The Apocalypse**

A. –Because *IF v. 7 IS* the *Referent* of vv. 1a & 3b ("*soon*"/
"*near*"), Then we Have _____ Much of The Prophe-
cy's Meaning

B. –In Any and All Cases, The *Whole Tome* is _____ About
Jesus, (Rev. 1:5b-8)

Key Verse—v. 7: "*Behold, he [Christ] 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.*" (ESV)

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

Aim: To Join the Chorus of the Churches' "Amens"—Praising *The Christ of Glory*

Your pastor is advocating the “Partial Preterist” position re. v. 7 of today’s text. Preterism is the view that a particular prophecy of Scripture has *already* been fulfilled. With regard to the events surrounding the Subsequent “Comings” of Christ—especially as they were put forward by Jesus in His “Olivet Discourse”—Partial Preterism believes that *some* of them were fulfilled in or shortly before 70 AD, and the *rest* are in reference to Christ’s Final Coming on the Last Day.

A good example of this paradigm is found in Mark’s Gospel’s account of The Olivet Discourse, in the 13th chapter. The events leading up to 70 AD are covered in vv. 1-30; and the Final Coming of Christ is seen in vv. 31-37.

Partial Preterism is a doctrine held by many orthodox theologians. There is, however, another position called “*Full* Preterism”; and this doctrine is rightly-rendered heretical—since it asserts that the Resurrection and the Judgment Day actually occurred in or around 70 AD—with no view toward a Final Coming of Christ.