

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)