

從天上來的異象 (下)
The Heavenly Vision (II)
--The Present Age of the New Covenant--
(Acts 26:19)

I. The Father Revealing the Vision of Christ (Matt.16:16-17; 17:5; Gal. 1:15-16; Eph. 1:17; Phil. 3:15b; Col. 1:26-27)

A. Christ in the Gospels – corresponding to the faces of the four living creatures (Rev. 4:6-7; Ezek. 1:10)

1. As the promised Messiah, the King – the lion (the Gospel of Matthew)
 - a. The Son of David – the Heir to the throne; the Anointed King of Glory (1:1)
 - b. The Son of Abraham – the Heir of the promise (Gen. 22:17-18)
 - The promise of the blessing through the Spirit (Gal. 3:14; Luke 24:49; John 14:26; Eph. 1:3)
 - The promise to inherit the world and all things (Gen. 12:3b; Rom. 4:13, 16; Heb. 1:2)
 - c. As Jesus – the Savior-King (1:21)
 - d. As the Immanuel – God with us (1:23)
 - d. As the Bridegroom and the Builder of His church (9:15; 25:1, 5-6, 10; 16:18)
2. As the Servant – the ox (the Gospel of Mark)
 - a. Who came to serve and not to be served (Mark 10:45)
 - b. The mind-set of Christ (Phil. 2:5-8)
 - c. Bringing salvation
3. As the Son of Man – the face of a man (Gospel of Luke)
4. As the Son of God – the eagle (the Gospel of John)
 - a. As the One who was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-4)
 - b. As the incarnated Word of God, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)
 - c. As the resurrection and the eternal life (John 11:25)
 - d. As bread of life and the water of life (John 6:33-35; 7:37-39; 4:10, 14)
 - e. As the breath of life (John 20:22)

B. The unsearchable of Christ in the epistles (Eph. 3:8)

1. The substance of all spiritual things in the scriptures (Col. 2:17)
2. The Preeminent One in both the old and new creation fullness dwells (Col. 1:18)
3. The mystery of God (Col. 2:2)
4. The treasure of all wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3)
5. The One in whom all the fullness of the universe was please to dwell (Col. 1:19)
6. The fullness of the Godhead (Col 2:9)
7. The portion of the saints in the light (Col. 1:12)
8. The indwelling Spirit who gives life in resurrection (1 Cor. 15:45b, 2 Cor. 3:17)
9. The Head over all things to the church (Eph. 1:22-23)
10. The great heavenly High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:11; 8:1-2)
 - a. Ever interceding for us (Heb. 7:25)
 - b. Able to save to the uttermost

- c. Supplying all our spiritual need (Heb. 4:14-16)

C. The ascended glorious Christ in the book of revelation (Rev. 1:1, 12-20)

1. The Son of Man walking in the midst of the churches
 - a. As the heavenly great High Priest
 - b. Administering His heavenly ministry – the white horse (6:2; Ps. 18:14; 45:5; 98:1; Rom. 8:37)
 - c. The Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End; the First and the Last; the Almighty
2. The Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes (5:6)
3. The Lion of the tribe of Judah (5:5; 22:16)
 - a. The Root of David
 - b. The Offspring of David
 - c. The Bright and Morning Star
4. The One worthy to open the book with the seven seals (5:5, 7-8)
 - a. To administrate the secrets of the universe
 - c. With the cooperation of the saints through their prayers

D. His Second Coming (Rev. 19:11-16)

1. The rapture of the believers (1 Thess. 4:15-17; Rev. 12:1-2, 5-6; 14:1-5, 14-16; 15:1-4)
2. The judgment of the believers (Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:9-11; 1 Pet. 4:17; Heb. 12:28-29; Deut. 4:24)
 - a. Going through the great tribulation
 - b. Giving account before the judgment seat of Christ for the believers
3. The judgment of the great harlot - Babylon
3. His coming as the King of Kings, Lord of Lords
 - a. Who is called Faithful and True (His attributes)
 - b. Who name is called “The Word of God” (His substance)
 - c. Who Judges and Makes War in Righteousness
 - d. Who Treads the Winepress of God’s Wrath – slaying the enemies with the sword out of His mouth
 - e. The One Sitting on the Throne of David
 - The parable of the dragnet (Matt. 13:47-50)
 - The parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt. 25:31-46)
 - f. Who rules the Nations with a Rod of Iron
4. The Bridegroom at the wedding feast

II. The Son Revealing the Vision of the Church (Matt. 16:18-19)

A. The church in the gospels

1. The kingdom of the heavens (Matt. 16:18-19)
2. The heavenly ladder – the house of God and the gate to heaven (John 1:51; Gen. 28:12-18)
3. The vineyard with the Vine and the branches (Matt. 20:1; John Chapter 15)
4. The oneness of the believers (John 17:11, 21-23)
 - a. In the eternal life (v.3)
 - b. Being in the triune God

- c. Keeping His word (v. 6b)
- d. Being kept through and in the Father's name (v. 11-12)
- c. Being in the world but not of the world (vv. 14-16)
- d. Being sanctified by the truth and (v. 17)
- e. Having the love and the glory of the Father (v. 22, 26)
- 5. The bride of Christ (Matt. 22:2-3; Matt. 25:1; John 3:29)

B. The church in the epistles

- 1. The household (family), the house, and the temple of the living God (Eph. 2:19-22)
- 2. The body and the bride of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32)
- 3. The new man and the new creation (Eph. 2:14-15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15)
- 4. The corporate warrior of Christ (Eph. 6:10-18)

C. The church in the book of Revelation

- 1. The golden lampstands today (1:12, 20; Exod. 25:31-39; Zech. Chapter 4)
 - a. Hammered out of one piece of pure gold
 - b. With design of almonds with buds and flowers
 - c. With full supply of golden oil
 - d. Giving light to this dark world
- 2. The universal woman at the time of resurrection (12:1-2, 5-6)
 - a. The manchild and the firstfruits (14:1-5)
 - b. The rest of her seed (12:1-5)
- 3. The prepared bride during the millennial kingdom (19:7-9)

D. The New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth (21:1-2, 9-11)

- 1. The ultimate consummation – the wife of the Lamb (v. 9)
- 2. Holy (v. 10)
- 3. Descending out of heaven from God
- 3. Having the glory of God – like Jasper, clear as crystal (v. 11)
 - a. The glory of God being the light (v. 23-24; 22:5)
 - b. The Lamb is the lamp
 - c. The city is the lampstand
 - d. There shall be no night there
 - e. The nations walking in its light
- 4. The city is of pure gold, like clear glass (v.18)
- 5. Having a great and high wall (vv. 12-14, 18-21)
- 6. The measurement of the city (vv. 15-17)
- 7. The street is of pure gold – like transparent glass (v. 21)
- 8. God and the Lamb are the temple (v. 22)
- 8. Having the tree of life and the river of life (22: 1-2)
- 9. The throne of God and of the Lamb in her midst

III. Concluding word (Rev. 22:14-21)