

I Midweek Bible Study

II. The Commission to Write (9-11)

- A. John
 - 1. Your brother – solidarity, a fellow believer
 - 2. Fellow partaker in the
The tribulation –
And kingdom –
And perseverance –
 - 3. **Was on the island called Patmos**
Because of the Word of God and testimony of Jesus (1:2)
- B. In the Spirit on the Lord's Day
 - 1. In the Spirit
 - 2. On the Lord's Day
- C. I heard behind me a voice
Like a loud trumpet – Divine presence/theophany (Ex. 19:17-20)
- D. The commission
 - 1. Write what you see –
 - 2. Send it to the seven churches
 - 3. The vision of the Son of Man in 12-16 is the visionary commission for the prophecy.

G.B. Caird, "This is not photographic art. His aim is to set the echoes of memory and association ringing."

III. The Vision of the Son of Man (12-16)

- A. And I turned to see the voice which was speaking with me
- B. And when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands
 - 1. The lampstands (Ex. 25)
 - 2. Zech's vision (4:2-6)
- C. And in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man (Dan. 7 and 10)
- D. Clothed with a long robe and girded with a golden belt around his chest
- E. And His head and His hair were white as white wool, as snow



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- F. His eyes as a flame of fire
- G. His feet like burnished bronze (unusual phrase)
“Since feet in the ancient world portrayed the direction of one’s life, the image here depicts Christ’s life in both its strength or stability and its absolute purity... This would fit the military imagery behind this symbol. It signifies not only glory and strength but warns of potential judgment.” Grant Osborne
- H. A voice like many waters
(14:2; 19:6; Ezek. 43:2; Dan. 10:16); cf. Psa 29:3; 93:4
- I. And holding in His right hand seven stars
- J. And coming from His mouth a sharp two-edged sword
Isa. 11:4; 49:2; Rev. 2:12; 19:15
- K. And His appearance is as the sun when it shines in its power
Matt. 17:2

Conclusion

The vision of the Son of Man is a glorious vision. It sets up the vision about to be given to John. Son of Man, Son of God, Priest, Judge, and King.

