

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE SEE THE LORD

Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy,
and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.
Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the
words of the prophecy of this book.”
Revelation 22:7

THE OUTLINE OF THE REVELATION:

“Therefore write the (1) things which you have seen, and the (2) things which are, and the (3) things which will take place after these things.
Revelation 1:19

JOHN’S DESCRIPTION OF JESUS:

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

His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and

His eyes were like a flame of fire.

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. 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 shining in its strength.

Revelation 1:12-16

A QUICK Q AND A:

Question: What happened when John saw Jesus?

Answer: Same thing that happens when others see the Lord.

From John:

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet (how) like a dead man.

Revelation 1:17a

At the Transfiguration:

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

Matthew 17:5-6

From Daniel:

Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves. So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

Daniel 10:8-9

From Isaiah:

Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

Isaiah 6:5

From Ezekiel:

As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, (what) I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

Ezekiel 1:28

So I got up and went out to the plain; and behold, the glory of the LORD was standing there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar, and (what) I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:23

And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and (what) I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 43:3

Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and (what) I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 44:4

From Job:

“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You; Therefore I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes.”

Job 42:5-6

From Paul:

“While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’”

Acts 26:12-14

From the Guards at the Tomb:

And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:3-4

From the Unbelievers:

Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Revelation 6:15-17

Question: What was the response of Jesus?

Answer: Same as before, “Do not be afraid. Do not fear.”

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.”

Revelation 1:17b

From Abraham:

Genesis 15:1

From Isaac:

Genesis 26:24

From Gideon:

Judges 6:23

From the Disciples:

Matthew 14:27

From Peter, James and John:

Matthew 17:7

From the Women at the Tomb:

Matthew 28:9-10

Question: Why should John (and us) not be afraid?

Answer: Because of Who Christ is!

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; (why) I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”

Revelation 1:17-18

1. “I Am”

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:14

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

John 8:58

2. The “First and the Last”

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.”

Isaiah 44:6

3. The “Living One”

Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?”

1 Samuel 17:26

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:16

4. Was (or Became) Dead

5. Alive Forevermore

6. Keys

7. Death and Hades

Question: What was the response of John?

Answer: To fulfill his duty and calling. Obedience!

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