

revelation

SESSION #2

BOOK OF REVELATION

- Written In 90-95 AD. (*likely*)
- Written by the apostle John.
- Written to the Roman province of Asia (Asia Minor).

THE OPENING CHAPTERS OF REVELATION PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT, WARNING, AND CHALLENGES.

READ REVELATION CHAPTER 1

VERSES 4-8 TELL US ABOUT WHO OUR GOD IS.

· GOD IS SOVEREIGN.

VERSES 12-16 JOHN RECEIVES A VISION OF JESUS.

- **“ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN”** (13) = **EXALTED.** “Son of Man” (**Daniel 7:13-14**) was Jesus favorite term for himself. Jesus is NOT just a man; He is also fully God. This displays Jesus’ has divine authority, control, glory, and kingly power over all the nations and all peoples. He will rule the world forever and ever because his kingdom could never be destroyed.
- **“CLOTHED WITH A LONG ROBE AND WITH A GOLDEN SASH AROUND HIS CHEST”** (13) = **GREATEST HIGH PRIEST.** John saw in v.13 that the “Son of Man” was clothed. The word translated “*robe reaching to the feet*” is almost always referred to in the Old Testament as the robe of the high priest. The golden sash across his chest shows the fact that Jesus is “higher.” The greatest high priest. The priesthood that he hoods is infinitely great.
- **“THE HAIRS OF HIS HEAD WERE WHITE, LIKE WHITE WOOL, LIKE SNOW.”** (14) = **WISDOM.** This is the same way God is described in **Daniel 7:9.** He is wise beyond all other wisdom. He is old, but not with all the negative connotations of this earth.
- **“EYES WERE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE”** (14) = **ACTIVE JUDGE.** He is infinite, wise, but also not tired or lazy. He is actively working.
- **“FEET WERE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE”** (15) = **PERMANENCE AND PURITY.** The glowing metal represents the purity of Christ’s holiness. (**Daniel 10:6, Ezekiel 1:27, 8:2**) The feet represent Christ’s permanence and authority.

- “VOICE WAS LIKE THE ROAR OF MANY WATERS” (15) = **POWERFUL**.
- “FROM HIS MOUTH CAME A SHARP TWO-EDGED SWORD” (16) = **AUTHORITY**. His Word cuts, heals, and instructs. (Hebrews 4:12)
- “HIS FACE WAS LIKE THE SUN SHINING IN FULL STRENGTH” (16) = **PRAISEWORTHY**.

JESUS IS THE GREAT STANDARD! JESUS IS THE GREAT JUDGE! HE IS THE GREAT MEASURING STICK FOR THE CHURCH!

REVELATION: ROME & THE SEVEN CHURCHES

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THE LOVELESS CHURCH (Ephesus) – Revelation 2:1-7

John sees a vision of ...

- 7 Golden Lampstands = 7 churches
- 7 Stars In Jesus’ right hand = “Angels” of the churches
 - Angels is most probably referring to the pastors of the churches.

4 AFFIRMATIONS OF THE CHURCH

1. WORKED HARD – Endured hardships, strong in service.
2. PATIENT – Had a determined zeal.
3. DOES NOT TOLERATE EVIL
4. GUARDED AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS AND FALSE DOCTRINE

BUT Jesus did have one issue with the church.

- They had forgotten their first love. (v.4)
 - They were doing what they were supposed to do, but not for the right reasons.
 - It was NOT about a relationship with Jesus, it was religion.
 - It was NOT love, it was obligation.

HOW DO WE FIX THIS?

1. **Remember** – Return to the gospel. Preach it to yourself daily. (1 Cor. 1:26-31)
2. **Repent** – Change your mind and heart.
3. **Repeat** – What you did at first?