

The Lion and The Lamb

Revelation 1:14-20

- John after over sixty years of Jesus ascending into Heaven is on an isolated prison island left there to die, over ninety years of age, believed to be on his last leg of this life, its here where he receives this amazing vision from Jesus Christ to deliver to us the Church, instructing us on how were to behave in these last days.
- Up to this point we have seen four things to pay close attention to concerning this vision > **1st** The vision was seen by John while in exile, **2nd** The vision was received by John while in the Spirit, **3rd** The vision was to be written by John and sent to the seven churches, **4th** The vision is of The Glorified, Risen Son of Man Jesus Christ.

V14-20

- Last week we saw the **position of Christ** in the vision, as He is in the midst of the golden lampstands **V13**, it's a picture of **Math 18:20** which says "**for where two or more are gathered together in My Name, I Am there in the midst of them**", showing us that Jesus wants to be in the center of the life of His church.
- **V14-16** afterward we see the portrait of Christ in the vision > He's described in a way that is symbolic of Who He is > **1. His clothing-** as He has a long flowing robe which speaks of **His greatness**, Compare the robe that Isaiah saw in **Is 6:1**- a robe that filled the entire temple. Next, He has a golden girdle wrapped around His breast, which speaks of **His Righteousness**, as He no longer girds Himself with a towel as a servant > **Jn 13:4-5** says, but now with the Righteousness of a King > **Is 11:5**.
- **2. His Head and Hair-** The whiteness of His Hair speaks of His eternity and absolute Holiness, as now instead of a suffering servant He is a judging Kings. It's like the white wigs that were worn by British judges that sl always thought was so silly looking, not understanding why they wore them, it symbolized purity of judgment.
- **3. His Eyes-** John probably remembered Jesus Eyes filled with compassion even tears when on earth. But now they are like flames of fire, penetrating to the deepest part of the soul > **Heb 4:13**, there is nothing hidden from His gaze > **Ps 11:4**, those who thought they could hide anything from God will have it revealed by Jesus, as these eyes describe His piercing judgment as they see all and will reveal all amen!

- **4. His Feet-** brass in the bible always speaks of judgment, and feet of brass speaks of the time when Jesus will put all His enemies under His feet in judgment. **Rom 10:15, Is 52:7** speak of The One Who brought the gospel, but now they are The Feet of The Judge of those who rejected the gospel.
- **5. His Mouth-** two important aspects here, the sound of His voice, and the content of His voice. His voice sounds like the roar of many waters, that speaks of the far reaching impact of His words, as His voice of judgement will be heard throughout the earth. Now what He will say is also revealed as it is described as a sharp to the touch but in this case to the ears of a two-edged sword coming out of His mouth.
- Obviously this is The Word of God mentioned in **Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12**, and this sword is what will ultimately be used to judge the nations according to **Rev 19:15, 21**. People take God's Word as a joke, minimizing it by saying man wrote it, corrupted it, its suggestive not authoritative, its more of guidelines instead of absolutes. But **Jn 12:48** says The Word will judge us in the last day and we see it represented here.
- **6. His Hands-** The Right Hand speaks of authority, Lordship, the seven stars He holds in His Right Hand are the pastors of these seven churches. It's the same Greek word for Angels, used for both supernatural and natural messengers, and like Angels are sent by God to protect His church and His people, and do the will and bidding of The Father, so are these pastors supposed to do for the churches that they oversee.
- **7. His Face-** in **Math 17:2** John saw the face of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, and His face now appears as it did that day. John hadn't seen Him since He ascended but now He sees The Glorified Risen Jesus shining like the sun. This represents that when He comes He will do away with all darkness as then there will be nothing but His pure Light shining all around us, lighting us up on the inside as well as the outside, what an amazing time that will be.
- **V17-18** its overwhelming reading this much less seeing it as John, this picture of Jesus paralyzed him and he fell down like he had died, Daniel had a similar response centuries ago. Aren't you relieved that you and I don't have to stand before such an One at the great white throne judgment. This is the Jesus that the unsaved will have to give an account to as to why they rejected His Grace and Mercy so many times.

- Jesus reassures John telling him “do not fear, I Am The First and The Last, I Am He Who Lives and was dead, and behold I Am alive forevermore men”! What He tells John and all of us that because He is The Eternal God, as The First and The Last means “The Only” so there is no greater authority or power than Him. People He has given us His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us, for He is our God.
- **V19-20** so write these things that you have seen John, the things that are John, the things that will take place after this John. Translation: Act like you believe and trust, go and tell those pastors and these churches of what’s to come, not in a suggestive way, but in an authoritative voice, and people we are to be doing the same thing, especially to those who say they are Christians, lets respond like Jesus expects.