

## **THE RISEN LORD REVELATION 1:9-20**

While in exile on the Isle of Patmos John saw the risen Lord. Imagine how John felt upon hearing and seeing the Lord Jesus after about sixty years. It is important that John first see the Lord before seeing the events of the end time. First, the last book of the Bible is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. He should have the first and preeminent place in the book. Second, John needed to see the glory of the Lord who would describe the incredible events of the end times and eternity. John heard a voice (1:10-11), saw the Lord (1:12-16), and received instructions (1:17-20). John saw three major things in relation to the Lord and used figurative speech to describe the greatness and glory of the Lord. He saw:

### **I. HIS ROLES.**

#### **A. As Priest. 1:13.**

\* The garments Jesus wore were the garments of the high priest. Ex. 28:1-30;  
Heb. 4:14. \*

#### **B. As Judge.**

1. His omniscience in judgment. 1:14 “eyes as flame of fire” See 1 Cor. 4:5;  
Heb. 4:13. \*
2. His activity in judgment. 1:15. “feet like fine brass”
  - a. The altar of burnt offering was the place where sin was judged and sacrifice was made. Ex. 38:1-7.
  - b. This speaks of Jesus walking through his church and world in judgment.
3. His power in judgment. 1:16. Cp. Rev. 19:15.  
\* He has the power to execute judgment. \*

### **II. HIS GREATNESS.**

#### **A. His Completeness. 1:11. See 1:8; 21:6; 22:13. Also 1:17; 2:8.**

1. Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.
2. All knowledge can be expressed using various combinations of these letters. Col. 2:3
3. He is the first and the last, the eternal one. Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2.
4. As all things are contained in the alphabet, all things consist in and for him.  
Col. 1:16,17.

#### **B. His Dignity. 1:14.**

\* The white hair speaks of dignity (Pro. 16:31) and purity (Isa. 1:18). \*

#### **C. His Glory. 1:16c. See Acts 26:13; Matt. 17:2.**

#### **D. His Power.**

1. The voice of authority and power. 1:10,15,16. Rev. 19:21.
2. Authority over death and the place of the dead. 1:18.

### III. HIS COMPASSION.

#### A. His Compassion for the Church. 1:13,16,20.

1. His relation to the church. 1:12,13; 2:1.
2. His care for the pastors. 1:16a; 20.

#### B. His Compassion for Individuals. 1:17.

1. John's reaction to his greatness. 1:17. Cp. Dan. 10:8; Ezek. 1:28; 3:23.
2. Jesus' words of compassion. "fear not"  
\* Jesus had come to John for a purpose. 1:19. \*
3. Jesus' touch of compassion. 1:17.  
\* Jesus, the Lord of Glory reached out to touch mortal man. \*

I am glad to see that while Jesus is the great and glorious priest and judge of man, he also cares about his church and each individual in that church.

