

12-1-19
Revelation 1:9-20

The Glorious Vision

The section of Revelation we will cover today treats us to a vision of Jesus that is only exceeded in grandeur by the vision of His return to Earth as King of kings and Lord of Lords.

Before the vision, a reminder:

Rev 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Brother and Companion...

in

Tribulation...

Joh 16:31 Jesus answered them, *"Do you now believe?"*

Joh 16:32 *Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.*

Joh 16:33 *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

Rom 8:35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

Rom 8:36 *As it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER."*

Rom 8:37 *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

Rom 8:38 *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*

Rom 8:39 *nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

(BONUS Reading: Deuteronomy 4:23-40. Promise of tribulation is not a new invention!)

Kingdom...

Col 1:9 *For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*

Col 1:10 *that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in*

every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Col 1:11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**Dual citizenship,
 In the world, but not of the world,
 Just passing through as Ambassadors,**

Patience

2Co 6:1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
2Co 6:2 For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
2Co 6:3 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.
2Co 6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,
2Co 6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;
2Co 6:6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,
2Co 6:7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,
2Co 6:8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;
2Co 6:9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;
2Co 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

NOTE! We're not the only ones exercising patience!

2Th 3:5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Psa 110:1 **A Psalm of David.** The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, **Till** I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,
In the Spirit,

Not a vision, an actual experience.

**Physical interaction; *I heard-* vs 10, *I turned-* vs 12, *I fell* vs 17
John is outside his normal existence, seeing the world from an
external perspective....**

BUT, he is NOT in heaven- yet!

John is now experiencing "The things which are**" per Christ's
outline in vs 19.**

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***"voice"- 42 times in Revelation. Every occasion is a call to
recognize the seriousness of what is transpiring...***

"loud voice"- 12 times... Pay attention!!!

***"trumpet" - 6 times, twice as a voice, four times as a literal
trumpet (includes plural "trumpets"),***

As a voice: Here in vs 11, and in Chapter 4:1

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a
loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Rev 1:11 saying, "**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,**"
and, "**What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches
which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to
Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.**"

**Why these seven churches? By this time there were over 100
churches established. Why these?**

**Seven is the number of completeness. These churches represent
the Church Age as a whole. More on this later.**

Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having
turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

Exodus 25:31-40, 40:22-25

Leviticus 4:1-4

Zechariah 4:1-7

Symbolizes Jesus - who is the "Light of the World"

It also symbolizes the Church:

Mat 5:14 "***You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.***

Mat 5:15 "***Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and
it gives light to all who are in the house.***

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jesus will reveal this in vs 20 in case we missed the point!

One of the responsibilities of the High Priest was to keep the lamps "ordered"- burning properly, filled with oil. Only he could snuff out a light either to repair or replace....

Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man (**84 times in NT!**), clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

High Priests garment:

Leviticus 16:1-4

Heb 2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Heb 2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

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;

Compare statue in Daniel 2:

Dan 2:31 "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.

Dan 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

Dan 2:33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

Dan 2:34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Biggest differences:

Nebuchadnezzar's image had no white robe (signifying righteousness), no white blazing hair (signifying God's holiness), no priestly garment, no feet tested by fire, no eternal endurance.

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it

shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Rev 1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars (**angels- or "messengers", of the seven churches; vs 20**), out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword (**The Word of God-SEE Hebrews 4:12**), and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength (**Christ in Glory- SEE Matthew 17:1-2, which was a preview!**).

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.**

Rev 1:18 *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades 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. (Revelation Outline)*

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.*