

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 1

“John’s Vision of Christ Commissioning Him to Write”

John’s Vision of Christ Among the Churches (verses 9-20)

John describes the “voice” as a “great trumpet.” (verse 10) cf. Revelation 14:1ff

- In the OT God often gathered His people by the sound of a trumpet. cf. Exodus 19:16, 19; Leviticus 25:9; Joshua 6:5; Isaiah 58:1, etc.
- This voice demanded immediate attention. (verse 12)

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- Revelation 1:11, “*What thou seest, write in a book* (It is inspired Scripture. Ephesians 3:3-5; 1 Corinthians 2:11-13),

and send (it) to the seven churches: unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.”

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Revelation 1:12-13, “*And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto a son of man.*” (cf. Zechariah 4:1-13; Daniel 7:13).

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- Like unto the Son of man. cf. Hebrews 2:14-16; Philippians 2:5-8
- Clothed with a garment down to the foot. Priestly attire. Exodus 28:4; 39:29; Hebrews 7:26
- Golden girdle. Royalty.
- Head and hair white as snow. Divine purity. Isaiah 1:18; Daniel 7:9

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- Eyes as a flame of fire. Bright, penetrating. Daniel 10:1ff; cf. Revelation 2:18; 19:12; Hebrews 4:13
- Feet like fine brass. Strong. Ezekiel 1:7; Revelation 19:15
- Voice as the sound of many waters. Revelation 14:1ff Overwhelming, commanding. Ezekiel 1:24; 43:2
- Seven stars in His hand. All authority. cf. Revelation 1:20; Ephesians 1:22-23

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- Sharp two edged sword out of his mouth. Words of truth. Isaiah 49:2; Hosea 6:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Hebrews 4:12; John 12:48
- Countenance as an unclouded sun. Glory and majesty. Daniel 10; Matthew 17:2; Hebrews 1:3

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Response of John to the vision. (verses 17-18)

- Typical of man in the presence of deity. Genesis 3:8; 17:3; Exodus 3:6; Numbers 22:31; Joshua 5:14; Isaiah 6:5
- Note: Ezekiel 1:28; 3:23; 43:3

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Revelation 1:17, “*And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, **Fear not** ...*”

Note: The same hand that held the stars could reach in tenderness to tell John to not be afraid. cf. Daniel 10:10-12