**Revelation Bible Study**

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1. John’s Commission (vv 9-11)
   1. On the island of Patmos
      1. Result of anti-Christian persecution under the reign of the Roman Emperor Domitian.
      2. The word “witness” in Revelation comes from the Greek word “marturia.”
         1. This word originally meant eyewitness testimony that could stand up in court. Such a person would back up his testimony with his name, wealth and even life.
         2. In the Biblical sense we are all “martyrs” of Christ.
      3. “in the spirit” (v10):
         1. This phrase occurs 4x in Revelation (1:10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10).
            1. Here in 1:10 it refers to meditation and worship. In the other three instances it refers to a mystical like experience brought upon by the Holy Spirit. This would be very similar to the Apostle Paul’s experience in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4.
2. John’s Vision (vv12-20)
   1. Parallels to the visions of Daniel 7:9-14 and 10:
      1. What Daniel saw in his visions was fulfilled in Christ.
         1. John was given the grace and permission to see the full consummation of Daniel’s vision here in Revelation.
   2. Description of John’s vision:
      1. Long flowing robe
         1. This refers to the garment of the high priest.
            1. Hebrews 4:14-16
      2. Golden sash tied around the chest
         1. This indicates royalty.
            1. Daniel 10:5
      3. Head like woold and snow
         1. In the Old Testament the gray head commanded respect and honor.
            1. Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31; 20:29
         2. Daniel 7:9-14
            1. The whiteness of the Ancient of Days has been transferred to the Son of Man, Jesus Christ.

Jesus has earned it through His sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension.

He has established God’s Kingdom.

* + 1. Eyes like a flame of fire
       1. Dan. 7:9, 10:6
       2. In the Old Testament fire symbolizes the holy purifying presence of God. The holy presence of God destroys all evil.
    2. Feet like fiery burnished brass
       1. Dan. 10:6
       2. The feet represent the strength to conquer all enemies.
          1. The enemies of death and the grave are under the feet of Jesus.
    3. Voice like the roar of the mighty waters
       1. Dan. 10:16
    4. In His right hand He held seven stars
       1. They represent the angels of the 7 churches (v20).
       2. Right hand designates blessing (v17; also Matthew 25:34).
       3. The church is represented before God’s heavenly throne by angels.
          1. We see in the Bible that God uses angels to protect His people on earth.

Hebrews 1:14; Matthew 18:10; 25:31

* + 1. Two edged sword
       1. Jesus will execute the judgement of God .
    2. His face like the sun
       1. In the OT sun is used as a metaphor for God.
          1. Malachi 4:2
       2. Christ’s face radiates God’s glory. He has come to bring light to the darkness.
  1. John’ response:
     1. He falls down dead.
        1. No human can stand before the exalted Son of Man because of the corruption of sin and God’s own holiness.
           1. Jesus gave John special grace and permission to do so by placing His right hand on John and said “Stop being afraid……..” (v17).
           2. “I am the first and the last”

This is fulfillment of Isaiah 44:6 and 48:12

* 1. The titles “Son of Man” and “Lamb of God” in Revelation
     1. Son of Man
        1. This title shows that Jesus is the judge of all humanity on behalf of the Father.
           1. Fear
     2. Lamb of God
        1. Jesus appears as the Lamb of God only to His children.
           1. There is no fear only the assurance of the love Jesus has brought to His children,
     3. Revelation 14 includes the perfect melding of these two images.