

JOHN'S FIRST VISION OF CHRIST
(Revelation 1:9-20)

- I. The SPEAKER (Rev. 1:9*a*)
 - A. He identifies himself as “I, JOHN” (cf. 21:2; 22:8)
 - B. He describes himself as their BROTHER and FELLOW PARTAKER
 - 1. Sharing their TRIBULATION
 - 2. Sharing their EXPECTATION
- II. The SETTING (Rev. 1:9*b*-11)
 - A. He was in the isle of Patmos, “because of the WORD of God and the TESTIMONY of Jesus (1:9*b*)
 - B. He was in the SPIRIT on the “LORD’S DAY” (1:10*a*)
 - 1. A transportation of spirit to receive a special MESSAGE
 - 2. A transportation through TIME to the “Day of the Lord”?
 - 3. An experience during WORSHIP on the 1ST day of the WEEK?
 - C. He heard a voice LIKE a TRUMPET (1:10*b*-11)
 - 1. Christ SPEAKS (cf. 1:8, 17-18)
 - 2. John must WRITE
 - 3. The CHURCHES must READ
- III. The SCENE (Rev. 1:12-16)
 - A. He saw SEVEN golden LAMPSTANDS
 - B. He saw “one like a SON of MAN”
 - 1. Standing in the MIDDLE of the lampstands: AUTHORITY
 - 2. Clothed like a PRIEST and JUDGE: DIGNITY
 - 3. Hair WHITE as snow: PURITY and ETERNITY
 - 4. Eyes LIKE FLAMES (cf. 19:12): RIGHTEOUSNESS and KNOWLEDGE
 - 5. Feet like burnished BRONZE: JUDGMENT

6. Voice like the sound of MANY WATERS: OMNIPOTENCE
7. Holding seven STARS in his right hand: SOVEREIGNTY
8. Sending a sharp, two-edged SWORD from his mouth: WRATH
9. Face SHINING like the SUN: MAJESTY

IV. The SAVIOR (Rev. 1:17-18)

- A. John COLLAPSED as though DEAD
- B. Christ REVIVED and ENCOURAGED him
 1. Christ IS ETERNAL
 - a. The EVER-LIVING One
 - b. The One who BECAME DEAD
 - c. The One who lives “unto the AGES of the AGES”
 2. Christ RULES ETERNITY
 - a. Controlling DEATH
 - b. Controlling DESTINY

V. The SCRIBE (Rev. 1:19-20)

- A. Christ OUTLINED the book
 1. The things you have SEEN (ch. 1)
 2. The things which ARE (chs. 2 and 3)
 3. The things which will take place AFTER these things (chs. 4-22)
- B. Christ EXPLAINED the symbols
 1. Seven stars are the ANGELS of the seven churches
 - a. ANGELIC GUARDIANS of individual churches?
 - b. HUMAN MESSENGERS to individual churches?
 2. Seven golden lampstands are the seven CHURCHES
 - a. INDEPENDENT of centralized ORGANIZATION
 - b. Answering to CHRIST DIRECTLY
 - c. Acting as LIGHT-BEARERS in the WORLD