

Guide & Record of your thoughts

11/15/2009 - Week 2 Revelation 1:4-20

Following the Message:

1. vs. 4 – “Who is, who was, and who is to come” is a description for us to indicate that He is (YHVH/Eternal/Judge & Redeemer).
2. The number 7 appears several times in Revelation. It is a key number that indicates (totality)and (completeness)
3. vs. 5 – a) “first born from the dead” indicates firstborn in (preeminence); b) “ruler of the kings of the earth” indicates His absolute (authority) over this world; and c) He who loves us (present tense) released us from our sins by (His blood).
4. vs. 6 - As priests, believers have the right to enter (God's) (presence)
5. vs. 7 – This verse is speaking of the (2nd coming) not the rapture. Christ's second coming will be (visible) to the entire world including unbelievers. All the tribes of the earth will be plunged into mourning because He comes to (judge) His enemies and set up His kingdom. Believers [will or will not] mourn (circle one) at His coming.
6. vs. 10 – In scripture, especially Revelation and Exodus, a loud sound/voice indicates the (critical nature/importance) of what is about to be revealed.
7. vs. 11 – John is to do two things with what he sees. He is to (write) and (send) to the 7 churches.
8. vs. 12 – The seven lampstands are representative of (all of) the churches
9. vs. 13 – The images of “one like a son of man” in the midst of the lampstands gives us knowledge that our High Priest moves in our midst to (care) and (protect) His own.

10. vs. 14 – 16, In the descriptions of His head and hair, His eyes, His feet, His voice, His right hand, His mouth,, and His face, we clearly see that Jesus Christ as supremely (qualified) to (judge) the 7 churches.

11. vs. 17-18 – John upon seeing such a sight fell with fear; however, the Living One comforted John and verified that He possessed the keys of death and of Hades indicating that Christ decides who (lives), who (dies), and when.

12. vs. 19-20 – Therefore, John is commanded to write the things he had (seen), the things which (are), and the things that will (take place) after these things.

Reflecting on the Text:

- * In Revelation 1:4-6 how did John describe who Jesus *is* and what he *does*?
- * How did John describe the future second coming of Christ?
- * Read Revelation 1:7-8 – Why do you think many will mourn at Christ return?
- * As you read the description of Jesus in the Revelation 1:12-16 make a list of at least 8 observation which John saw: How does this imagery of Jesus impact your view of Him?
- * In Revelation 1: 17-19; What was John’s reaction to his vision of Jesus and what was the reaction of Jesus to John?
- * What effect did this vision of the risen Christ have on John? (Consider: Gen. 17:3; Num. 16:22; Isa. 6:1-8; Eze. 1:28; Acts 9:4)