

Revelation Study
Jesus Christ, The Exalted One
Revelation 1:4-20

- I. Who Is This Jesus? John's Description
 - A. Who was and is and is to come – eternity
 - B. Faithful witness – True word of God
 - C. Firstborn of the dead – the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20; Colossians 1:18)
 - D. Ruler of the kings of the earth – sovereign Lord of all
 - E. Loved us and released us from our sins by His blood – both priest and sacrifice (Romans 8:37)
- II. His Appearance
 - A. Voice like a trumpet – in the Old Testament, represents the voice of God
 - 1. The voice of God from Sinai (Exodus 19:16-20; 20:18)
 - 2. The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:24; 25:9)
 - 3. Signals for the people (Numbers 10:2-10; 31:6) – 10:10 represents a “memorial”
 - 4. Fall of Jericho (Joshua 6:4-20)
 - a. 7 priests
 - b. 7 trumpets
 - c. On the 7th day
 - d. 7 trips around the city
 - 5. The Weapons of Gideon (Judges 7)
 - 6. The Ascended Voice of God (Psalm 47:5)
 - 7. The Eschatological Voice of God (Isaiah 18:3; 27:13; 58:1; Jeremiah 4:5; Zechariah 9:14)

- B. He was like the Son of Man (Ezekiel 1:26, et.al.; Daniel 7:13; 10:16)
 - 1. Robe (Daniel 10:5)
 - 2. Golden sash (possible connection to high priest's garment)
 - 3. Hair (Daniel 7:9)
 - 4. Eyes (Daniel 7:9; 10:6)
 - 5. Feet (Daniel 10:6)
 - 6. Mouth – two edged sword (Isaiah 49:2; Hebrews 4:12)
 - 7. Face like the sun (Matthew 17:2)
- III. Who Is This Jesus? Jesus' Own Description
 - A. Alpha & Omega/first and last – place of preeminence (Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12)
 - B. Who was and is and is to come - eternity
 - C. Almighty
 - D. The Living One (Luke 24:5)
 - 1. Was dead
 - 2. Alive forevermore
 - 3. Keys of death and Hades (Job 38:17)
- IV. What Are The Stars and The Lampstands
 - A. Jesus identifies these for us
 - B. Seven stars – the seven “angels” of the churches
 - 1. Could be actual angelic beings
 - 2. The word for angel also is translated “messenger” – could be reference to the primary teaching pastor in each church
 - C. Seven lampstands – the seven churches
 - 1. From Exodus 25:37: the perpetual light in the tabernacle
 - 2. Also found in the Temple (1 Kings)

3. “The Lamp” – a promise of David’s place before the Lord perpetually (1 Kings 11:36; 15:4)
4. “The Lamp” – the promise of Messiah and His presence in the world (Psalm 132:17)
5. The spirit of man = the lamp of the Lord (Proverbs 20:27)
6. The Seven Lamps as the eyes of the Lord on the earth (Zechariah 4:2-14)
7. Jesus calls us lamps not to be hidden (Matthew 5:14-17, note the fulfillment language of verse 17)
8. Jesus uses the Parable of the Lamps to indicate the need to cultivate the gospel in community as the end approaches (Matthew 25:1-13)

V. John’s Response

- A. I fell down as a dead man
 1. Daniel 8:17-18
 2. Daniel 10:9-15
- B. Notice the kindness of the Lord to His own people
 1. Placed His hand on him
 2. Do not be afraid
- C. Speaks into John’s life the hope of the resurrection