

see him, and they *also* which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 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.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's-day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

THE preface, contained in the first three verses, informs us that this book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass. John himself, being an elder, equal to one of those mentioned in the fourth chapter and the fourth verse, may be taken as a specimen of the servants these wonderful writings were revealed to. And the blessing pronounced on those who read, and those who listen to the teaching of this book, may be explained by supposing a company of the followers of Jesus, giving earnest attention to the explanation of its contents, as they are being unfolded by one of those honoured servants of God. John could sing,—“Unto Him who 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

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