The Year of the Revelation ~ The Vision Begins ~ (A Glorified Jesus)

- I. What John Saw:
 - A. "Seven Golden Lampstands"

Seven - Complete - "All"

- * Interpretation: (v.20) The Churches
- B. "One Like a Son of Man"

The same Jesus that John had walked and ministered with for three years. It has been 60 years since he last saw Him (Jesus) on the Mount of Ascension.

*In the Middle of the Lampstands

His Appearance:

- (1) "A robe reaching to His feet" (Isaiah 6:1)
 The Garment of Dignity
 Priestly Dress, Royal Robes of a King, Judicial Attire
- (2) "Girded across His breast with a golden girdle"
 Not girded for work It is finished.
 Girded for Honor
 Girded about the Heart For Jesus has the same heart affection, understanding, sympathy, love
- (3) "His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow" <u>His identification with the Ancient of Days</u> (Daniel 7:9) Purity, Holiness, Eternal Dignity
- (4) "His eyes like a flame of fire" The eyes that see all and know all. The omniscience of Almighty God
- (5) "His feet were like burning bronze" All the instruments in the outer court were made of bronze. The instrument focus on the judgment of God and the reality of human iniquity. He treads upon sin.
- (6) His voice was like the sound of many waters" The reality of many messages, many prophets, many preachers all speaking yet it is <u>One Great Voice</u>! <u>The Power of the Preached Word</u> (How Jesus sees it.)
- (7) "In His right hand He held the seven stars" Seven - "All" Stars - Angels, Messengers, Pastors, (v. 20) His right hand - authority, command, might, skill, strength, and power. "Gold holds up, holds out, holds fast for His servants." What a privilege! - What a responsibility!

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- (8) "Out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword" The power of the delivered message of Christ. The Word of God is sharper than any two edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12) The world will be judged by the Word.
- (9) "His face was like the sun shining in its strength.
 Pastors are stars, but Jesus Christ is the light that shines like the sun.
 He is the power, the glory, the triumph, the victory, the life, the light!
- II. What John did:

"I fell at His feet as a dead man."

Why?

- A. The beloved disciple is look upon unveiled deity. He is looking in the face of the Ancient of Days. (The face of the great living God Himself)
- B. He becomes conscious of his unworthiness How can a sinful mortal look you, God?
 Daniel 10:8; Isaiah 6; Children of Israel Exodus 20:19; Abraham Genesis 18:27; Moses Exodus 33:18f
- III. What Jesus did:
 - A. John lay lifeless at the feet of Jesus, and Jesus touches John with His right hand (hand of favor, of power, supporting the weak, lifting the fallen.)
 - * How may times had John seen that touch bring about a miracle! *

The Glorious Son of Man is the same Jesus!