Vision of Christ
PART II
Revelation 1:9-20

MAIN THOUGHT Revelation reveals Jesus Christ at his second coming as the VICTOR over evil to a persecuted church.

THE OCCASION (9-18).

WHAT JOHN HEARD (9-11).
• “I, John” (22:8; Dan.8:1) authenticates the source of the vision.
• John humbly (no apostolic title) identified (GK=sun – with; koinonos – fellowship) with our (1) SUFFERING (trouble/persecution – Matt. 13:21); (2) our KINGDOM (Matt. 3:2); (3) our PERSEVERANCE (Luke 8:15; James 5:7).
• The “Lord’s Day” (EMPEROR’S DAY – 1st day of the month for taxes) was the Christian name for the first day (Jesus’ resurrection) of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
• Revelation is for the churches – here seven representatives (Matt. 16:18).

WHAT JOHN SAW (12-16).
• Like Daniel (Dan. 7:9-10) and Ezekiel (Ezek. 1), John saw a vision of the glorified Christ (Matt. 17:1-2) standing among the lampstands (churches – 20).
  1. “Son of Man” – a messianic title (Dan. 7:13; Mark 8:31).
  2. Long Robe/Golden Sash – one with authority as the priests (Ex. 28:4).
  3. White Head and Hair – ETERNAL “Ancient of Days” (Dan. 7:9, 13, 22).
  4. Blazing eyes of fire – he sees all (Ezek. 1:18) and judges justly (Rev. 19:1-2).
  5. Bronze glowing feet – judgment (fire) and stature (not feet of clay – Dan. 2:41).
  6. Voice of rushing water – drowning out all other voices (14:2; 19:6; Ezek. 43:2).
  7. Right hand with 7 stars – angels (20) or pastors (messengers – Lk. 7:24).
  8. Mouth with sword – the word of God (2:12; Heb. 4:12).
  9. Face brilliant as the sun – blessing or judgment (Psa. 84:11; Mal. 4:2; Matt. 17:2).

WHAT JOHN DID (17-18).
• He fell as though dead (4:10; 5:8; 7:11; 19:10; Josh. 5:14-15).
• He was reassured (Dan. 8:18) for Jesus holds the KEYS (3:7; 20:1) of life (I am alive) and death (death and Hades – 16:19; 20:14; Matt. 16:18).

THE OUTLINE (19).
• The PAST is the vision of Christ (Revelation 1).
• The PRESENT is the church age (Revelation 2-3).
• The FUTURE is what will take place later (Revelation 4-22).

THE INTERPRETATION (20).
• Like the parables, interpretation is given (17:15, 18; Matt. 13:18).
• God is making KNOWN (1:1) the MYSTERY (Matt. 13:11) of the future.