

## How can I understand the vision of Christ in Revelation (1:9-20)?

We now encounter the first vision of Revelation. In it we receive more information about the writer, the author, and the audience of the book.

1. What should we understand about the writer of the book of Revelation?

Revelation **1:9-10**

Revelation **1:19**

Luke **6:22-23**

Revelation **1:17**

Mark **10:29-31**

Acts **5:40-42**

The writer of the book of Revelation is John, the Apostle, who wrote the Gospel of John. He was arrested and exiled to the island of Patmos, which was most likely a relatively unknown island, because of the testimony he proclaimed concerning Jesus Christ. Such persecution is just as Jesus told the Apostles and disciples that they would encounter.

2. What should we know about the author of the book of Revelation?

Revelation **1:11**

Revelation **1:13-17**

Isaiah **44:6**

Exodus **28:4**

Daniel **7:9**

John **20:19**

John **8:12**

Hebrews **4:12**

James **3:1**

Revelation **1:18**

John **14:6**

Matthew **16:19**

2 Corinthians **5:18**

Colossians **1:12-14**

Although John penned or wrote the book of Revelation, he is not the actual author. The author of the book is Jesus. It is through the description that Jesus gives of Himself helps us to understand just who He is. First and Last – YHWH. His garments are the garments of the High Priest. He is the Ancient Of Days (YHWH). Jesus is always in the midst of His churches and therefore among them. He is also the light of the world. As Jesus holds the seven stars, His word is like a two edged sword to convict, reprove, and correct as He sees fit. He holds the heads of the churches in His hands, thus they are responsible to Him for what they communicate. Since Jesus holds the keys of hell and Peter holds the keys of heaven, we can understand that the way into heaven has been given to the Church. Since Jesus holds the keys of hell, all are destined to dwell in hell for all eternity, except if Christ brings them out of the path of hell and places them into His kingdom.

3. What should we know about the audience of the book of Revelation?

Revelation **1:11**

Acts **20:27**

Revelation **1:20**

1 Corinthians **2:1-2**

The first specific audience of the book is the churches of Asia Minor. The known location of the mentioned cities places them in a circuitous route that would indicate that they are all to be lead and directed by one, the one who is in their midst. The message is initially targeting the “angels” or

“messengers” of the churches. These are the “mouth pieces” or more likely the leaders or pastors of the churches in question. It is these men or elders of the churches who need to truly take care about what they say about Jesus and only say what God tells them to say.