

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Revelation End Game Week 1 Study

Icebreaker

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like you were losing but in the end came out victorious?

Passage 1 Revelation 1:1-3 (NIV)

"The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

Reflection Who is giving the revelation (1:1)? Why does this matter?
What is the purpose of the revelation (1:1-2)?

Passage 2 Revelation 1:12-16 (NIV)

"I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance."

John rights to seven churches in the Roman province of Asia (present day western Turkey). He first sees a glorified Christ (v.13-16). Review the chart below and discuss what these aspects of his appearance say about Jesus after his resurrection.

Jesus's Appearance

Robe— full length with a golden sash (v. 13)

Hair like white wool, Like snow (v. 14)

Eyes like fire (v.14)

Symbolism

Jesus is the High Priest

Wisdom

Deep insight, judgment over evil

Passage 2 Revelation 1:12-16 (NIV)

Jesus's Appearance

Feet like bronze glowing in a furnace (v.15)

Voice like the sound of rushing waters (v.15)

Right hand holds seven stars (v.15)

Double-edged sword comes from his mouth (v.16)

Face brilliant like the sun (v.16)

Symbolism

Power, victory

Authority

Protection, control

Power and force of his judgment

Christ's glory

Reflection How do you respond to this picture of Christ? For instance, is this someone you feel drawn to worship, obey or back away from?

Back it up: Read the following scriptures from the book of Daniel. How does it tie in with the book of Revelations? Daniel 7:13, 10:5-6, 7:9

Application

Pastor Chris said, *"The result should not be increased speculation about the end of time, but an increased capacity to work for the glory of Jesus the Messiah while watching and waiting patiently for his return."*

Our Purpose: To Proclaim the Gospel

"After the resurrection, when the apostles demanded details about the end of time, Jesus replied quite curtly, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority' – then, he immediately reminded them of their responsibility to share with others what they had seen in him." Acts 1:7-8

Focusing on the wrong thing...

Produces anxiety about the future and perhaps even a desire to stockpile more and more details about how time might end.

Focusing on the right thing....

Produces Readiness, Responsibility, and Rest

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