

Commissioning of John and The Vision of the Son of Man Revelation 1:9-20 Outline

Vv.9, 10: The place, day, and manner of receiving the commission to write.

V.11: What John heard first.

Vv.12-16: What John saw when he turned to see who was speaking to him.

V.17a: John's reaction

Vv.17b-20: The commission repeated, expanded, and concluded.

Commissioning of John

<u>V.9</u>: John identifies the time of this revelation and the writing of the book. He is in exile. He also identifies himself as being persecuted, as was the rest of the church.

Testimony: a better translation of marturivan is witness. This tells us that John was a witness, an eyewitness, of Jesus and all that He had done. John's eye-witness account solidifies the authorship of Revelation as John the Apostle and not another John as some wrongly speculate.

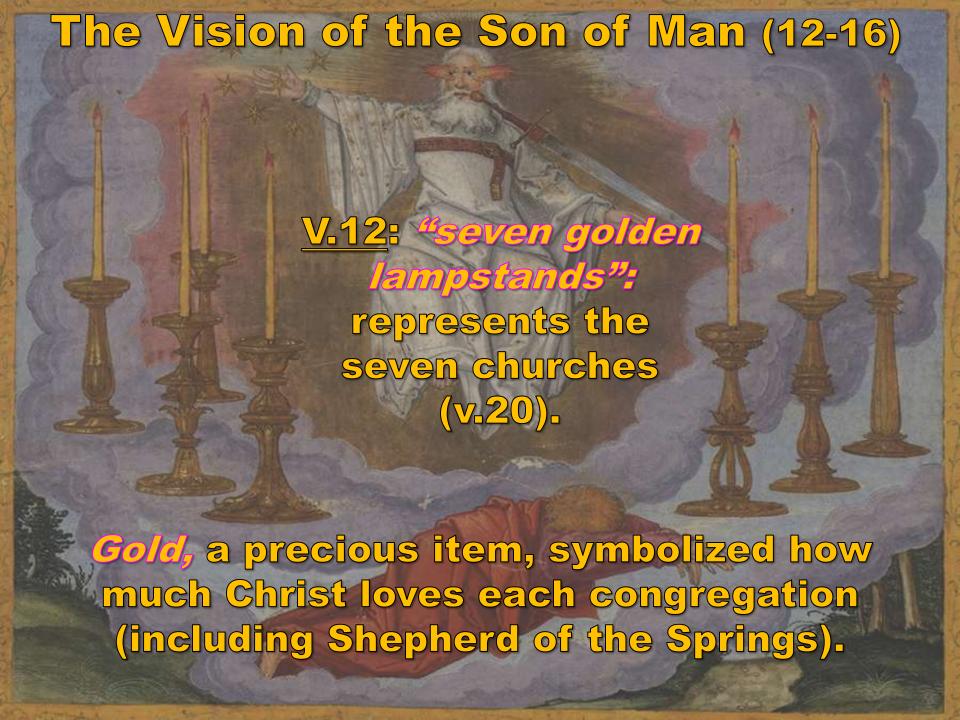


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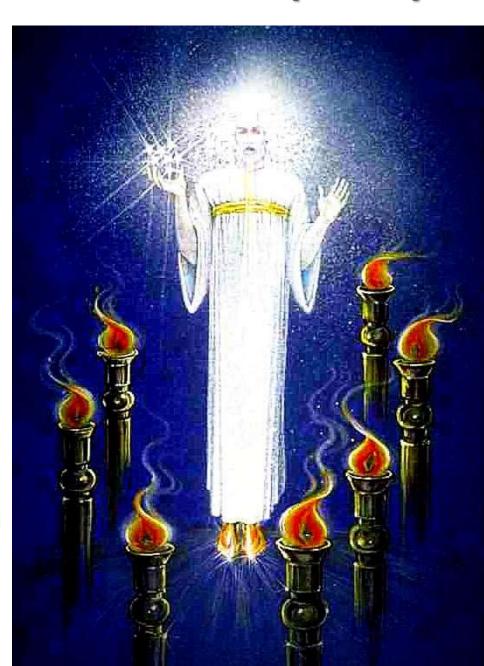
V.10: "A loud voice like the sound of a trumpet": the clear, powerful, expressive voice of our Lord that tells John to....

V.11: "... write..." What John sees he is to write and send the book to seven churches:





Vv.13-16 provide us a description of the glorified Christ Who is standing "...among the lampstands" which represents our Lord's presence with His **Churches. This close** connection between **Christ and His love and** care for His Church means that those who reject the Church, which **Christ so closely ties to** Himself, are actually rejecting Christ.

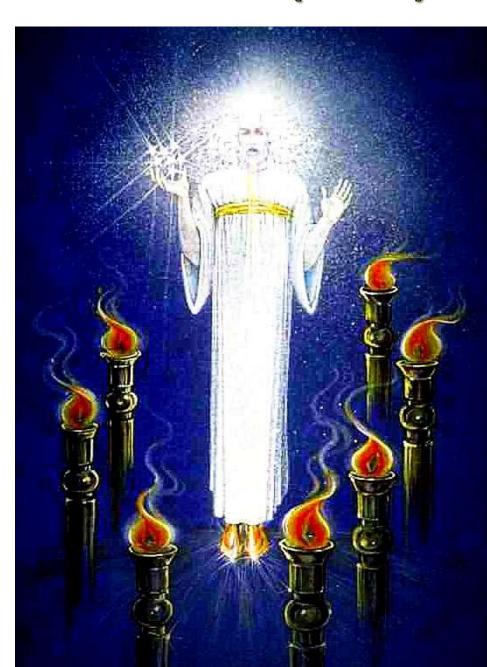


"His hair...white as snow": Holiness ("Though yours sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" Is. 1:18).

Christ, again, clearly identified as God (cf. Daniel 7:9). Clad in priestly garments, with a gold belt/sash about His chest: Jesus is our Great High Priest.



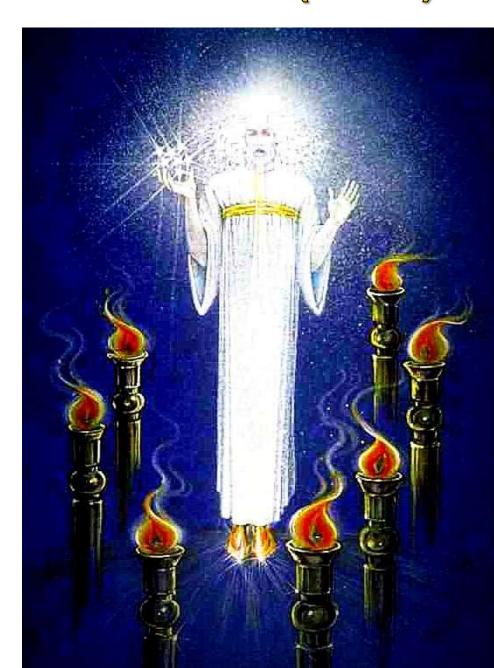
"His eyes were like blazing fire":
penetrating, omniscient, powerful, with the intent to destroy or to purify!



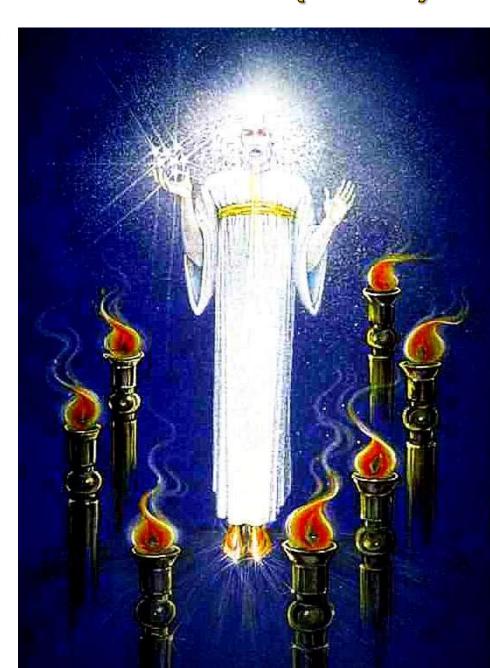
"His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace": -- not like the feet of clay which idols have -- His enemies all shall be trampled underfoot.



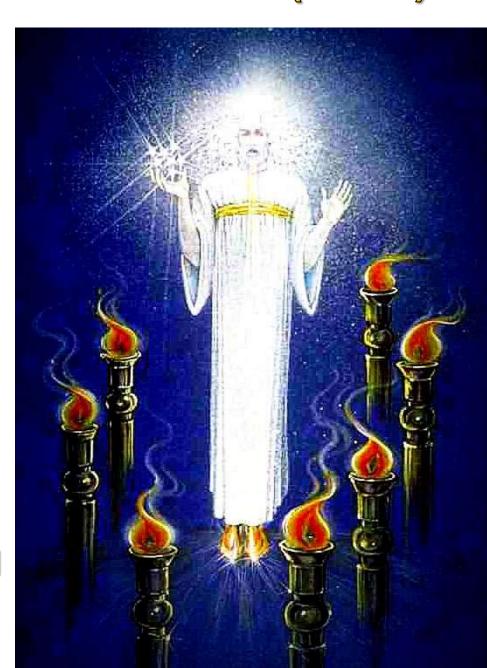
"His voice like the sound of rushing waters": -- with His mighty voice He terrifies and dashes to pieces all who set themselves against Him. His voice shall not be ignored. This imagery also denotes the surety of His Word.



"In his right hand He held seven stars": (cf. v.20) the angels of the seven churches listed above. Some commentators feel that these seven stars are the seven pastors of these seven churches. Yet, a human is never referred to as a star anywhere in God's Word; but angels are (cf. Job 38:7). And honestly, Jesus tells John who the seven stars are in verse 20, so that's that!

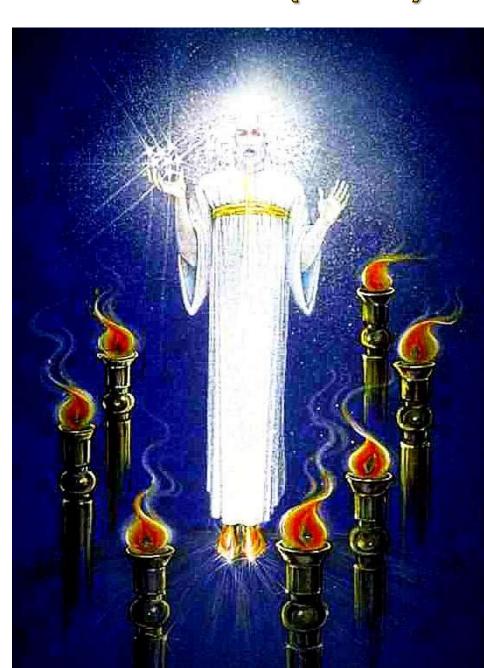


"Out of His mouth came a sharp twoedged sword": -- His mighty Word -- one edge, the Law, cuts men down in judgment; the other edge, the Gospel, destroys the power of the devil. The first proclamation of the Gospel by God (Genesis 3:15) was in fact, a curse addressed to the devil.



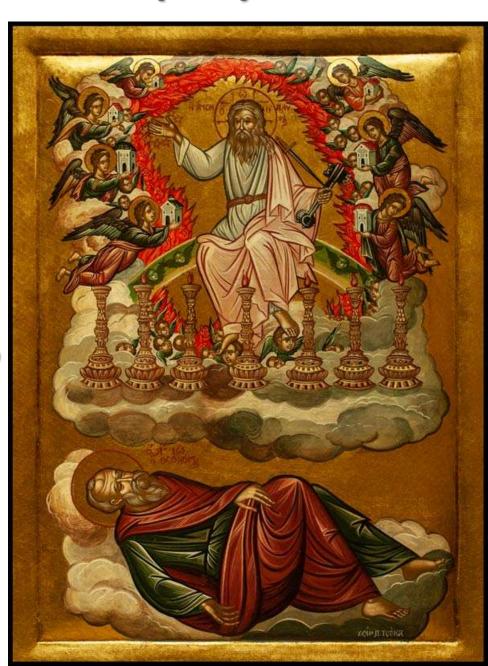
"...His appearance was like the sun when it shines in its full power": -- His total Divine glory - John has seen this before ...almost!

At the Transfiguration, John saw our Lord's glory, though still veiled. Now His whole person reflects the exalted Christ (cf. Dan 10:6; Jn 1:4; 8:12)



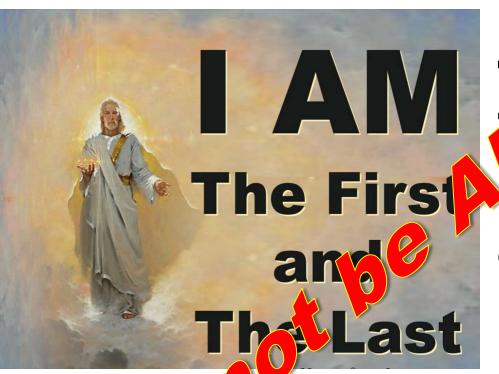
John's Reaction (17a)

"...I fell at His feet as dead." - on the Mount of Transfiguration, John was moved to voluntarily bow down...here the majesty, the brightness of our Lord's glory is so powerful that it **knocked John down** and he lay before His Lord as dead! (cf. Ezek 1:28, 3:23; Is 6:5)





The Commission Repeated, Expanded, and Concluded (17b-20)



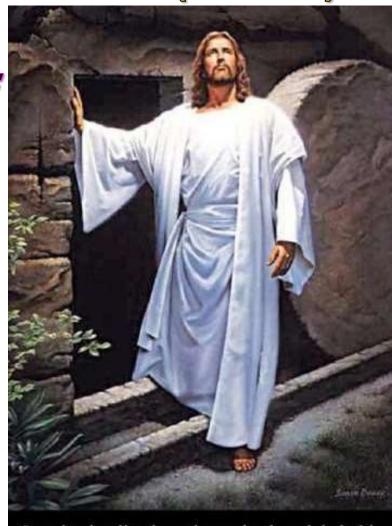
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John Using this title, Jesus is assuring John Land He IS the Eternal One, the Savior of mankind...John's Savior...and yours!

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The Living One is a title found M. the vs of vdeath and Hades": THE TAVE HIVER GOD with all death idels which is to false and the keys of death and the grave (Hades). As the conqueror of death and the grave He demonstrates that here is only One True God, Who reaches out to man through Jesus Christ in order to bring life.



I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:18 (KJV)

