

I. Introduction

John, while preaching the gospel, was persecuted and exiled to the island of Patmos.

There he received a revelation and saw a vision through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (vv. 9-10).

The Book of Revelation is an epistle sent to the seven churches in Asia (v. 11).

II. Main Body**1. The Appearance of Jesus Seen by John in the Vision and Its Meaning**

This vision has its background in the Old Testament (Dan. 7:9; 10:5-6; Ezek. chs. 1, 43; Isa. ch. 6).

1) "Clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest"

Jesus came as both Priest and King.

2) "The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow" Jesus is holy and pure.

3) "His eyes were like a flame of fire" Jesus searches the hearts and minds of people

(Rev. 2:23; Luke 6:8; John 2:25; Heb. 4:13).

He neither slumbers nor sleeps but watches over and protects the saints and the church (Ps. 121:3-4).

4) "His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace"

Like a victorious general stepping on the neck of a defeated enemy, He judges sinners

(Rev. 2:18, 22-23; Mal. 4:3).

This symbolizes glory that is holy, flawless, and radiant, like metal refined in a furnace.

5) "His voice was like the roar of many waters" (Ezek. 43:2)

This represents the majesty, grandeur, and irresistible authority of Jesus' words.

All who hear His voice cannot help but obey with reverence and fear.

6) "From his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword" (Isa. 49:2)

This sharp sword is not a physical weapon but the Word of God.

Those who do not repent will be judged by the Word (Rev. 2:12, 16; 19:15; John 12:48).

The two-edged nature of the sword— it can both kill and give life (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12;

2 Cor. 2:16).

7) "His face was like the sun shining in full strength"

This is the radiance of God's glory revealed in Jesus (Exod. 34:29; Matt. 17:2; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3).

2. John's Response to Jesus' Appearance and Jesus' Words to Him (vv. 17-19)

1) "I am the first and the last"

He is the Creator and the One who brings salvation to completion.

2) "I am the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore"

He is the One who has overcome death and Hades.

3) "Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this"

This refers to the contents of the Book of Revelation.

3. Jesus Who Protects Leaders and Loves the Church (v. 20)

Examples of three individuals who loved the church:

the late Pastor Lee Se-young, the late Pastor Jung Pil-do, and the saints.

III. Conclusion

Jesus possesses the same glory, honor, and power as God.

Jesus holds the leaders in His right hand and loves and protects the church.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.” (Revelation 1:20, ESV)

**Bible
Reading**

12/29(Mon)	12/30(Tue)	12/31(Wed)	1/1(Thur)	1/2(Fri)	1/3(Sat)	1/4(Sun)
Revelation 15-18	Revelation 19-22	Happy	New	Year	:)	-

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Quiet Time Passage

12/29(Mon)	12/30(Tue)	12/31(Wed)	1/1(Thur)	1/2(Fri)	1/3(Sat)	1/4(Sun)
Joshua 24:1-13	Joshua 24:14-24	Joshua 24:25-33	1 John 1:1-10	1 John 2:1-11	1 John 2:12-27	1 John 2:28-3:12

**Sharing
Questions**

1. From today's sermon, share one new insight you gained or something that especially blessed you.
2. When you first saw the image of Jesus revealed through the Apostle John's vision in this passage, how did you feel? After listening to the sermon, how did your understanding or perception of Jesus change?
3. Jesus holds the seven stars, which symbolize the leaders of the churches, in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands, which symbolize the seven churches. What lesson or message does this image give to us?
4. Share one way in which you personally love the church, which is the body of the Lord, and how much you love it.