

The Revelation of Jesus Christ: John's Vision

(REVELATION 1:9-20)

A. Introduction (Revelation 1:1-8)

1. Prologue (gives way to a standard greeting as a letter)
2. The Trinitarian Greeting
3. The Centrality of Christ
4. The Doxology

B. Vision Prelude (Revelation 1:7-8**)**

1. Second coming of the Lord
2. Judgment by the One who is coming
3. Authority in the One coming to judge

C. Vision of the Lord Jesus (Revelation 1:9-13)

1. John's encounter by physical location
2. John's encounter by spiritual experience
3. John's instructions about the vision

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D. Vision of the Lord Jesus – His appearance

1. **John's vision of Jesus: His proximity - His identity**

REVELATION 1:13 – and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man,

- a. The nearness of Jesus to His church (Revelation 2:1, Genesis 28:10-16; John 14:15-18; 16:7, 13-14; Acts 1:8)
- b. The Identity of Jesus to His church (Daniel 7:13-14, Mark 14:60-65)

2. John's vision of Jesus: His clothing

REVELATION 1:13 – and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, **clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.**

- a. Jesus dressed as an authoritative figure (judge, king) – Exodus 28:4, Leviticus 16:4
- b. Jesus dressed as the High Priest of His church

HEBREWS 2:17-18

HEBREWS 4:14.

HEBREWS 7:21 – 27

3. John's vision of Jesus: His appearance (features)

REVELATION 1:14-16 - The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

4. John's vision of Jesus: The reaction and instruction

REVELATION 1:17-20 - When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰ As for the mystery of the seven stars that 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 are the seven churches.