LAUNCHINGPOINT

"WEEP NO MORE; BEHOLD, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID, HAS CONQUERED..."

REV. 5:5



SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

What signs in Matthew 24 could have or are happening today?

The First Vision: "I, John"

- Brother/Partner = Community
- "In the Spirit" = Holy Spirit Source
- "Lord's Day" = Sunday, Resurrection
- "Heard" = audible before visual

- 7 Churches
- Order is by Design



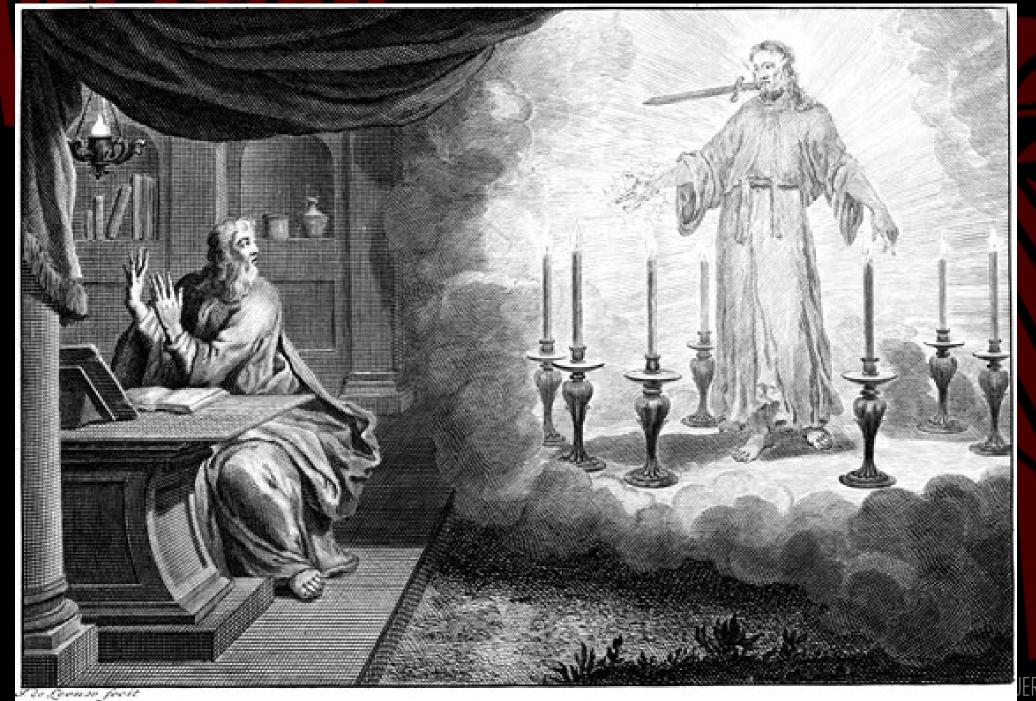


7 Churches

- Order is by Design
- Relationship to Imperial Cult
- Represents Issues in churches
- 7 = Completeness

Son of Man





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- 7 Lampstands = 7 Churches
- Position In the midst
- "Son of Man" allusion to Dan. 7:13
- Description = Metaphorical Image

Son of Man

- Robe & Sash = Priestly Garments Ex. 28:4; 39:29
- White head/hair = Dignity and Wisdom Lev.19:32; Pro. 20:29

- Blazing Eyes = Divine insight Dan. 10:6, Rev. 2:18/19:12
- Bronze Feet = Strength & Stability for Judgement Dan. 10:6

- Voice = Power and Strength Ezek. 1:24/43:2
- Stars in Hand = Authority and Control of Angels of 7 Churches

- Sword = Universal Authority Isa. 11:4; 2 Thess. 2:8
- Radiant Face = Glory

Response & Commission

- "Fall as Dead"
- "Right Hand"
- "Do not fear" He is living one!
- "Keys" Authority/Control

Response & Commission

- "Write"
- "Things You Have Seen"
- "Those that are and ...take place"

Revelation portrays Christ in beautiful imagery as the equal to God and the Deity in our midst.

Takeaway Thought.

"The importance of John's extraordinarily high Christology for the message of Revelation is that it makes absolutely clear that what Christ does, God does. Since Christ shares the one eternal being of God, what Christ is said to do, in salvation and judgment, is no less truly and directly divine than what is said to be done by 'the One who sits on the throne.'"

Richard Bauckham, The Theology of the Book of Revelation

This Week Try:

Read Revelation 2 - 3 and make a list of applications from those churches that could apply to us today...be specific if possible!

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