

# **"JOHN'S COMMISSION RESTATED AND AMPLIFIED"**

## **REVELATION 1:17-20**

### **I. JOHN WAS EMOTIONALLY OVERWHELMED BY THIS REVELATORY APPEARANCE OF CHRIST (1:17a)**

### **II. JOHN WAS GIVEN DESCRIPTIONS OF SELF DESIGNATION BY CHRIST (1:17b-18)**

#### **A. He Made A Claim To Deity Through A Particular Attribute Of Deity**

1. Isaiah's Previous Multiple References Are Instructive With Regard To Christ's Being *The First And The Last* (1:17b)
2. Another Threefold Statement Bolsters The Claim (1:18a)
  - a. He Is "The Living One"
  - b. He "Became Dead" [As A Man]
  - c. He Will Remain Alive Forevermore

#### **B. He Has All Authority Over Life And Death (1:18b)**

1. Theology Of "Hades"
2. Theology Of "Death"

### **III. JOHN WAS COMMISSIONED TO WRITE A BOOK CONTAINING THREE CATEGORIES [THREE POINT OUTLINE] (1:19-20)**

#### **A. The Categories Designating Three Chronological Stages (1:19)**

1. Revelatory Appearance Of Christ (Chapter 1)
2. Instruction / Challenge To The Churches (Chapters 2 & 3)
3. Description Of Post Rapture Events (Chapters 4 - 22)

#### **B. Necessary Identification Of The Key Elements In Stage Two (1:20)**