

## Revelation 1:13-20 One Like a Son of Man

**Rev 1:13** and in the midst of the lampstands **one like a son of man**, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

**Rev 1:14** The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,

**Rev 1:15** his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

**Rev 1:16** In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

**Rev 1:17** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "**Fear not, I am the first and the last,**

**Rev 1:18** **and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.**

**Rev 1:19** **Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.**

**Rev 1:20** **As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

### "One like a Son of Man"

Most Christians today need to change their concept of who Jesus is. He is no longer 'baby Jesus,' swaddled in the animal's feeding trough. Rather, He is the glorious fulfillment of the Messianic 'Son of Man' prophecy.

His claim to fulfill Daniel's 'Son of Man' prophecy finalized Jesus' condemnation in [Mat 26:63-68](#) and [Mar 14:62-65](#).

Why? Why did the High Priest tear his robe? Why did the elders of Israel react so violently? What was their understanding about this Son of Man?

In [Dan 7:1-8](#), he had a vision of 4 beasts. The 4th beast is the end-time global government of the Antichrist.

- Then, in [Dan 7:9-12](#) Daniel sees YHWH, Almighty God, seated on His throne in the heavenly council, or court.
  - God's hair was like pure wool
  - Heavenly Council, or court? [Psa 89:1-5-7](#) [Psa 82:1](#) [Job 1:6](#) [1Ki 22:19](#) [Dan 4:17](#) [The Unseen Realm](#) by Dr Michael Heiser.
- In [Dan 7:13-14](#) and [Dan 10:2-6](#) he saw "**One like a Son of Man**" coming with the clouds of heaven
  - His hair like white wool [Dan 7:9](#) [Rev 1:14](#)
  - His eyes were like a flame of fire [Dan 10:6](#) [Rev 1:14](#) [Rev 19:12](#)
  - His feet were like burnished bronze [Dan 10:6](#) [Rev 1:15](#)
  - His voice was like the roar of many waters [Dan 10:6](#) (Amplified) [Rev 1:15](#)
  - Like the Messianic 'Son of Man' in [Dan 7:13](#), Jesus is coming in/with clouds of heaven.
  - [Dan 7:13-14](#) this Son of Man came to YHWH and was presented before Him. YHWH gave Him eternal dominion over all nations
    - This is why Jesus' claim to be the fulfillment of Daniel's Son of Man vision finalized His condemnation in [Mat 26:63-68](#) and [Mar 14:62-65](#).
  - This Messianic promise is reiterated in [Rev 1:7](#)
  - [Rev 1:16](#)
    - In his right hand He held seven stars
      - In His right hand, for safekeeping. [Joh 10:28](#)
      - The stars are the angels of the 7 churches [Rev 1:20](#)
        - Various views of these *aggelos* exist.
          1. Angels (literally, 'messengers') from the seven churches to Patmos, or by John from Patmos to the churches, or both.

2. Another view is the angel is the pastor of the church.

3. They may be the guardian angels of each congregation, which is the Jewish view (rooted in Daniel) that not only each person but each nation was assigned a guardian angel, and the angels of the evil nations would be judged together with the nations they led astray. [Deu 32:8](#) [Psa 82:1-8](#)

4. Finally, they may represent heavenly counterparts to earthly realities (the churches), symbolizing the heavenly significance of the churches as the lampstands did.

- Stars often represent celestial beings: [Job 38:7](#)  
[Dan 8:10](#), [Dan 12:3](#) [Rev 12:4](#)
- From His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword
  - A long sword, properly a Thracian javelin, not a Roman short sword. (Greek: romphaia vs machaira)
  - Romphaia used only in [Luk 2:35](#) [Rev 1:16](#) [Rev 2:12](#) and [Heb 4:12](#)
- His face was like the sun shining in full strength  
[Isa 60:19-20](#) [Rev 22:5](#)
- [Rev 1:17](#)
  - I fell at His feet as though dead.
    - This is the common reaction when mortals come into contact with majestic spiritual beings. Ezekiel, Daniel, and the 3 apostles at the Transfiguration all reacted this way.
  - I am the first and the last. [Isa 41:4](#) [Isa 44:6](#) [Isa 48:12](#)  
[Rev 22:13](#)
- [Rev 1:18](#)
  - I AM the Living One. I died, and behold I AM alive forevermore
    - The Living God [Jos 3:10](#) [1Ki 17:1](#) [1Sa 17:26](#) [Psa 42:2](#)  
[Jer 10:10](#) [Dan 6:26](#) [Hos 1:10](#) [Mat 16:16](#) [Act 14:15](#)  
[2Co 6:16](#) [Heb 12:22](#) and many more
    - He is not distant from us in space or time. He's here, now.
    - I became dead, but now I'm alive forever [Rev 1:5](#)

- I have the keys of Death and Hades [Hos 13:14](#), [Mat 28:18](#)  
1 Cor 15,
- [Rev 1:19](#) Write the things you've seen, those that are, and those that will be
  - The things you've seen: The resurrected, glorified, immortal Son of Man
  - The things that are: the letters to the 7 churches. Rev chapters 2-3
  - Those that will be: the rest of the book, beginning in chapter 4. [Rev 4:1-2](#)
- [Rev 1:20](#)
  - Mystery of the Seven Stars in My right hand
    - Seven stars are the angels of the 7 churches
  - The Seven Golden Lampstands
    - Seven lampstands are the 7 churches