

“Revelations #2”

Revelations 1: 9- 20

Review: Verse 1, most important verse...

The revelation of Jesus Christ... this could be taken as a revelation which came from Jesus Christ or as a revelation which is about Jesus Christ... both are appropriate.

- Apokalypsis Iesou Christou – Lit. means the Unveiling of Jesus Christ.
- **Focus is Jesus Christ.** This unveiling is both about Him and from Him.
- Revelation to seven churches that existed at that time... Next time we will look at these in depth. *(There are four major views about the seven churches)*

V9 Read...

- Brother and Companion in tribulation / suffering.
- Exiled on the isle of Patmos.
- Tribulation has always been part of church history! **Will happen and continue to happen...** *What did Jesus say... in this world you shall have...?* Jn. 16:33

In AD 81, Roman Emperor Domitian ascended to the throne, beginning a second wave of Christian tribulation – a persecution unmatched since the reign of Nero 15 years earlier. As a consequence, John was sentenced to be boiled alive. However, the Apostle was protected by a miracle of God. So instead, around AD 95, the Romans banished him to the little island of Patmos... off the coast of modern-day Turkey.

History Note: *There were only two Roman sanctioned empire-wide persecutions. This one and Nero. (All others were local / isolated to certain areas – by local leaders)*

V10 - 11 Read...

- Book of Revelation was primarily written to encourage the churches.
- Not written to scare us... **meant to encourage those that read it.**
- **Who is speaking to John?**

V 12 - 13 Read...

- Seven golden lampstands, represent the seven churches.
- The one speaking is the son of man... and where is He located.
- Where Jesus always is... in the midst of His body (Church)
- Same person that was in the fiery furnace, in the book of Daniel. (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego... Daniel 3)
- Midst of their suffering and persecution... as He is today.

V14 – 16 Read (Remember this book is the unveiling of Jesus Christ)

- This imagery is of Jesus in His heavenly or resurrected body.
- Much like the three disciples saw on the mount of transfiguration.
- Seven stars represent the seven angels (messengers) or seven pastors.
- Double-Edged sword represents what? (The word of God)

Hebrews 4:12 **ESV**

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit.”

V17 *When I saw Him, I ran and hugged Him and said praise the Lord... NO, NO, NO.*

V17 Read...

- Fell at His feet as though dead... and what does Jesus do?
- Placed His right hand on John and said... Fear not...

V18 Read

- I am the living one...!!

V19 – 20 Read

- Write three things... What you have seen, *what is now and what is to come!!*
- Then Jesus *interprets* the seven stars and the seven lampstands