Revelation 1 Pt 2 vv 9-20 Things You Have Seen

Jesus

Revelation 1:19 [Natural Outline] Write the things which you **have seen**, and the **things which are**, and the **things which will take place after this**.

1. Things you have seen	Ch. 1	Glorified Jesus
2. Things which are	Ch's. 2-3	Churches
3. Things which take place after this	Ch's. 4-22	Great Tribulation

- So far vv 1-8

1. **Title:** Revelation/Apocalypse: Unveiling of Jesus Christ
2. **Transmission:** Father to Jesus to Angel to John to Us
3. **Blessing:** Greetings to us from the Father/Spirit/Son

John continues with things he has seen…

III. Glorified Jesus

9 I, John, both your **brother and companion** in the **tribulation** and **kingdom** and **patience** of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

To my Family/Friends in Christ re. Our Common Experiences

- **Tribulation** We all live with daily Temporal Trials
- **Kingdom** We all await the Eternal Kingdom thus…
- **Patience** We all need the Strength/Endurance/Wisdom of God

John your Brother and Companion in the Journey

- Imprisoned on Patmos: Crime?

1. Speaking the Word of God
2. Testifying Jesus is the Christ

10 I was **in the Spirit** on the **Lord's Day…**

John's Eyes/Mind/Heart now opened to the Spiritual Realm/True Reality
Transported to the Future to the Day of the Lord

- **Day of the Lord:** Phrase found throughout OT re. Judgment of God
- **Not a literal day:** Period of Seven years John is about to document

John is in the Spirit/God is Unveiling Future of the World
I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day

10b…and I heard behind me a **loud voice, as of a trumpet**, 11 saying, "I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the **First and the Last…**"

John hears a voice in the Spirit: Like a Trumpet but not

I AM the Alpha/Omega the Beginning/End

11b and, "What you see, write **in a book** and **send it to the seven churches** which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

- Each of the 7 Churches of Johns day received an entire copy of Revelation

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands **One like the Son of Man…**

Alpha/Omega was One like the Son of Man
Jesus favorite term for Himself in NT

Luke 9:22 [Jesus speaking] … "The **Son of Man** must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

- Identify w/us e.g. Baptism/Death
- Also used in OT of Jesus…

Daniel 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the **Son of Man**, Coming with the clouds of heaven!

Revelation 14:14 [Last mention/Context Judgment] Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* **like the Son of Man**, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

Other verses Alpha/Omega is the Father inc. Rev 1:8
Here Alpha/Omega is Jesus

- **Q.** How many Alpha/Omegas…Beginning/Ends are there? **A.** One
- **Q.** Who is the Alpha/Omega…God the Father or God the Son, Jesus? **A.** Yes

Isaiah 41:4 … **I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last I am He.'"**

Isaiah 44:6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his **Redeemer**, the LORD of hosts**: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.'**

Isaiah 48:12 … I am He, **I am the first, I am also the last.**

Revelation 1:17 When I saw Him [Jesus], I fell at His feet like a dead man And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; **I am the first and the last…**

Revelation 2:8 " [To the church in Smyrna Jesus addresses Himself as…] The **first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life…**

Revelation 21:6 [Jesus to John], "It is done **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end** I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Revelation 22:13 [Jesus to John] "I am the **Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

Q. Is the Alpha and Omega God the Father or Jesus? **A.** Yes.
Here in v10 …Specifically Jesus

- John heard a loud voice as a Trumpet
- John turns/sees/hears Jesus
- One like the Son of Man among 7 Lampstands

Write down what I am showing you/Send it to each of the Seven Churches

13b [John saw Jesus] …clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. [c.f. Exodus 28:4, 29:5]



Jesus in High Priestly garments

Walking in Spirit among the Lampstands
Maintaining His church from Heaven

- **7 Lampstands Identified** as the **7 Churches** in v 20

Jesus as our High Priest of the Churches

1. Lighting fires — Encouraging
2. Putting out fires — Rebuking
3. Filling with oil — Adding to
4. Trimming wicks — Taking Away

Jesus has begun Disciplining/Judging the Churches from Heaven
At the same time He is in the midst of the Church on earth by His Spirit

Matthew 18:20 [Context: Discipline/judgment] For where two or three are gathered together in My name, **I am there in the midst of them**."

SUMMARY Alpha and Omega Eternal High Priest

14 His head and hair were **white like wool**, as white as snow, and His eyes like a **flame of fire**; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the **sound of many waters**; 16 He had in **His right hand seven stars**, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance **was like the sun shining in its strength**.

- Physical Description of Jesus: White Hair, Eyes if Fire, Feet of Brass, etc.
- Previously, Daniel described God the Father in the same manner

Daniel 7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the **Ancient of Days** was seated; His **garment was white as snow**, And the **hair of His head was like pure wool**. His **throne was a fiery flame**, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. [11] "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till

the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. [12] As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. [13] " I was watching in the night visions, And behold, ***One* like the Son of Man**, Coming with the clouds of heaven! **He came to the Ancient of Days**, And they brought Him near before Him. [14] Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

John's physical description of Jesus
Same as Daniel's description of the Father

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word,…the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.**

John 10:30 I and My Father **are one**."

John 14:7 "If you had known **Me**, you would have known My **Father** also; and from now on you know Him and have **seen** Him."

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known **Me**, Philip? He who has **seen Me** has **seen** the **Father**; so how can you say, 'Show us the **Father**'?

- **Q.** Who sits on the Throne of God, Jesus or the Father? **A.** Yes

Revelation 5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the **center of the throne**, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. [NIV]

John's Description of Jesus Christ
White Hair: Wisdom and Eternality

- **Eyes of Fire:** Penetrating Insight

Revelation 2:18 "…to the angel of the church in Thyatira [immoral church] write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has ***eyes like a flame of fire***, and His feet like **fine brass**…

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

- Eyes of Fire: Penetrating Insight
- **Brass Feet:** Judgment Imminent

Jesus is coming back to judge the world
With Bronze Feet He alone will Trample His Enemies

Isaiah 63:1 Who *is* this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— " I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." [2] Why *is* Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? **[3] "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one *was* with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood Is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.**

- Brass Feet: Judgment Imminent
- **Voice like Many Waters:** Ultimate Authority

Daniel 10:6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and ***the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.***

Ezekiel 1:24 [Vision of God and angels] … like the ***noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army*** [cf. Psalm 29]

- Voice like Many Waters: Ultimate Authority
- **Right Hand Holding Seven Stars:** Complete Control/Sovereignty

Colossians 1:16 …**by Him [Jesus] all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things **He may have the preeminence**.

Job 34:14 [Holds all things together] If He should set His heart on it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, 15 **All flesh would perish together**, And man would return to dust.

- Right Hand Holding Seven Stars: Complete Control [here over His messengers]
- **Sharp Two-Edged Sword:** WORD of God

Jesus Created Good by His Word
Jesus will Destroy Evil by His Word

Revelation 2:16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the **sword of My mouth.**

Revelation 19:15 Now **out of His mouth goes a sharp sword**, that with it He should **strike the nations**. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 19:21 [AC and FP cast into hell] And the rest were killed with the **sword which proceeded from the mouth** of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

- Sharp Two-Edged Sword: WORD of God
- **Countenance like the Sun** Transfiguration/ Glorified Jesus

Matthew 17:2 … He was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun**, and His clothes became as white as the light.

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses of His majesty**.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

- White Hair: Wisdom/Eternality
- Eyes of Fire: Penetrating Insight
- Brass Feet: Judgment Imminent
- Voice like Many Waters: Ultimate Authority
- Right Hand Holding Seven Stars: Complete Control [here over His messengers]
- Sharp Two-Edged Sword: WORD of God
- **Countenance like the Sun** Transfiguration/ Glorified Jesus

John sees Jesus the Alpha/Omega. The Son of Man
The Judge of All the Earth

17 And when I saw Him, **I fell at His feet as dead. But** He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last**.

I fell at His feet as dead!
He put His hand on me. Do not fear I AM all you need

Genesis 15:1 [First mention "fear not/I AM] [Waiting on God's promise…] the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "**Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."**

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, **for I am** with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Fear not…I AM all you need

- **Abram feared** God's timing — Do not be afraid for I AM
- **Israel feared** God's Abandonment — Do not be afraid for I AM
- **We fear** our endurance wont last — Do not be afraid for I AM

The Amazing Promise to All who Trust Jesus
All John's companions in the journey

Philippians 1:6 … He who has begun a good work in you **will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ…

John fell down at Jesus feet as dead/Thought he'd stay that way
Do not be afraid…I AM keeping you/Will continue to sustain you

18 **I am He who lives**, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of **Hades and of Death**.

- John Feared Death/Jesus reassured him

I AM the One who Rose from the Dead
You and Peter saw the empty tomb/Ate fish w/Me on the Beach

I have the keys [way out of] Hades and Death
Hades/Abraham's Bosom: Place of Dead having 2 Areas

1. **Place for the Wicked**

- Place of torment for those awaiting final judgment [Luke 16]
- Place cast into hell along with its residents at Final Judgment [Rev 20]

Revelation 20:14 Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

2. **Place for the Righteous:** Closed for business after the Cross. Straight to heaven

- Place of comfort for those OT awaiting Jesus sacrifice
- Place emptied by Jesus post-cross as he took righteous to heaven

Luke 23:43 [Jesus to repentant thief of cross] "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Death should be feared by those who do not know Jesus

Luke 12:4 …And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! 6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God.

- He calls all friends until their not
- John was a friend of Jesus

Do not fear. I have the keys to death
Jesus conquered death on the Cross/Resurrection from the Dead

Romans 5:12 … through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus **death spread to all men**, because **all sinned…**

- Jesus never sinned thus death could not hold Him

Romans 6:9 …Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. **Death no longer has dominion over Him…**11 **Likewise you also**, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and **we shall be changed**. [53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. [54] So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: **"Death is swallowed up in victory."** [55] **"O Death, where *is* your sting**? O Hades where *is* your victory?"[56] The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. [57] But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Get up John. Do not be afraid to die. I got the keys…

SUMMARY Jesus Judge of the Churches

IV. Natural Outline

19 **Write** the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Natural Outline of Book of Revelation given by Jesus Himself

- **Get up and write…**

1. Things you have seen	Vision of Jesus	[Ch. 1]
2. Things which are	Letters to 7 Churches	[Ch. 2-3]
3. Things after Churches	Judgment/Redemption	[Ch. 4-22]

V. Interpretation: Stars and Lampstands

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Symbols from Rev 1:14-16 Explained by Jesus

- **Seven Lampstands are the Seven Churches**
- **Seven Stars are the Seven Angels**. One to each of the Seven Churches

7 Angels: *Gr. Aggelos*: Messengers. Angels or Pastors? Either way they are…
7 Representatives of Jesus to each of the 7 churches [Also representing the Historical church]

Revelation 1 Things you Have Seen

- **Title:** Revelation/Apocalypse: Unveiling of Jesus Christ
- **Transmission:** Father to Jesus to Angel to John to Us
- **Blessing:** Greeting from Father/Spirit/Son
- Jesus as the Alpha/Omega
- Jesus as Eternal High Priest
- Jesus as Judge: Churches/World
- Natural Outline: What you have seen, which are, which will take place
- Interpretation: 7 Stars/7 Lampstands are 7 Messengers to 7Churches

The Holy Spirit filled Church is Light/Salt in a Dark/Corrupt world, but when the Light/Salt become shady/impotent, Jesus must deal with His people as *judgement begins with the household of God*. When He is through refining, He will come for His spotless Bride and bring her home with Him at the Rapture. At that time the restraint of the Holy Spirit will be removed from the earth and all hell will break lose as the Tribulation begins and continues for seven years. Jesus is presently building/preparing His church, thus Jesus has already begun judging His Church in preparation for Him taking His Church. He desires a pure and spotless Bride and that is what He will find. All this plays out in Section 2 in Ch's 2-3: **Things Which Are. Jesus judges His Church.** [NJC]