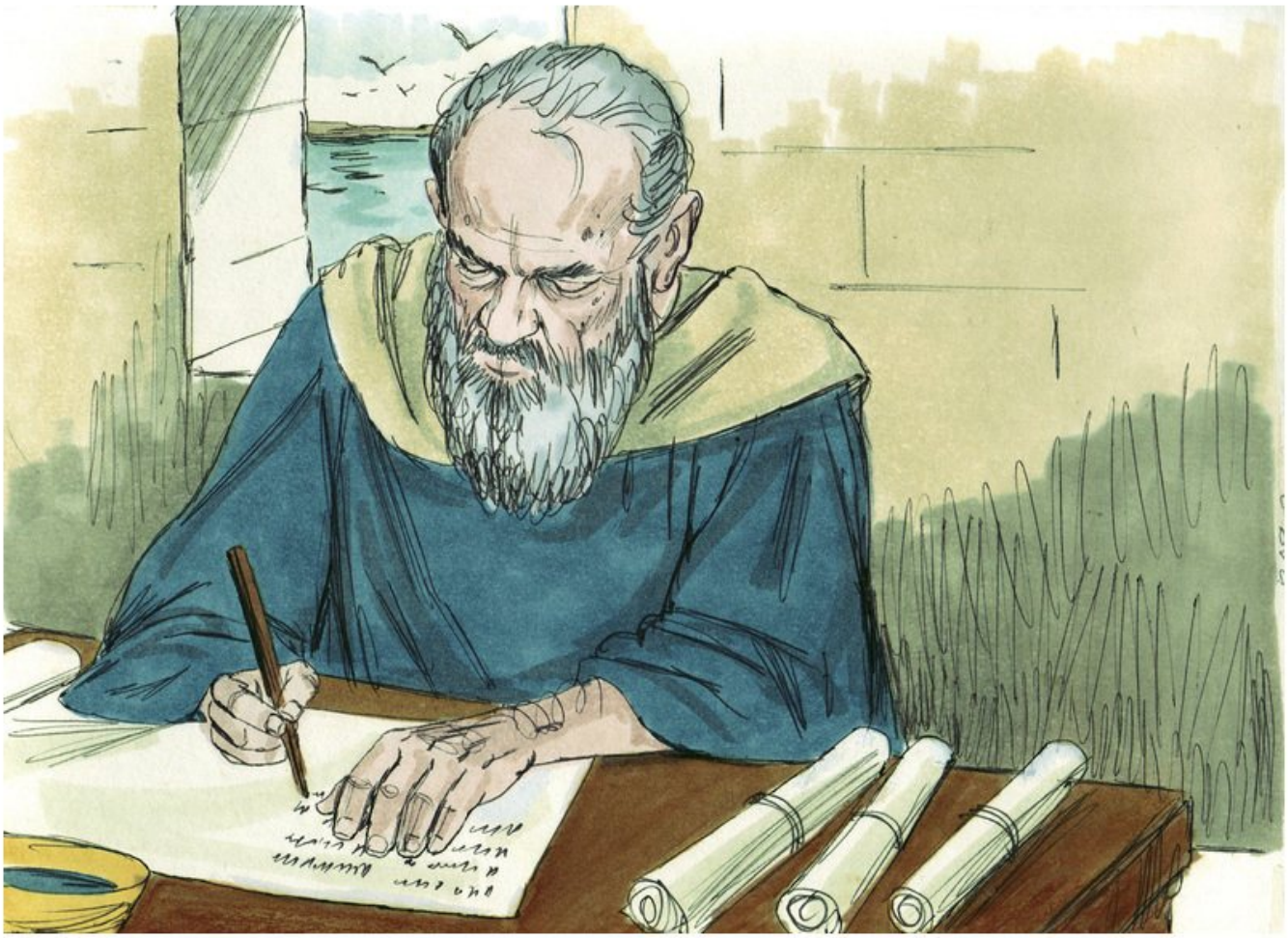
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John's Vision on Patmos

Revelation 1:9-20



YOUR BIBLE READING

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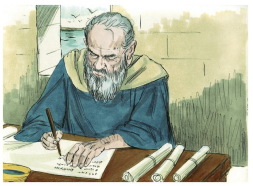
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A Vision Shared with Seven Churches

Revelation 1:9-20



Revelation presents John's visions, full of pictures and symbols. John describes being on the island of Patmos because of God's word and the testimony of Jesus. He calls himself a brother and companion of the believers in suffering, God's kingdom, and patient endurance in Jesus. His words connect the writer on the island with the communities who will read his message. They share a faith lived through real difficulty.

On the Lord's day, John was in the Spirit and heard a loud voice behind him, like a trumpet. He was told to write what he saw and send it to seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Each name belongs to a community that would receive the message. What John sees is to become words that people can read, hear, and consider together in their shared life.

John turned and saw seven golden lampstands. Among them stood someone like a son of man, wearing a long robe and a golden sash across his chest. His hair was white like wool or snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet shone like refined metal. His voice sounded like many waters, adding a powerful sound to the brightness John describes in the vision.

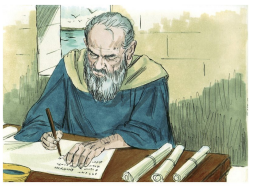
The figure held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp, double-edged sword came from his mouth, and his face shone like the sun at its brightest. These are the vision's rich symbols of majesty and power. The stars, the golden lampstands, and the shining face fill John's account with light. The glorious figure among them is about to speak directly to John, giving reassurance and explaining important parts of what he sees.

Remember: The living Jesus knows his people amid their hardship.

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The Living One Gives Reassurance

Revelation 1:9-20



When John saw him, he fell at his feet as though dead. The figure placed his right hand on him and told him not to be afraid. He identified himself as the first and the last, the living one who had died and was now alive forever. These words identify him as the risen Jesus. The hand holding the stars also reaches toward John, joining the vision's glory with personal reassurance.

Jesus spoke of holding the keys of death and Hades, the realm of the dead. Keys are a picture of authority. The one speaking has passed through death and lives forever, and he declares his authority over the realm of death itself. John had introduced himself as a companion in suffering. Now the message gives him a reason for hope rooted in the life and power of the risen Lord.

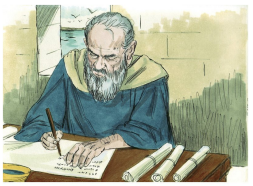
John was told to write what he had seen, what was, and what would take place afterward. Then Jesus explained two of the vision's symbols. The seven stars were the angels, or messengers, of the seven churches. The seven lampstands were the churches themselves. The explanation brings the vision close to the named communities. John can connect the stars and stands he has seen with the people for whom he is writing.

Jesus stands among the lampstands and holds the stars in his hand. His presence among them is at the heart of this vision. The churches facing difficulties are known to the living Lord, and his message is being sent to them. John receives both a task and reassurance: write what has been shown, and hear the one who lives forever. The vision's bright, powerful images gather around Jesus' identity and his care for his people.

Pause and think: Which explanation or reassuring words help you understand the powerful pictures in John's vision?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Read the Pictures with the Words



Picture the golden lampstands, the white hair like snow, and the face shining like the sun. Which comparison helps you imagine the scene most clearly? Read the words beside the picture with an adult. Notice how John uses familiar things such as light and the sound of water to describe the greatness of what he sees in his vision.

The passage explains the stars and lampstands, giving you a useful place to begin understanding. Try drawing the seven lampstands, then add the words seven churches beside them. A label can connect an image with its meaning. You can also ask your reader about another comparison in the passage and explore what it helps you notice about Jesus' power and presence.

John calls himself a companion of people enduring hardship. Jesus' words of reassurance are meant for this setting of patient faith. Think of someone who helps you face a difficult task by staying near and speaking clearly. That ordinary experience can help you notice the care in the vision: the glorious Jesus reaches toward John and speaks to him personally.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

John's symbolic vision shows the risen Jesus among his churches, speaking reassurance and holding authority over death.

Which explanation or reassuring words help you understand the powerful pictures in John's vision?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What do the seven lampstands represent?

2. How does Jesus identify himself to John?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Jesus reassures him and explains the stars and lampstands.
- ☐ John hears a command to write to seven named churches.
- ☐ He sees the glorious figure among seven lampstands.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw seven lampstands and a symbol of light, showing that this is John's vision rather than an ordinary scene.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

The living Jesus knows his people amid their hardship.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Revelation 1:17-20

A thoughtful conversation

Explicitly identify this as John's symbolic vision. Revelation itself explains the stars as angels or messengers and the lampstands as churches. John falls as though dead; do not say he dies. Avoid literalizing the sword image, assigning modern dates or figures to symbols, or promising freedom from all suffering. Pause around frightening imagery and return to Jesus' reassurance.

Activity answers

1. The seven churches, according to the explanation in the vision.
2. As the living one who died and is alive forever.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us read carefully and receive your reassurance when strong pictures trouble us. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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