

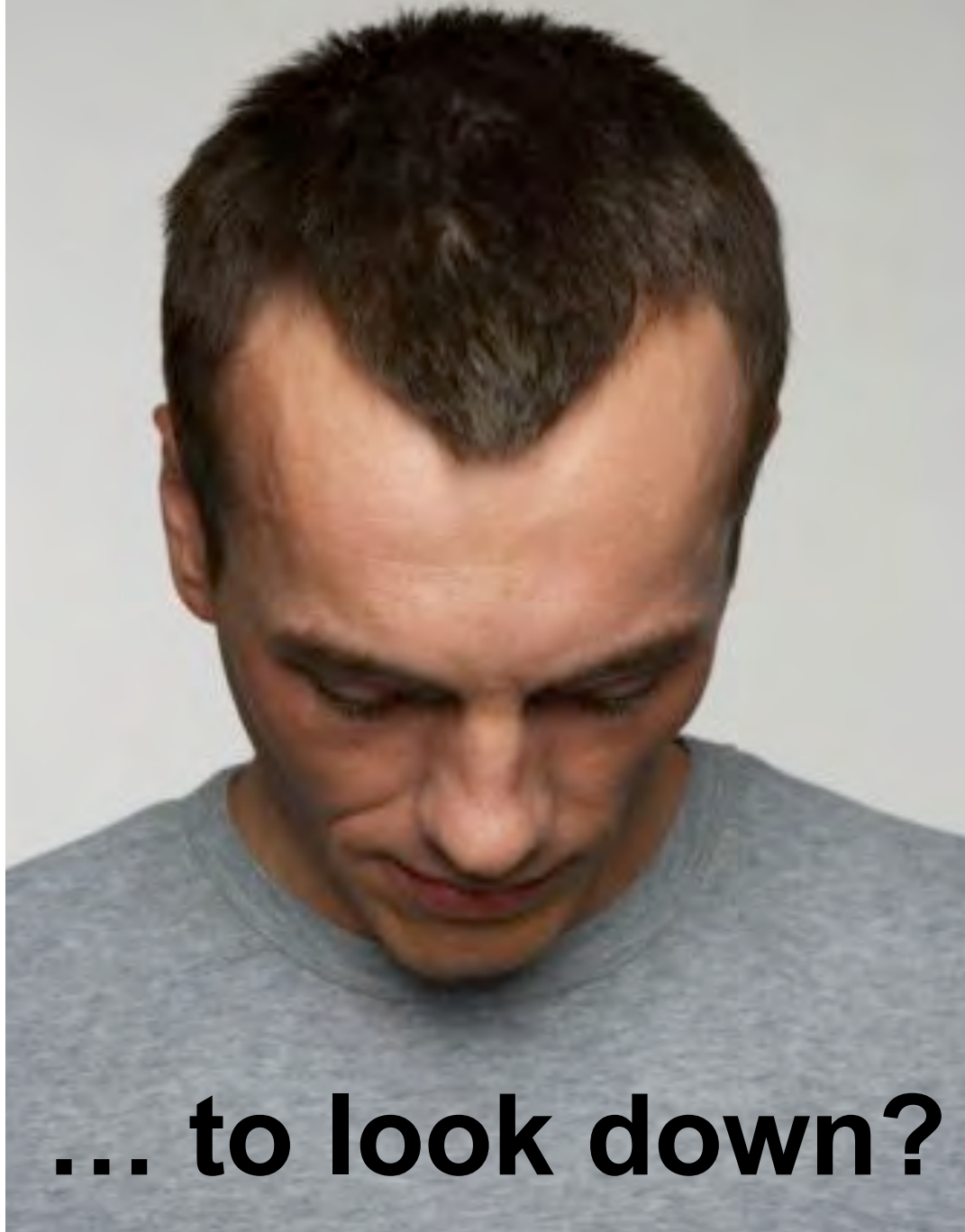
Be Triumphant



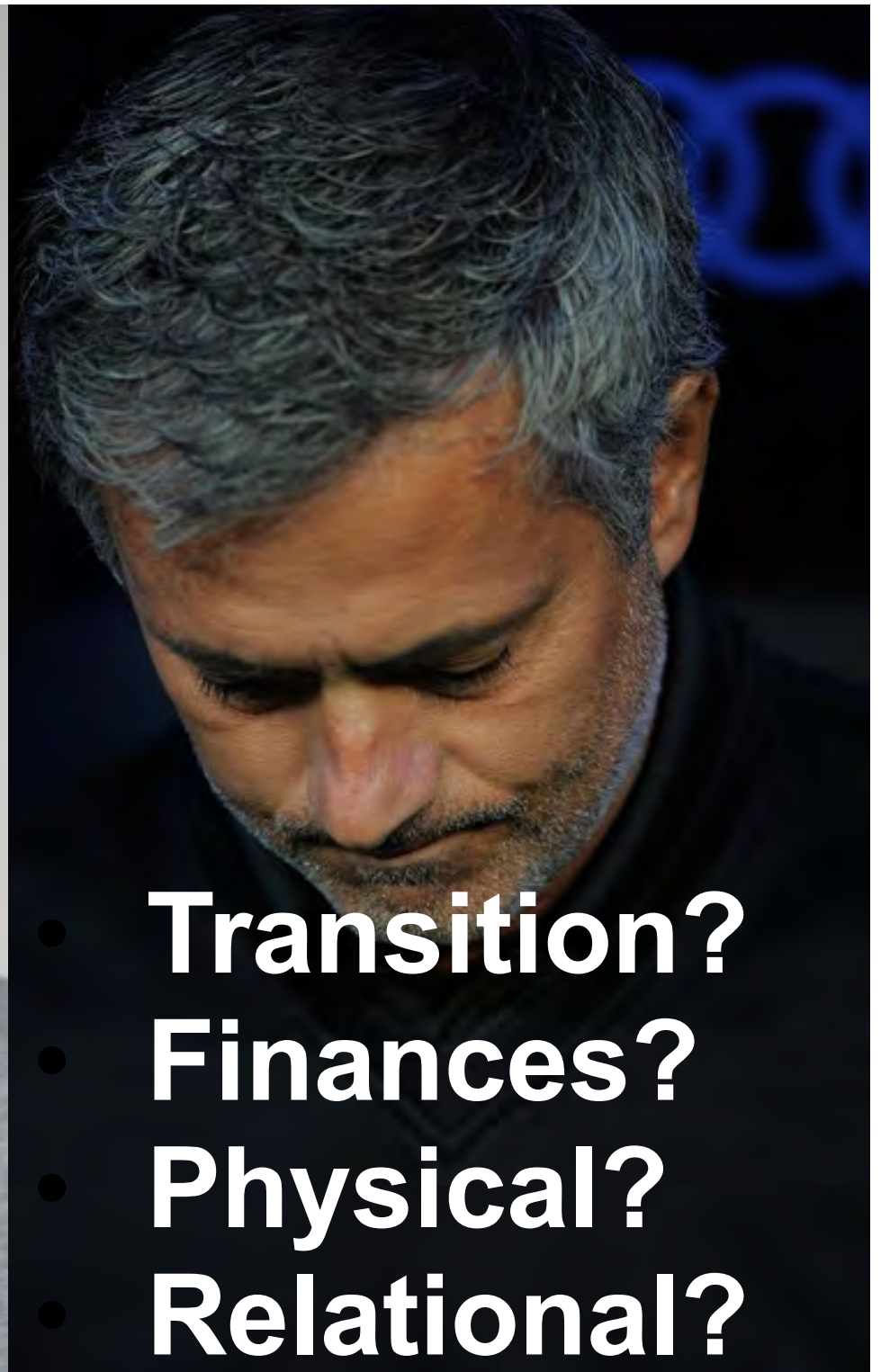
Revelation

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What causes you



... to look down?



- **Transition?**
- **Finances?**
- **Physical?**
- **Relational?**

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How can you
look up to
the LORD
during your
struggle?

**DON'T
LOOK
DOWN**

How can we be **triumphant**
in Christ?

What do we need to grasp
about Jesus for victory?

A silhouette of a person standing with their arms raised in a 'V' shape, symbolizing victory. The person is positioned in the center of the frame, with their arms reaching towards the horizon. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and creating a silhouette effect on the person and the distant landscape. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by warm oranges, yellows, and deep blues.

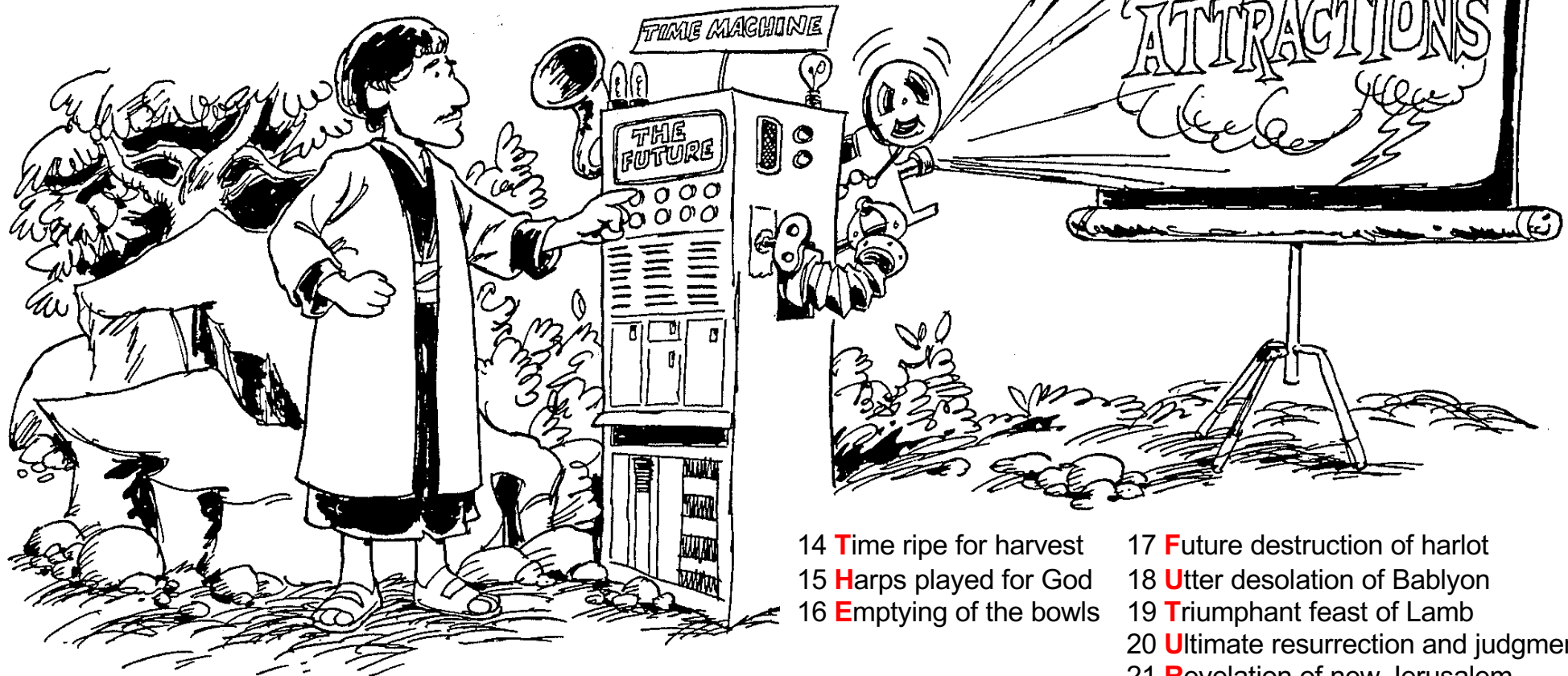


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REVELATION

- 1 **P**atmos vision of John
- 2 **R**ebuke for four churches
- 3 **O**ther three churches rebuked
- 4 **P**icture of God's throne
- 5 **H**oly Lamb is worshipped
- 6 **E**ach seal is broken
- 7 **C**rowd coming from tribulation
- 8 **Y**oke of four trumpets

- 9 **A**byss releases more trumpets
- 10 **B**ook eaten by John
- 11 **O**pposition to two witnesses
- 12 **U**nrelenting opposition of dragon
- 13 **T**attoo of world leader

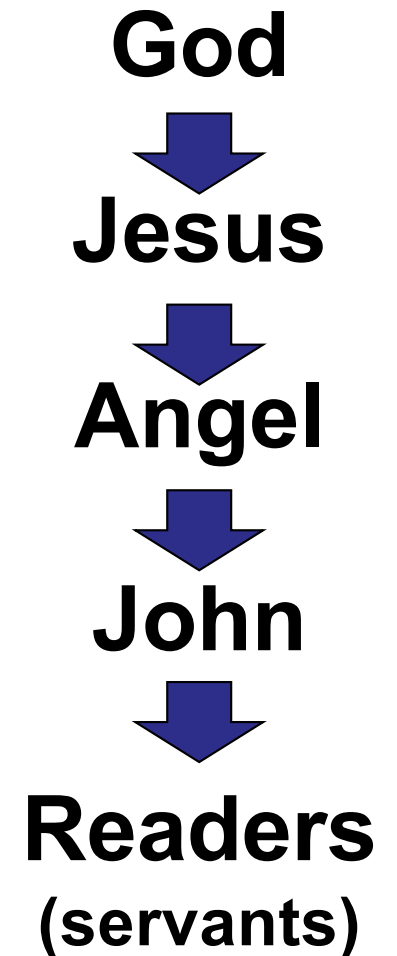


- 14 **T**ime ripe for harvest
- 15 **H**arps played for God
- 16 **E**mpying of the bowls
- 17 **F**uture destruction of harlot
- 18 **U**tter desolation of Bablyon
- 19 **T**riumphant feast of Lamb
- 20 **U**ltimate resurrection and judgment
- 21 **R**evelation of new Jerusalem
- 22 **E**ternal city and word



Christ's sovereignty over future events transmitted to John shows the prophecy as inspired (1:1-2)

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ"**(1:1-2 NIV).**



Revelation tells us to look up to...

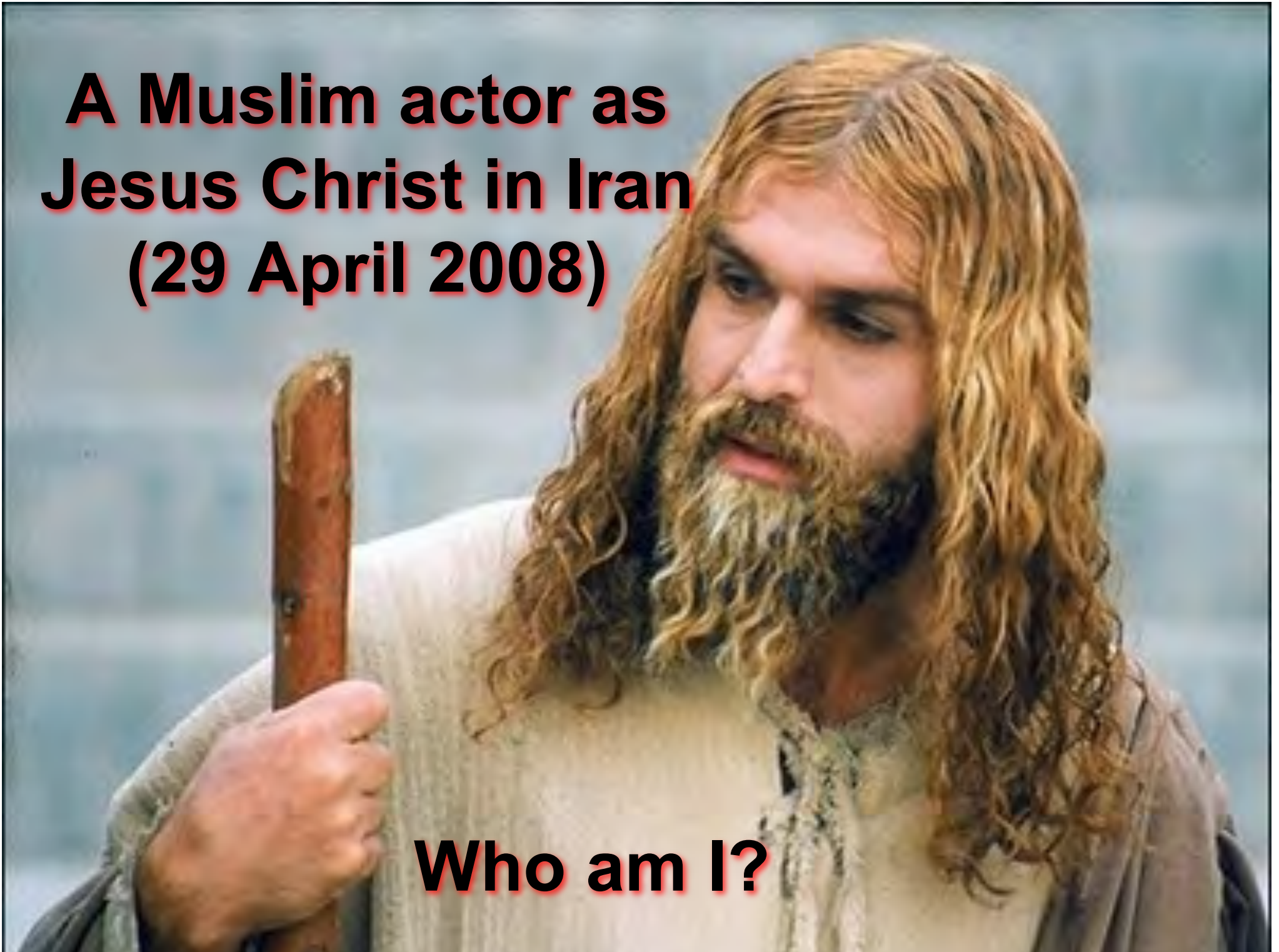




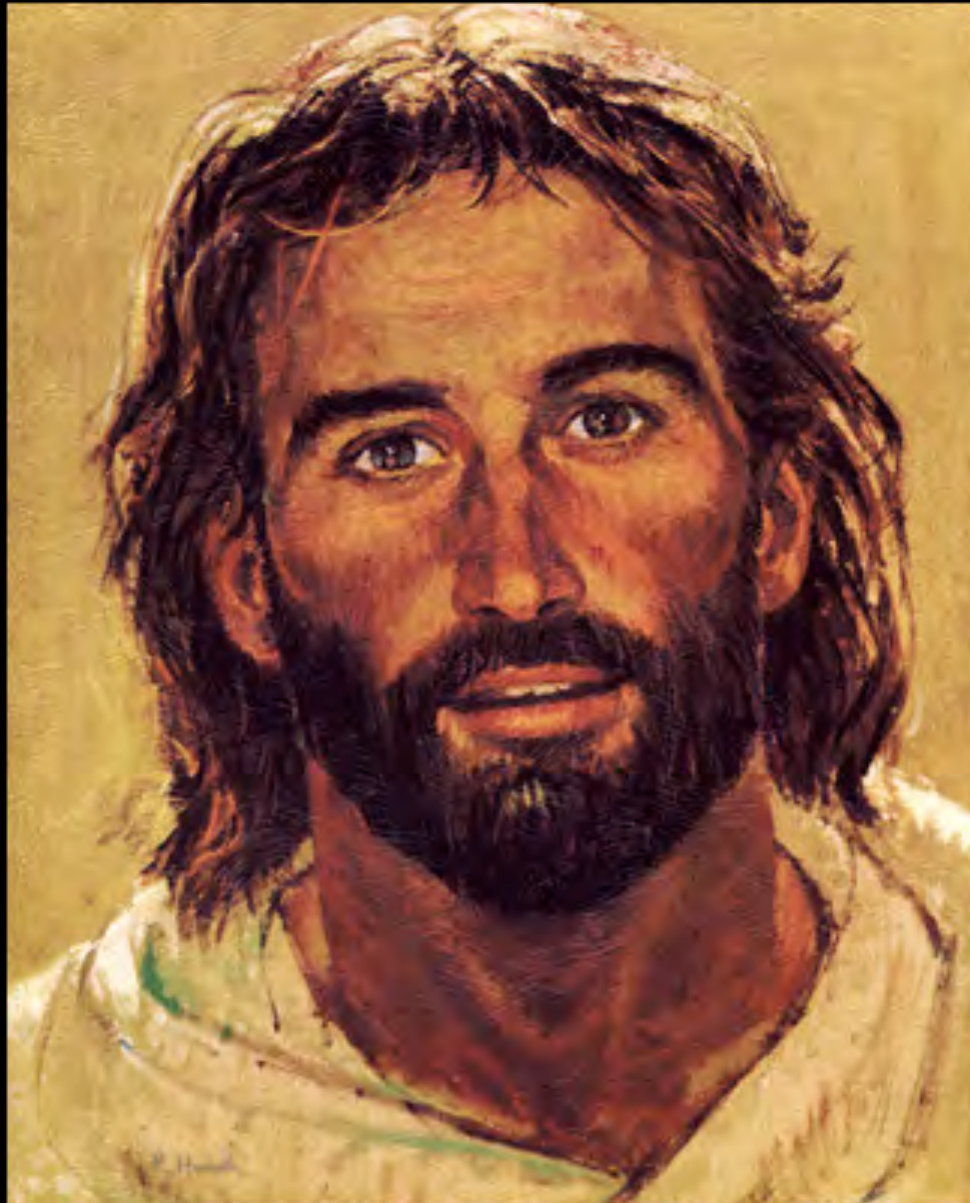
The Sovereignty of Jesus Christ

**A Muslim actor as
Jesus Christ in Iran
(29 April 2008)**

Who am I?



Jesus was relevant in the 1970s



But Jesus became wimpy





Here Jesus became a caveman



Jesus is the *Real* King!



The Triumph of Christ

A black and white photograph of a marble bust of the Roman Emperor Domitian. The bust shows a young man with curly hair, looking slightly to the right. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Domitian (AD 81-96)

**This bust of
Domitian was
found in his
huge temple
at Ephesus—
consistent
with his claim
to divine
honors**

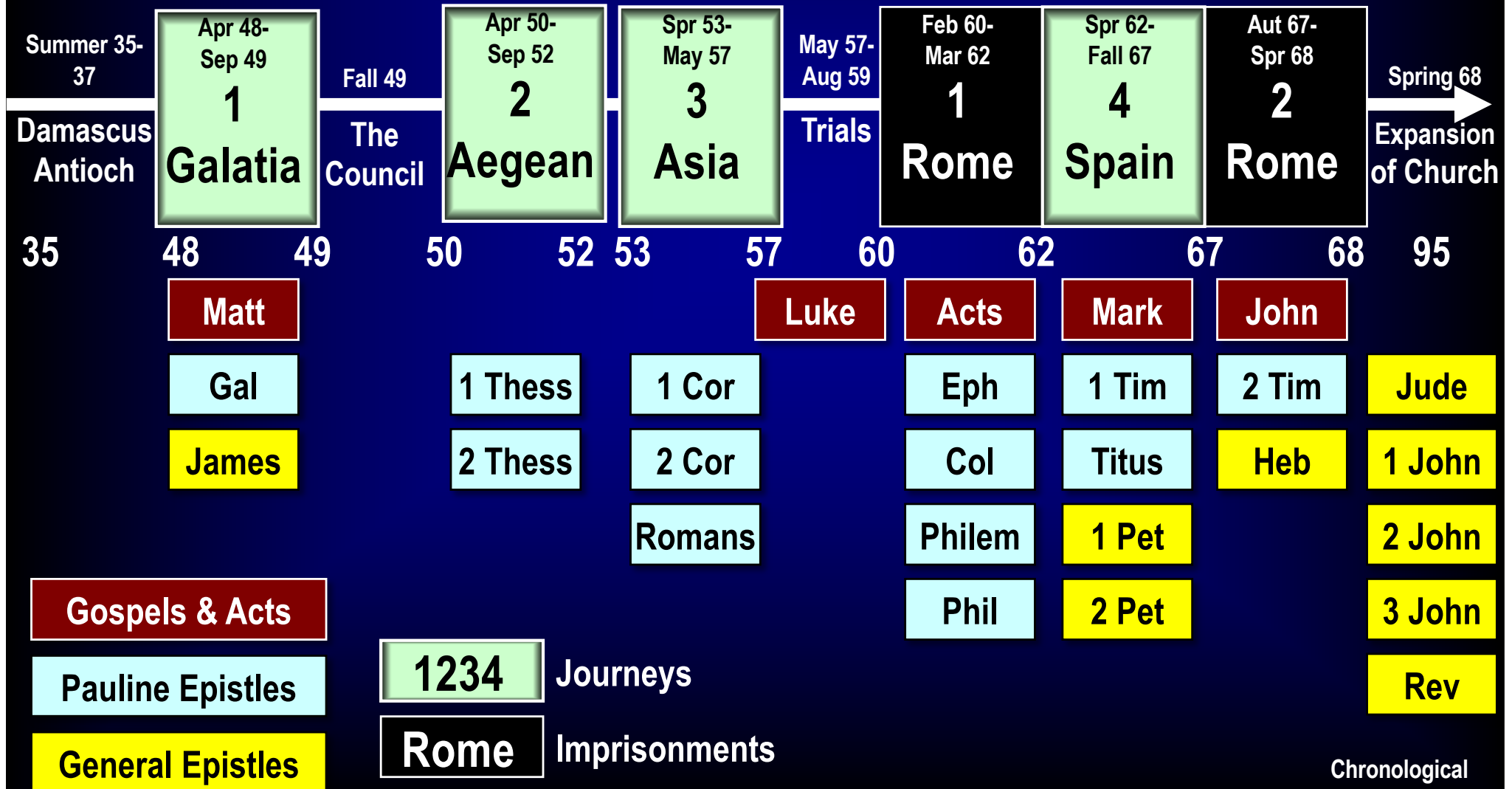
Book of Revelation (AD 95)

NT Overview (Chronological)

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"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



Asian Churches

Rome

2. External Persecution
from Rome (1:9;
2:9-10; 3:10)

1. Internal Struggles
inside churches
(2:4, 14-15, 21-24;
3:1, 15-17)

What did
John see
around him?

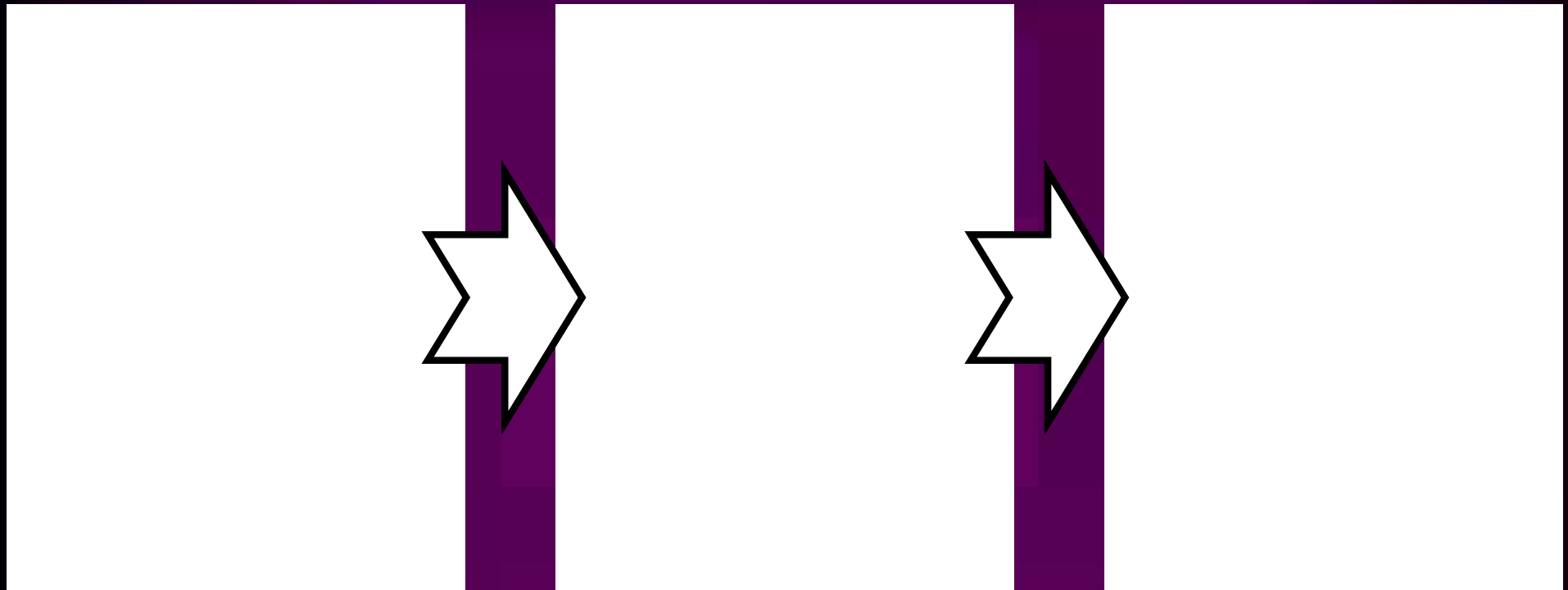
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**Sovereignty of Christ
in Future Victory**

Revelation

**We have victory when we see that
Jesus rules over...**



3 Truths to Grasp in Revelation

Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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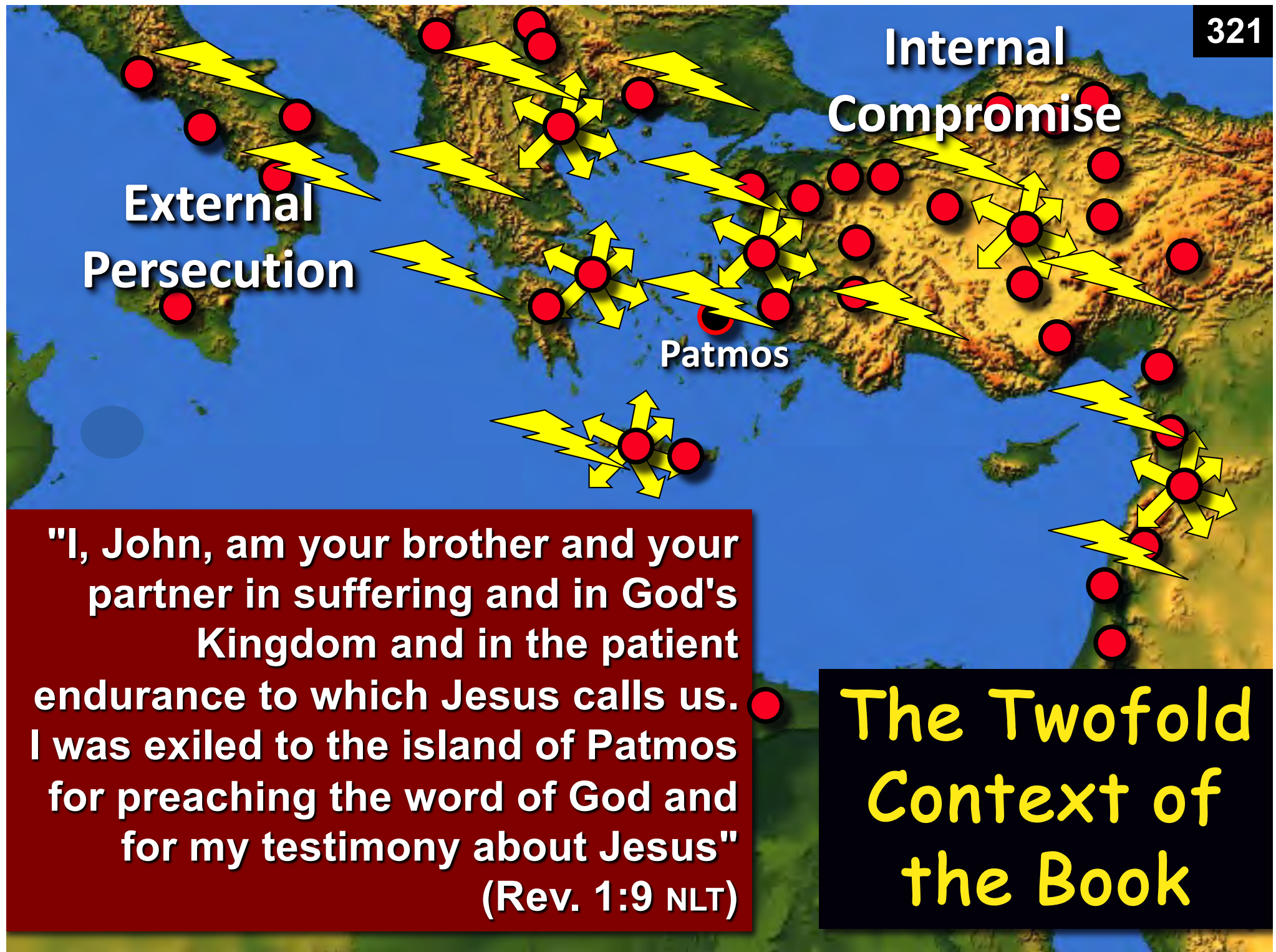
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Jesus rules over...**

**DEATH
(1)**

Outline of Revelation

A dramatic painting of John the Apostle, an elderly man with a long white beard, kneeling on a rocky shore. He is wearing a red tunic and a blue cloak, with his hands raised in prayer or awe. He is looking up at a dark, stormy sky filled with swirling clouds and bright, divine light rays breaking through. In the background, a dark sea stretches to a distant, hazy horizon under the dramatic sky.

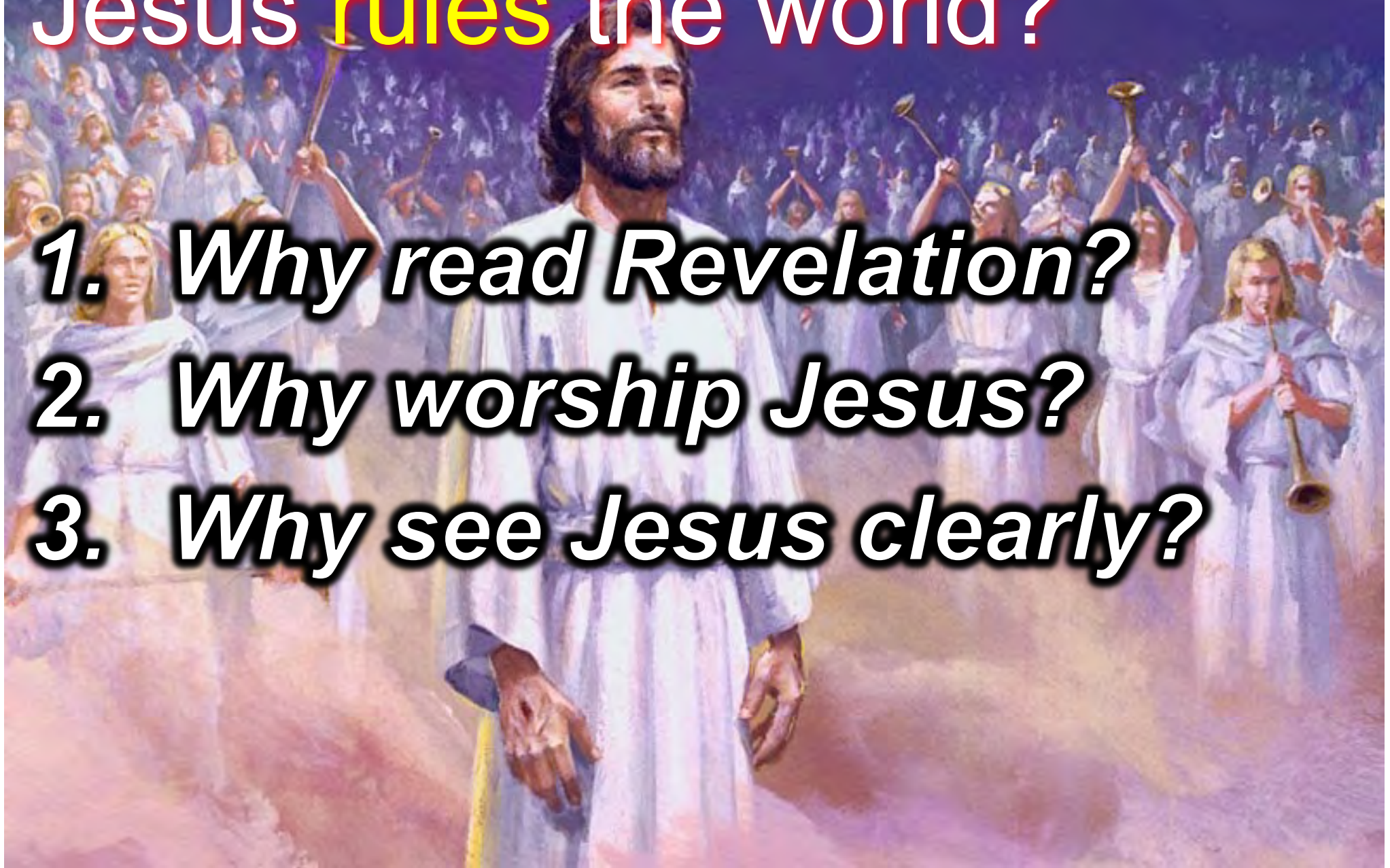
John at Patmos (Rev 1:9-10)



Why should we know that
Jesus **rules** the world?

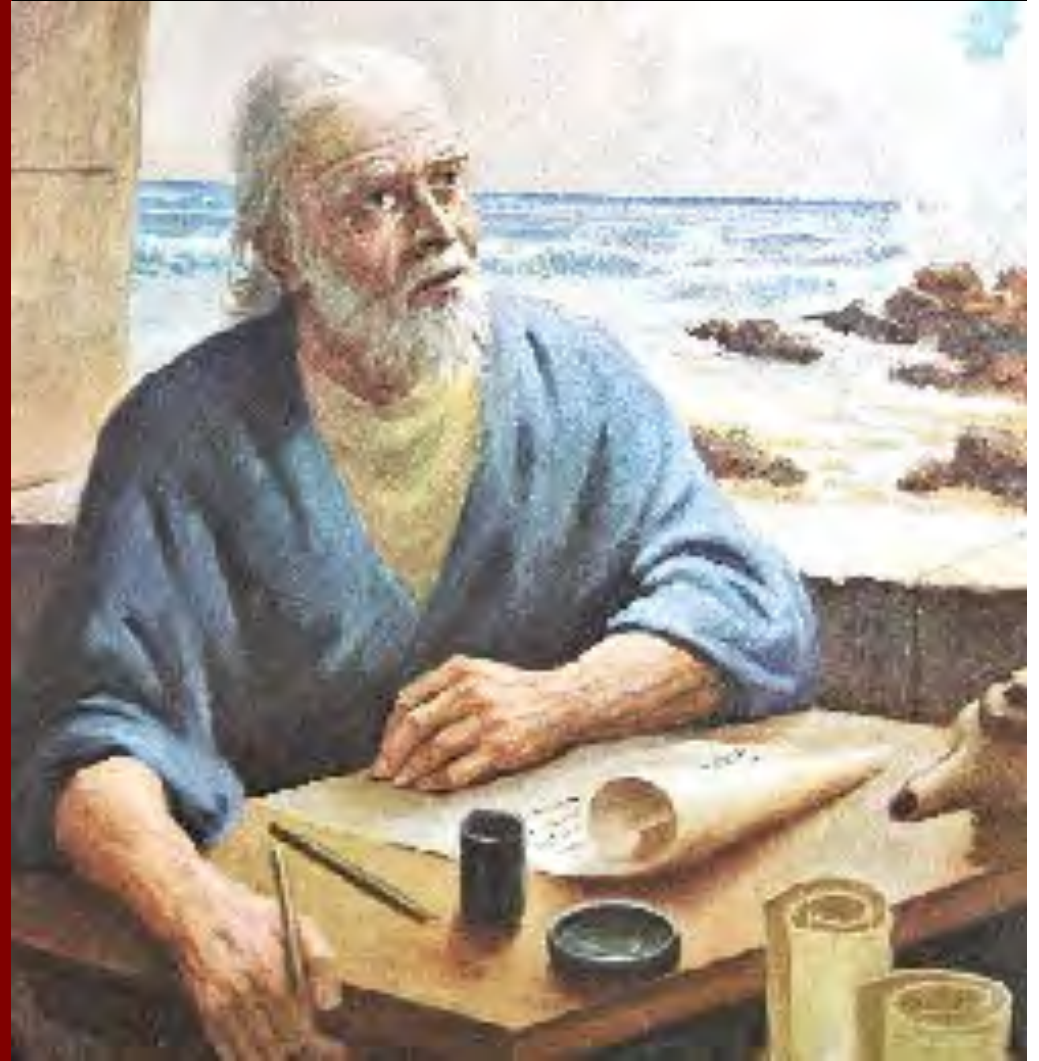
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- 1. Why read Revelation?***
- 2. Why worship Jesus?***
- 3. Why see Jesus clearly?***



Why read Revelation?

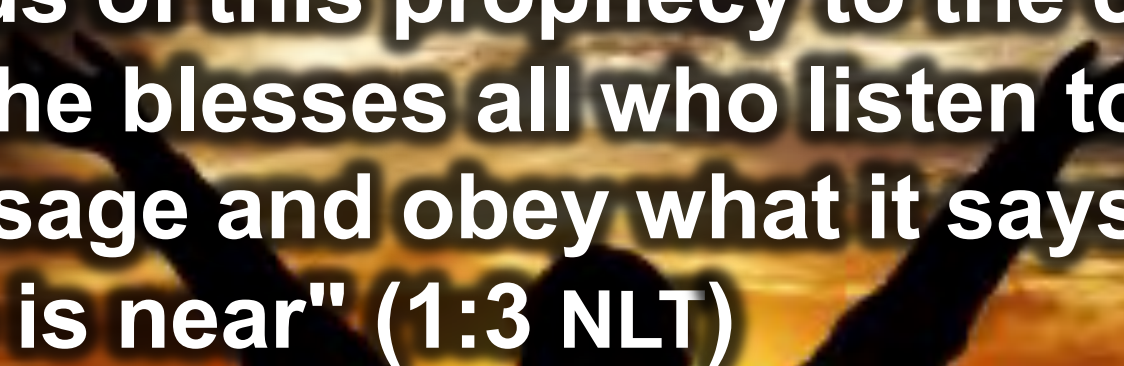
1. Jesus reveals the future and promises to bless all who read and obey the prophecy (1:1-3).



Characteristics

This is the only biblical book that promises a special **blessing for reading** it (1:3).

"God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near" (1:3 NLT)

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The person's arms are spread wide, and their head is tilted back, creating a powerful visual metaphor for the spiritual message of the text.

Why worship Jesus?

**2. We should worship the
Triune God because the
Risen Ruler will soon return
(1:4-8).**

Rev. 1:7 NLT
cf. Zech. 12:10

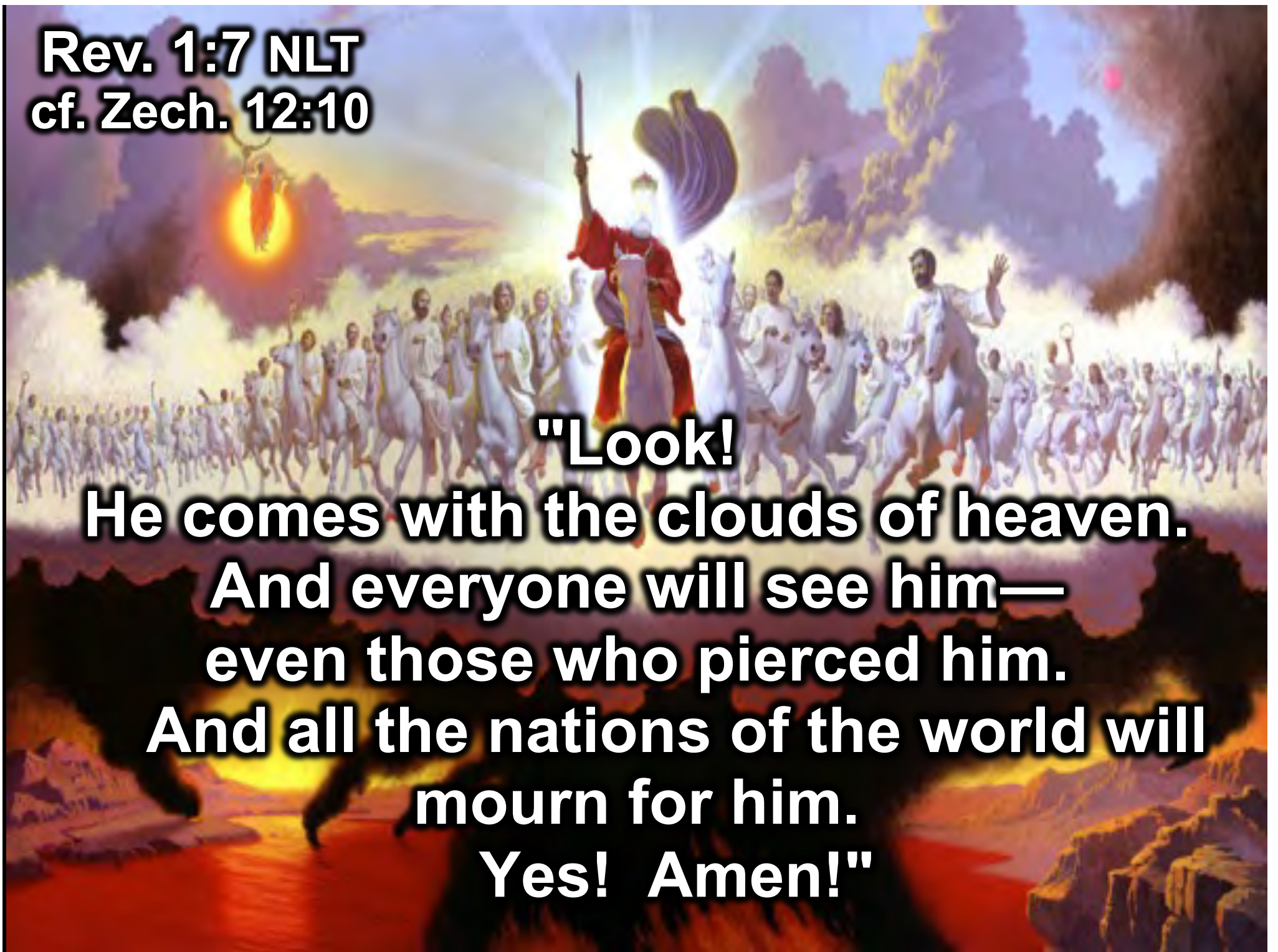
"Look!

He comes with the clouds of heaven.

**And everyone will see him—
even those who pierced him.**

**And all the nations of the world will
mourn for him.**

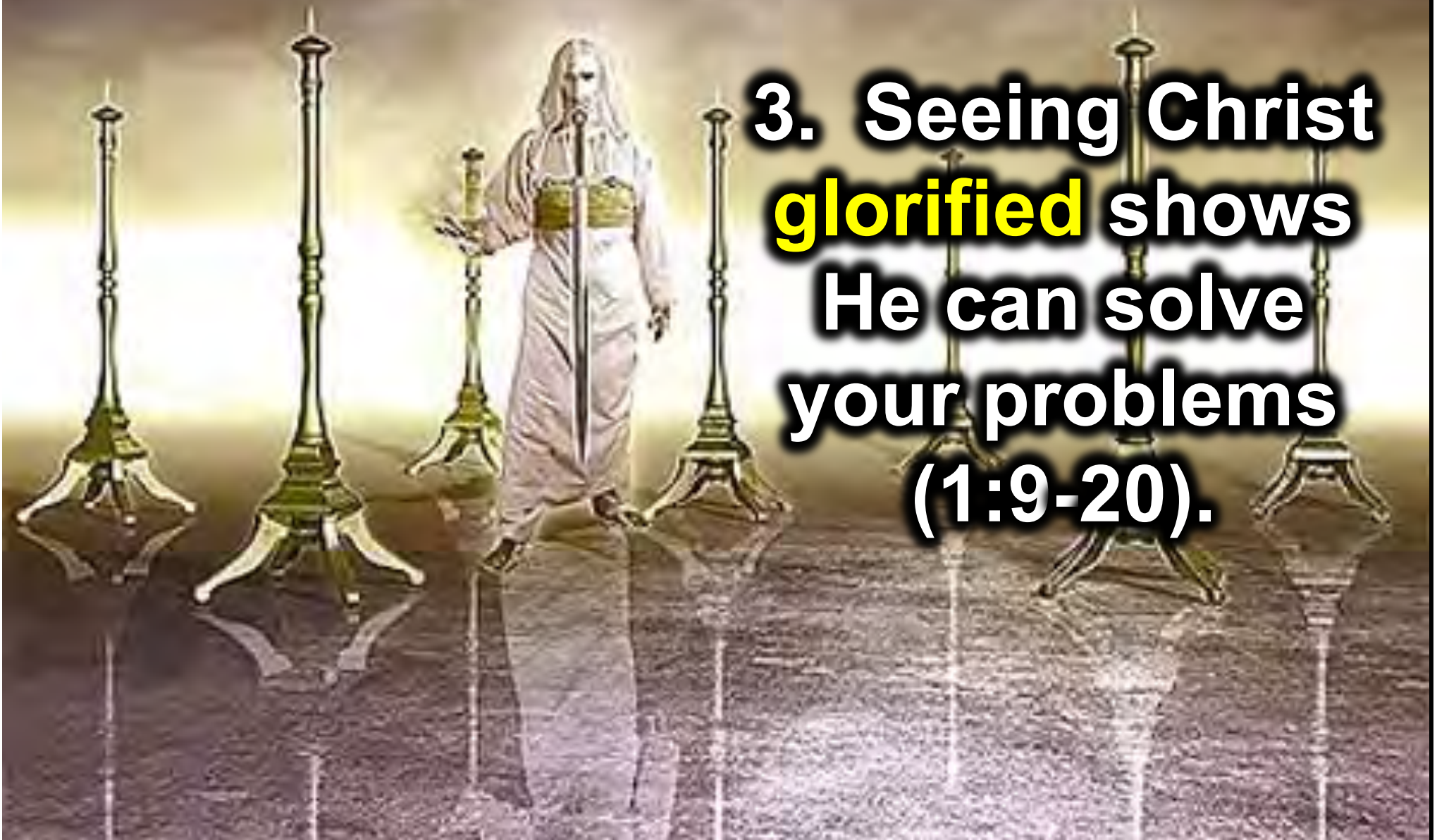
Yes! Amen!"



"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One" (1:8 NLT).

Why see Jesus clearly?

**3. Seeing Christ
glorified shows
He can solve
your problems
(1:9-20).**



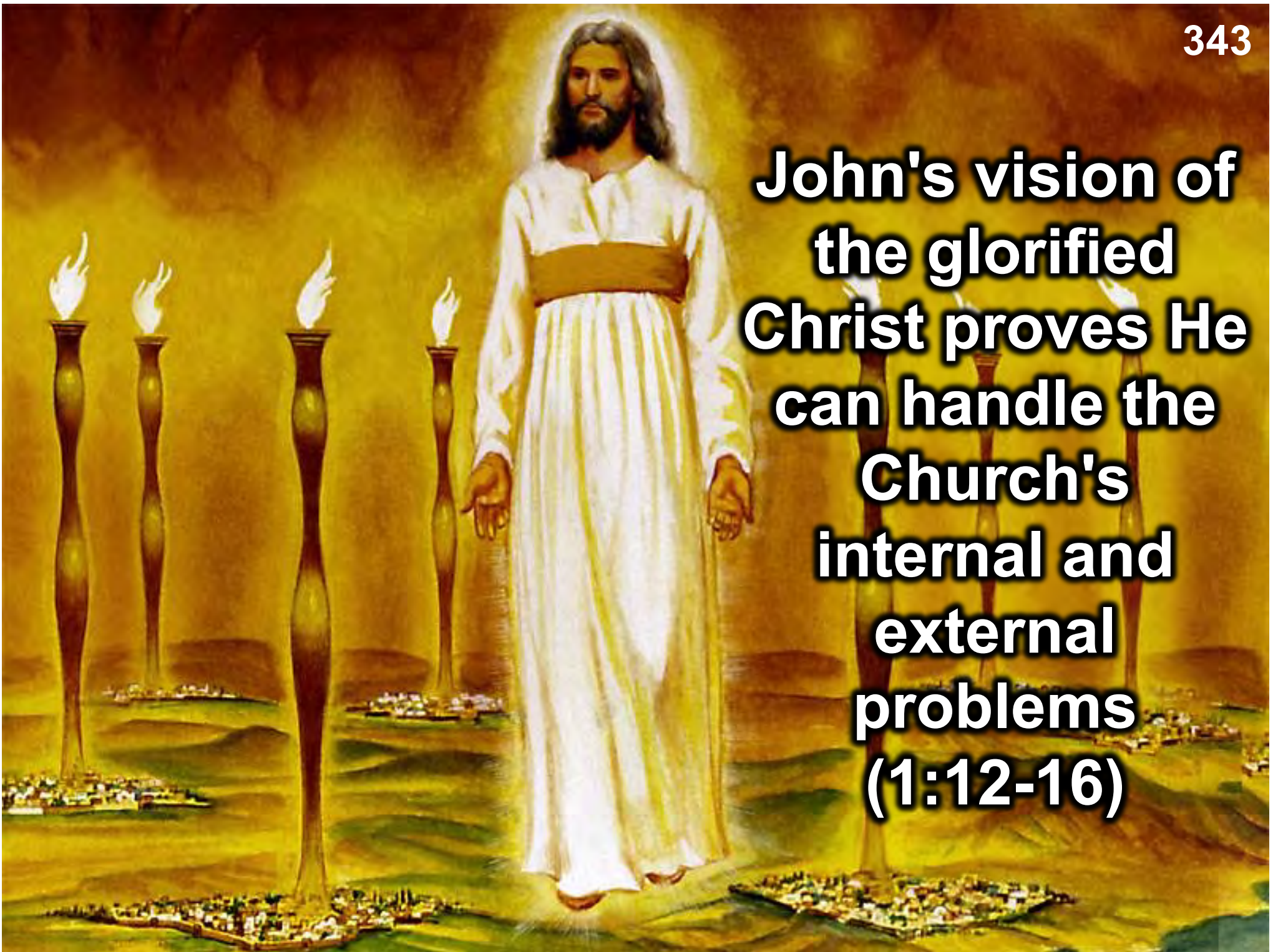
The 7 Churches (Rev. 2–3)

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"It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. ¹¹It said, "Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea" (Rev. 1:10-11 NLT).



**John's vision of
the glorified
Christ proves He
can handle the
Church's
internal and
external
problems
(1:12-16)**



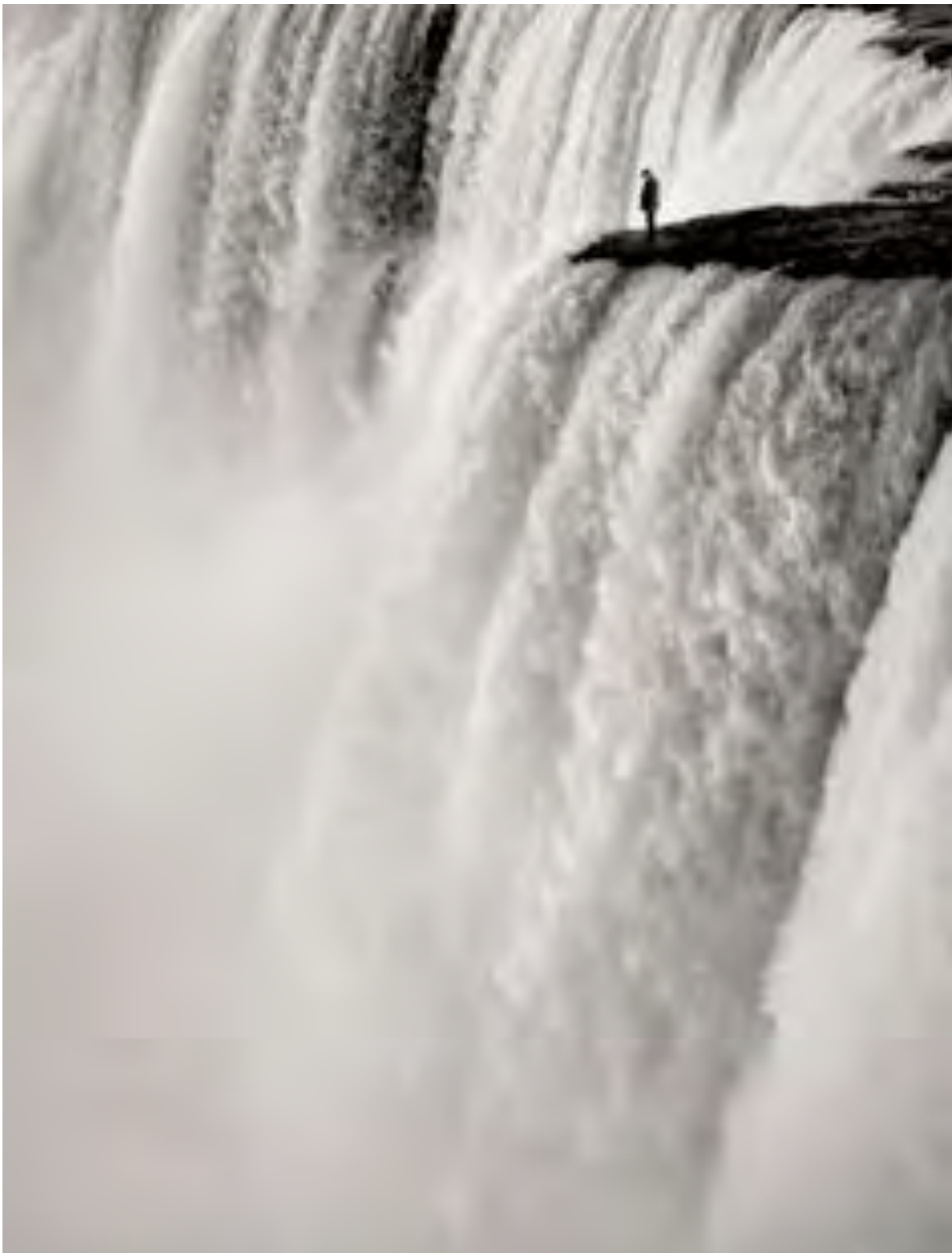
Omniscience & Righteous Judgment: "eyes were like blazing fire" (1:14b; cf. Rev. 19:12; Heb. 4:12)

Eternality: "head and hair were white like wool" (1:14a; cf. "Ancient of Days" Dan 7:9, 13, 22)

Judge-King: "robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest" (1:13)

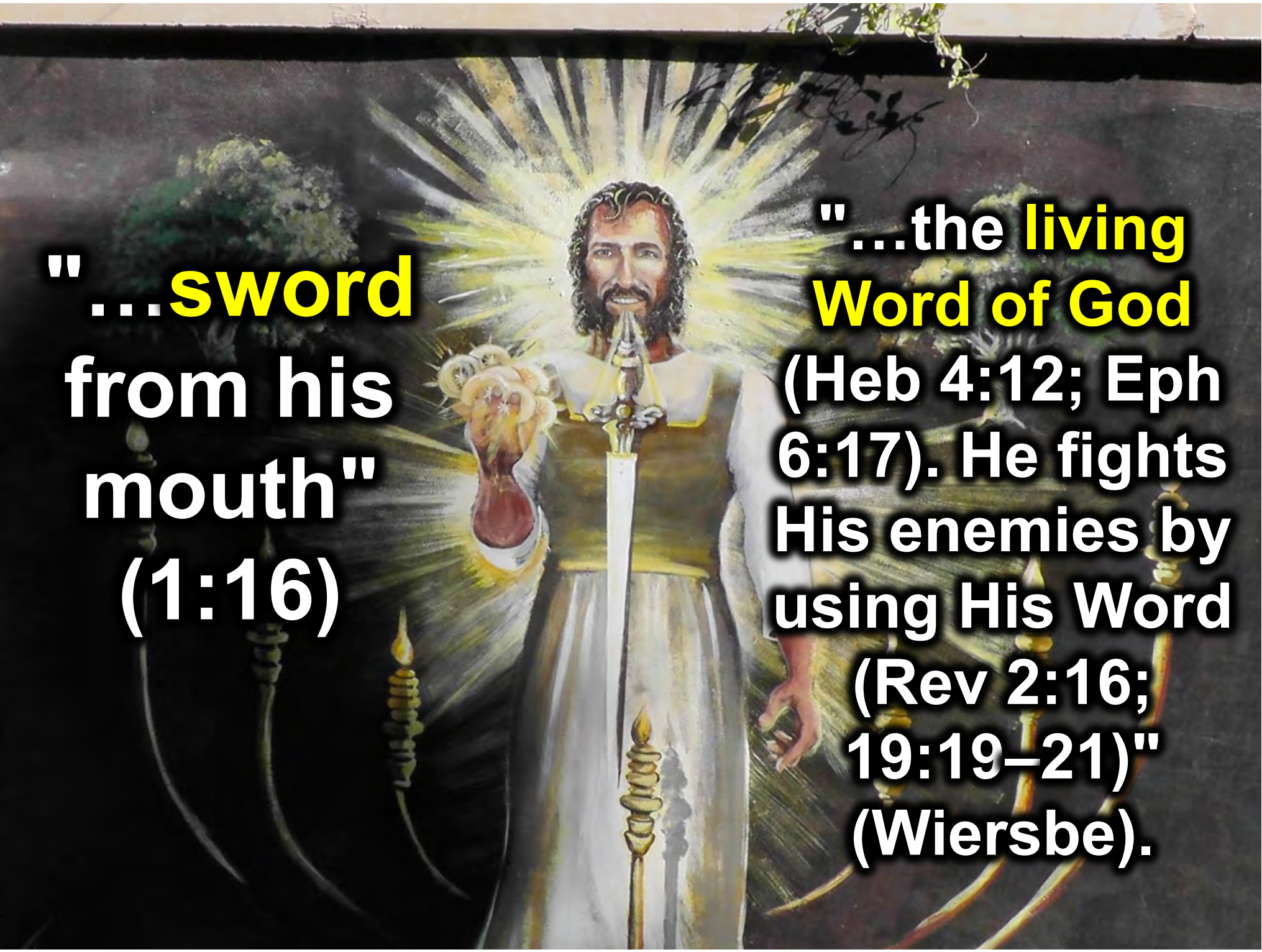
Judgment: "feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace" (1:15a; cf. Rev. 19:12; Heb. 4:12)

—Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*



"...**voice** of many waters" (1:15b)

1. Christ gathers together all the "streams of revelation" and is the **Father's "last Word"** to man (Heb. 1:1–3)
2. He speaks with **power and authority** and must be heard" (Wiersbe).

A religious painting of a bearded man, likely Jesus, wearing a white robe. He holds a sword upright in his right hand and a chalice in his left. A brilliant, multi-colored halo radiates from his head. The background is dark with some foliage visible at the top.

**"...sword
from his
mouth"
(1:16)**

**"...the living
Word of God
(Heb 4:12; Eph
6:17). He fights
His enemies by
using His Word
(Rev 2:16;
19:19–21)"
(Wiersbe).**

"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, 'Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave'"
(Rev 1:17-18 NLT)



Follow Revelation's inspired outline

Revelation 1:19 "Therefore write the things which you **have seen**, and the things which **are**, and the things which **will take place** after these things" (NAU).

have seen



are



will take place

Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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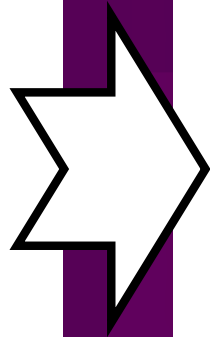
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CHURCHES
(2–3)

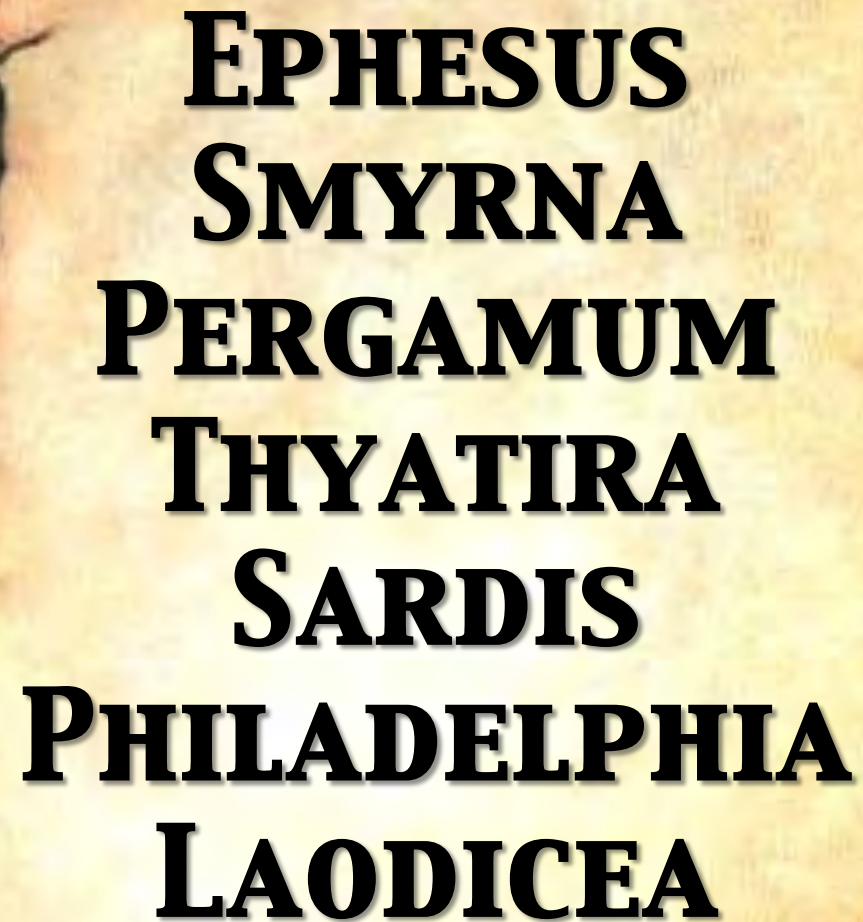
Outline of Revelation

Revelation 2

**Christ has
authority
over all
churches**



So Jesus
wrote 7
churches
(Rev 2–3)

A scroll with a light brown, textured surface, showing signs of age and wear. It is partially unrolled, with the top and bottom edges curled. The scroll is set against a dark blue background.

**EPHESUS
SMYRNA
PERGAMUM
THYATIRA
SARDIS
PHILADELPHIA
LAODICEA**

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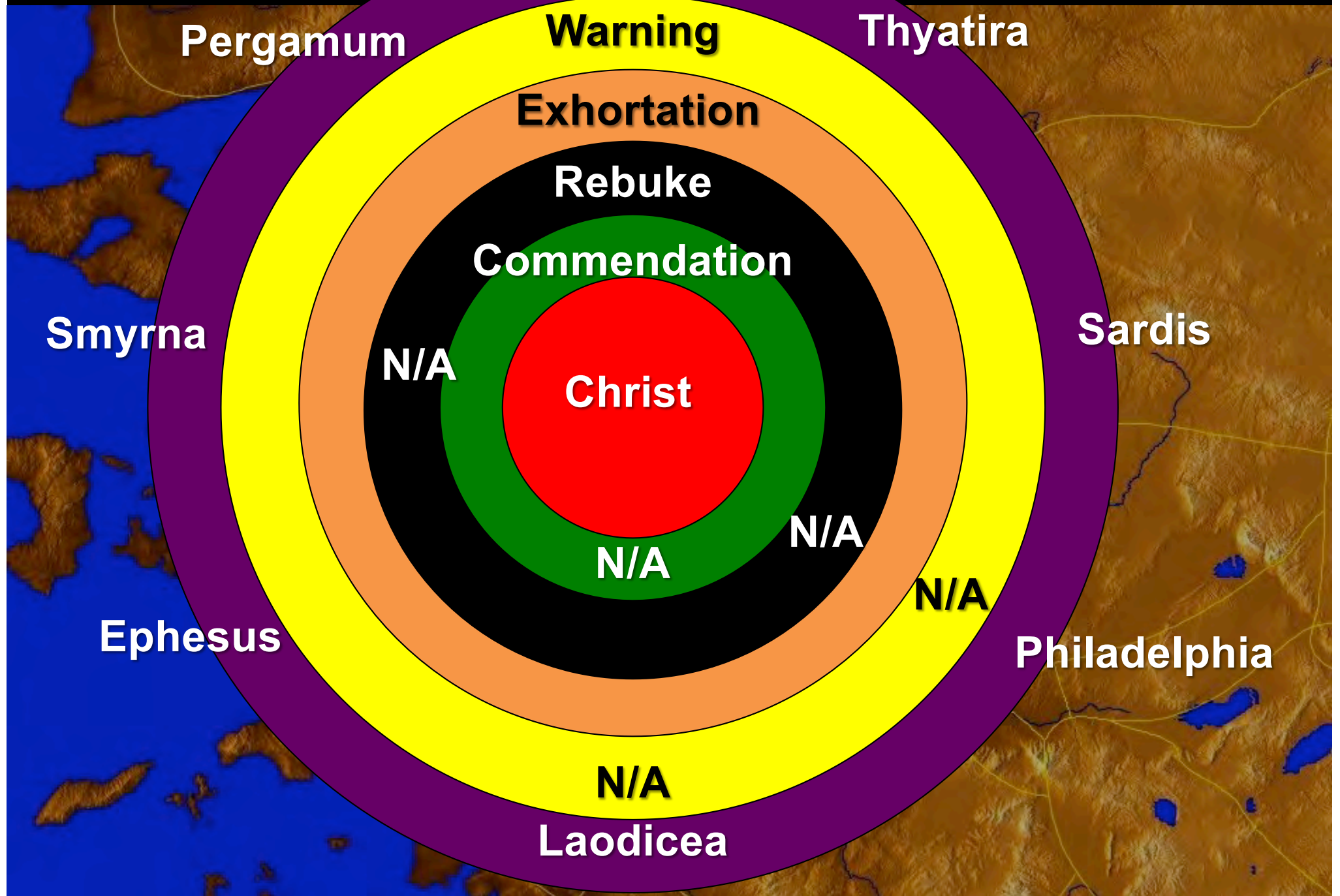
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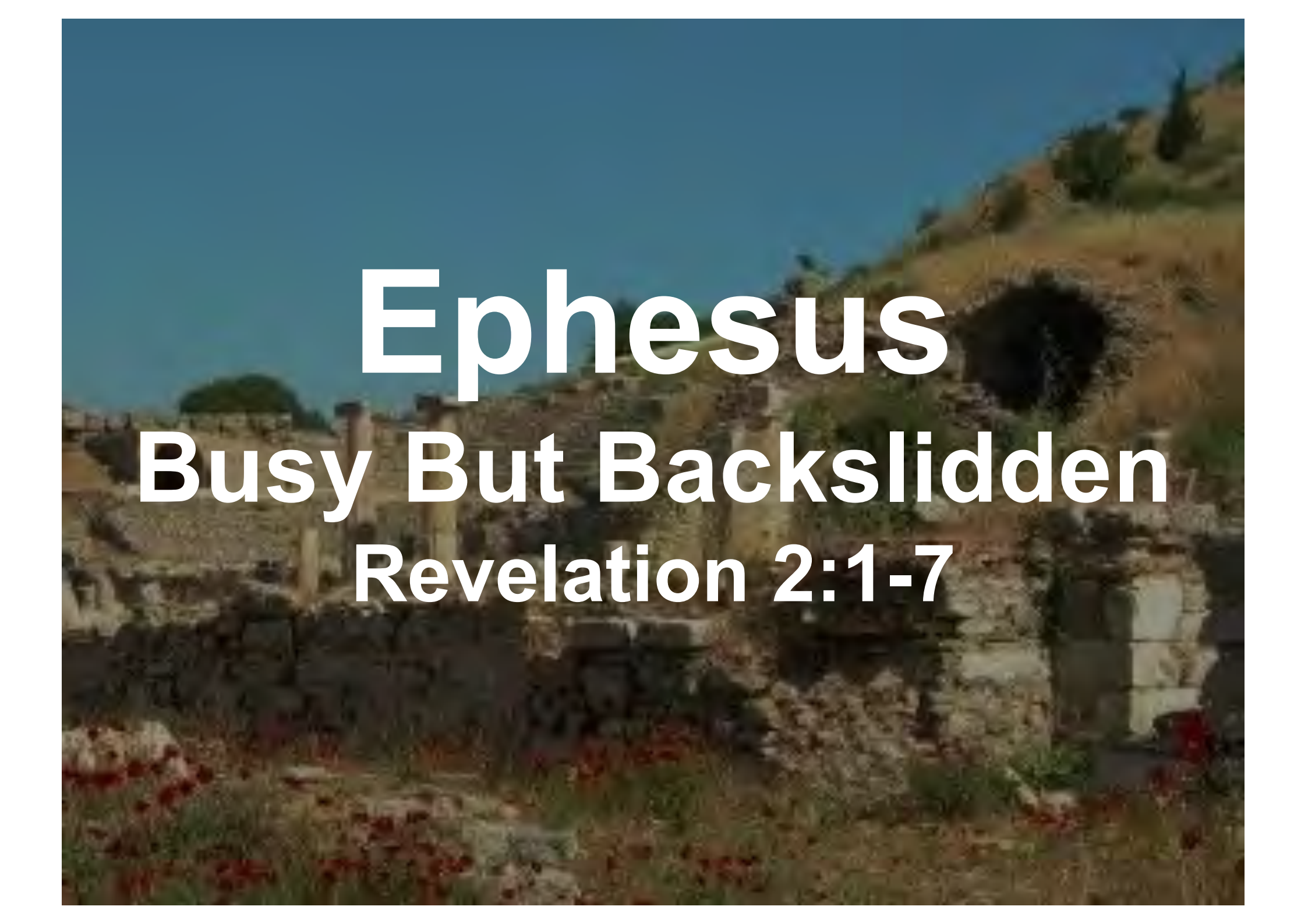
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The background image shows the ruins of the Temple of Apollo in Ephesus, Turkey. It features a large, partially collapsed stone structure with several standing columns. The foreground is filled with low-lying vegetation and red flowers. The sky is clear and blue.

Ephesus

Busy But Backslidden

Revelation 2:1-7

Remember when you loved at first?



Ephesus: Busy Yet Backslidden

*Yet I hold this against you:
You have forsaken
your first love.*



Revelation 2:4 (NIV)



The Church of Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11)

Suffering Yet Steadfast

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"Be faithful until death" (2:10c)



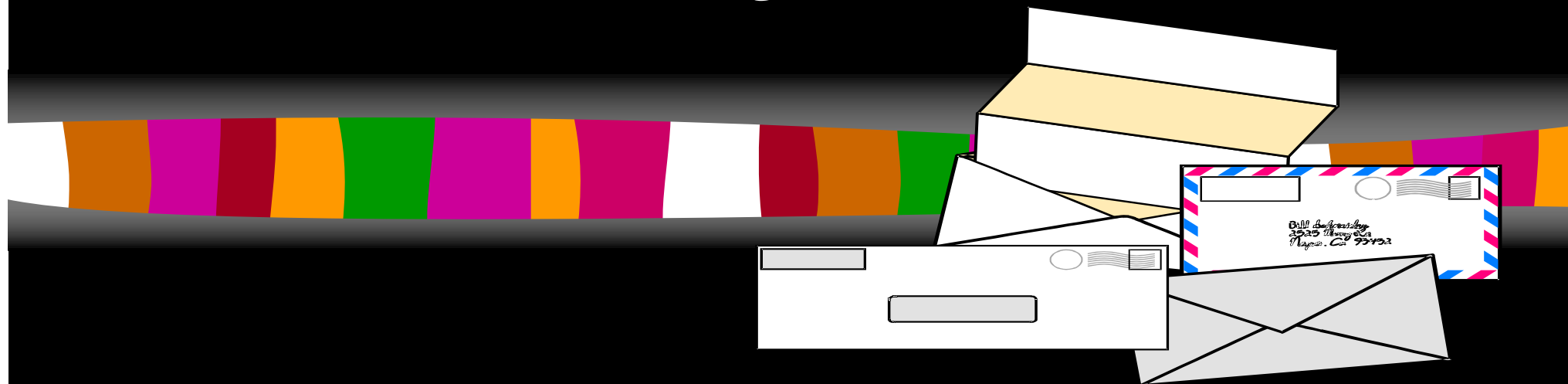


If one part suffers...

Our Response



Dear Pergamum,



Compromising Yet Continuing

Revelation 2:12-17

Altar of Zeus

**"I know where you live—where
Satan has his throne" (2:13)**



***Thyatira:
Involved Yet Immoral***
Revelation 2:18-29

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How does Jesus respond to **immorality** among believers?





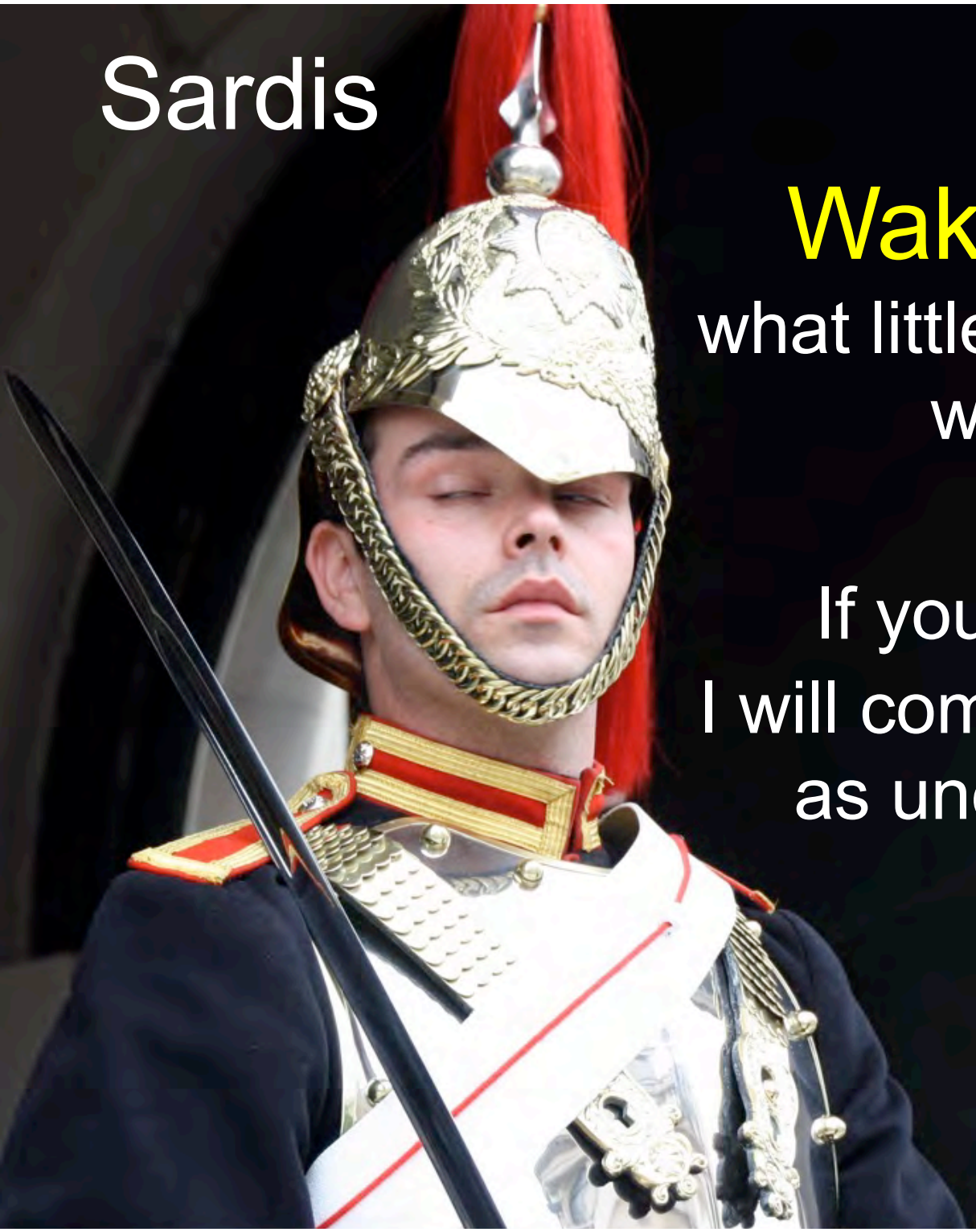
Main Idea for Thyatira:

**Service is no
substitute for
spotlessness**

The Church of Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6)



Distinguished Yet Dead




Wake up! Strengthen
what little remains, for even
what is left is almost
dead...

If you don't **wake up**,
I will come to you suddenly,
as unexpected as a thief
(3:2-3 NLT).

Will you wake up?

How can you be more
spiritually awake in this
coming year?

The background of the slide is a dramatic landscape. A bright sunburst or light rays emanate from the horizon, creating a strong vertical beam of light that reaches the top of the frame. The sky is a deep blue, and the water in the foreground is a lighter blue, reflecting the light from the sun. The overall effect is one of divine light and hope.

The Church of Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13)

Mistreated Yet Missions-Focused

**What does Jesus want for us?
Doesn't he want us to reach out?**



***How* does Jesus encourage us
to **reach out**?**

Jesus gives us both
opportunities and **rewards** for
witness



Main Idea for Philadelphia

"Pre-Trib" Rapture



1. "I will keep you from (ek) the hour of testing that will come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth"

(Rev. 3:10)

it



The Church of Laodicea

(Rev. 3:14-22)

Luxurious Yet Lukewarm

**"I wish that you were cold or hot"
(3:15b). Really? Why?**



**On fire for
Christ!**



Pretender



**Reject
Christ**



How can you cure
spiritual **apathy**?

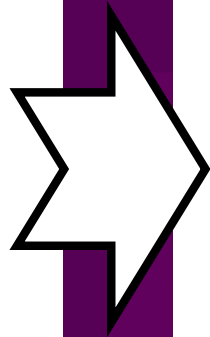
Main Idea for Laodicea



Replace **self**-reliance with
Christ-reliance

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**DEATH
(1)**



**CHURCHES
(2–3)**



**OUR
FUTURE
(4–22)**

Outline of Revelation

Revelation 4

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."



Revelation 5

The Scroll Sealed with Seven Seals...



is firmly in the right hand of the Father (5:1)!

Who is worthy to break the seal (5:1-4)?



LION

OF JUDAH



REVELATION 5:5



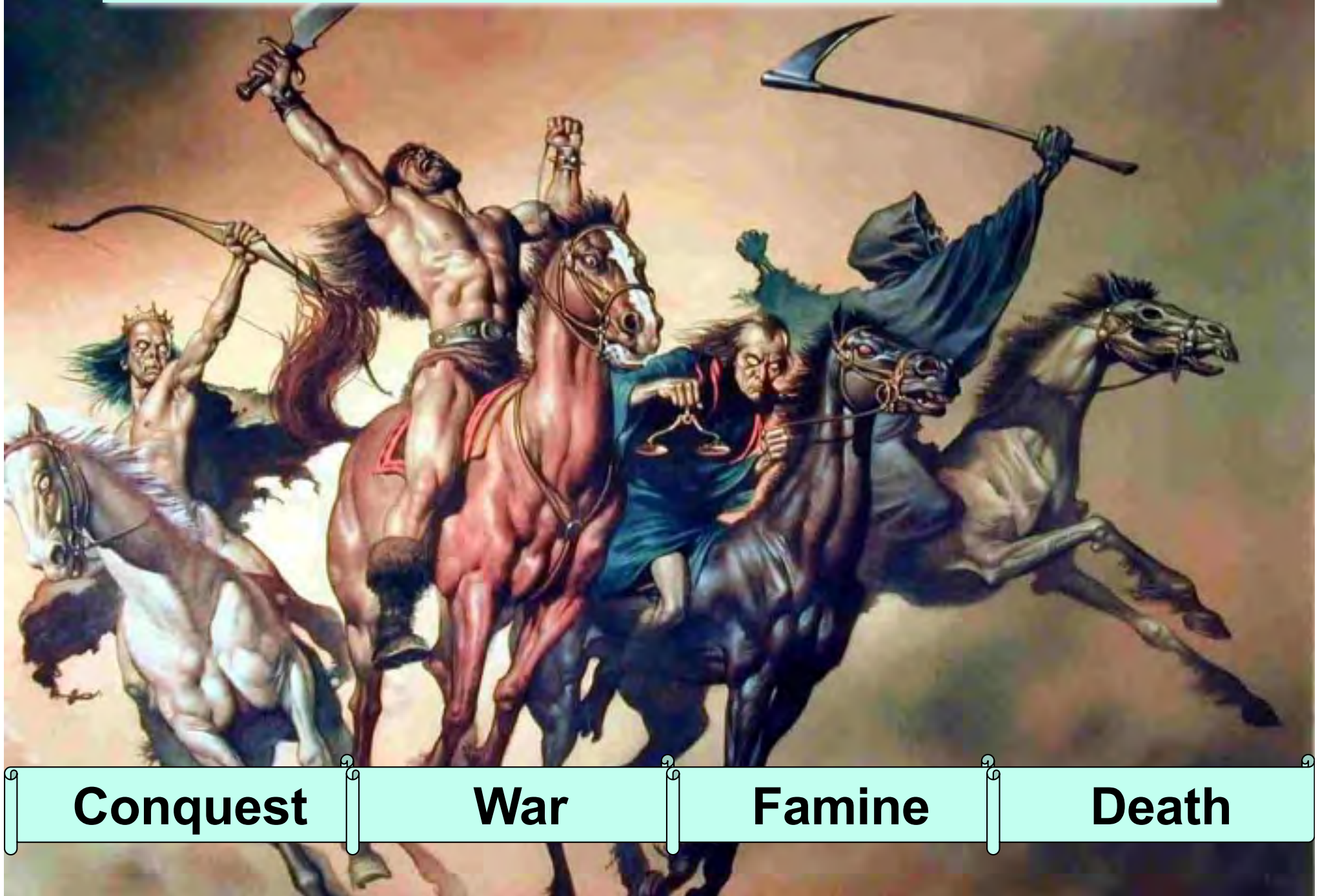
Main Idea of Revelation 5

Jesus is worthy to reveal the future and be worshiped because He is the Divine Messiah and redeemed us from the penalty of sin, making us a kingdom of priests.

Revelation 6

Tragedies of the Four Horses (6:1-8)

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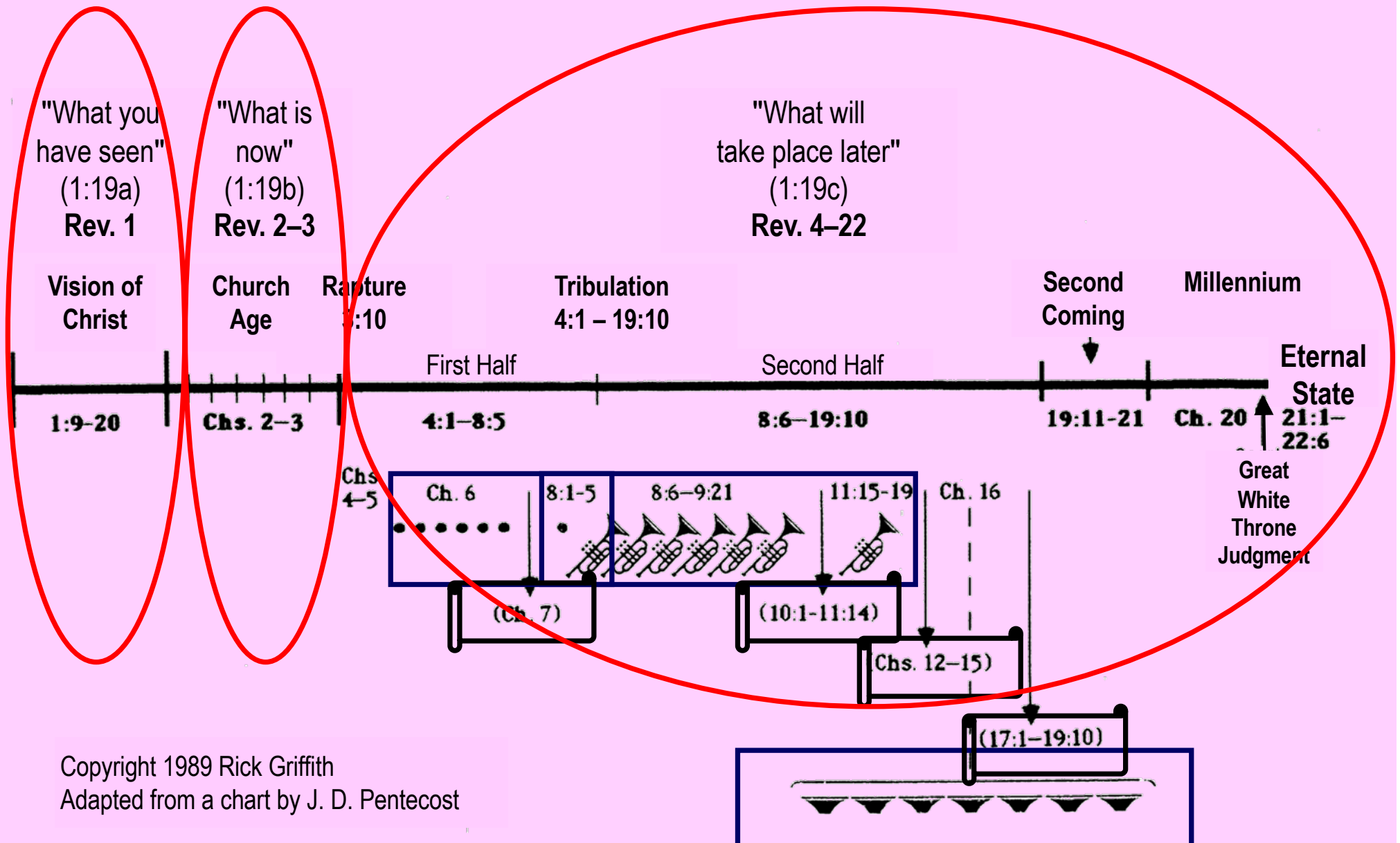
Conquest

War

Famine

Death

Chronology of Revelation



Revelation 7

**And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God—
144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel:**

⁵from Judah 12,000

from Reuben 12,000

from Gad 12,000

⁶from Asher 12,000

from Naphtali 12,000

from Manasseh 12,000

⁷from Simeon 12,000

from Levi 12,000

from Issachar 12,000

⁸from Zebulun 12,000

from Joseph 12,000

from Benjamin 12,000

**144,000 sealed
(7:1-8)**

The Multi-Racial People

**"From every tribe, nation, language
and people" (7:9)**

Revelation 8

**“When the Lamb
broke the seventh
seal on the scroll,
there was silence
throughout heaven
for about half an
hour. ²I saw the
seven angels who
stand before God,
and they were
given seven
trumpets”
(Rev. 8:1-2 NLT).**

Seven Trumpet Judgments (8:6–11:19)



Revelation 9

**200 million
soldiers!**



"The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' ¹⁵And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶**The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.**"

Revelation 10

The Angel with the Little Scroll (10:1)



Revelation 11

The Temple (11:1-2)

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"Then I was given a measuring stick, and I was told, 'Go and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshipers.

²But do not measure the outer courtyard, for it has been turned over to the nations. They will trample the holy city for 42 months.'"

A Rebuilt Temple

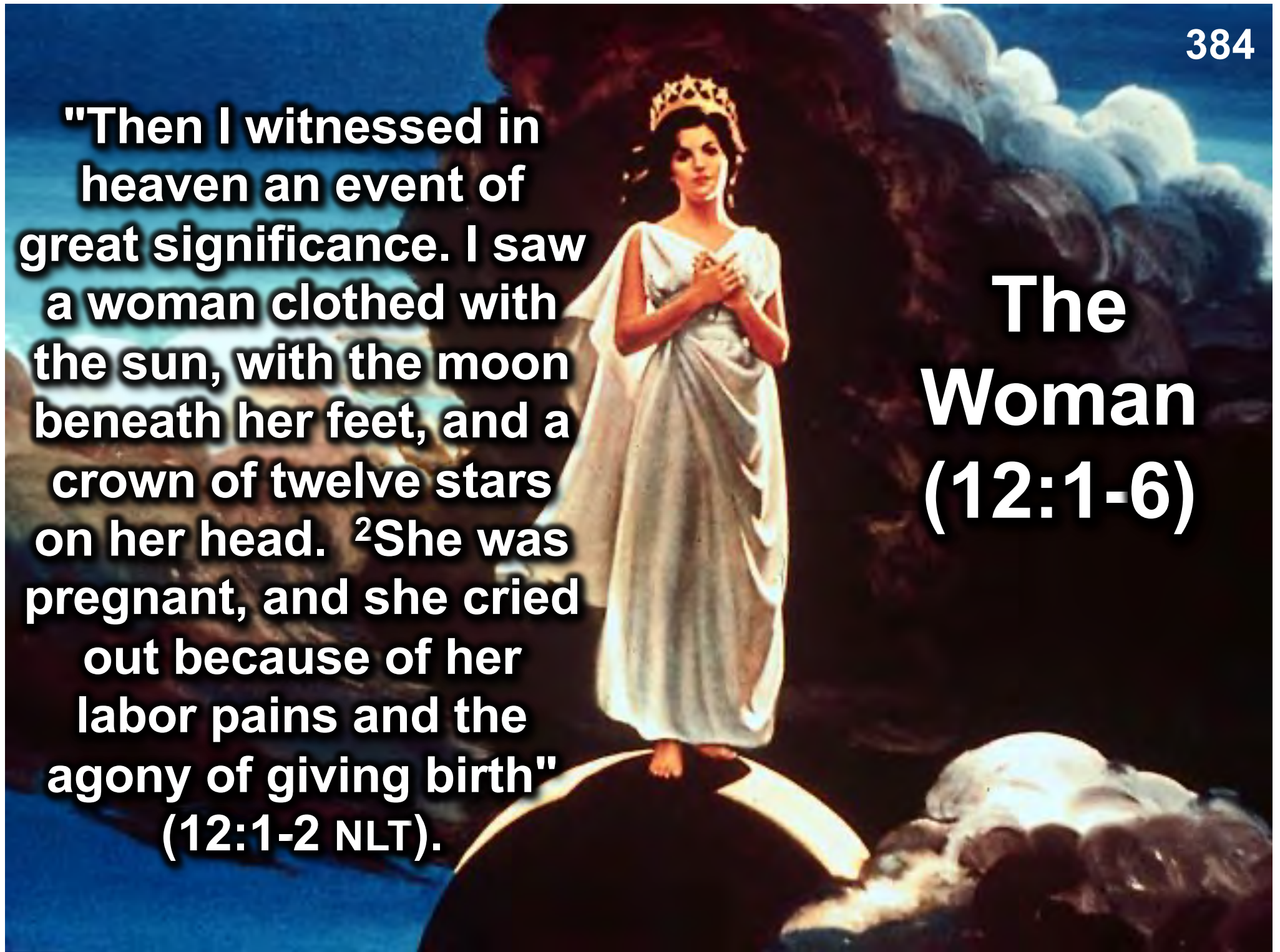
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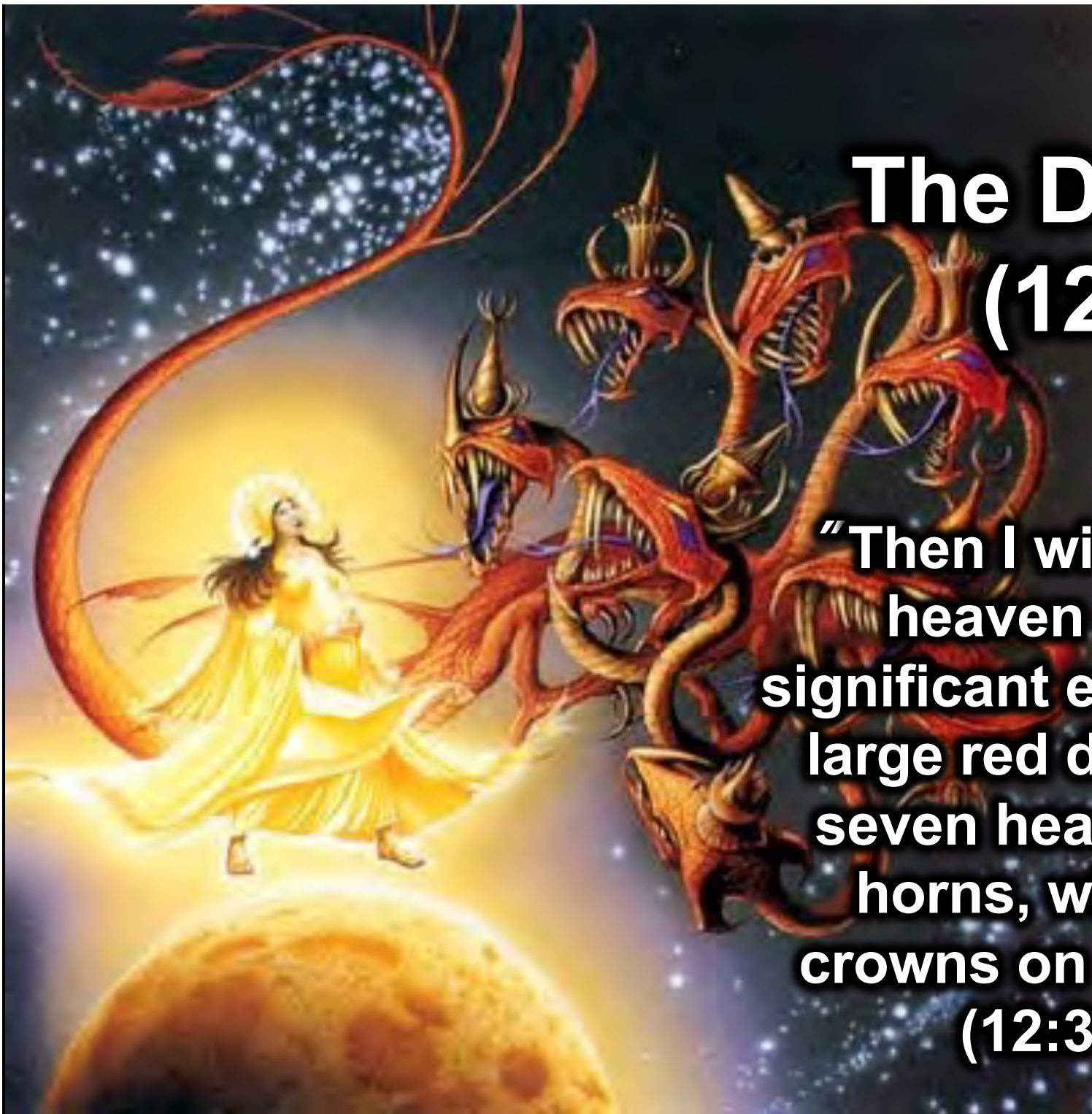
"Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ²She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth" (12:1-2 NLT).

The Woman (12:1-6)



The Dragon (12:3)

**"Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads"
(12:3 NLT).**

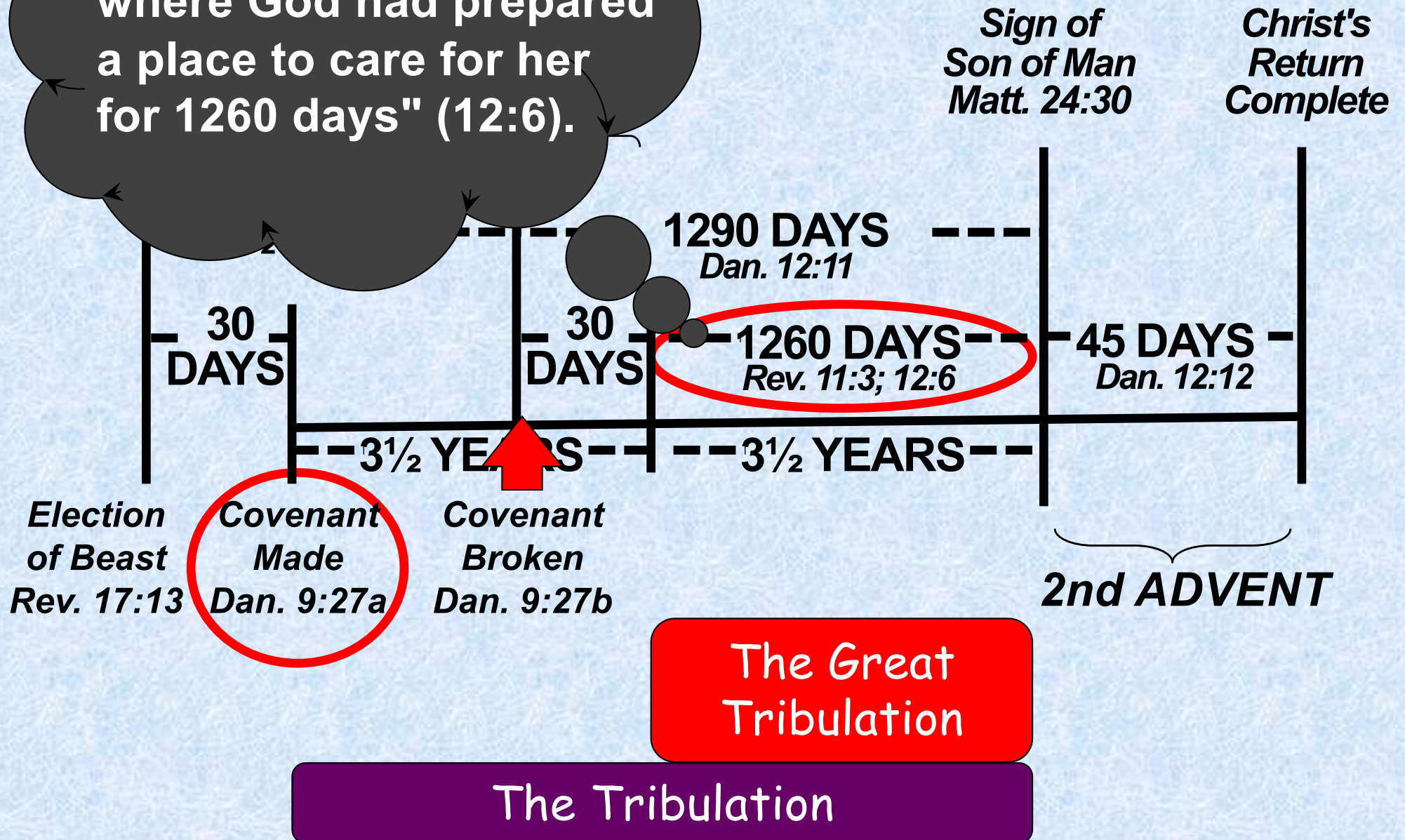


Cl of the 70th "Week"

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"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1260 days" (12:6).

Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



Revelation 13

Beasts of Rev. 13



**Dragon =
Satan**

**Sea Beast =
Antichrist**

**Land Beast =
False Prophet**

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The world will worship the beast

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Revelation 14



Revelation 15

Content of the Judgments

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	SEALS	TRUMPETS	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Hail & fire: 1/3 vegetation	Sores
2	Red: war	Fire: 1/3 sea creatures	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Star: 1/3 fresh water	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Dark: 1/3 sun, moon, stars	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Woe #1: locusts	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, signs	Woe #2: Euphrates prep	Euphrates dries up
	(144,000 sealed)	(Trump #7 = mystery)	
7	1/2 hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail


Revelation 16

Bowl Judgments (Rev. 16)

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The Campaign of Armageddon (16:16 NLT)

Har (hill)
Megiddo

"And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon (*Har-magedon* NAU)"

Revelation 17

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a red dress, sits atop a large, multi-headed dragon. The dragon has seven heads, each with sharp teeth and horns. The scene is set against a fiery, orange-red background with a large, dark, winged figure in the background. The ground is a mix of green and yellow, suggesting a desolate, hellish landscape.

"So the angel took
me in the Spirit into
the wilderness.

There I saw a
woman sitting on a
scarlet beast that
had seven heads
and ten horns, and
blasphemies
against God were
written all over it"

(17:3 NLT)

The Prostitute & Beast

Revelation 18

But Babylon Will Be Ruined in One Hour by Fire

So how can people part of
the world system stand off
and mourn the demise of the
world system?

"In a single
moment
all the
wealth of the
city is gone!"
(18:17a NLT)

Revelation 19

The Marriage & Wedding Supper of the Lamb

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"... a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True" (19:11)

Revelation 20

Binding of Satan ⁴²¹ (20:2-3a NLT)

"He seized the dragon... and bound him for 1000 years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the 1000 years were ended..."



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Revelation 20:1-6 Chronology

- Satan bound 1000 years (1-3)
- Saints come to life
= first resurrection (4b, 5b)
- Saints reign 1000 years (4c, 6b)
- Second resurrection (5, 13)

ROMANS 15

The extension of Paul's journey

all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again, Esai'as saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he shall be to reign over the Gentiles.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded, that ye shall abide able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written unto you, as touching the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to mine honour, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jeru-

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21 But as it is written, whom he was not spoken of, shall see: and they that have heard shall understand.

22 Now shall I be able to come unto you, by the will of God, and I shall be able to come unto you all.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whosoever I take my journey, I will come, and will be with you, and will tarry with you, that I may see your company.

25 For I have pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily, and their debtors they are, if I may be sent unto them in carnal things.

28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

29 And I will come by you, that I may see your company, and that I may go on my way into Spain.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's

and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; That I may come unto you by the will of God, and I shall be able to come unto you all.

CHAPTER 16

COMMEND unto you Phœbe, our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrê: that ye receive her in the house, and that she may minister unto you in whatsoever business she hath need of you: she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself.

Who have for my life sold their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but so all the churches of the Gentiles.

Likewise greet the church which is in Laodicea, and the church which is in Hierapolis, and the church which is in Philadelphia.

Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-labourers, who are of note among the apostles, and who were in Christ before me.

Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, and mine.

14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

17 I beseech you, brethren, which cause divisions, that ye agree with me, and that ye be of the same mind which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speech deceive the hearts of the simple. For their conscience is void of conscience, and they have learned of men, and therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bring down the strong under your feet, and shall make the face of our Lord Jesus Christ to be with you. Amen.

21 Timothy, my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.

Millennial Jerusalem



**"The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem"
—Isaiah 2:3**

**Will everyone
submit to
Christ in the
Millennium?**



Satan is a master deceiver



"When the thousand years come to an end, Satan⁴³⁶ will be let out of his prison. ⁸He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. ⁹And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them.

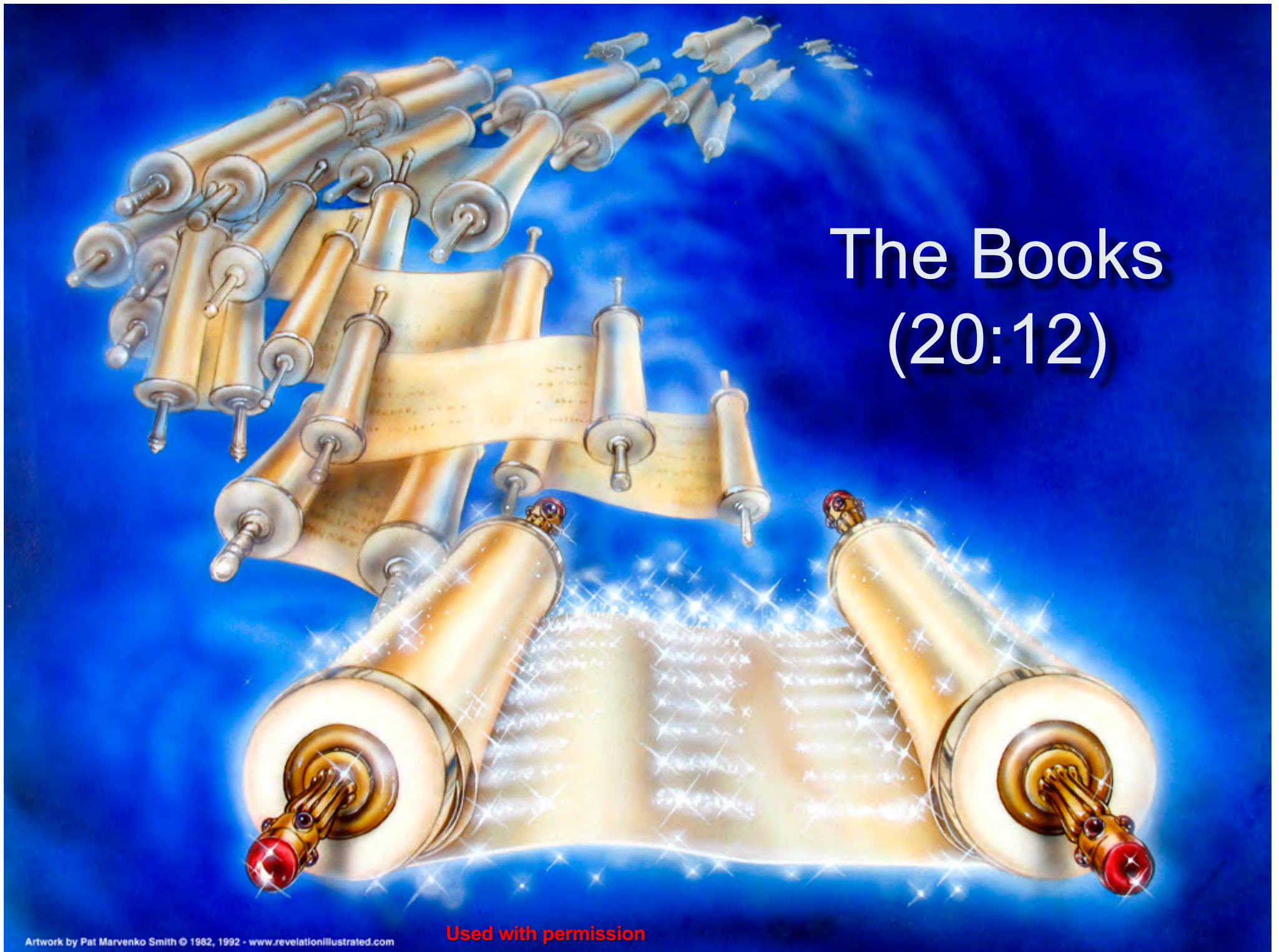
¹⁰Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

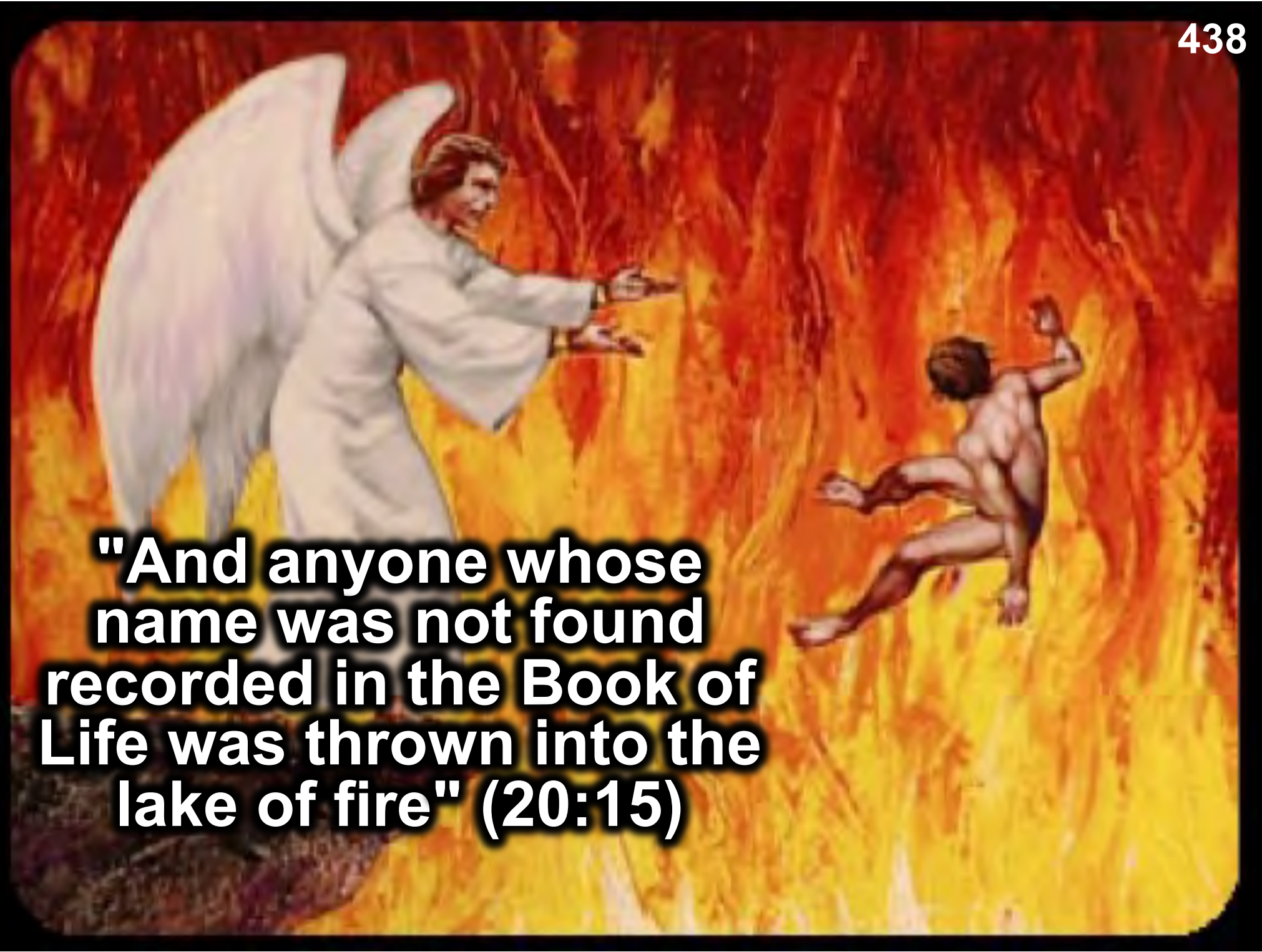
***Satan's Last Stand*
(Rev. 20:7-10 NLT)**



**"Then I saw a
great white
throne..."
(20:11)**

The Books (20:12)





"And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire" (20:15)

Revelation 21

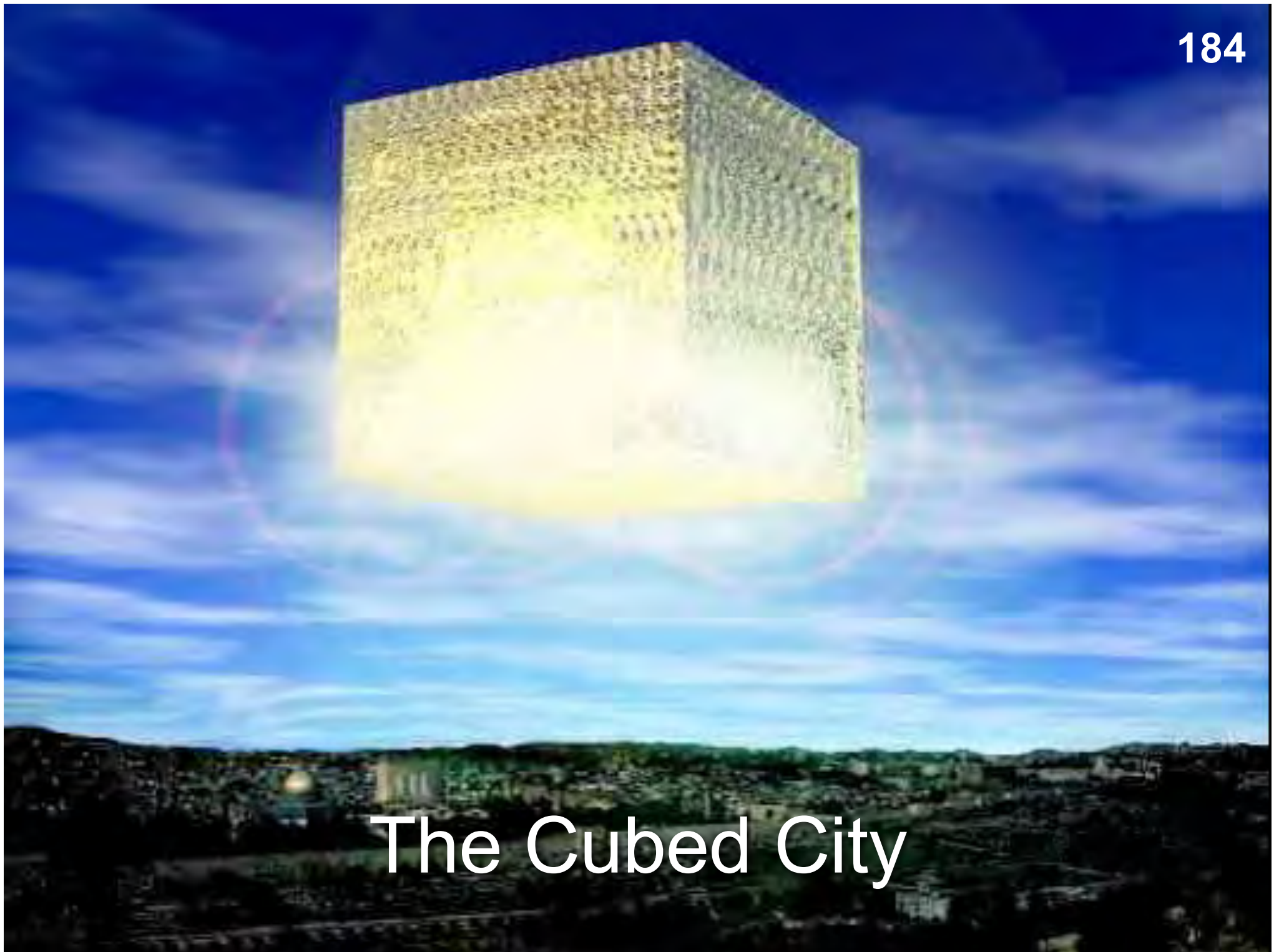
The Consummation of All Things ¹⁷⁵

Genesis 1–3

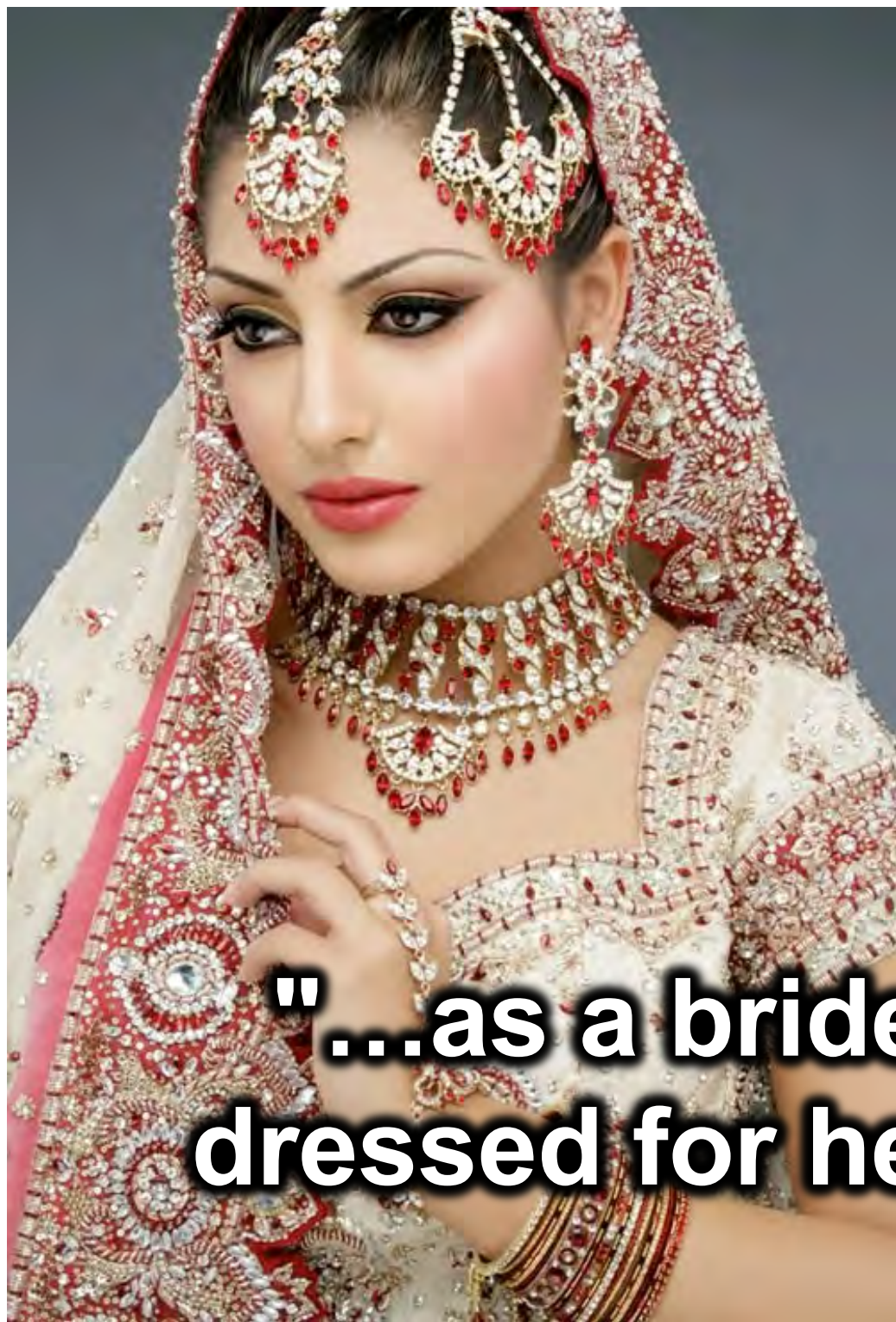
"In the beginning
God created the
**heavens and the
earth**" (1:1)

Revelation 20–22

"Then I saw a **new
heaven and a new
earth**" (21:1)



The Cubed City



**"...as a bride, beautifully
dressed for her husband..."**



The New Jerusalem over present Jerusalem

Revelation 22

**Christ encourages
us to live as if he
can come any
moment (22:7-17).**

Blessing!

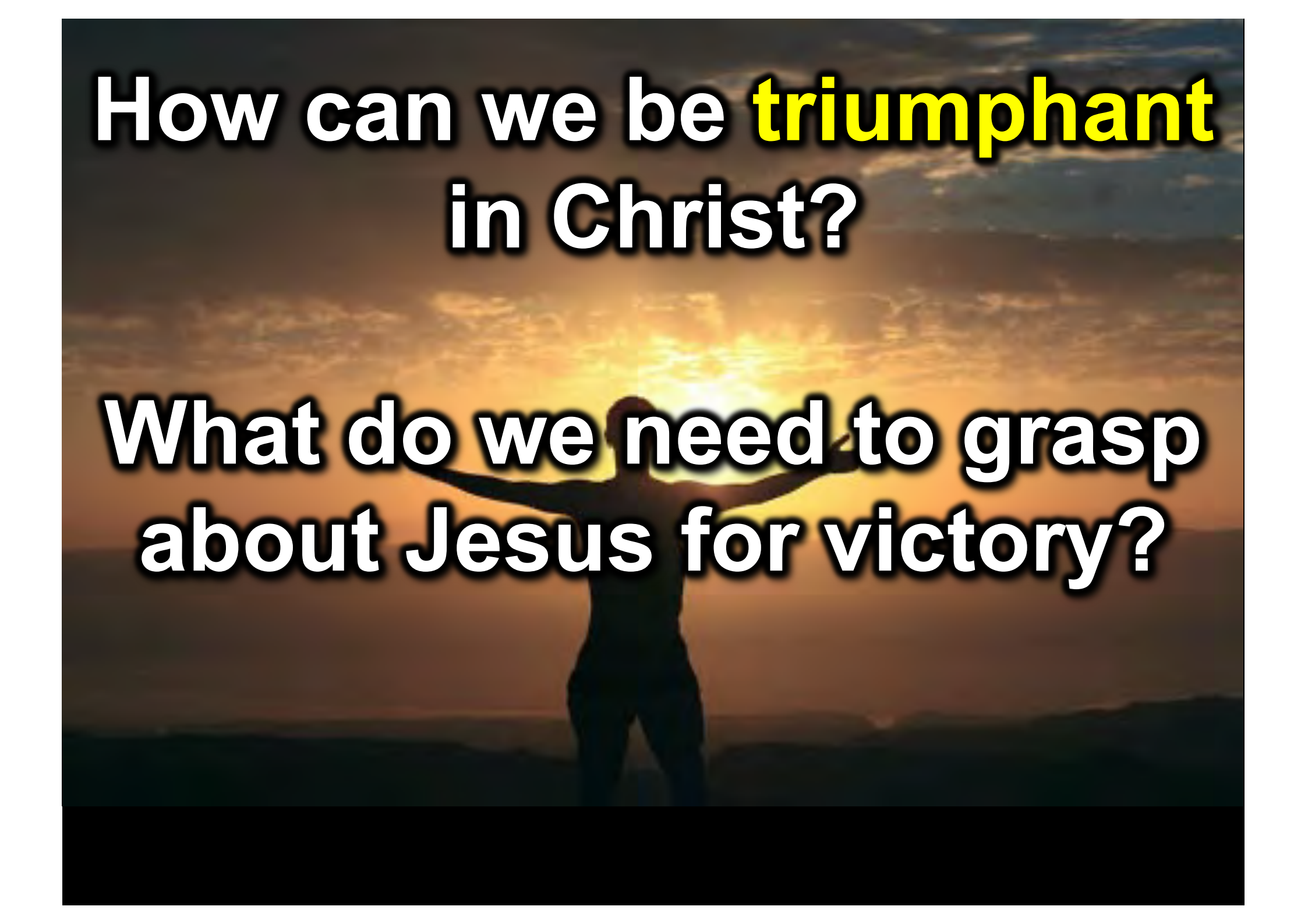
**"Look, I am coming soon!
Blessed are those who obey
the words of prophecy
written in this book" (NLT).**



Main Idea of Revelation 22


Christ living with us
encourages us to live for **Christ**



A person in silhouette stands with arms raised in a gesture of triumph or praise, set against a dramatic sunset sky with a bright sun low on the horizon. The overall mood is one of spiritual victory and hope.

How can we be **triumphant**
in Christ?

What do we need to grasp
about Jesus for victory?

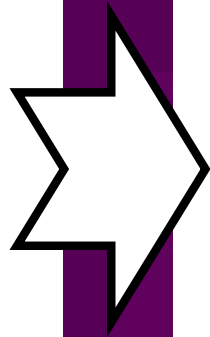
An illustration of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, with his arms raised in a gesture of triumph or blessing. He is holding a large, rolled-up scroll with gold and black stripes. The background is a vibrant, cosmic scene with a bright pink and purple nebula or galaxy, a bright white light source, and a dark blue space filled with stars. The overall tone is dramatic and spiritual.

Jesus **rules** the world!
So he can handle your
puny problem.

Revelation's **Big** Idea

**We have victory when we see that
Jesus rules over...**

**DEATH
(1)**



**CHURCHES
(2–3)**



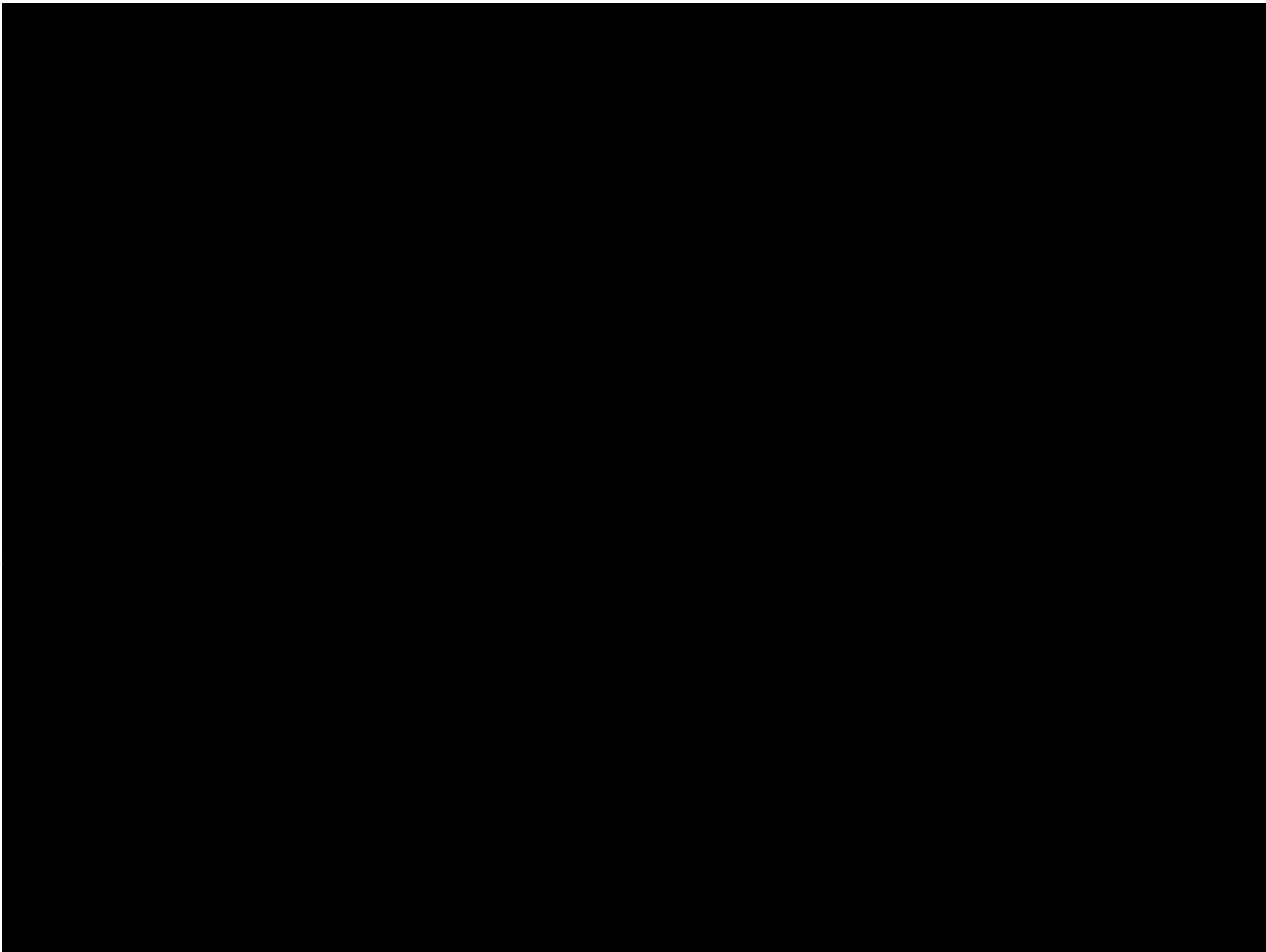
**OUR
FUTURE
(4–22)**

Outline of Revelation



**For Pre-Christians: Have you
submitted to Christ's rule over you?**


**For Christians: What issue do you
need to entrust to Jesus today?**



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