The Vision of Jesus

Revelation 1:9-20

Outline of Our Study Revelation 1:9-20

v. 9 Common Bond

v. 10-11 Unexpected Ministry

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v. 19-20 Symbols Explained

Common Bond Verse 9

"Brother"

... expression in the N.T. for Christians

- Prayed Together
- Loved
- Supported
- Cared For
- Helped

Common Bond Verse 9

"Fellow partaker - Tribulation"

... refers to John's imprisonment and punishment

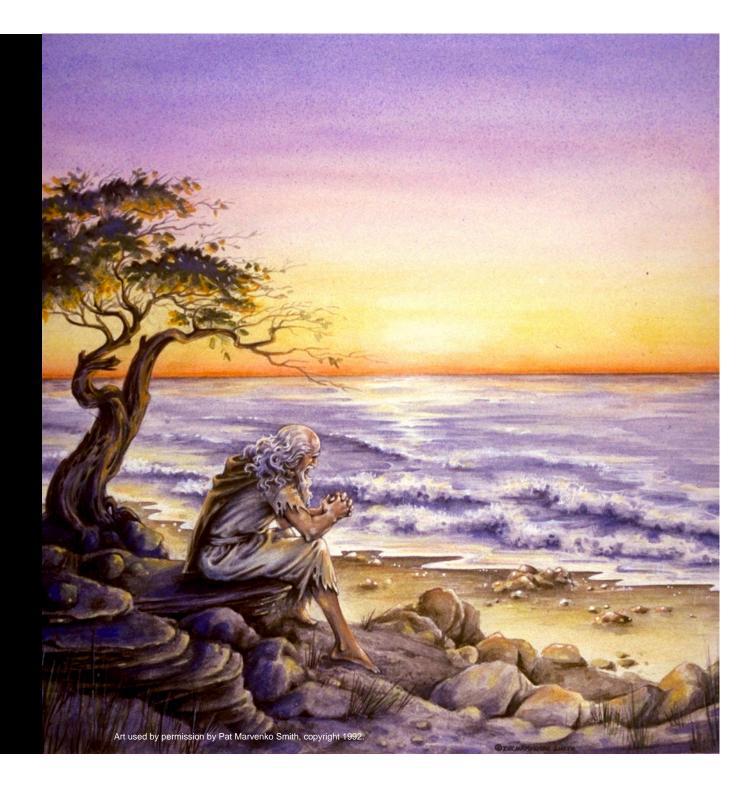
- During reign of Roman Emperor Domitian
- Domitian reigned A.D. 81-96
- Christians persecuted

... John was banished to the Island of Patmos

Seven Churches of Asia



John On Patmos





"Fellow partaker . . . In the Kingdom"

... refers to existing spiritual kingdom (John 18:36)

- Every believer is a member (Col. 1:13)

The Unexpected Ministry Verse 10-11

"In The Spirit"

... Reminds us of 2 Peer 1:20-21

"Lord's Day"

... Common 2nd century expression for Sunday

- Used by secular people

- Used by Christians

John Heard A Voice

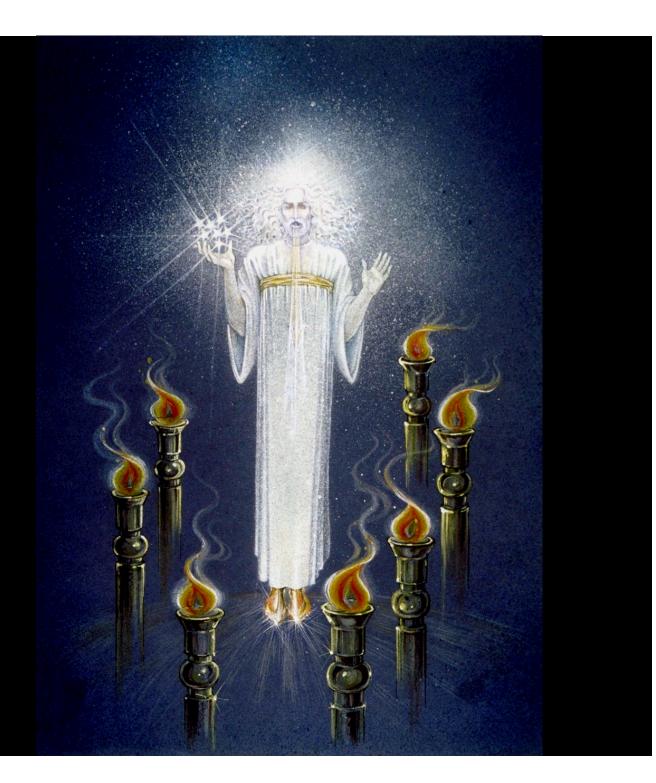
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The Unexpected Ministry Verse 10-11

"Write ... Send it to the 7 churches ..."



When John Turned He Saw...



"Seven Golden Lampstands"

... symbols explained in verses 19-20

"Like the Son of Man"

... Jesus used it to describe Himself (John 5:26-27)

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Was This For John?

...2 & 3 John ...1 John 1:1 ... Rev. 1:5

The Vision of Jesus – 8 Descriptions

- 1. Body . . . Long Robe and Golden Girdle
- 2. Hair ... white as snow
- 3. Eyes . . . like a flame of fire
- 4. Feet . . . like burnished bronze
- 5. Voice . . . like the sound of many waters
- 6. Right Hand . . . Holding seven stars
- 7. Mouth . . . sharp two-edged sword
- 8. Face . . . like the shining sun

1. Long Robe and Golden Girdle

- ... Garments High Priest wore (Ex. 28:4, 31-43)
- ... Josephus states,



- High Priest tied his garments together with a sash

Picture of Jesus as our High Priest

Ex. 28:2

2. Hair . . . white as snow

- ... White or gray hair spoke of wisdom
- ... Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31 and 20:29

Picture of Jesus as Ultimately Wise and Holy

- 3. Eyes . . . flame of fire
 . . . Eyes speak of God's ability to see everywhere
 . . . Flame of fire speaks of judgment
 - ... Hebrews 4:13; Matthew 10:26; Jeremiah 16:17



4. Feet . . . burnished bronze . . . A king's subjects bowed at his feet

... Burnished bronze spoke of judgment

... Psalm 8:6; 110:1; Romans 16:20; Rev. 2:18

Picture of Jesus As a Righteous Judge

5. Voice . . . sound of many waters . . . Loud voice often refers to God

... Ezekiel 43:2; Matt. 3:17; John 12:28; Heb. 12:26



6. Right Hand . . . held the 7 stars . . . Right hand is a symbol of authority & control

... Exodus 15:6, 12; Psalms 89:13; 98:1

Picture of Jesus Being In Absolute Control

7. Mouth . . . sharp two-edged sword
. . . Broad, large, sword for cutting and piercing
. . . Revelation 2:12, 16

Picture That Jesus Protects His Own

8. Face . . . shining like the sun . . . God is light

... Matthew 17:1-6; John 9:5; 12:46; 1 John 1:5

Picture of Jesus In His Glory and Beauty

Jesus Is . . .

- ... First and Last
- ... Living One
- ... Controls Death and Hell
 - Decisive Victory At The Cross (Heb. 2:14)
 - End of the War After His Second Coming (Rev. 20:7-10)

Symbols Explained Verse 19-20

Seven Stars

... Lead Elders of each of the seven churches

Seven Lampstands

... The seven churches

To The Glory of God