

UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

Revelation 1:4-5, 8, 10-16

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, **from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;**

5 **And from Jesus Christ,** who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead...

8 **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,** saith the Lord, **which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and **heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,**

11 **Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:** and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: **and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.**

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down **from the Father of lights,** with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light,** and in him is no darkness at all.

MT. OF TRANSFIGURATION - THE OVERSHADOWING

Matthew 17:1-9

1 **After six days** Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, **and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart,**

2 **And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.**

3 And, **behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.**

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 **While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, **Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.**

Mark 9:2-10

2 **After six days** Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, **and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.**

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And **there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.**

5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

7 **And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.**

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, **he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.**

10 And they kept that saying with themselves, **questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.**

Luke 9:28-35

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, **and went up into a mountain to pray.**

29 **And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.**

30 **And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:**

31 **Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.**

32 **But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.**

33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

34 **While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.**

35 **And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.**

❖ V.32 Deep Sleep (hypnos) - where we get the english word hypnosis.

❖ Genesis 2:21 Adam

The LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

❖ Genesis 15:12-17 Abraham

12 When the sun was going down, **a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.**

17 It came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, **behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.**

❖ Daniel 10:5-10 Daniel

6 His body also was like the beryl, **and his face as the appearance of lightning,** and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, **then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.**