

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – CHAPTER 1:12-15a

OBSERVATION

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

*Rev 1:13 and **in the midst of the seven lampstands** ,(seven churches)*

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,***

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

Vs. 12-18. THE **REVELATION OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST** - (twelve characteristics-we will look at the first six today!)

Vs. 12-13a. His **CENTRALITY**
“**in the midst of the seven lampstands**” -
Cf. 2:1 - “**who walks in the midst** of the seven golden lampstands”
Cf. 5:6 - “**in the midst** of the throne and of the four living creatures, and **in the midst of the elders**, stood a Lamb...”
Matthew 18:20 - “**For where two or three are gathered together** in My name, there **am I in the midst of them**”
Matthew 28:20 – “**lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age**”
Col. 1:18 – “**and He is the head of the body, the church**”
1Ti 3:16 **And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh,** Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.
Hebrews 13:5 - “**I will never leave you, nor forsake you**”

v. 13b. His **HUMANITY** - God becoming Man
“**One like the Son of Man**” - (“like” - homoion - “likeness in external form”) - term is used 84 times in the gospels; **21 refer to the second coming**; He is the Son of Man! **More than just a man!** - cf. **Daniel 7:13; Matthew 24:30 ; John 1:14; Phil. 2:5-11.** (kenosis-the emptying); **Col. 2:9; Is. 9:6**

v. 13c. His **ROYALTY**
“**clothed with a garment down to the feet (royalty) and girded about the chest with a golden band**” - Clothing of the high priest - **Exodus 28:4; 39:29** - Cf. **Psalm 93:1; 104:1; Hebrews 3:1, 3; 4:14-16; 7:24-8:1**

v. 14a. His **PURITY**
“**His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow**” - Cf. **Isa. 1:1; Daniel 7:9.** He is called “**the Holy One**” - cf. **Luke 4:34; Acts 2:27; 3:14; Hebrews 7:26;**

Do you know what Jesus is like after the resurrection?

We are recognize the centrality of Jesus Christ. **Is He truly the center of your life? Is He central in all of your life?**

If two or three are gathered together in Jesus’ name, **His authority is in the midst of them.**

We submit to the authority of Jesus Christ-by prayer and obedience to His Word are the principle ways we do this.

The Son of Man is a Messianic term. Jesus is more than mere man. **He is both complete man and Divine.** He is not like man--He is much more than man; He was in the exact nature and substance of God. When He came into the world as a man, **He laid aside His Divine** attributes, being in the form of a servant! But we must remember the Mount of Transfiguration! How can we understand this? **We can’t!--the mystery of the Gospel! An incredible fact--the Gospel- God becoming man!! The incarnation!! He came to die on a cross!**

He is our High Priest!! After what order? **What an Advocate we have!!!! He sees us holy and blameless because of Jesus’ precious shed blood!**

We see His purity!! Not David but a future son of David!

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and His eyes like a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace,

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

v. 14b. His SCRUTINY

“and His eyes were like a flame of fire” cf. Daniel 10:6; Revelation 2:18, 23; Jer. 17:9-10; 19:12;

v. 15a. His VICTORY

“And His feet like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace”

Cf. Revelation 2:18; 14:19-20; 19:15; Isaiah 63:1-6; Is. 61:2

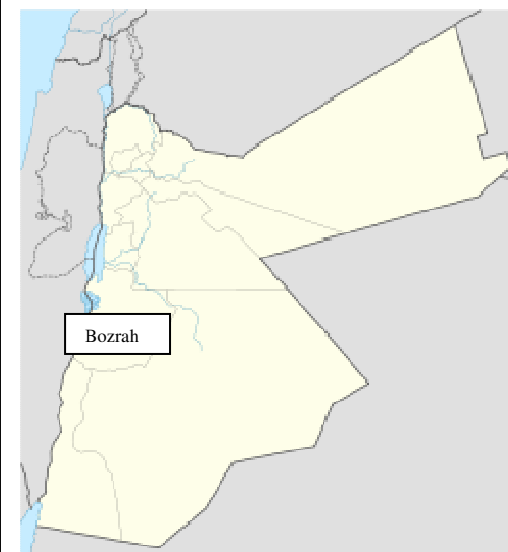
APPLICATION

You can’t hide from Him—He sees it all!

Where is the Lord going to come to earth? Where is Bozrah? The winepress of God! He is going to come in vengeance!!! He is going to judge them and the blood is going to flow! --Divine retribution! Rev. 6:10

HE IS THE VICTORIOUS SON OF GOD!!

All glory to Him!!! Praise the Lord!! We will come with Him!!! With the angels of heaven! With the clouds of glory!!!



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Questions:

1. How would you describe what Jesus Christ looks like today? What would be the evidence of your description? Does He/will He be like a man?
2. How did God become a man? (*Phil. 2:5-11*) Can you truly understand this? How would you explain this Gospel to a Moslem or another non-Christian? What is the fundamental issue of His incarnation?
3. Where or because of what, did God highly exalt Jesus?
4. Do you understand the mystery of godliness? (*1 Tim. 3:16*)
5. Do you see anything unusual about *Hebrews 4:16*? “*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace....*”
6. Do you think that Jesus’ white hair merely indicates that He is old? What else could it mean?
7. Do you think looking into the eyes of the resurrected Jesus will be a comforting thing?
8. During the Great Tribulation, who treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God?

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.*