**Structure of Rev.1:4-9**

1:4 John, to the seven churches which *are* in Asia:

 ‘Grace to you and peace

 from He Who is and Who was and Who is coming

 and from the seven spirits who *are* before His throne, (cp.3:1-5; 5:6)

1:5 and from Jesus Christ,

 the witness the faithful,

 the firstborn of the dead, and

 the ruler of the kings of the earth

 to Him Who loves us

 and loosed us from our sins by His own blood

1:6 and He made us a kingdom, priests to God and His Father

 to Him *be* the glory and the strength unto the ages of the ages. Amen

1:7 Behold, He comes with the clouds,

 and every eye will see Him,

 even whoever pierced Him,

 and all the tribes of the earth will lament over Him. Yes, Amen.’

1:8 ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God,

 ‘Who is and Who was and Who is coming, the Almighty.’

1:9 I, John, your brother and sharer in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance by Jesus