

## Visions of God

Revelation 1:1-20 (NKJV)

**Matthew 6:10** “Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the churches

**Revelation 1:1** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John. **4** John, to the seven churches which are in Asia.

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from receiving Christ

**Revelation 1:4** John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.

#### **There are nine compelling reasons why there has to be a Second Coming**

1. The promises of God require that Jesus return.
2. The promise of Jesus requires His return.
3. The guarantee of the Holy Spirit requires that Jesus return.
4. God’s program for the church demands that Jesus return.
5. Christ’s program for the unbelieving nations requires His return.
6. God’s plans for Israel demands that Christ return.
7. Christ’s humiliation demands that He return.

**Philippians 2:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... **11** and that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Matthew 26:63b** “Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” **64** Jesus said to him, “It is as you said...hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

8. The judgment of Satan demands that Christ return.
9. The expectation of believers demands Christ return.

**1 Corinthians 15:19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from rejecting Christ

**Revelation 1:7a** Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.

**Zechariah 12:10** “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

**There are four things out of place:**

1. The church should be in heaven.
2. Israel should be living in peace and occupying all the land promised to her.
3. Satan should be in the lake of fire.
4. Jesus Christ should be seated on His throne ruling and reigning this world.

### A. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church

**Revelation 1:12b** ...I saw seven golden lampstands **13** and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man...

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### B. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church

**Revelation 1:13b** ...clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

**Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

### C. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church

**Revelation 1:14** His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **15** His feet were like fine brass, as it refined in a furnace...

### D. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church

**Revelation 1:16a** He had in His right hand seven stars... **20b** “The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches...”

### E. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church

**Revelation 1:16** ...out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...