

# Revelation Study ~ Chapter 1 part 2

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## Revelation 1:9-20 ~ The Vision of Christ

In this next section of chapter one, verses 9-11, John identifies his situation as an exile and his call to write the book of Revelation. Patmos, at the time, was a barren island used to house prisoners.

1. **Why was John on the Island of Patmos?**
2. **What idea is conveyed with being “in the Spirit on the Lord’s day?”**
3. **Who’s voice spoke and why do you think seven churches were identified?**

The imagery of the vision of Jesus in verses 12-16 speak volumes to His nature and His purpose. The lampstands and the stars are identified in verse 20 as the churches and the angels (or messengers – possibly pastors) of those churches.

### **What potential meaning is found in the description of Christ?**

- a. **Son of Man -**
- b. **Long robe with golden sash -**
- c. **Hair as white as snow -**
- d. **Eyes like flames of fire -**
- e. **Feet like burnished bronze -**
- f. **Voice like the roar of many waters -**
- g. **Holding the seven stars -**
- h. **From His mouth a sharp, two-edged sword -**
- i. **Face like the sun in all its strength -**

Compare this vision with the vision of Daniel in Daniel 10:1-9.

John’s response to the vision of Jesus is a common experience for those who encounter the splendor of Christ. And the Lord’s response should give all believers the assurance that we can “fear not” when we are in His presence as well.

### **How does each description of Jesus help the reader understand the person of Christ?**

1. **The first and the last -**
2. **The living one -**

**3. I died and am alive forevermore -**

**4. I have the keys of Death and Hades -**

When He identifies Himself to John, what do you think is the commonality of those four descriptors?

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Verse 19 gives the three categories of the Book of Revelation. What experiences might these refer to?

**1. Things that you have seen -**

**2. Those that are -**

**3. Those that are to take place after this -**

Taking a quick glance into chapters 2 and 3, consider the descriptions of Jesus given in chapter 1 and compare them to the descriptions given to each of the seven churches. Keep this in mind as we prepare to study the seven churches.

**Key Words:**

Tribulation - (Greek: Thlipsis) "affliction or distress often associated with persecution"