

Five P's of the First Vision

Revelation 1:10-20

The prologue to the vision

- A. John was in the S_____ (v. 10) - This exact phrase is found in Matt 22:43
1. Jesus stated that David wrote the p_____ "in the Spirit." (see the parallel account in Mk 12:36 - the Spirit is called the Holy Spirit).
 2. Jesus challenged his opponents' thinking with the a_____ of scripture, which they believed in.
 3. Therefore, John was stating that he was under the i_____ of the Holy Spirit so that what he wrote were the very words of God.
- B. The time of this vision was on the L_____ 's day
1. The Greek word translated Lord is not a noun but an a_____ (only found here & 1 Cor 11:20)
 2. In secular literature the word meant i_____.
 - a. The Roman Emperor, Domitian, demanded w_____
 - b. John recognizes that Jesus is the only emperor worthy of worship because He r_____ from the dead.
 3. Therefore, John is using this term not just to mark the day of the vision but to remind us of what happened on that day in history.

The picture of the vision

- A. What John h_____
1. A loud voice like a t_____
 2. A command to write everything down in a s_____ and send it to seven churches.
- B. What John s_____
1. S_____ golden lampstands
 2. One like a Son of Man or one like the Son of Man (both translations are possible).
 - a. John is not referring to Dan 7:13
 - b. John is comparing this vision to the one he had when Jesus took him, Peter, and James on a mountain where he was t_____ before them (see Matt 17 especially verse 9).
 - 1) Jesus used the term, *the Son of Man*, to describe Himself most often (used ___ times in the gospels, where the term *Son of God* is used 25 times).
 - 2) In both visions Jesus's face was shining like the s_____.

3. He had a f_____ -length robe with a golden sash
4. His head and hair were white as white wool, like s_____.
5. His eyes were like a flame of f_____.
6. His feet looked like burning b_____ that had just come out of furnace.
7. A s_____ jutting out of His mouth
8. Held seven stars in His r_____ hand while in the middle of the lampstands.

The particulars of the vision - God communicates the meaning of symbolism in three ways.

- A. God communicates the e_____ meaning (see v. 20)
 1. The seven lampstands represent the seven historic c_____ named in verse 11.
 2. The seven stars represent the seven a_____ of those seven churches. But who are these?
 - a. These are not angels in the sense of spirit beings for otherwise they would be d_____ since Jesus rebukes them for some sin.
 - b. These are human m_____
 - 1) The Greek word is translated as messenger in Matt 11:10, referring to John the Baptist.
 - 2) Tyndale translation of 1534 used the term messenger in Revelation.
 - 3) Every c_____ agrees that the angels of the churches were human messengers.
 - c. These were the overseers of the church who r_____ the scriptures to the congregations (see 1 Tim 4:13 and Col 4:16)
- B. God makes the meaning so obvious that it needs no e_____.
 1. The r_____ hand (see Eph 1:20,21 – a common understanding of ultimate a_____) – Jesus has authority over the pastors
 2. The color w_____
 - a. Throughout revelation this color always symbolizes something g_____, righteous.
 - b. The person in the vision was someone good and righteous.
- C. God gives a g_____ picture as opposed to a specific picture – what does the Jesus' clothing picture?
 1. This does not match the clothing of a p_____ or a k_____ as some have suggested (this is much less elaborate).

2. This is not the dress of an o_____ person (this is much more elaborate).
 3. It is a picture of a person of i_____.
- D. The meanings of the rest (like the jutting sword) will be made evident in the letters to the churches.

The person of the vision

- A. He calms John's fear and identifies Himself as:
1. The F_____ and the L_____ (see Is 44:6, a title unique to Yahweh identifying Him as the only God).
 2. The L_____ one who was dead but is alive forevermore.
 3. The one who possesses the k_____ of death and hades (KJV – hell)
 - a. Death refers to p_____ (Jesus will raise believers bodily, never to die again – I Thess 5:23,24)
 - b. Hades
 - 1) Can refer to the place of the dead for both believers and unbelievers (Acts 2:27)
 - 2) Can refer to the place of t_____ for the spiritually dead (Lk 16:23)
 - 3) Here in Revelation it relates to the spiritually dead. Jesus gives l_____ to the spiritually dead (Eph 2:5; 1 Cor 6:17).
 - c. Everyone is at the m_____ of Jesus who holds the keys to physical and spiritual death.

The point of the vision

- A. Verse 19 begins with the word, “therefore”
1. The KJV and NLT fail to translate this word that is plainly in the Greek text.
 2. It is a word that most often points to a logical action in light of what has just been said.
- B. What is the logical action for John in seeing this vision? – to w_____ everything down
- C. What is the logical action for those who receive the things that John wrote down?
1. For the seven churches – were they just to read the portion directed to them specifically and skip all that was written to the other churches? – every letter ends with the command to l_____ to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
 2. For us? – see 1:3

Conclusion – prepare yourself for what the Spirit is saying to this church and to you. Read 2:1-7 every day this week.