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This name, along with the Alpha & Omega name (the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet) the 'Who is, who was and who is to come' name, along with the description 'the same yesterday, today and forever' are all paraphrases of the divine name 'I AM' from Exodus 3 v14-15.

God is unchanging. Draw on His continuous reliability today.



Faithful & True Witness

"Jesus answered..."for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18 v37

The angelic hosts, and the church alike, hold fast to the testimony of Jesus. That testimony includes the historic witness of the Lord, preserved by Scripture, and that which He continues to impart by His Spirit.

Draw on the words and example of Jesus today.



Walks amongst the seven golden lampstands

The seven lampstands are the churches (Rev 1 v20). Jesus walks amongst them and tends them. He chooses to sustain or put out the light if they are no longer *His* church.

What in your life should you attend to so that the light of your life may burn as brightly as it should?



Holding the seven stars

In Roman mythology, Zeus made Helice immortal, as a reward for her service, by changing her into seven of the brightest stars in Ursa Major. Zeus was the most powerful god and 7 stars came to represent the power of the gods.

But Jesus says *He* holds the seven stars, the power that guides and sustains the churches.

Where in your life do you need Jesus to be all-powerful?



He opens and shuts

"I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no-one can shut, and what he shuts no-one can open." Isaiah 22 v22

Christ is the Davidic Messiah with Authority to control entrance to the Kingdom. His word is firm.

Draw on the security of your relationship with Christ today.



Feet like burnished bronze

The description of Jesus in Revelation is almost identical to that which Daniel gave almost 500 years earlier recorded for us in Daniel 10 v6.

The symbolism is of power to crush evil and punish unfaithfulness. Today we might use the phrase to 'stamp out' wrong-doing.

Is there anything in your life that Jesus would like you to stamp out?



Holding the seven-fold Spirit

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse: from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord⁽¹⁾ will rest on him. The Spirit of Wisdom⁽²⁾ and of Understanding⁽³⁾, the Spirit of Counsel⁽⁴⁾ and of power⁽⁵⁾, the Spirit of Knowledge⁽⁶⁾ and of the fear of the Lord⁽⁷⁾—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.”

Draw on the Spirit today.



Ruler of creation

Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1 v2-3

Trust Jesus today that He has all of creation in His hand.



Eyes like blazing fire

The description of Jesus in Revelation is almost identical to that which Daniel gave almost 500 years earlier; he too made special mention of the eyes which shone out. This gives special emphasis on the ability to look into the heart not just look at outward appearances.

What does Jesus see today? Do you need to do something about it?



He holds the Key of David

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Where are doors of opportunity for the Kingdom being opened for you today?



Has the sharp double-edged sword

“The sword of the Spirit is the word of God” Ephesians 6 v17

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4 v12

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1 v1

Draw on the Word today.

HOLY & TRUE



Holy and True

“Be Holy because I, the Lord your God, am Holy.” Leviticus 19 v2

“Jesus answered, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14 v6

Where do you need to draw the Holiness and Truth of God into your life today?

Amen!

The Amen

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 2 v20

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus Philippians 4 v19

Jesus is perfectly trustworthy and faithful.



Died & came to life again

“I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11 v25