

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 1-2, 2006

“A Glimpse of our Glorified Lord”
Revelation 1:12-20
Part 2

John communicates the content of this vision in Revelation 1:12-16.

1-John identifies what he saw: “Seven golden lampstands” (Revelation 1:12; cf. Exodus 25:31-40; Zechariah 4:2).

- These seven lampstands are significant because they represent churches. (Revelation 1:20).
- These seven lampstands are significant because they radiate light. (cf. Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:15; Ephesians 5:8).

2-John next identifies whom he saw: “One like a Son of Man” (Revelation 1:13)

Question #1—Who is it that John sees here? He sees none other than the glorified Christ.

- This title emphasizes first of all the character of Christ (cf. Daniel 7:13; Mark 13:26).
- This title emphasizes second of all the capacity of Christ (cf. John 5:22, 27).

Question #2—Where is it that John sees Him? John beheld the glorified Christ “in the middle of the lampstands” (cf. Matthew 28:19-20; Hebrews 13:5).

It is at this point, in which John moves on to give a detailed description of our glorified Lord.

#1—John Describes Christ’s clothing: Symbolizing His priestly role as our great High Priest (Revelation 1:13; cf. 1 Samuel 28:14; Exodus 28:4; 1 Kings 22:10; Daniel 10:5).

#2—John Describes Christ’s Head & Hair: Symbolizing His eternal glory and holiness (Revelation 1:14; cf. Daniel 7:9).

#3—John Describes Christ’s Eyes: Symbolizing His omniscience (Revelation 1:14; cf. 2 Chronicles 16:9; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 16:17; Matthew 10:26; Hebrews 4:13).

#4—John Describes Christ’s Feet: Symbolizing His righteous justice (Revelation 1:15; cf. Daniel 10:6; Revelation 2:18).

#5–John Describes Christ’s Voice: Symbolizing His sovereign power and authority (Revelation 1:15; 14:2; 19:2; Psalm 93:4).

#6–John Describes Christ’s Hands: Symbolizing His authority in the church (Revelation 1:16, 20).

#7–John Describes Christ’s Mouth: Symbolizing protection over His church (Revelation 1:16; Isaiah 11:4; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12).

#8–John Describes Christ’s Face: Symbolizing the fullness of His glory (Revelation 1:16; cf. Judges 5:31; Matthew 13:43).