

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – CHAPTER 1:15b-20

## OBSERVATION

## INTERPRETATION

## APPLICATION

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – [ptwente@gmail.com](mailto:ptwente@gmail.com) For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersby and others.

*Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. Rev 1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; Rev 1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, **and His voice as the sound of many waters;***

*Rev 1:16 **He had in His right hand seven stars,***

***out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,***

***and His countenance (face, total appearance) was like the sun shining in its strength.***

*Rev 1:17 **And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.***

***But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid;***

***I am the First and the Last.***

I. Notice two things:  
Vs. 12-18. THE **REVELATION OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
Vs. 19-20. THE **RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO THE APOSTLE JOHN** - 19-20

v. 15b. His **MAJESTY** (7<sup>th</sup> characteristic)  
“and His voice as the sound of many waters” - Cf. Psalm 29:1-11; Jeremiah 25:30-31; Ezekiel 43:2 (quoted here); Hebrews 12:25-26

v. 16a. His **SOVEREIGNTY** - “He had in His right hand seven stars” - cf. 1:20; 2:1; 3:1; John 10:27-30; Heb. 1:1-3

v. 16b. His **AUTHORITY** - “out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword” - Cf. Hebrews 4:12 - (Greek - machalra), but in the book of Revelation, it is the Greek word, , indicating a long and heavy sword - cf. Eph 6:17; Heb. 4:12(machalra); rhomphaia - Rev. 2:12, 16; 19:15, 21; Lk. 2:35; cf. Isaiah 11:4 ; 2 Thessalonians 2:8

v. 16c. His **BEAUTY** - “and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength” Cf. Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2-8; John 8:12; Acts 26:13; Revelation 21:23 - The angels are stars; The churches are lampstands; But ... Jesus Christ is like the SUN!

v. 17a. Notice John’s **REACTION** to what he saw - “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead” - Cf. (note responses) -Isaiah 6:1-8; Daniel 8:17; 10:8-9

v. 17b. Notice the **RESPONSE** of Jesus - “But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid’ ” - Cf. Daniel 10:10- 12; Matthew 17:6-8; John 14:1; 2 Timothy 1:7

v. 17c. His **DEITY** - “I am the First and the Last” - Cf. Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 1:8; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13, 16

This revelation of Jesus Christ is totally different from that shown to us in the Gospels. Here we see 12 characteristics of our Savior, Redeemer and King! His Centrality... He is in our midst. With us always! His Humanity...One like the Son of Man (84X) His Royalty ... His garment is down to His feet...possibly clothing of the High Priest His Purity... He is the Holy One--“as white as snow”; separate from sinners His Scrutiny... His “eyes like a flame of fire”. His Victory... **Is. 63:1-6; - feet down in Bozrah, then in victory to the Mount of Olives** **His Majesty**...There is wonderful peace that comes when we hear and know the voice of God! His voice will shake the heavens and the earth—the entire universe! **Same voice who said, “your sins are forgiven”!** **His Sovereignty**...the total of God over everything! His power and control are over all things, all of the time!

**His Authority**...sword – indicates **His judgment** and His power—as the conquering Lord and King

**His Beauty**...His face is like the sun at noonday!!! Angels are like stars; the churches are like lampstands, but **our Lord is like the sun!** God is light!

Seeing the exalted Jesus, **the response of John was to fall at His feet as dead!**

The gentle hand of Jesus! He reached out and touched him! What an incredible concept—the **awesome, powerful, sovereign Creator, reaches out and touches in comfort. Love, compassion, care!**

**His Deity**...Jesus is God!!!!

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Rev 1:18 **I am He who lives** (the living One),

**and was dead**, and **behold, I am alive**

**forevermore. Amen.**

And **I have the keys of Hades** (unseen, Hell) **and of Death.**

Rev 1:19 **Write the things which you have seen,**  
and **the things which are,**

and **the things which will take place after this.**

Rev 1:20 The **mystery** of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars **are the angels** of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw **are the seven churches.**

### v. 18. His ETERNITY -

**“I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen, And I have the keys of Hades and Death”.**

**“He who lives”** - **“the living One”** - used of God in OT - Joshua 3:10; Psalm 42:2; 84:2 - Cf. NT usage - 1 Timothy 3:15; 4:10; Hebrews 3:12; 10:31

**“and was dead”** - literally **“became dead”** – **contrast between a single event of history and a continuous state of existence.**

**“forevermore”** - **unto the ages of the ages** - used of the Father Rev. 4:9-10(God the Father); 10:6; Is. 9:6(God the Son)

**“And I have the keys of Hades and Death”**, - symbol of authority and control - Cf. Matthew 16:18-19; Rev. 3:7; 9:1; 20:1  
**“Hades and Death”** - together in 6:8 and 20:13-14

Vs. 12-18 THE REVELATION OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Vs. 19-20 THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO JOHN (Record & Reveal!)**

v. 19. **To RECORD** what he had seen and would see

v. 19a. **Past** - **“Write the things which you have seen”** (vision of Christ in **chapter 1**)

v. 19b. **Present** - **“the things which are”** (messages to seven churches - **chaps. 2-3**)

v. 19c. **Future** - **“the things which will take place after this”** (**chaps. 4-22** - cf. 4:1; 7:1, 9; 9:12; 15:5; 18:1; 19:1; 20:3 meta tauta - **“after these things”**)

v. 20. **To REVEAL** the mystery of the seven stars and seven **lampstands**

**“mystery”** - **opposite of “revelation”** (apocalypse) cf. Rev. 17:5  
**“angel”** - appears 76 times in Revelation

### **His Eternity...**

God the Father and God the Son are both described as **“the living One”-the One who lives!**

**Jesus is God and the Father is God! The Messiah is called God!**

Rev. 4:1 says **“after these things”** so chapters 4-22 are occurring **“after the things”** in chapters 2 & 3.

**SOON AND VERY SOON, HE IS COMING!! ARE YOU READY!**

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#### Questions:

1. When the Lord comes again, where will He touch down (country and city)? What about Zech. 14:4?
2. When we see the Lord, how loud will His voice be?
3. What three things were brought into existence simply by the voice of the Lord?
4. How will the Lord change the heavens and the earth?
5. Is it possible to escape the sovereignty of God? Is there anything outside of His control?
6. How would you describe the “sharp two-edged sword” that went out of His mouth?
7. v. 16 Is there another meaning of the word, “countenance” than just “His face”?
8. v. 18 In Revelation, the angels are like what?; the churches like what? Our Lord is like what in v. 16?
9. What chapter and verse of Revelation gives us the outline of the Book?

#### *THOU ARE WORTHY!*

*Thou art wor-thy, Thou art wor-thy,  
Thou art wor-thy o LORD.  
To receive glory, glory and honor,  
Glo-ry and hon-or and power.  
For Thou hast cre-a-ted,  
Hast all things cre-a-ted,  
For Thou hast cre-a-ted all things.  
And for Thy plea-sure they are cre-a-ted.  
Thou art wor-thy o LORD.*

#### *THE DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

Majesty, by Jack Hayford

*Majesty, worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne  
Unto his own His anthem raise  
So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king  
Majesty, worship his majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all kings.*