

THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION 1:9-20

Here we have the events that precede John's writing to the 7 Churches of Asia Minor. He was inspired by God to write to the 7 Churches. John shares information so as to help the readers to understand the great importance of what he has written to them.

- I. John describes the _____ that led to his writing the Book of the Revelation **1:9-20**
- A. John's identity, location and circumstances **Vs 9-10**
1. His identity **Vs 9a**
- a. *John*- "Jehovah is a _____ Giver"
- b. *Your Brother*-a fellow believer/brother in Christ
- c. *Companion*-joint _____ or participant
1. *In tribulation*-the difficulties and pressures associated with being a _____ of Christ's body and a citizen of the Kingdom of God
2. *In the Kingdom*-fellow _____ of Heaven
3. *In the patience of (found in) Jesus Christ*-endurance found in the person of Christ
- d. Parallel passages:
1. Matthew 13:18-23
2. Acts 14:19-22
2. His location and circumstances **Vs 9b-10**
- a. *Was in the isle that is called Patmos* **Vs 9b**
1. Patmos-a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea, which today makes up part of SE Turkey. It has a population of about 3,000 and an area of 13 square miles. In John's day, it was a place where exiled criminals were sent by the Roman Empire.
2. *For the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ* **Vs 9b**
- a. Because of his _____ of the Word of God
- b. Because of his identifying himself as a _____ of Christ
- b. *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet* **Vs 10**
1. *In the Spirit on the Lord's Day*
- a. *In the Spirit*-a spiritual state of _____ worship of God Cf. Acts 10:10-Peter; 2 Corinthians 12:1-4-Paul
- b. *The Lord's Day*-_____, established as the day of worship for the NT Christians, since the resurrection of Christ occurred on Sunday Cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2
2. *And heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet*
- a. *A great voice*-a _____ voice, the voice of Christ
- b. *As of a trumpet*-loud like a trumpet is loud, _____ John's full attention
- II. The Voice is identified, and the recipients of the Book of the Revelation are listed **Vs 11**
- A. The Voice is that of _____-the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last
- B. The recipients are the then existing 7 Churches of Asia Minor

III. John describes Who he saw **Vs 12-16**

- A. The presentation is that of _____ dignity and _____ majesty which help to make Christ distinct from all others
- B. The description of Christ is symbolic:
1. *In the midst of the seven golden candlesticks* -surrounded by something **Vs 12-13a**
 2. *One like unto the Son of Man*-The _____ Lord Jesus Christ
 2. *The garment and girdle*-the long robe of a _____ and the golden chest garment of a _____ **Vs 13c**
 3. *His head and hair looked like white wool*-not a representation of age but of _____ and glory **Vs 14**
 4. *His eyes were as a flame of fire*-seem to indicate his _____ piercing into every area. Fire is also presented in Scripture as a _____ agent; thus, it could represent a look that is irresistible and penetrating the soul. **Vs 14**
 5. *His feet like fine brass*-a special type of brass represented _____ and permanency; he is immovable, eternal in his existence, and _____ in His appearance **Vs 15a**
 6. *His voice was as the sound of many waters*-His voice was _____ as the roaring sound of a great volume of rushing water. **Vs 15b**
 7. *He held 7 stars in His right-hand* **Vs 16a**
 8. *Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword*-the Word of God which is piercing and cutting to the ear and heart of the hearers, spoken by the Word made _____ **Vs 16b** Cf. Heb 4:12
 9. *His countenance was as the sun shines in its strength*-one whose holiness and purity _____ with such a glow that He cannot be looked upon by sinful mankind **Vs 16c**

IV. John describes his reaction to what he saw. **Vs 17a**

- A. *He was overpowered with the greatness of the luster and glory in which Christ appeared, though he had been so familiar with him before.* Matthew Henry Commentary
- B. John who was in awe, reverence, and holy fear, possibly became physically and emotionally _____ at what he saw.

V. John describes Christ's reaction to his being overcome by what he had just experienced **Vs 17b-18**

- A. *Fear not*-A demonstration of grace and _____ **Vs 17b**
- B. *I am he...Amen*-A demonstration of care to _____ **Vs 18a**
- C. *And have the keys of hell and of death*-An explanation of a very important truth yet to be _____ **Vs 18b**

VI. John tells what the glorified Christ told him to record **Vs 19**

- A. *The things which thou hast seen*-things which have been seen in the _____
- B. *Things which are things*-which are _____ visible
- C. *Things which shall be hereafter*-things which will happen in the _____

VII. John shares Christ's explanation of what the 7 stars and 7 candlesticks represent. **Vs 20**

- A. *Mystery*-a _____ truth not understood or known in the past
- B. *7 Stars*-seem to be understood as the individual overseer (_____) of each church
- C. *7 Candlesticks*-the seven churches to whom this book is written