

**Revelation** – the disclosure of what was previously hidden and unknowable but is now unveiled and made known.

1. The mystery's \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 1:1-8

- Authorship is from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Affirms Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- Announces what \_\_\_\_\_ “soon” take place.
- Addresses \_\_\_\_\_ in Asia Minor.
- Awards \_\_\_\_\_ to readers and hearers who obey what is revealed.

2. Jesus' glory and \_\_\_\_\_ is revealed.

Revelation 1:9-20

- His \_\_\_\_\_ is undeniable.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ is unimaginable (cf. Matthew 17:1-9)
- His \_\_\_\_\_ is unwavering.

**Needed explanation:**

(20) The mystery of the **seven stars** that you saw in my right hand and of the **seven golden lampstands** is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

**Seven stars** = could be symbolizing the angels assigned to each of the seven churches or the leadership of each church.

**Seven golden lampstands** = symbolizes each church; their spiritual condition, health, influence and witness.

**The message** to these churches includes commendation and correction, with the **expectation** that each church hears and responds accordingly.

**What is the significance of this for today's church?**

1. Jesus **continues** to speak to his church today; with both commendation and correction. (Via Scripture & Spirit)
2. Church leadership must **discern** what he is saying and then respond accordingly. (cf. Acts 13:1-3)
3. **If we respond accordingly**, then our witness for Jesus in the world will be bright and shining, drawing people into His kingdom, bearing much fruit, living as overcomers!

***My application from today's message is...***

Next week: “**Overcoming Spiritual Drift**” (Revelation 2:1-7)