

Lesson 9

Revelation 1:1-20

• Questions

1. What stages were involved in the giving of this revelation and who received this revelation (1:1)?

2. When did the things of this revelation take place (1:1; see also 1:3; 22:6, 10)?

3. How did Jesus give his revelation to John (1:1; compare the KJV or ASV)?

4. What things did John record concerning this revelation (1:2; see also 1:11, 19)?

5. Who are blessed concerning this revelation (1:3; see also 22:7)?

6. What time indicator was given in verse 3?

7. Who gave the blessings of “grace” and “peace” (1:4-5)?

8. What does Jesus do for those who are in sin (1:5)?

9. What are Christians (1:6)?

10. Who is coming and how is he coming (1:7; see also 22:7, 12, 20)?

11. How did God describe himself (1:8)?
12. What did John experience at this time, where was he, and why was he there (1:9)?
13. What was John's condition on the Lord's day and what was he told to do (1:10-11)?
14. Who did John see in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks and what was his general appearance (1:12-16)?
15. What effect did this vision have on John (1:17)?
16. What was John told not to do and why (1:17-18)?
17. How did this person describe himself to John (1:17-18)?
18. What was John told to do (1:19)?
19. What do the seven stars and the seven candlesticks represent (1:20)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. Who or what are the seven spirits (1:4; see also 3:1; 4:5; 5:6)?

2. What does coming in clouds or coming with the clouds represent in the Bible (1:7)?

3. What are Alpha and Omega (1:8)?

4. Where is the isle of Patmos (1:9)?

5. What two little words in 1:13-17 point to the symbolic or figurative nature of this book?

• **Applications for Today**

1. It is not enough just to hear God's word. A person must hear it and obey it. A person is blessed when reads, hears, and keeps God's word (1:1-3; see also 22:7). What man is blessed according to Jesus (Lk. 11:28) and according to James (Jas. 1:25)?

2. Anyone can be loosed from his sin by the blood of Jesus if he will obey Jesus (1:4-5). What cleanses the sinner and how (1 Pet. 1:2, 19, 22)? What cleanses the erring Christian and how (1 Jn. 1:7-9)?

3. All Christians are a kingdom now and priests now (1:6; see also 1:9; 5:10; 20:6). What kingdom are Christians a part of now (Col. 1:13)? What do Christians offer up as priests today (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)?

4. Jesus is coming (1:7). Why is Jesus coming again (Heb. 9:28)?

5. All things in life begin and end with God (1:8). How does God's beginning and end relate to creation (Gen. 1:1; 2 Pet. 3:10) and to the Christian (2 Cor. 5:17; Jude 24-25)?

6. Christians have to suffer tribulation from time-to-time for following God's word (1:9-11). What do some Christians do in the face of tribulation (Mk. 4:17)? What do other Christians do with tribulation (Acts 11:19)? What good purpose does tribulation serve in the life of the Christian (Rom. 5:3; 12:12)? What do Christians receive who endure through tribulation (Rom. 2:9-10; Rev. 7:14-17)?

7. Jesus is the "son of man" with a dazzling appearance (1:12-20). Who did Daniel see (Dan. 7:13-14) and who did Stephen see (Acts 7:56)?