

JOHN SEES THE GLORIFIED SON OF MAN - Rv 1:12-16

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INTRODUCTION

1. Recall structure of Rv: cycles covering period of history tw/ 1st & 2nd comings. Jesus' 1st coming - Rv 1:5b-6. Cross, res & enthronement. v10-12 = vision of Jesus as He presently is - not of future.
2. We have access to throne-room: Hb 4:14-16; 8:1-2; 12:1-2
 - i. Jesus is seated on throne of supreme sov'ty: all authority
 - ii. He has given HS who works to transform & conform us to Christ as we overcome midst the *enmity* of Dragon. Never forget - 1:12-20

1st: John Sees One Like a Son of Man

1. John *sees the voice* - v12: *one like a Son of Man & 7 golden lampstands* - further descriptions - v17 *when I saw HIM* - He speaks [v17-20].
2. We read words to see the voice - v11 *write what you see* - this book: v19.
 - i. Word attacked since Gn 3:1 - *Indeed has God said?*
 - ii. Everything depends on whose words you "see": believe [Ps 119:18].
3. v13 - Dan 7:13-14 cf. Rv 5; incarnate Son of God [Phil 2:7; Rm 8:3]

2nd: Surrounded by Seven Lampstands

1. v12-13a a man surrounded by 7 light-bearing lamps [Zech 4:2-6].
 - i. *7 spirits before the throne* [Rv 1:4]; *7 lamps of fire burning before the throne, wh/ are the 7 Spirits of God* [Rv 4:5].
 - ii. Jesus interprets *lampstands* as the 7 churches - v20a. Do not conceive of Jesus apart from His church or the church apart from Jesus.
2. Lampstands - temple: presence of God the Spirit. Church empowered by HS as church lives in union w/ the risen, enthroned Lord Jesus.
 - i. *You are the light of the world*. [Mat 5:14-15; Jn 1:5].
 - ii. We replicate what John is experiencing as we worship on LD as NCov temple whose worship ascends to Jesus' throne-room.
 - iii. The reality of worship emits light-bearing witness in dark world.

3rd: Dressed as Royal Priestly Judge

1. v13b uniform similar to king & priest; 15:5-8 angels in similar uniform
2. Exo 28:4 - Priests trim lamps; what Jesus does 7 chs in Rv 2-3, to emit light
3. v14 -head, hair & eyes - recalls *Ancient of Days* - Dan 7:9-10.
 - i. Profile of Father merges w/ Son as 1 God on throne illuminated by HS.
 - a. *white hair* = acquired over long time: v4,8 eternal & wisdom
 - b. *eyes like flame of fire*: eyes that see - Rv 2-3 *I know your works*. Under His gaze, we are either purified or incinerated. Dan 7:10. Jesus as judge in His church [1Pt 4:17].
4. v15 - His feet and THAT voice!
 - i. *feet like burnished bronze, glowing in furnace* - burning holiness.
 - a. Able to accompany Shadrach, Meshack, & Abed-Nego
 - b. As judge, purifying, purging His people.
 - ii. *voice like sound of many waters* - Ezek 43:2 [Niagara Falls]
5. v16 - His right hand, His mouth & His face
 - Oi. *His right hand* - royal sov'ty - expect a scepter - Ps 110:2

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- a. *7 stars* - Num 24:17 - *a star - a scepter* [Rv 22:16]. Star: leader
- b. [Dan 12:2-3] *those who lead - will shine like stars forever*
- c. #7 = perfection - v20 = *stars = the angels of the 7 churches*. Angelic & human; leaders & congre - led by Jesus.
- ii. *His mouth* - [v15; v10]: see the voice [v12]: *a sharp-2-edged sword*
 - a. Servant of the Lord - Isa 49:2-3
 - b. Heb 4:12-13 - Jesus rules/judges by His 2-edged sword
 - 1) #2 => legal validity [2 witnesses]; 2 testaments: OT & NT.
 - 2) Where is Jesus in Rv 1? In midst of lampstands [Rv 2:18,12]
- iii. *Face like sun shining in its strength* - voice & light; Jn saw His glory; Mt 17:2 *transfigured - shone like the sun* ; Paul [A 9:3-5]

Applic #1: Bring this Jesus to Mind as You Worship

- 1. Rv 1:12-16 exp was overwhelming - v17a. Jn wants us to be overwhelmed
- 2. May we be thrust down w/ the weight of Jesus' glory as we see the voice [Isa 66:1-2; *reverence & awe* [Heb 12:28-29].

Applic #2: Bring this Jesus to Mind as You Witness

- 1. Imagine - exiled by human authorities but admitted into court-room of King Jesus! Hear Him say *I love you* [v5] & *do not be afraid* [v17].
- 2. Let us be in faithful in our worship & bear witness of the One we worship.