

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module XI – Revelation**  
**Lesson 6 – Rev. 1:12-20**

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I. John's first Vision: The Son of Man standing among seven lampstands

A. 7 individual golden lampstands. In Zech. 4 a single 7-branch lampstand

1. Rep. individual "Temples" on earth, dwellings for God, the local assemblies of mixed races (Eph. 2:18-22)
2. The corresponding "lamps" are before the throne of God (Rev. 4:5)
3. In Zech. 4, a single menorah with 7 lamps represented the nation of Israel.

B. Jesus' appearance (glory) far exceeded Moses' appearance when He left the Presence of God (2 Cor. 3:9-18):

1. In the assembly, we are to be transformed "from glory to glory."
2. In chapters 2 & 3, Jesus' glory contrasted with the local assemblies.

C. 7 stars in His right hand

D. A double-edged sword from His mouth

II. The Son reveals the meaning of the vision:

A. Vs. 17 Jesus is "**the First and the Last**" quoting Isaiah

1. Isaiah 44:6-8 ; 45:14, 21-22; 46:9; No other "God" besides "*the First and the Last*" Isaiah 48:12-13,16. The one called "the first and the last" was SENT by God and His Spirit/Breath, thus a distinct Person – the Son.
2. The Son applied this title to Himself (not merely reporting the Father's words) is proven by vss. 17-18 & Rev. 2:8.

B. Vs. 18 Jesus is the Resurrected, immortal Man

C. Jesus holds all judgment, keys of death & resurrection (John 5:24-30)

D. Vss. 19-20

1. 7 stars = 7 messengers (either pastors or letter carriers)
2. 7 lampstands = 7 assemblies