

II. THE MESSAGES OF THE GLORIFIED CHRIST TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

A. The Son of Man, The Glorified Christ (1:9-20)

Introduction: The first vision that Christ gives John.

1. Background: The setting - Patmos (w9-10)
2. His Great, Trumpeting Voice (w10-11)
3. His Presence in the Midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks or the Churches (w12-13)
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1. Background: The Setting - John, the Apostle on Patmos (9-10)

- a. He was a brother and companion to the believers:
(Mt. 24:13; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 2:12)
- b. Revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos.
- c. He was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day: (Mt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5;
1 Pet. 5:7; Isa. 41:10)

2. Christ's Great Trumpeting Voice (10-11)

- a. His Claim: "I am Alpha and Omega."
- b. His Instructions: "Write to the Churches what you see and hear."

3. His Presence in the Midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks or the Churches (12-13)

(Jn. 8:12; Jn 1:4; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 5:14; Mt. 5:14; 13:47; Phil. 2:15)

4. His Awesome and Frightening Appearance (13-16)

- a. With a long robe
- b. With a golden breastplate wrapped around His chest (Ro. 8:38-39)
- c. With hair like white wool, as white as snow (Dan. 7:9)
- d. With eyes as a flame of fire (Jere. 23:24)
- e. With feet as fine brass
- f. With a voice as many waters (Jn. 3:29; 10:4; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Ps. 29:4 Jere. 25:30; Jn. 5:28-29; Rev. 3:20)
- g. With seven stars in His right hand (Jn. 15:16; Acts 9:15; Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:12)
- h. With a sword in His mouth (Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim3:16)
- i. With His countenance shining as the sun (Mt. 17:2; Jn. 17:5; Acts 9:10-5)

5. His Reassuring Presence and Care (17-18)

- a. John's terrified reaction
- b. Jesus' calm assurance (Mt. 10:30-31; Isa. 41:10; 43:1-2)
- c. Jesus' identification:
 - 1) He is God: The First and the Last (Jn 8:58; 17:5, 24; Rev. 22:13)
 - 2) He is the Resurrected Lord (Jn. 11:25; Ro. 10:9; 1 Pet. 1:3-4)
 - 3) He is the Savior and Judge (2 Tim. 1:20; Jn 5:24; 14:19)

6. His Clear Instructions (19)

7. His Interpretation of the Vision (20)

- a. The seven stars: are seven Pastors
- b. The seven candlesticks: are seven churches (Mt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:5)