
Wednesday Night Faith Fellowship Meeting – 07/07/2021

Today's Message: Study – The Book of Revelation, Chapter 1:12-20, Part 3 –
The Vision, The Lampstands, and the Stars

Text: Revelation 1:9-20; Acts 20:7; 1 Thessalonian 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:53; Hebrews 4:15;
Revelation 1:20; John 12:48; Hebrews 4:12; and Revelation 4:1

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Bible Translation: King James Version

The Vision of Jesus 1:9-20

⁹I 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. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹Saying, 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.

¹²And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; ¹³And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. ¹⁴His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; ¹⁵And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. ¹⁶And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

¹⁷And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸*I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. ¹⁹Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Teaching Outline:

The Vision of Jesus – Revelation 1:9 Recap

Emperor Domitian Overview

The Vision of Jesus – Revelation 1:10-16 Overview

The Vision of Jesus by John

1. His body was clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded with golden girdle (Rev 1:13 compared to Dan 10:6)
2. His hair was white like wool and snow (Rev 1:14; Dan 7:9)
3. His eyes were as a flame of fire (Rev 1:14; 19:12; Dan 10:6 compared to Heb 4:12)
4. His feet were like fine brass (Rev 1:14; 10:1; Dan 10:6)
5. His voice like many waters (Rev 1:14; 8:5; 10:2-4; 11:15; 14:2; 16:17-18; 19:6; Ps 29; Heb 12:26; Dan 10:6)
6. His right hand held seven stars, which were the pastors of the seven churches (Rev 1:20)
7. His mouth had a two-edged sword coming out of it (Rev 1:16; 2:12, 16; 19:15, 21; compared Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12)
8. His countenance shone like the sun (Rev 1:16; 10:1; Dan 10:6)

The Commission – Revelation 1:17-20 Final Verses in Chapter 1

The OUTLINE of the Book of Revelation (1:19)

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2. The Things Which ARE – The Churches (PRESENT) – The Church Age
3. The Things That Shall Be Hereafter – Concerns Things AFTER The Rapture of The Church:
 - a. The Great Tribulation, The Anti-Christ
 - b. 144,000 Witnesses, Plagues, Mark of the Beast
 - c. False Prophets, Armageddon

Chapters 1 – The Things Which HAVE SEEN

Chapters 2-3 – The Things Which ARE

Chapters 4-22 – The Things HEREAFTER

THE CHURCH IS NOT SEEN AFTER CHAPTER 5!

Appendix: Books Mentioned

Appendix: Bible Verse Comparisons

Outline:

The Vision of Jesus – Revelation 1:9 Recap

Revelation 1:9:

⁹I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the island that is called Patmos [around A.D. 96], for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Outline:

Emperor Domitian Overview

John was living during this time. He's the only Apostle that did not die a martyr's death. **All** the other Apostles, including Paul, died a martyr's death. John was the only one that did not die.

The Second Persecution, Under Domitian, A.D. 81

The emperor Domitian, who was naturally inclined to cruelty, first slew his brother, and then raised the second persecution against the Christians. He then commanded **all the lineage of David** to be put to death.

Among the numerous martyrs that suffered during this persecution were:

- Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem, who was crucified
- St. John, who was boiled in oil, and afterward banished to Patmos
- Flavia, the daughter of a Roman senator, was likewise banished to Pontus, and a law was made that any Christian brought before Domitian had to renounce Christ or die
- Dionysius, the Areopagite, was an Athenian by birth
- Nicodemus, a benevolent Christian of some distinction, suffered at Rome during the range of Domitian's persecution
- Protasius and Gervasius were martyred at Milan
- Timothy was the celebrated disciple of St. Paul, and Bishop [Pastor] of Ephesus, where he zealously governed the Church until A.D. 97

See Appendix for more information about the books mentioned.

At this period, as the pagans were about to celebrate a feast called Catagogion, Timothy, meeting the precession, severally reproved them for their ridiculous idolatry, which was exasperated the people that they fell upon him with their clubs, and beat him in so dreadful a manner that he expired of the bruises two days later.



John was banished from Rome to Island of Patmos.



This area represents the Roman Empire.
Timothy pastored in Ephesus.

John wrote a Gospel, three Epistles, and the book of Revelation was banned to Patmos.

But this young man named Timothy, who was Paul's mentee, a student, wrote those two letters of Timothy. Paul warned him about persecution in the last days and he found himself a victim of this persecution as well.

Outline:

The Vision of Jesus – Revelation 1:10-16 Overview

Revelation 1:10:

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

Acts 20:7:

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

The three most important parts of Revelation 1:10:

1. He was in the Spirit
2. He heard a great voice
3. That voice was a trumpet

That voice came from heaven.

John was a Pentecostal. John was there on the Day of Pentecost. **John was a tongue talker.** There were probably plenty of nights when John went to bed that John got on his knees and started praying in the Holy Ghost.

John **saw things in the spirit-realm** when it deals with the book of Revelation. You're about to embark on a vision that he saw in the spirit. He didn't see a lot of this in the natural. Even though the things he saw in the spirit will affect the natural realm.

The Revelation was given to Christ by God. The Lord Jesus gave it to an angel. An angel came to John on Patmos and gave it to him.

In Revelation 1:10-11, John had his first encounter, face-to-face, with Christ himself. Because he heard a great voice as of a trumpet.

When the Lord descends from heaven, He does two things:

1 Thessalonian 4:16:

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:

Revelation 1:10:

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

The voice of the archangel is probably gonna be Michael. Michael is the archangel of fighting. Michael is used by God in Scripture to do this very thing. It's very likely Michael will accompany the Lord down and get the saints. Michael is the waring angel. His voice sounded to John **like a trumpet**.

Scripture confirms Scripture, when it deals with prophecy.

Prophecy in Revelation will never be contradicted by other verses in the Bible. Everything you're reading in Revelation is confirmed by the Prophets in other places in the Bible. No exceptions to that.

This voice and that trumpet are the same sounds that we will hear when Christ comes back for the Church. John is gonna be accompanying Christ because John is in heaven waiting for that resurrection just like we are. John is in heaven along with those Apostles waiting for the resurrection, just like we are because they are part of the same Body of Christ, part of the same church. John is about to hear that great voice and trumpet again. Just like he heard it on that isle of Patmos when he was under great persecution.

1 Corinthians 15:53:

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

John heard for the first time a direct communication with Jesus. This is the first time John heard His voice since Jesus ascended and told him to go preach the Gospel to all the nations. But it was also the first time that John had seen or heard the Lord since that night at the crucifixion when him, Mary Magdalen, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were the only three that stood before that cross. There was no other Disciples with him, including Peter. Nobody was there with Him except those three. John was one of them. John laid his head on the bosom of the Master during the Last Supper and he had fellowship with the Lord often. He had heard that voice on this earth. But now this time was gonna be different.

Revelation 1:11:

¹¹Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega**, the first and the last:

The alpha and omega are **the first** and **the last** letters of the Greek alphabet.

Revelation 1:11:

... and, What thou seest, write in a book,

John was told to write what he saw in a book, the book of Revelation. It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. John is about to get a revelation of Christ and he is giving it to us to show you what He looked like in that glorified state.

Revelation 1:11:

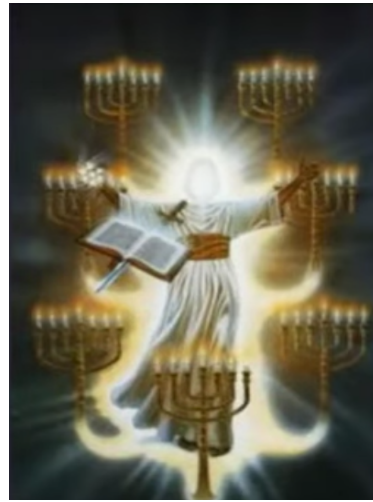
...and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia;

The Church is not mentioned after Revelation 4:1. But in Revelation 2 and 3, The Church is being spoken to by Christ who gives His last message and His last treatises of what He wants The Church to know before this book is wrapped up.

Revelation 1:11:

...unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto **Laodicea**.

This is the Glorified Christ the world is going to see



This is an artist's rendition of sort of what Jesus looked like and this is very accurate to what John describes. This image deals with the glorified Christ. John **begins to describe him**.

John see's Jesus in the midst of seven golden candlesticks. The church is supposed to be a light to this world. They are supposed to be reflecting the Light of Christ to this world. We're not the original source of that light. **We are supposed to be reflecting His light.**

Those golden candlesticks were to be tended by the Priests in the morning and the evening, three o'clock and nine o'clock in the morning. Three o'clock in the afternoon. They were to go in and make sure that light was to never go out in the Tabernacle.

The church is the guardian of the light over this nation. It is our job that the light reflecting the Son of Man, does not go out. We are to reflect the Light of Christ. Those golden candlesticks represent Him. It represents the church but the church can only get its light if it's anchored in Christ. The church can only get its light if it's full of the Holy Ghost.

Revelation 1:13:

...clothed with a garment down to the foot,

This is the garment of a High Priest down to His feet.

Revelation 1:13:

...and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Jesus is in great garb as a High Priest. He's a High Priest unto God. This speaks of all of his ministries to the Church and for the Church and also in the world. This speaks of His deity.

This was **the Son of God!** It shook John up.

Revelation 1:14-16:

¹⁴His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; ¹⁵And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as **the sound of many waters**. ¹⁶And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

Overview:

The Vision of Jesus by John

There are other verses in the Bible that confirm the vision John. What John saw, Daniel did too.

The Vision of Jesus by John:

1. His body was clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded with golden girdle (Rev 1:13 compared to Dan 10:6)
2. His hair was white like wool and snow (Rev 1:14; Dan 7:9)

The garment down to His feet speaks of His position as a King Priest. He's your King and your Great High Priest.

He's sitting at the right hand of the Father in that golden girdle with that garment down to His feet **interceding for the Saints**. When you come to God in the name of Jesus, you're incorporating the Great High Priest of your soul.

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus – that's how we pray.

Hebrews 4:15:

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

The High Priest forgave sins in Israel's economy. The High Priest was the one that took the blood of animals and offered it to God for the sins of the people. Jesus didn't take the blood of animals to God, He took His own Blood to God. That's why we have a better covenant than the Law.

The Vision of Jesus by John:

2. His hair was white like wool and snow (Rev 1:14; Dan 7:9)

That speaks of His majesty. It speaks of His wisdom. It speaks of His antiquity. He had no beginning. He will have no ending. When you see that white hair, it's speaking of His majesty. We serve a glorified Christ.

Daniel saw it. He that lacks wisdom, let him ask. The wisdom of God is far greater. The foolishness of God is greater even than the wisdom of men. When John saw this white hair **he was literally witnessing that.**

The Vision of Jesus by John:

3. His eyes were as a flame of fire (Rev 1:14; 19:12; Dan 10:6 compared to Heb 4:12)

Then John saw his eyes as a flame of fire. Jesus knows what's going on in His church. Jesus knows what going on with all these fake preachers' fake prophets, and these fake men of God that are out there. They may think that what they're doing is not being seen by the head of the church. That one walking in the middle of the candlesticks, He sees their works.

One of the first statements out of Jesus' mouth is, I know your works. **He knows our works** too. He knows our heart. He's in the midst of the candlesticks. Seven of them.

Daniel saw it too. The judgment that He has in His hands belongs to Him and nobody else. **There ain't but one judge of the church** and his eyes are a flame of fire. His hair is white like wool.

The Vision of Jesus by John:

4. His feet were like fine brass (Rev 1:14; 10:1; Dan 10:6)

His feet are like fine brass like they are **burning in a furnace**. That speaks of His humanity. It speaks of the fact that He is coming to tread down the blood press in the Battle of Armageddon when He comes back. He's coming back King of kings and Lord of lords. He's not coming back to be crucified again.

Brass speaks of judgment in Scripture. He's coming to judge the devil. He's coming to judge false religion. He's coming to judge the sin of this earth. He's coming to judge those that have rebelled and stuck their finger of rebellion against God. He's coming back without sin for Salvation. That is exactly what John saw.

He's not coming back with this effeminate look. It doesn't matter the motive. It's offensive the images of Christ being this calm, girly looking person. Some of it has gotten to the point that what they are trying to do is equate Him with the LGBTQ community. They're trying to portray Him as a homosexual. That's what they're doing.

This is what Christ looks like!! He's not some girly man. He is the Son of God. He is the Son of Man. He's ALL MAN and ALL GOD!!!

Those eyes that are a flame of fire and the feet that are of fine brass, that speaks of judgment of sin!! He's got the right to judge sin because He went to The Cross sinless! When He comes back, He's coming back King of kings and Lord of lords! Every individual in the entire universe will kneel and declare that Jesus is Lord!!!

The Vision of Jesus by John:

5. His voice like many waters (Rev 1:14; 8:5; 10:2-4; 11:15; 14:2; 16:17-18; 19:6; Ps 29; Heb 12:26; Dan 10:6)

John heard that voice again. He heard that voice as a trumpet and his voice is **as many waters**.

John **saw a glorified Christ**. He's coming again!

The Vision of Jesus by John:

6. His right hand held seven stars, which were the pastors of the seven churches (Rev 1:20)

Revelation 1:20:

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

His feet were like fine brass and His voice like many waters. **That same voice of power can set you free. When John heard that water it went through his soul.**

The Vision of Jesus by John:

6. High right hand held seven stars, which were the pastors of the seven churches (Rev 1:20)

He holds you in His hands. If you're truly His, you ain't making anything that God is not allowing you to make. If you are truly of His, you are in His hands. These seven pastors were in His hands. The church was in the Lord's hands.

Chris McDonald nugget:

I hope you're catching this good Wednesday Night McDonald Buffet!!!

The Vision of Jesus by John:

7. His mouth had a two-edged sword coming out of it (Rev 1:16; 2:12, 16; 19:15, 21; compared Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12)
8. His countenance shone like the sun (Rev 1:16; 10:1; Dan 10:6)

That sharp two-edged sword is nothing less than **The Word of the Living God**. Jesus IS The Word. He HAS The Word. He's always BEEN The Word. In all eternity, we will be judged by That Word.

John 12:48:

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

When John saw Jesus, **he STILL saw The Word of God!**

Hebrews 4:12:

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God is ALIVE! When you hear The Word of God and it's preached like it's supposed to be preached, your soul feels it. Not just your head. Not just your emotion. But your soul feels it because it's alive. **It's got life in it.** It's powerful. **It energizes you** to live right for God.

It's sharper than any two-edge sword. Only The Word of God preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit will bring true Salvation. If the message is false and the gospel is false, it will lead you to another Christ, another spirit, and another Jesus, and there will be no salvation. It will not produce true Salvation. Only the anointed Word produces conviction on peoples' hearts.

Hebrews 4:12:

... piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit...

What this means is that The Word of God portrays to us Christ and Him crucified. That is the only message the Holy Ghost anoints with power. It is the only message that the Holy Ghost proclaims. It is the only message the Holy Ghost will use to set captives free. It is the only message that can set the sinner free. It is the only power of God that can change this sinful nation back to God and the sinful church back to God. It is the only power of God that can set people free.

That Word of God was coming out of His mouth when John saw it. That speaks of the fact **that Word is gonna be our judge at the end!**

Outline:

The Commission – Revelation 1:17-20 Final Verses in Chapter 1

Revelation 1:17-18:

¹⁷And when I saw him, I **fell at his feet as dead**. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not**; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸*I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. ¹⁹Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

John wrote five books of the New Covenant. John knew The Lord. John communicated with Christ on that island. John prayed to The Lord. He was in the Spirit constantly. He prayed in The Spirit.

The right hand of Christ is used quite a bit in Revelation. He lifts His right hand up a lot in Revelation. There are times He lifts it up for blessings. There are times when He lifts it up for judgment. In this case He lifts it up in blessing to John. It's His message to us.

He's the Lord of history. He's the Lord of all the universe. He's the Lord of glory. He's the Lord of this earth. He's the Lord of heaven. He's the Lord of the church.

There is nobody before Me. There's never gonna be anybody after Me. I encompass it all. I am He that lives. I am He that was dead. But behold I am alive!

Christ **alone** determines who enters hell and **who enters heaven**.

Outline:

The Commission – Revelation 1:17-20 Final Verses in Chapter 1

Revelation 1:19-20:

¹⁹**Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;** ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

This is the outline of the Book of Revelation:

1. **The things which thou hast seen**
 2. **The things which are**
 3. **The things which shall be hereafter**
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Outline:

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Chapters 1 – The Things Which HAVE SEEN

Chapters 2-3 – The Things Which ARE

Chapters 4-22 – The Things HEREAFTER

Revelation 4:1:

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a **trumpet** talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

THE CHURCH IS NOT SEEN AFTER CHAPTER 5!

Outline:

Appendix: Books Mentioned

Foxes Book of Martyrs:

<https://www.christianbook.com/foxes-book-of-martyrs/john-foxe/9781641231145/pd/231146?event=ESRCG>

Jesus Freaks:

<https://www.christianbook.com/freaks-revised-updated-stories-stood-ultimate/dc-talk/9780764237287/pd/237287?event=ESRCG>

Appendix: Bible Verse Comparisons

Rev 1:13 compared to Dan 10:6

Rev 1:13

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Dan 10:6

His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Rev 1:14; 19:12; Dan 10:6 compared to Heb 4:12

Revelation 1:14

¹⁴His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

Revelation 19:12

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Dan 10:6

His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Hebrew 4:12

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Rev 1:16; 2:12, 16; 19:15, 21; compared Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12

Revelation 1:16

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

Revelation 2:12

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

Revelation 2:16

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 19:15

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 19:21

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Ephesian 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Hebrew 4:12

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
