

*Spirit*; filled with God's spirit even in lonely Patmos. *Write in a book*. All visions received in private are for communication. *Seven golden candlesticks*; representing the seven churches. Each church is a light bearer. Each church is precious to God as gold to man. *In the midst* . . . *Son of man*; signifying that Jesus is with his churches. *Garment* . . . *girdle*; supreme kingship and priesthood. *Head* . . . *white like wool*; venerableness. *Eyes* . . . *flame*; reading all things like an open book. *Feet* . . . *brass*; his unwearying strength. *His voice* is majestic as the sea. His word powerful as a sword. His face a glorious sun. The seven churches represented by stars are safe in the hand of such a Saviour.

What was the vision meant to do?  
Describe the appearance of Christ.  
Name the seven churches.

#### For Further Study and Discussion

1. Were those seven churches faultless? (Rev. 2 : 4.)
2. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? (John 16 : 13.)
3. Is the world's present unrest hopeful or discouraging?
4. Which is best for Christianity,—prosperity or adversity?

PROVE FROM SCRIPTURE—That Jesus' disciples will be persecuted.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 12-20.

#### Lesson Questions

Where did John have his vision of Christ?

#### THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

**Monday**—The revealing of Jesus Christ, Rev. 1 : 1-8.

The opening verses of the Revelation of John are like great organ notes whose sound restores to us not life's lost chord but life's lost realities. The power of Rome might be turned against Christ's children but John places the sceptre of power in the hands of him which was, and is, and which is to come.

**Tuesday**—John on Patmos, Rev. 1 : 9-18.

The sea made Patmos a prison, but God made it a place of vision for John. There John had a vision of Christ and every detail of that vision was one of power. Even the voice of Christ was louder than the many waters that washed the shores of Patmos.

**Wednesday**—The sealed book, Rev. 5 : 1-7.

What a strange contrast—the lion of the tribe of Juda—a Lamb as it had been slain. Yet these two are one and the same. It all means that all lasting victory and dominion belongs to the self-sacrificing, self-disciplining spirit.

**Thursday**—"Worthy is the Lamb," Rev. 5 : 8-14.

It is the pierced hand that opens the book. It is the pierced heart that receives the song. It is the life that surrendered everything that is worthy to receive power and wisdom and riches and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

**Friday**—Isaiah's vision, Isa. 6 : 1-8.

The vacant throne on earth. The occupied throne in heaven. Isaiah saw the uplifted throne only when the glory of the earthly throne was lost in gloom. God means that the impoverishments of earth should mean the enrichment of our thoughts of heaven.

**Saturday**—The disciple that testifies, John 21 : 20-25.

John's gospel ends with the assertion of certainty. It means that everything recorded in the gospel is fixed and certain, that this old earth was visited by one who was and is the bread of life, the light of the world. It means that all life begin, continue and end in love. It means that God refuses to let us go.

**Sunday**—A message for the church, Rev. 3 : 7-13.

"To Him that overcometh." Some one has sneered at Christianity because he says that it makes heaven a place for those who have failed on earth. Let him read Revelation and learn that only to the one that overcomes, does God give the crown. Heaven is not a heaven for weaklings.

#### A PRAYER

O God help us to remember that thou dost never forget us. Help us to remember that thou art mightier than everything that is mightier than we are. When our hope is dim and our strength is low, strengthen us with the thought how mighty and overcoming Christ is. May we cast ourselves on him. May we hear him say, "Fear not." Amen.