Notes used in the Message

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REVELATION 1:1-3

- » 1 † ¶ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:
- » 2 † Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
- » 3 † ¶ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

1A) « 13-3 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

Now the Greek word for revelation is "apocalypse" which means "unveiling". This unveiling is perfectly described in the example of a sculptor unveiling his work of statuary, exposing it to the onlooker. It is an uncovering, revealing what was previously hidden. Now the uncovering is not only the revelation of the Person of Christ, but it is THE REVELATION OF HIS FUTURE WORKS IN THE ONCOMING SEVEN CHURCH AGES.

1B) « 248-5 † SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.7

To begin with, we know for a certainty that these verses are not teaching a new and contrary doctrine to John 4:24a "God is A (one) Spirit." But this is like I Corinthians 12:8-11 wherein we find ONE Spirit manifesting Himself in NINE ways. Thus we know that the seven Spirits of God mean it is the one and same Spirit coming forth in a sevenfold way. Now in Revelation 4:5 these same seven Spirits are called 'lamps of fire burning' before the Lord. Since John always used nothing but Old Testament symbols in the Revelation we go to the Old Testament and find from Proverbs 20:27 that "the spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord." These seven Spirits are found to be associated with man. John the Baptist in John 5:35 was called a 'burning light' which should actually be translated as 'burning lamp.' Again in Revelation 5:6 the seven Spirits are identified as seven eyes.

In Zechariah 4:10,

"For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven, they are the eyes of the Lord."

It is very evident that the word, 'they' refers to men. Thus we see that the eyes of the Lord in this instance are men--of course they will be anointed men, full of the Holy Ghost, for God's ministries are not in the power of men but of the Holy Ghost. Putting our Scriptural discoveries together it is evident that the seven Spirits of God refer to the continuous ministry of the same Holy Spirit in the lives of seven men with whom God identifies Himself very closely. They are His eyes, and they are His lamps. Who these seven men are can easily be seen because the next phrase calls them the seven stars which are already known to us as the seven messengers to the seven ages. How beautiful that is. See, the star was meant to reflect light at night, for the sun has gone. Just so the messenger (typified as a star) to each age was to reflect the light of the Son. They all did this by the Holy Spirit.

2) « 251-2 † SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.7

Yes, the Spirit is not seven Spirits but ONE. He will always be the same and act the same. And the seven messengers will have the same Spirit and teach the same Word and have the same power. And if the church is the true church it will have the very same Spirit and Word and acts of power that they had at Pentecost. By experience it will be a Pentecostal church; and there will be tongues, and interpretation and prophecy and healings. God will be in the midst of her and God will declare Himself in the midst of her as He always has. Hallelujah! And she will be UNorganized. Don't forget that.

3) 60-1204E THE.PATMOS.VISION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 69-130 SUNDAY_

« 90 † Now the 10th verse:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me the... voice,... of a trumpet, I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,...

Now, you can't do any good until first you get in the Spirit; God can't use you. You're--you're--you're--you're--you're--are in vain until first you do it in the Spirit. "If I will sing, I will sing in the Spirit. If I'll pray," said Paul, "I'll pray in the Spirit." And then if there is anything that comes to me that's any good, it has to be revealed to me by the Spirit and confirmed by the Word (made manifest by the results it bears).

4) 60-1204E THE.PATMOS.VISION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 69-130 SUNDAY_

« 133 † Now, he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. All right, and the first thing he heard when he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day... Now we got the 10th verse:.

..in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and he heard... a... voice, as... a trumpet,

Let's not pass one parable, now. If we have to take it tomorrow, we can take it, see. Somebody just watch the clock, that it don't get late on me.

All right, now, "... was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Now remember, the first thing you have to do is what? Get in the Spirit. How's these revelations going to ever come to you? Get in the Spirit. How you ever going to get the Holy Ghost? Get in the Spirit. Get in the Spirit!

When you was a sinner and you went to a dance, you got in that spirit. Oh, my, you started clapping your hands and patting your feet, and shindiggin', and throwing your hat on the floor, and going around and around, acting silly. You was in the spirit of it. Could you imagine a fellow, was a dance fiend, going to a dance, say, "Well, and you all having pretty good time, I suppose."

"Oh!" they'd say. "You wallflower, get out of here!" See?

5) « 43-6 † PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

"I was in the Spirit." Isn't that just beautiful? My, I love that. You could just call those words, "The whole of the Christian life." If we are going to live as Christians, we have to be in HIS Spirit. John was not talking about being in his own spirit. That would not have brought these visions. It had to be the Spirit of God. It has to be the Spirit of God with us, too, or all our efforts are in vain. Paul said, "I will pray in the Spirit, I will sing in the Spirit, I will live in the Spirit." If there is anything good that will come to me it has to be revealed by the Spirit, confirmed by the Word, and made manifest by the results it bears. As surely as John needed to be in the Spirit to receive these tremendous revelations fresh from Jesus, we need to be in the Spirit to understand the revelations that God has given to us to live by in His Word, for it is the same Spirit.

6) « 44-2 † PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

Let me just use another illustration. Suppose you need healing. What does the Word say? Well, we have all read it countless times, but did not get in the Spirit when reading it. Did we ask God for His Spirit to teach us the real truth of it? If we did, we would call the elders, confess our sins, be anointed and prayed for, and that would be that. It might not come immediately, but in His Spirit, it is all over. There is no other court of appeal. God will fulfill His Word. Oh, we need to get in the Spirit, and then things will be done. DON'T GO THROUGH THE ACTS FIRST. GET IN THE SPIRIT AND THEN GO THROUGH THE ACTS AND WATCH WHAT GOD WILL DO.

7) 60-1204E THE.PATMOS.VISION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 69-130 SUNDAY_

"In the Spirit on the Lord's day." Now, we hear it. Now what? Now, what was he doing? He was transferred from the isle now, in the Spirit, over into the Lord's day. And as soon as he got over into the Lord's day, he heard a trumpet. What is it? It's Somebody approaching. A great One's approaching. Trumpet sounds, Somebody's coming! He looked! Hallelujah! Trumpet:
Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:... (not announcement of the second party or the third party, but the only party)... I am both Alpha and Omega,... ("Before I show you anything, I want to let you know who I am!")

The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't get to first base until you believe that, and walk out... That's what Peter said, "Repent, and then see the Deity. Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and then you're ready to go in the Spirit." The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega! I am from A to Z, there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning, I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty." Think of It! That's what the trumpet said.