

**Glorified Son of Man
As Head of the Church
Revelation 1:9-20**

I. John Hears a Voice – 1:9-11

1. The writer John – 1:9
John writes to churches as their brother in Christ
He is an apostle but he sees himself as their brother in Christ
He sees himself as their partner in suffering for Christ
He is on the penal island of Patmos
Where he is in prison for preaching God's Word
And giving testimony of Jesus as Messiah
He is also a partner with them in God's kingdom
With patient endurance he, with them, is waiting for Christ's kingdom
2. It is the Lord's Day (Sunday) – 10
He is worshipping in the Spirit
He heard a "loud" (trumpet like) voice
3. He is directed to write to seven churches – 11
To Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea
These churches are in real cities in Roman province of Asia
Most were established by Paul or by the impact of his ministry

II. Voice Becomes a Vision – 1:12-16

1. John turns to see the one speaking – 12
He sees seven golden lampstands
These are identified in 1:20 as seven churches
Each of these churches are to shine as a light to their world – Matt. 5:14-16
Proclaiming Jesus as the Light of the World – Jn. 8:12
2. In midst of lampstands one like son of man - 13
This is the term Jesus used of Himself
3. Vision shows Him as Glorified Son of God – 13
Clothed with a long robe, golden sash around His chest
4. Hairs of His head white (like white wool, like snow) - 14
Speaking of great wisdom
5. His eyes were like a flame of fire - 14
Piercing, penetrating
6. His feet were like burnished bronze or brass - 15
Refined in a furnace
In the Temple brass was used dealing with sin
The Brazen altar was where sin was judged
The Brazen laver was for priests cleansing
7. His voice was like roar of many waters - 15
Awesome & majestic like a great waterfall
8. In His right hand He held 7 stars – 16
The right hand is the hand of power & strength
7 stars are identified in 1:20 as angels
Messengers to each church

9. From His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword - 16
He speaks with all the authority of God
His words are powerful and discerning
Note what is said in Hebrews 4:12
10. His face was like the sun shining in full strength - 16
Glowing with the full glory of God

III. Jesus' Ministry to John – 1:17-20

1. John is awestruck at Jesus' feet – 17
He describes himself "as though dead"
Completely overwhelmed by His glory
2. Jesus responded to restore him – 17-18
He laid His right hand on him & spoke
"Fear not, I am the first and the last, the living one"
Creator and restorer of all things
"I died and behold I am alive forevermore"
"I have the keys of Death and Hades"
3. He reissued His command to John – 19
"Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this"
All that John sees and hears is to be recorded and Sent to these 7 churches
And intended for all churches – Rev.2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22 – "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
With a special promise with each one
Jesus is the Head of the church and they are precious to Him
Note that they are golden lampstands
His church is of value to Him & His message is vital
4. Jesus gives us interpretation of vision – 20
Seven stars in His right hand are angels – messengers
Perhaps human leaders as Jesus will acknowledge good they are doing
He also will point out the things that are lacking
Seven golden lampstands are the 7 churches
They are to bear His light to this world
5. These 7 churches picture churches in this age
How well they represent Christ, as their head – Col. 1:18-19

Message From God Revelation 1

& Father – 6

To Him be glory and dominion forever & ever Amen

I. The Voice of God – 1:1-3

1. God is the source of this book – 1
God gave it to His Son, who is the focus of His plan
2. The reason for this book – 1
To show to His servants “the things that must soon take place”
The “Must” of this statement is absolutely God’s Word
“Soon” is in God’s time (“not willing that any should perish”) – 2 Peter 3:8-9
It is a part of God’s Redemptive plan
3. God wanted to reveal His plan to humans – 1-2
He sent His angel to His servant John
John was an eye witness to all that Jesus did here on earth – 2
He was also the writer of the Gospel of John & 3 epistles
He was in exile on the Isle of Patmos as a prisoner for Christ – 1:9
4. God put a blessing on those who hear His message – 3
Blessing on those who read it aloud –in a gathering
Blessing on those who hear (this message)
Blessing on those who keep what is written in it
“For the time is near”
5. God’s Son puts His blessing at the end of this book – 22:19-20
His blessing contains a warning
Don’t add anything to what is in this book
Don’t take away anything that is in this book
He adds “Surely, I am coming soon”

II. John notes Jesus, as His Source – 1:4-8

1. John writes to 7 churches in province of Asia– 4
2. But His message comes from Jesus Christ –4-8
Who sends His greetings of “grace and peace”
He identifies Himself as “One who was & who is to come”
He sends greeting from 7 spirits who are “before His throne”
John sends greetings from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness – 5
The firstborn of the dead, His resurrection assures ours
The ruler of kings on earth, The Sovereign, King of kings
Greetings from our Redeemer – 5
To Him who loves us & has freed us from our sins by His blood
One who made us a kingdom of priests to His God

3. One who is coming again - 7
Behold, He is coming with clouds & every eye will see Him
Even those who pierced Him (Israel)
And all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him.
Even so Amen
4. God Almighty adds His voice as speaker – 8
“I am the Alpha and the Omega (beginning & ending)
Says the Lord God
Who is and who was and who is to come”
The Almighty

!!!. John Sees Jesus – 1:9-20

1. John, a humble servant of Jesus – 9
A human in exile for His witness for Jesus
2. On the Lord’s Day (Sunday) – 10
He was worshipping “in the Spirit”
He heard a loud voice like a trumpet
3. The voice (Jesus) spoke to him – 11
Write what you see & send it to 7 churches
4. John turned to see Jesus, in a vision – 12-16
Saw 7 golden lampstands & Jesus in the midst – 13
The Son of Man in the midst of His churches
Clothed with a long robe & a golden sash - 13
His hair was white, like wool or snow – 14
His eyes were like a flame of fire
His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace– 15
His voice was like the roar of many waters
In His right hand He held seven stars – 16
From His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword
His face was like the sun shining in full strength
5. John’s response to Jesus – 17
He fell at His feet as though dead
But Jesus laid His right hand on him
6. Jesus’ comforting words – 18
“Saying “Fear not, I am the first and the last”
“The living One”
I died and behold I am alive forevermore”
“I have the keys of death and Hades”
7. Jesus authorizes John to write – 19
Write what you have seen & what you will see
8. He explains the lampstands & stars - 20
The seven lampstands are the seven churches
Actual churches in province of Asia
They represent churches throughout this age
The seven stars are the 7 angels (messengers) to the churches
These messengers appear to be human leaders
Note that Jesus acknowledges the good they are doing

He also challenges them to focus on what is lacking