

# HIS HANDS AND THE SWORD

Revelation 1:12-16



## Revelation 1:

12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; 13 and in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. 14 And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire; 15 and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. 16 And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.



“...send it to the 7 churches”

- John saw JESUS:
  - Among the churches, holding the “stars”
  - He saw the ROBE of Priestly Intercession
  - He saw the Golden Belt of Authority
  - Hair of Wisdom over all things
  - Eyes of penetrating, purifying flame
  - Feet of bronze, forgiveness and cleansing
  - Heard His voice, abundant waters of LIFE

## What does this mean today?

- “in His right hand He held seven stars”
  - The right hand is the hand of power and might
  - Vs. 20 - the seven stars = angels of the seven churches
  - Angels = *aggelos*, messenger, envoy, sent one
  - This can be applied to:
    - Pastors; Servants of God; those carrying the Gospel...
    - **YOU!**

## In Jesus' Hand

- Protection, Care, Safety, Provision, Guidance
- The churches of Asia Minor were in great need!
  - Domitian Persecution 81-96 AD –
  - They needed encouragement and consolation
  - They needed comfort and assurance
  - They needed guidance and protection
  - Know anyone like that???

## Jesus Holds you:

- With His Grace:

- 2Corinthians 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

- With His Power: *dunamis* (2x)

- With His Lovingkindness:

- Psalm 94:18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.

# The 2 edged Sword

- The Word of God! Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:16
  - Quick, powerful, probing, discerning, transforming
- This is a warning and a comfort
  - The same Word that corrects, heals!
  - 1Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

## Who is your God today?

- His Hands are there to HOLD YOU!
- Nothing, no-one can take you from His Hand!
  - John 10:28-29 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
- His Powerful, Searching Word...