



# genesis church

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### TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study  
in person at Church & Zoom  
Link forthcoming

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice  
at the Church

6:30 Youth Group  
Meeting at the Church  
Snacks will be Provided  
Contact Chris for details

### SATURDAY

8:00 Reflective Walk  
Memorial Island

## PRAYER List

Continued prayer for the following:

Barbara Van Arman  
Billie Brooks & Family  
Bobbie Parris  
Carl Volgarino  
Gaylord Hansen & Family  
Gloria Thomas  
Heather Kmetz  
Henny H. Raams - Mother of Marieke Dam.  
Karen Gupton  
Ken Sandor  
Kim Edgecomb's Dad  
Linda Napier  
Lynn Lindsey

Jim Sanderson is home from the hospital  
and recovering..

When life gets  
too hard to stand,

kneel

# Message from Pastor Derrick

## Dressed in a Robe, Standing Among the Lampstands An Exposition of Revelation #2 Revelation 1:13-20

### Why the Vision?

#### (1) Because who is he sufficiently makes up for what we lack

What each of the seven church's lacked, the vision of Christ makes up for

**Ephesus** (1:20; 2:1) 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand // "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.

**Smyrna** (1:17-18; 2:8) I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! // 8 "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

**Pergamum** (1:16; 2:12) and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword // 12 "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

**Thyatira** (1:14-15; 2:18) his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace // 18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

**Sardis** (1:16; 3:1) In his right hand he held seven stars // "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

**Philadelphia** (1:18; 3:7) And I hold the keys of death and Hades. // 7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David.

**Laodicea**: (1:5; 3:14) 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. // 14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

*Paint a picture of yourself and your church as having all the answers; being stronger than others and you paint an incomplete picture. Paint one of what are gifted in and what you lack, you paint a full picture; one that's sufficiently painted in permanent colors with the sufficiency of God.*

#### (2) Because the darker the days and circumstances, the brighter His presence in our midst

"Among the Golden Lampstands Implies:

(a) **There's something worth protecting** - gold is a precious metal; menorahs were fashioned from one piece, which took considerable time.

((b) **Functioning in dark places requires light** - Sanctuaries for priests to make intercessions and sacrifices were dark. In order to function as they were called, they needed light,

(c) **We are bearers, not the light itself, and we need help to keep it going** - menorah candles burned night and day; 365 days a year; 24 hours a day;

(d) **Forsaking you at your most critical time of need isn't in our Victor's character** - In the midst of the lamp stand (denotes being; a state of existence)

#### (3) Because he speaks (as a Prophet); sanctifies (as a Priest); and leads (as a King); always, now and forever more.

**Prophet** - coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword (16)

(a) Most of them were called out from the midst of regular ole people (ex, Amos)

(b) Not fortune tellers, but covenant enforcers (past, present and future)

(c) Confrontation and Compassion encompassed their message (thou your sins are as scarlet, they can be white as snow). Thus, a double-edged sword.

**Priest** - *dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet with a golden sash around his chest (13)*

(a) Robe - Priestly regalia; separation from common

(b) Golden Sash - Would expect ephod mention. It's not. Golden sash; girdle; worn by both priests and brides

(c) Both together - Separate; yet personal for those he loves, His Bride.

**King**

(a) Infinitely Wise - *"hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow" (14)*

(b) Omniscient - *"and his eyes were like blazing fire" (14)*

(c) Strong and Stable - *"his feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace" (15)*

(d) Omnipotent/Powerful/Awe inspiring - *"his voice like the sound of rushing waters" (15)*

(e) Sovereign - *"in his right hand (a place of royal privilege) he held seven stars (16)*

(f) Good - *"his face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance" (16)*

#### **(4) Because we have more help than you realize from on high**

20 *The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches*

What does the word angel mean? - Messenger of God

What does that imply? - People can technically be angels (ex., John the Baptist - Matthew 11:10); Heavenly beings that are not mortals are angels (Michael; Gabriel; etc)

What kind of angels are you, o seven stars? - A common interpretation is that angels/stars here refer to the pastor's of the churches (i.e, messengers); But in most every case in the Bible, including the rest of the Book of Revelation, "angels" refers to heavenly beings.

*The idea is that each church is so precious to Jesus that Divine Counsel has assigned an angel to watch over each.*



### **YOUTH GROUP**

**6:30 Wednesday at the Church**

**Call Chris for Details**

**Snacks will be Served**



So do not fear,  
for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you  
with my righteous right hand.



~ Isaiah 41:10