

Sunday Session 1 - November 3, 2013
"Seven Stars - Seven Messengers" - (Revelation 1:16)

Read Revelation 1, Verses 7-17.

7) *"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."*

8) *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

The Patmos Vision

9) *"I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and [b]perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."*

10) *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,"*

11) *"saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."*

12) *"Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;"*

13) *"and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash."*

14) *"His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire."*

15) *"His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters."*

16) *"In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun [f]shining in its strength."*

17) *"When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,"*

People can get so excited about the wonderful life we've been given that they forget WHO has given it.

"If plain sense makes good sense, then seek no other sense, lest it become nonsense."

Exegesis of Revelation 1:16

And having in his right hand seven stars:

καὶ ἔχων ἐν τῇ δεξιᾷ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ ἑπτὰ ἀστέρας
(PAP n.m.s. of ἔχω)

and out of his mouth proceeding a sword

καὶ ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ ἐκπορευομένη
ρόμφαία

(PMP n.f.s. of ἐκπορεύομαι)

twoedged sharp: and his face was as

δίστομος ὀξεῖα καὶ ἡ ὄψις αὐτοῦ ὡς

the sun shines in his power.

ὁ ἥλιος φαίνει ἐν τῇ δυνάμει αὐτοῦ

(PAI 3rd p.s. of φαίνω)

ρόμφαία – RUMPHIA (A long, heavy broadsword), as opposed to
MACHIRA (A short stabbing sword, or a sacrificial knife)

δίστομος – DISTOMOS (Two-edged)

ὀξεῖα – HOZEIA (Sharp)

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Ephesians 6:17 tells us that God's Word is our offensive weapon.

Believers should know the great power of the Word of God. After the assassination of Domitian in 96 AD, 5 great emperors followed, beginning with the Emperor Nerva, and with this was a great period of prosperity for the next hundred years. Just in our day, the believers of that time did not pass the prosperity test.

What were the seven stars in our Lord's right hand?

Revelation 1:20 gives us the answer: The messengers of the 7 churches of Asia Minor.

1. These are the pastors of those 7 churches; they, like stars, give light to the earth at night.
2. The right hand of our Lord is the hand of approval, authority and honor. The Lord approves pastors who faithfully proclaim God's Word.
3. The pastor is responsible to faithfully teach and proclaim God's Word.
4. The stars of the right hand indicate the delegation of divine authority to pastors for the effective teaching of the Word of God.

Other Greek words in Revelation 1:16

ἥλιος – HELIOS – The Sun

φαίνει – PHAINI – Shining

ἐν τῇ δυνάμει αὐτοῦ – EN TE DUNAMEI AUTON – In His power.

The resurrection body of our Lord was brilliant as the shining sun.

Luke 24:31 – His resurrection body retained the nail prints from the cross

The resurrection body had flesh and bones, but no blood (Luke 24:31).

Other characteristics of the resurrection body are outlined in John 20:19, Luke 24 and Acts 1:9.