

THE BOOK OF  
**REVELATION**

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## **The Son of Man?**

### **Lesson #2**

#### ***Introduction:***

Here we see a glorified description of the Savior, Jesus Christ. As we learned in the previous lesson The entire book of Revelation is a description of the character and love of Jesus. In this lesson we will continue to unpack the who, what, when, where, and why, and how of Revelation.

1. **When was John receiving this particular vision?** Revelation 1:8

Patmos was a small, rocky and barren area where many criminals of Rome were sent to serve out their prison terms in harsh conditions. There were mines on the island that the criminals were forced to work. John was sent to the island for the same reasons because the early Christians were considered a strange cult group who were known for causing trouble within the Empire.

This vision, in particular, was received by John on the Lord's Day.

**Identifying the Lord's Day:** The phrase, The Lord's Day, is seen only once in Scripture. Thus, we must use some detective work to identify what day it is.

**Mark 2:27-28** – Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

**Isaiah 58:13-14** - The Sabbath is God's Holy Day

These texts indicate that the Lord's Day is the Seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday.

2. **Who is this written to?** – Revelation 1:11

The message to the seven churches are delivered in order of a mail route. Each church has a specific message delivered to them concerning spiritual issues. Each church must hear. Each church is summoned to overcome. Each church shares the hope promised to the other churches.

3. **Where is John receiving this vision?** – Revelation 1:12

John is in vision in the Sanctuary. The seven golden lampstands are located in the Holy Place in the Sanctuary.

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4. **Who is the Son of Man?** – Revelation 1:13, Daniel 7:13

The phrase Son of Man appears 81 times in the four Gospels and over 100 in the Old Testament. Most of the time Son of Man is used in reference to Jesus. Given the following description, as compared to the reference in Daniel 7:13 this is a reference to Jesus. Jesus was all God and all man at the same time. Since His incarnation He will forever be linked to humanity.

5. **Characteristics of the glorified Messiah?**

Revelations 1:14-16

**Hair** - White like wool and white as snow. Reference to color not necessarily texture. White symbolizes purity.

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**Eyes** – Like a flame of fire. Intensity of Jesus' gaze.

**Feet** – Like brass. Metal refined from by intense heat.

**Voice** – Like many waters. The loudest, constant, natural sound.

**Hand** – Seven stars in hand. Represents the messengers sent to the seven churches [Rev. 1:20]

**Mouth** – Sharp two-edged sword out of mouth. The Bible [Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17]. Also represents divine judgment/punishment [Isaiah 1:20]

**Countenance** – Like shining sun. "I am the Light of the world" [Jn. 8:12].

6. **What does Jesus want John to experience?** Revelations 1:17, John 14:27  
John's natural reaction to what he is experiencing is fear. Jesus extends a loving hand to express peace.
7. **The First and Last?** – Revelation 1:17  
Over and over we see "Alpha and Omega", "Beginning and End", and "First and Last". In other words Jesus always has been and always will be.  
Here "**The First and the Last**" is another reference to Jesus as God. See Isaiah 44:6, the word Lord comes from the Hebrew word Jehovah. Also, the Son of Man in Daniel 7:13 goes to the Ancient of Days. The Son of Man is God the Son and the Ancient of Days is God the Father. Here we see co-operation of the Trinity.
8. **What are the keys of Hell and Death?**  
Revelation 1:18  
In the NKJ version it says Hades and Death. Hades is a word that is often translated as the grave. Jesus laid down His life. He died and rested in the grave. Praise the Lord He was resurrected. Christ and Christ alone holds the authority over death, that means also holds authority over life.
9. **When do the events of Revelation take place?** Revelation 1:19  
John saw first-hand the events of history unfolding before his eyes. Notice the wording "things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place". In the previous lesson we saw the four views of Revelation. Idealist, Preterist, Futurist, and Historicist. Here we see the Biblical view is that of a historicist. Some of the events of Revelation have already taken place and some have yet to take place. The prophecies of Revelation are continually unfolding through history.
10. **Who are the angels?** – Revelation 1:20  
Here the word for angels comes from the word *aggelos*, meaning messengers. This is not necessarily a reference to an angel. John the Baptist, in Matthew 11:10, is referred to as *aggelos*/messenger. He was not an angel but sent with a particular message. Some theologians believe the angels here represent the elders of the seven churches which would be delivering the message to the church.  
  
Christ, here, is seen amidst the seven churches. His is walking among and involved with His churches.  
  
The lampstands would be lit with olive oil. In the Bible the oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit and used in anointing prophets, kings, and the sick. Fire is also seen symbolizing the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit that came down in flames at Pentecost.  
  
Jesus desires not to strike fear in our hearts by what is written in the Revelation. He desires to instill peace and pour out the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that God desires to reside with His churches.

***Conclusion:***

Next time we will delve into the Seven Churches beginning with the message to the church of Ephesus.

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God, help us to see Jesus as He truly is. Thank you for these powerful messages revealed to us in the Revelation.