



Revelation 1

*The completed view of
Jesus Christ*

Key Word

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Triumph

Revelation

Theme

Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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Key Verse

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"Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later" (1:19)

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Summary Statement

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The way to triumph over internal compromise and external opposition is to trust the **sovereignty of Jesus Christ** in his ultimate future victory .

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Kingdom Statement

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This book alone reveals the length of Christ's kingdom as 1000 years (20:1-6), as well as the fact that it is future and earthly since the saints "will rule on the earth" (5:10).

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Covenant

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Christ's letters to seven churches shows his authority over them even though they suffer (1:9; 2:9-10; 3:10) and he gives eight promises to reward faithful believers who overcome the world (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7).

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Redemption

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Jesus is deemed the victorious lion once (5:5), but the greater emphasis is Jesus as sacrificial lamb since this appears about 30 times in the NAU (5:6; 7:14, 17, etc.).

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Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

The glorified Jesus Christ is revealed better than anywhere in the Bible to prove Christ's ability to handle the Church's internal and external problems (1:12-16) and assure believers of his return (19:11-16; 22:7, 12, 17, 20).

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Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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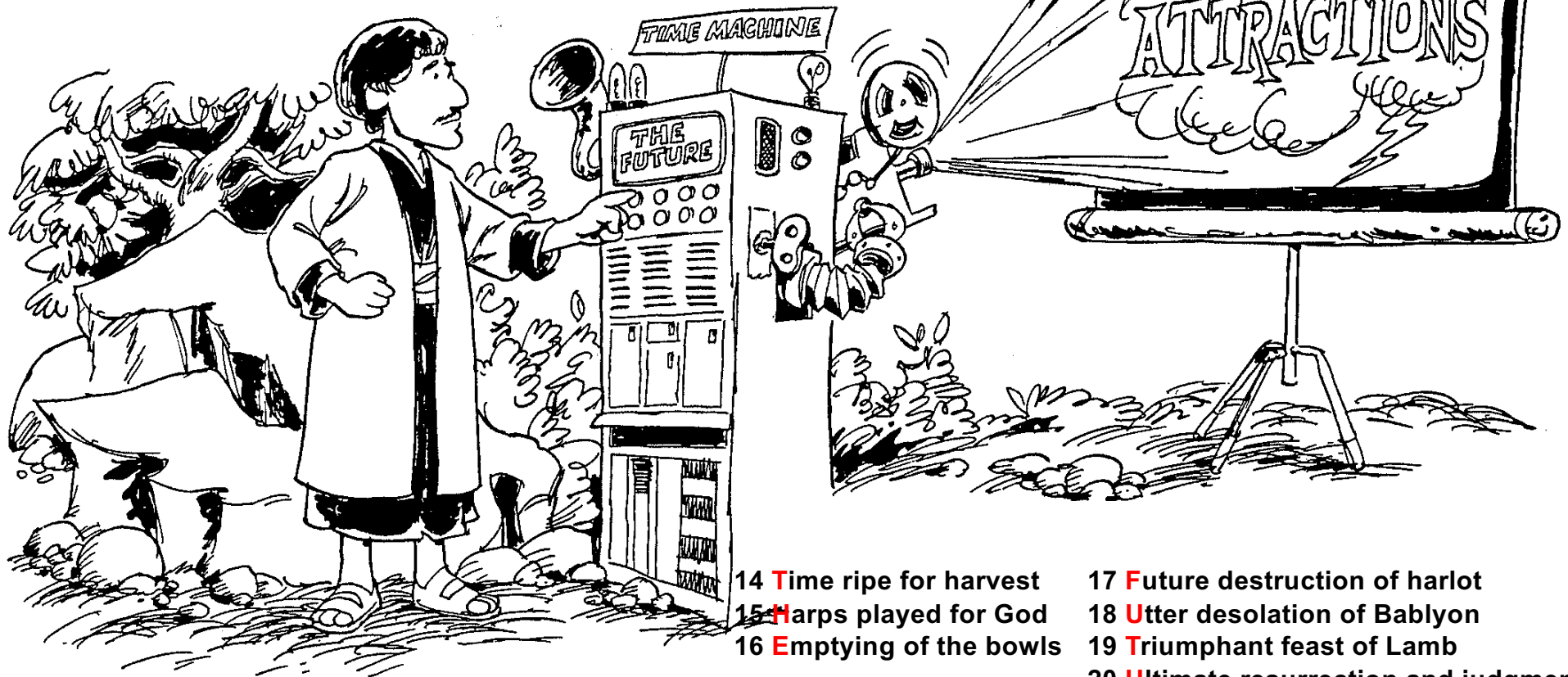
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Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches	Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3	Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)	"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present	Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled	Consummation Unveiled				
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The Judge			The Assignments	The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21

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**emptying 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

Be Triumphant



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What causes you

Revelation

... to look down?

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



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)

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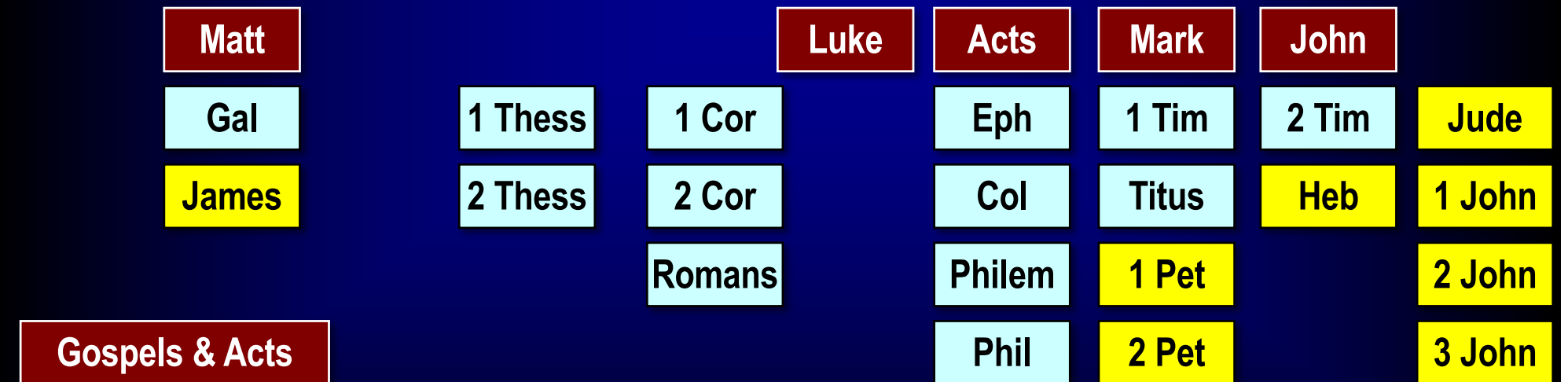
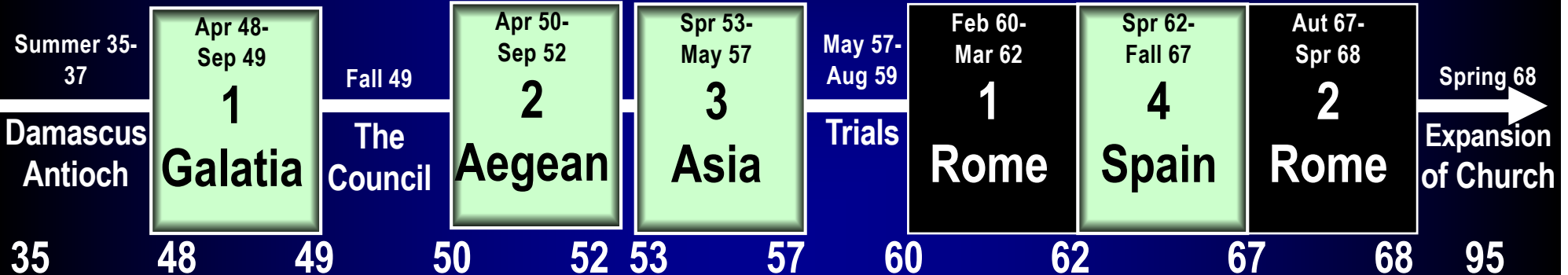
Revealing the sovereignty of Jesus Christ helped convince the seven churches in Asia that Christ could conquer their internal compromise and external opposition

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

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



Gospels & Acts

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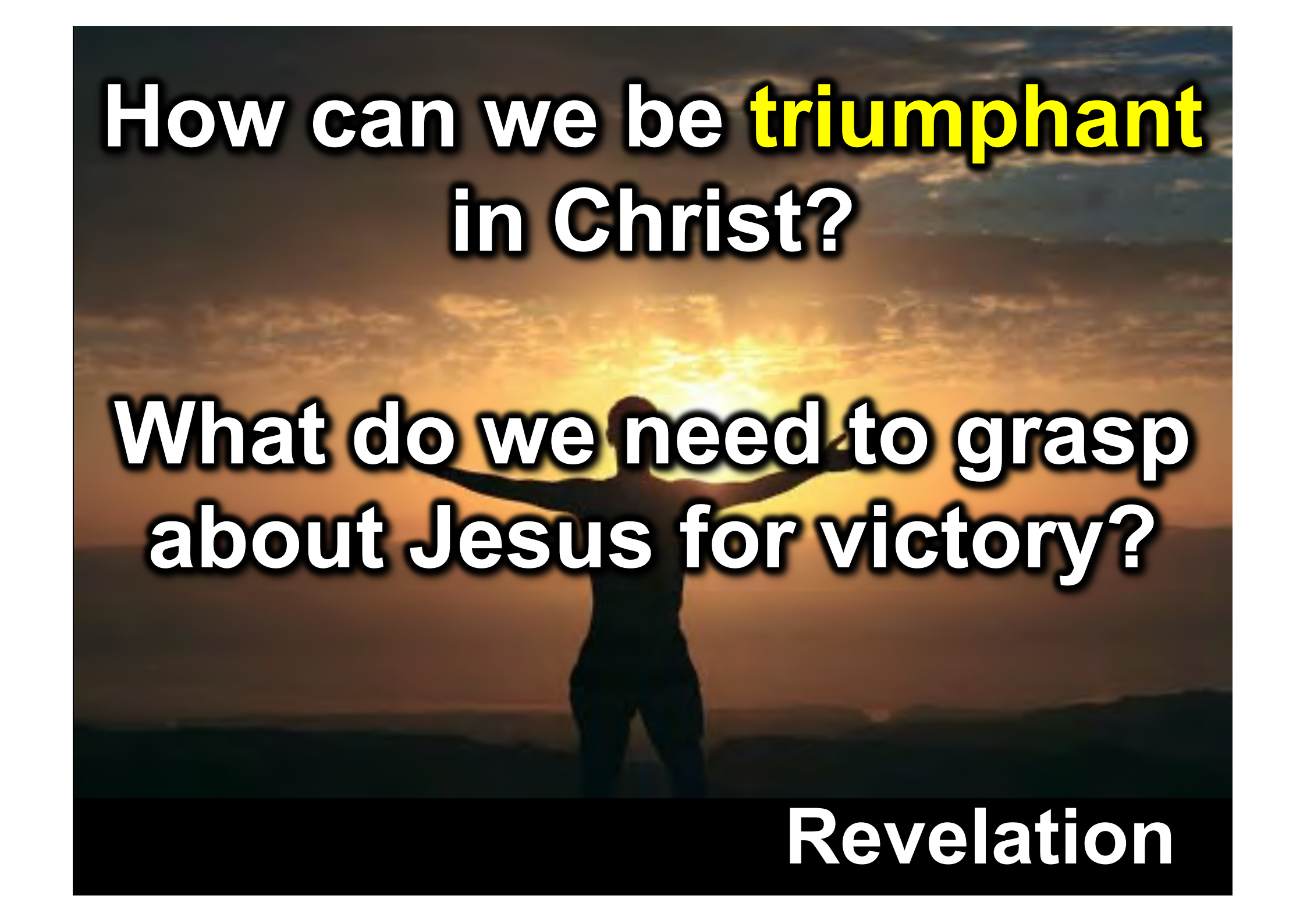
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Journeys

Rome

Imprisonments

Chronological

A silhouette of a person standing with their 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 hope and victory.

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

What do we need to grasp
about Jesus for victory?

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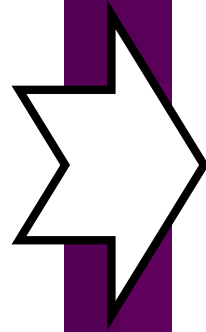


The Sovereignty of Jesus Christ

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

**DEATH
(1)**




**CHURCHES
(2-3)**



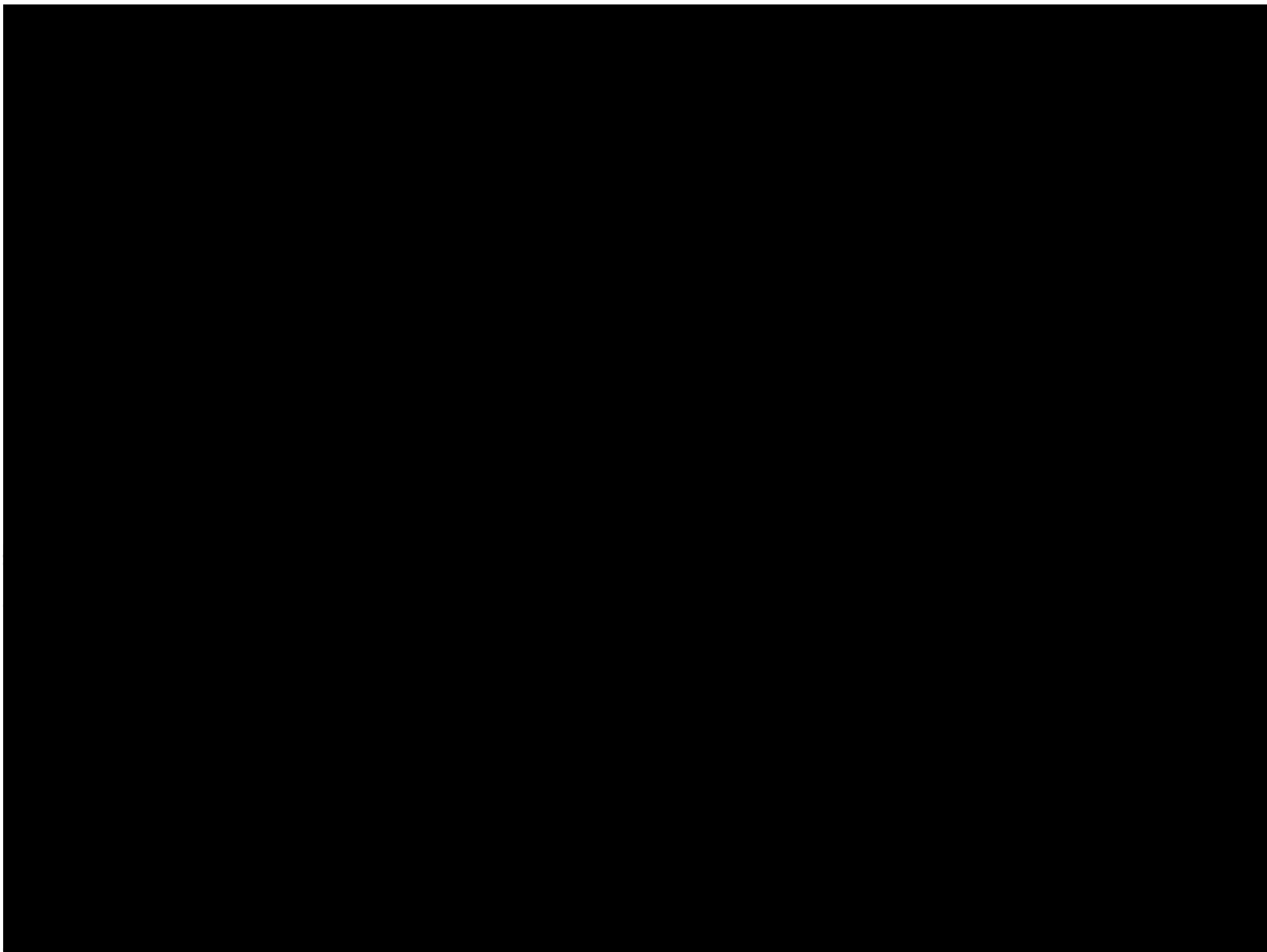
**OUR
FUTURE
(4-22)**

Outline of Revelation

A digital illustration of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. He is holding a large, rolled-up scroll with gold and black stripes. He has his arms raised in a gesture of triumph or blessing. The background is a vibrant, colorful space scene with a bright pink and purple nebula and a starry field. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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

Revelation's **Big** Idea



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Chloe
(27)**

**Stephen,
Katie &
Jesse
(30)**

**Rick &
Susan**

**Kurt &
Cara
(33)**



**Kurt (33) works
in IT and lives in
Seattle**

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting on a light-colored couch. The man, on the left, is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and a watch. The woman, on the right, is wearing a grey sweater and has a baby sitting on her lap. They are both looking at a blue box of a LEGO set, which is held by the man. The box features the text 'Little People' and 'LEGO' and shows an illustration of a construction site. The background consists of white horizontal blinds.

**Stephen & Katie gave us Jesse—
our first grandson in May 2019**



Grandson Jesse



**Stephen (30) is a
United A320
pilot commuting
from Seattle to
fly from SFO**



John (30) is a graphic artist in Pasadena, California, with his wife Chloe



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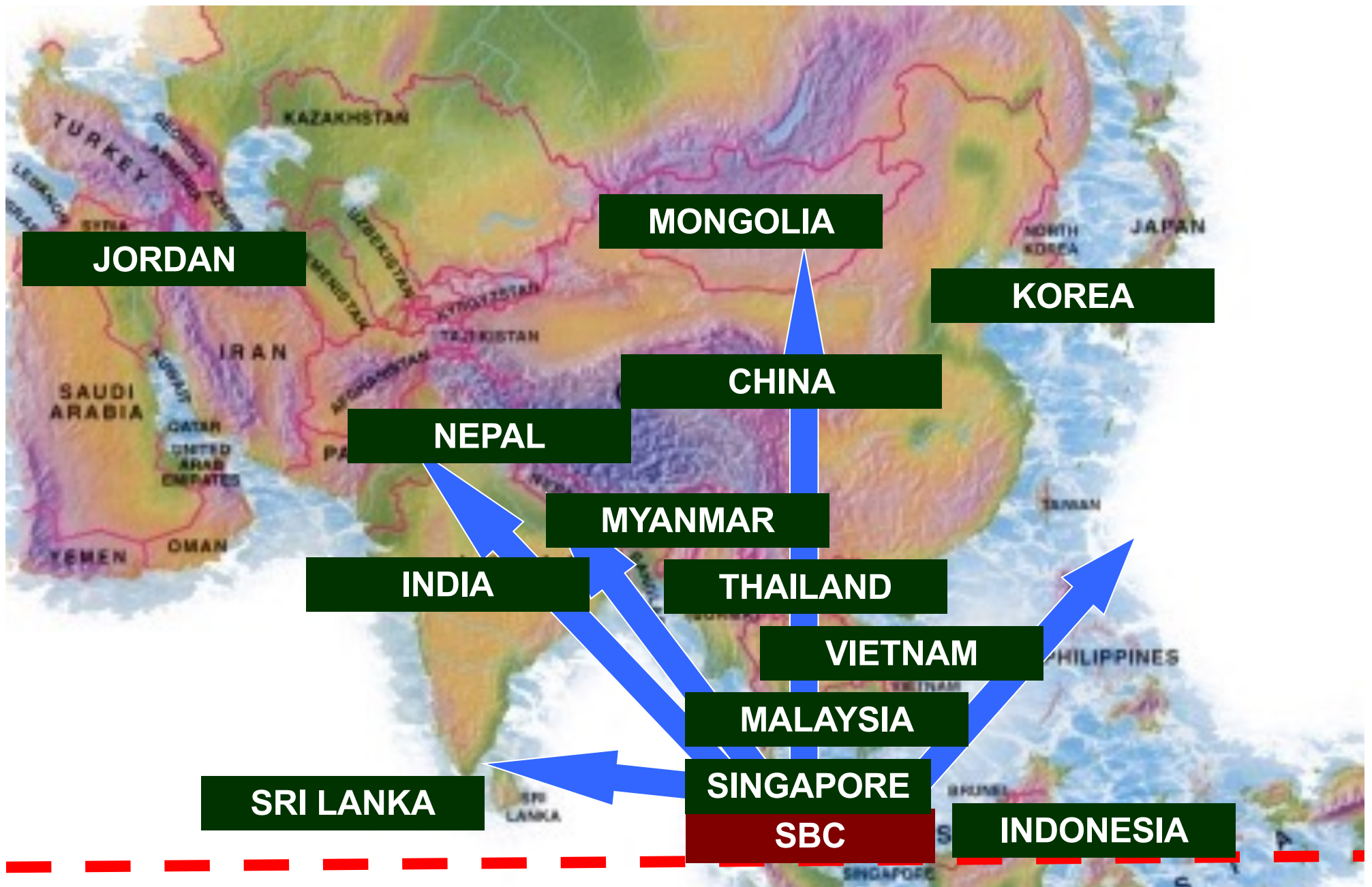
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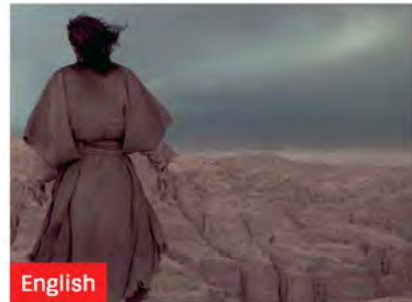
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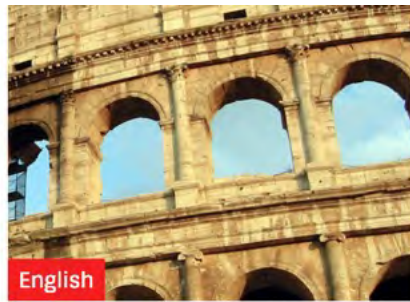
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Tân Ước Lược Khảo (NT Survey In Vietnamese)

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Purpose

1

Few of us read a book through and then neglect to read the last chapter. However, many Christians do that with the Bible. They avoid reading the book of Revelation due to its strange visions and symbols. Ironically, the word "revelation" means "unveiling" and yet this book remains the most veiled of them all.

This course will help you see the chronological arrangement of this prophecy so you can interpret its message correctly.

Purpose

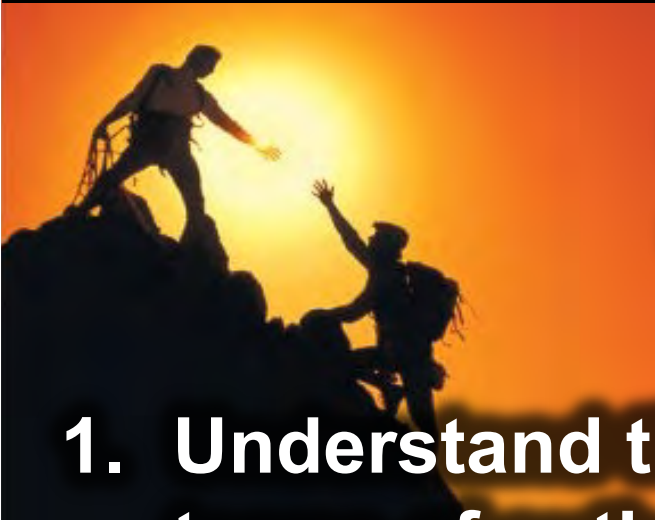
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The focus of the book is the sovereignty and final victory of Jesus Christ, so our study will help develop your relationship with Him in all His glory.

The course is immensely important in your Bible college curriculum as it shows the end to which all of history points.

Course Objectives

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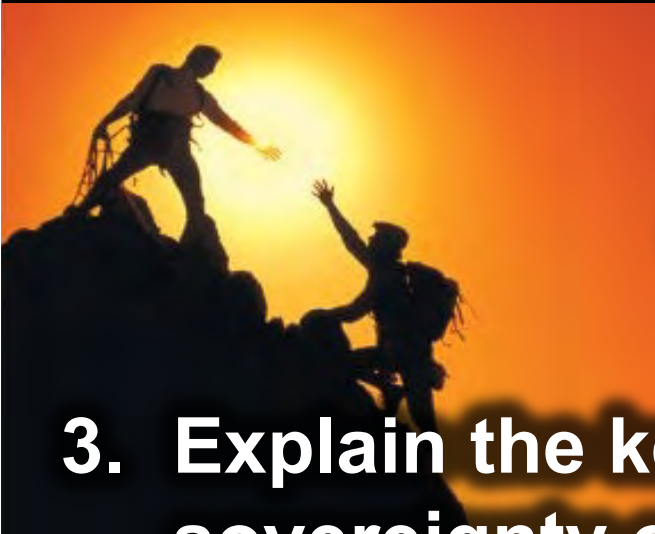


By the end of the course the student should be able to...

1. Understand the **background** to Revelation in terms of authorship, occasion, recipients, date, unique characteristics, etc.
2. Critique the four major **interpretive approaches** to the book of Revelation to properly understand prophetic literature.

Course Objectives

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By the end of the course the student should be able to...

3. Explain the key **themes** of the book: the sovereignty of Christ in future victory, addressing external persecution and internal compromise in the church in light of the glorified Christ, the justice and mercy of God, and worship in view of history's consummation.
4. Trace the basic three-fold **outline** of the book with its climax in the return of Christ (Rev. 19).

Course Objectives

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By the end of the course the student should be able to...

5. Apply the strengths and weaknesses of the seven **churches** of Revelation 2–3.
6. Understand the basic flow of the **judgments** in the Tribulation Period (seals, trumpets, and bowls, with supplementary data).
7. Show how the **Tribulation and Millennium** fit into the plan and purpose of God.

Course Objectives

1



By the end of the course the student should be able to...

8. Defend the **premillennial** perspective of Revelation 20:1-6.
9. Feel **awe** at the glory of heaven and the privilege of heaven as our future home!
10. Make any needed **changes** in his or her life to appear before Him unashamedly

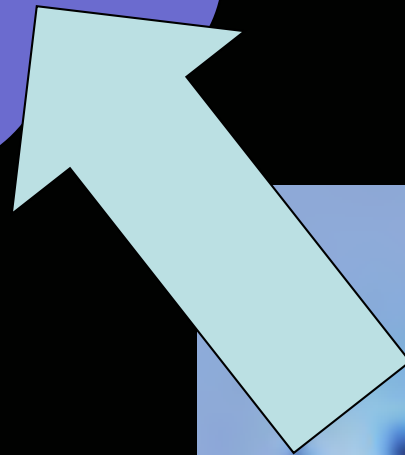
Course Requirements

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200 points

Reading (40)
Wiersbe (20) +
Revelation (20)

Assessments (160)
4 Quizzes (80) +
Final Exam (80)




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Some options

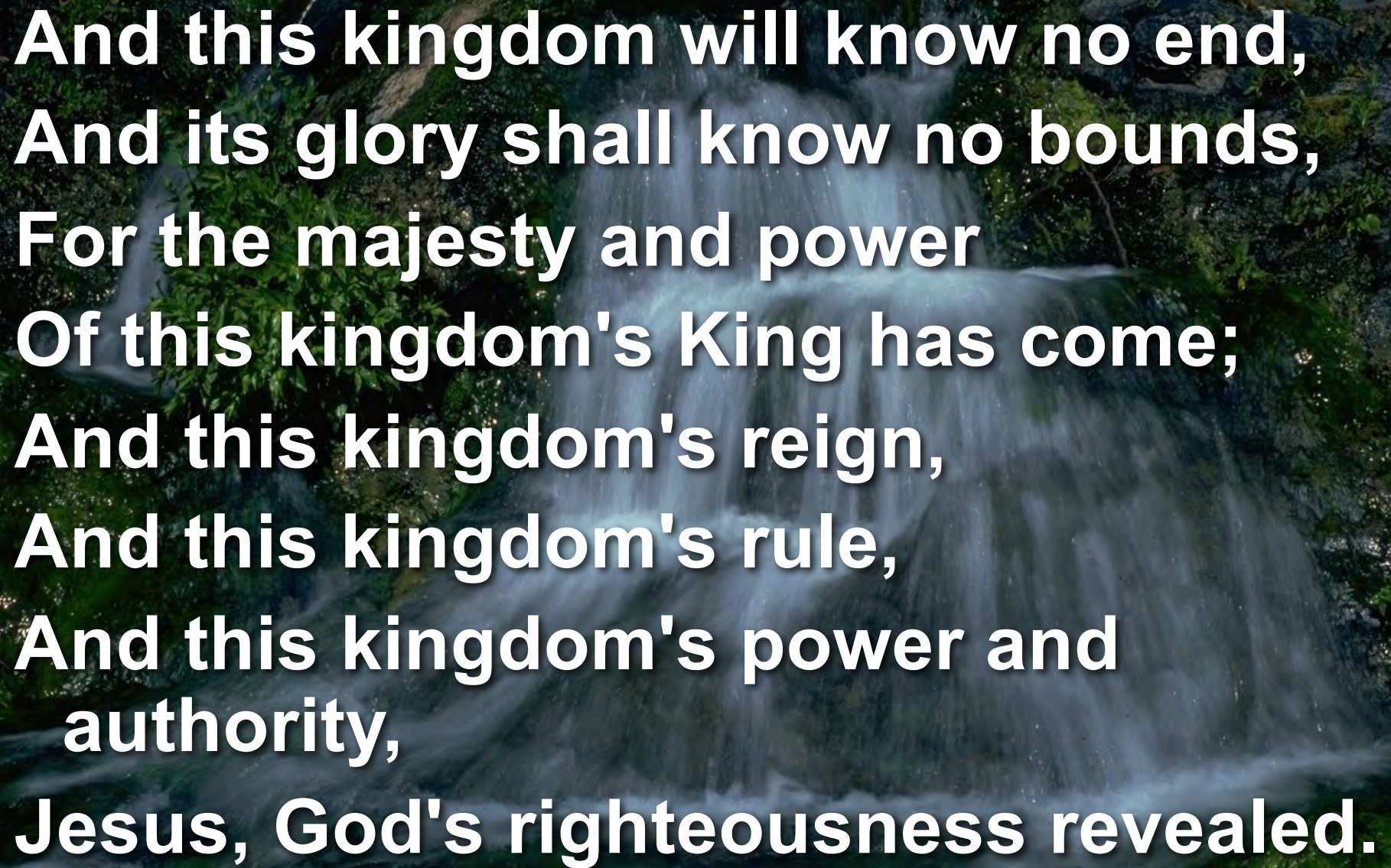
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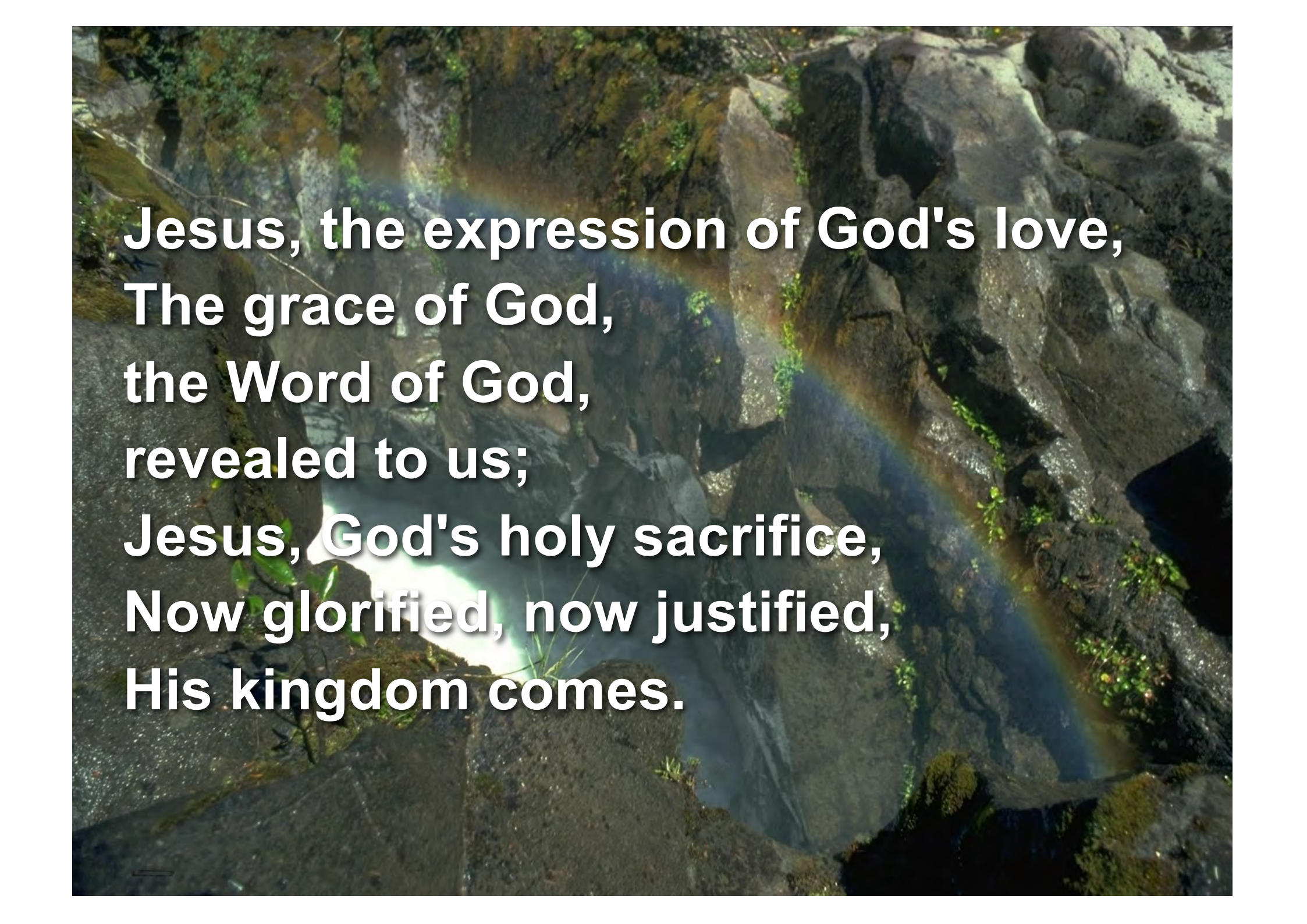
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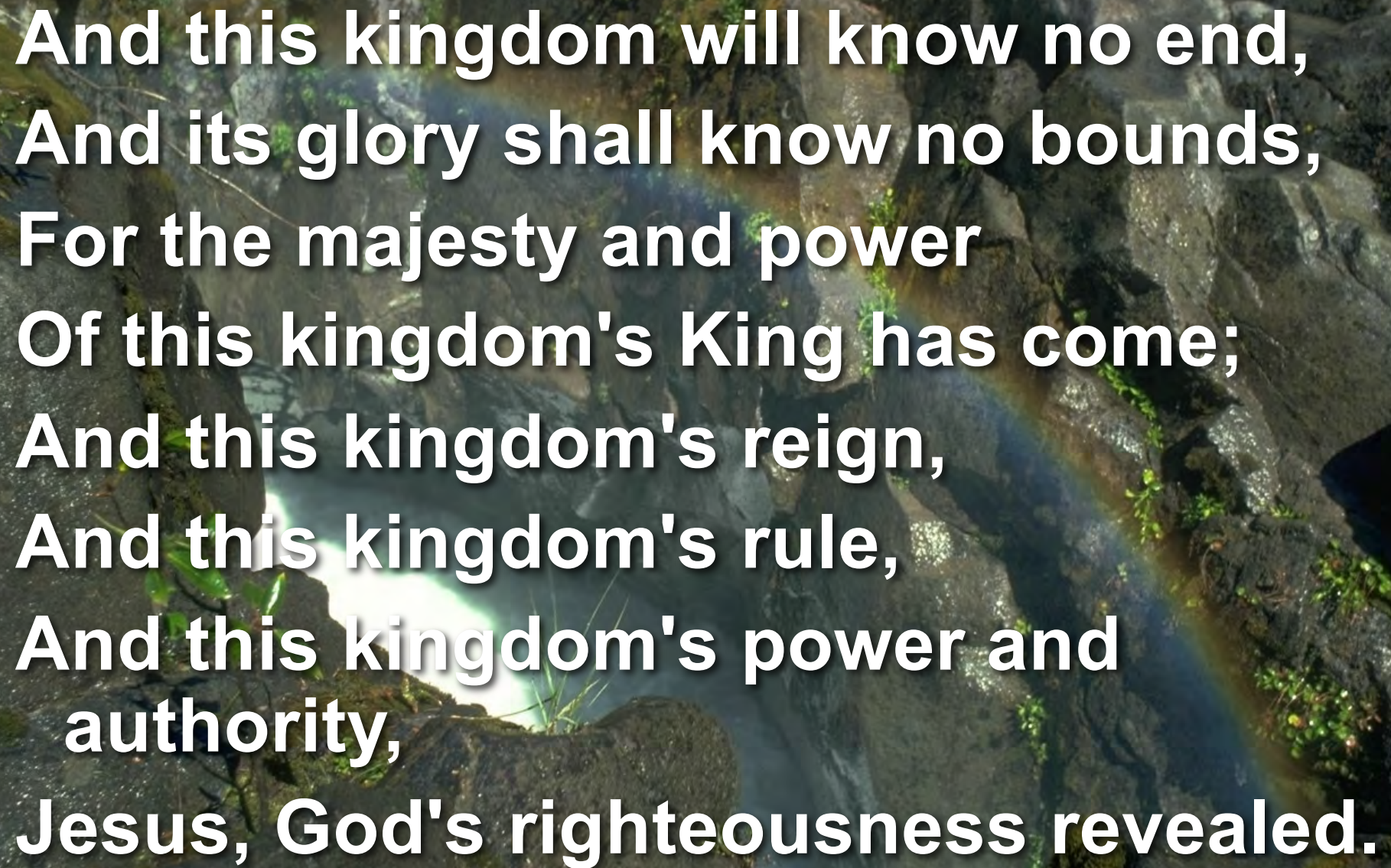
**Jesus, God's righteousness revealed,
The Son of Man, the Son of God,
His kingdom comes;
Jesus, redemption's sacrifice,
Now glorified, now justified,
His kingdom comes.**

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over dark, mossy rocks in a lush, green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a misty spray at the bottom. The surrounding vegetation is dense and vibrant green, with some ferns visible. The overall scene is serene and natural.

**And this kingdom will know no end,
And its glory shall know no bounds,
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come;
And this kingdom's reign,
And this kingdom's rule,
And this kingdom's power and
authority,
Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.**



**Jesus, the expression of God's love,
The grace of God,
the Word of God,
revealed to us;
Jesus, God's holy sacrifice,
Now glorified, now justified,
His kingdom comes.**

A photograph of a rocky stream with a rainbow in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Who was this "John"?

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- John the **Elder**?
- John the **Prophet**?
- John the **Baptist**?
- John the **Apostle!**

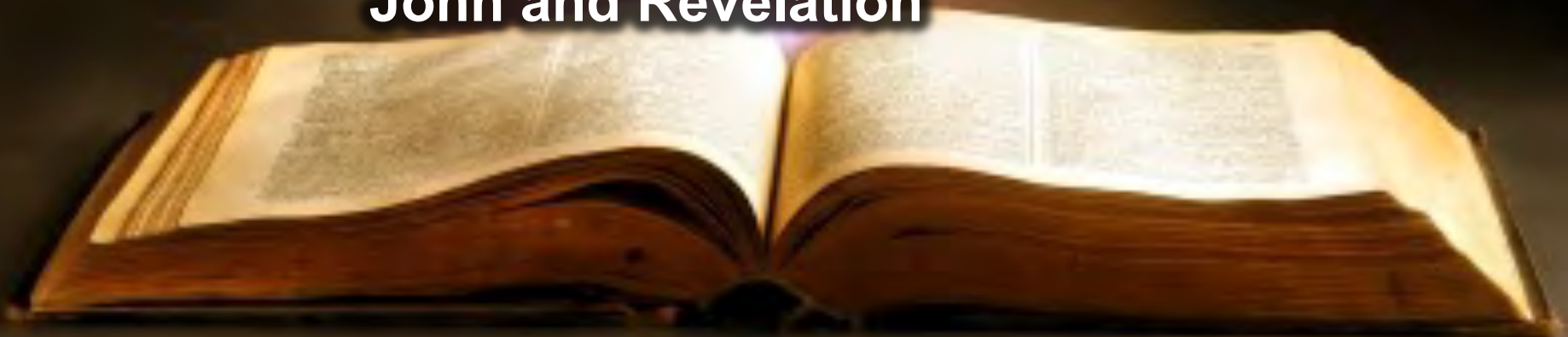
Author of:

- **Gospel of John**
- **1 John**
- **2 John**
- **3 John**

Evidence for John the Apostle as Author

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1. "John, servant of Jesus Christ" (1:1, 4, 9; 22:8)
2. Characteristics:
 - a) Knows the history of churches in Asia Minor
 - b) Prophecies in own name
 - c) Stormy disposition as one of the "sons of thunder" (Mark 3:17) who calls Jews worshippers of Satan (2:9; 3:9)
 - d) Common ideas (e.g., use of contrast), theology, and terminology (e.g., *logos* in John 1:1; Rev. 19:13) between the Gospel of John and Revelation



Was Jerusalem destroyed by this time?

Does 11:1-2 mean the temple still stood?

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..." (NLT)

- 1. No, this text refers to a literal future temple during the Tribulation.**
- 2. This is a vision.**
- 3. Also, the 7th bowl (16:17–21) does not picture "the great city" as entirely destroyed until after John's time, so it looked to a future destruction.**

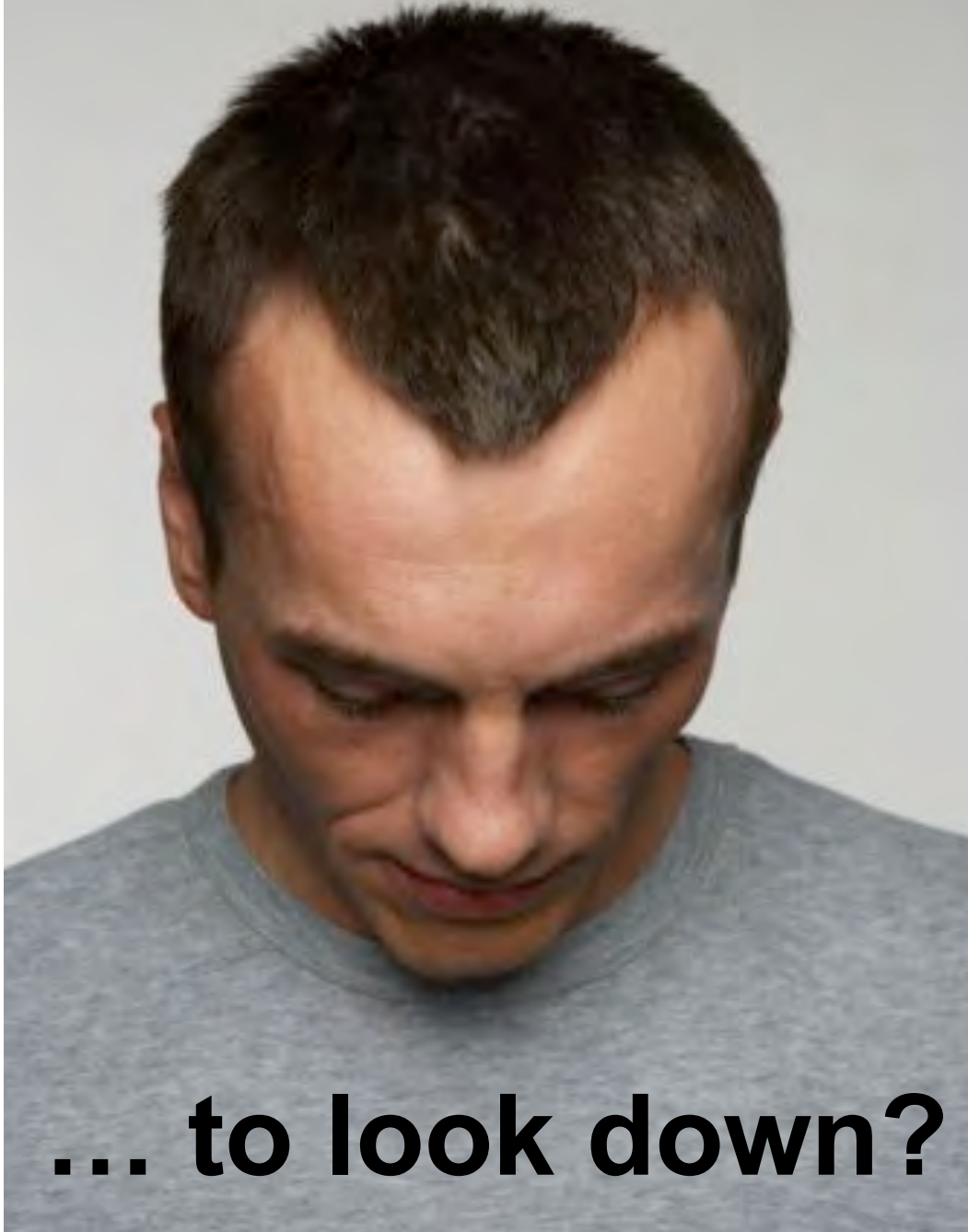
Be Triumphant



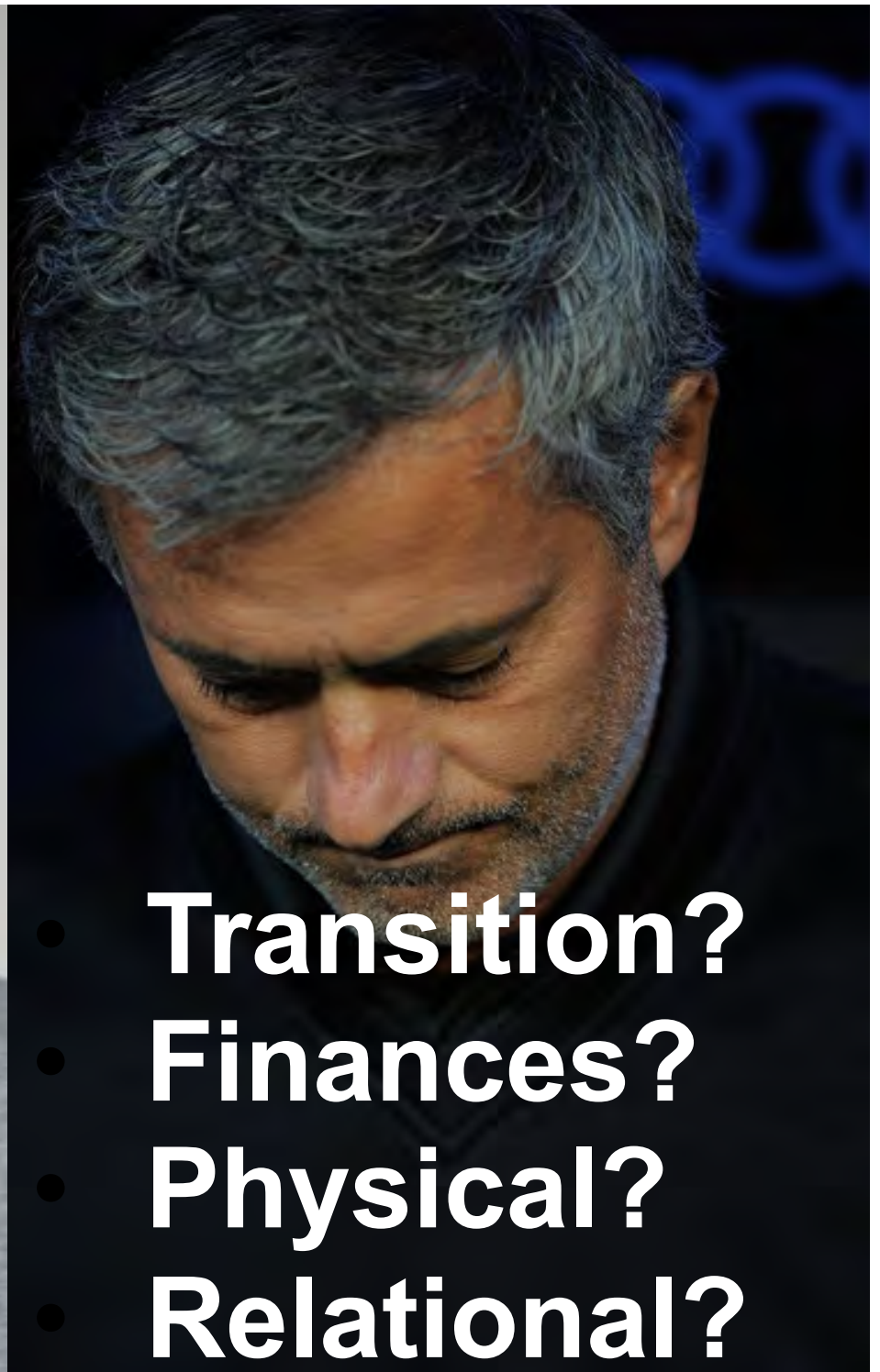
Revelation

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What causes you



... to look down?



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

**DOWN
LOOK
DON'T**



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



Revelation

What's the Title?

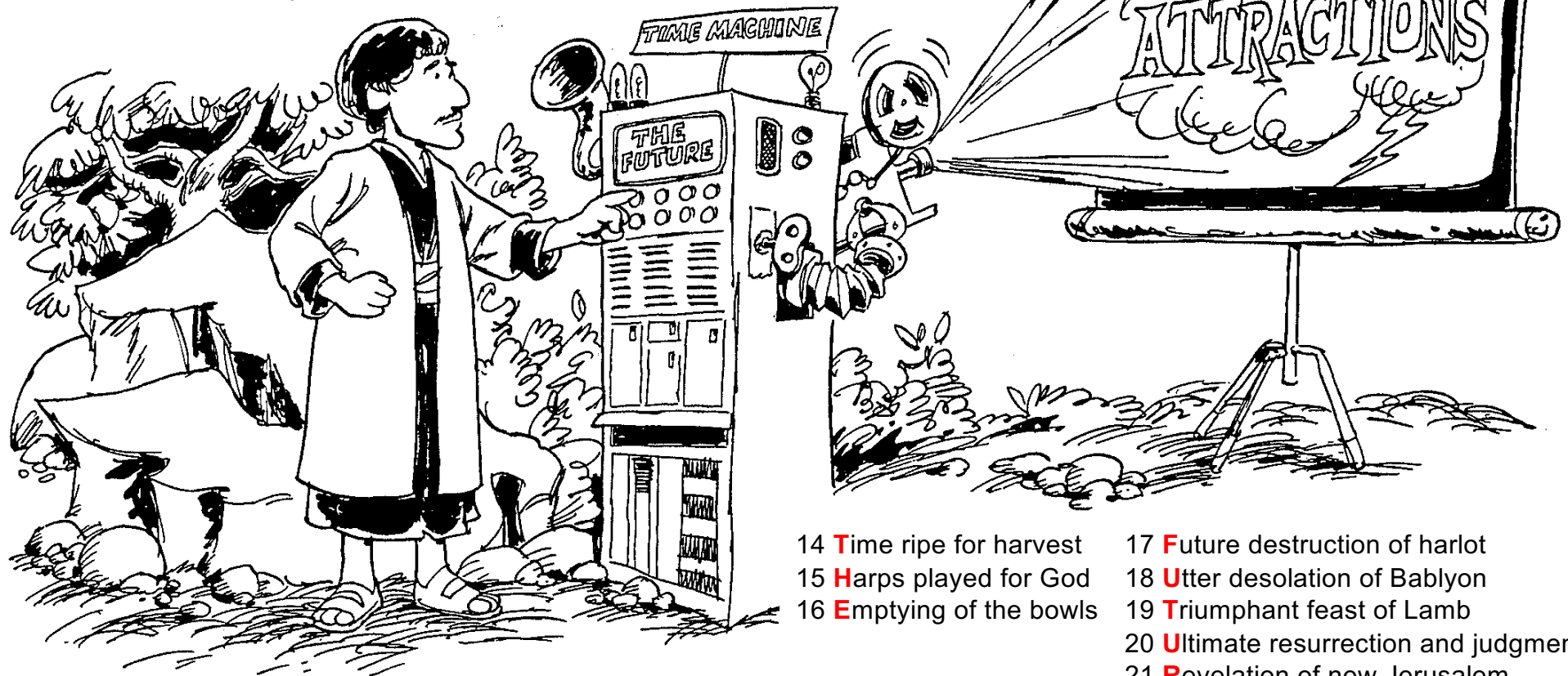
**The Book of
Revelations?**

= Apocalypse

Revelation

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**emptying 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



Keys to Unlock the Revelation

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"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 bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw" (1:1-2).

Key Word: **Triumph**

Key Verse: "Write, therefore, what you have **seen**, what is **now**, and what **will** take place later" (1:19)

God



Jesus



Angel



John



Readers
(servants)

Revelation tells us to look up to...





The Sovereignty of Jesus Christ

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 gesture of triumph or praise. The person is positioned in the center of the frame, with their arms extended horizontally. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that transitions into a darker blue and purple sky. The overall mood is one of hope, victory, and spiritual triumph.

One Nation Under God

By Jon McNaughton (2012)



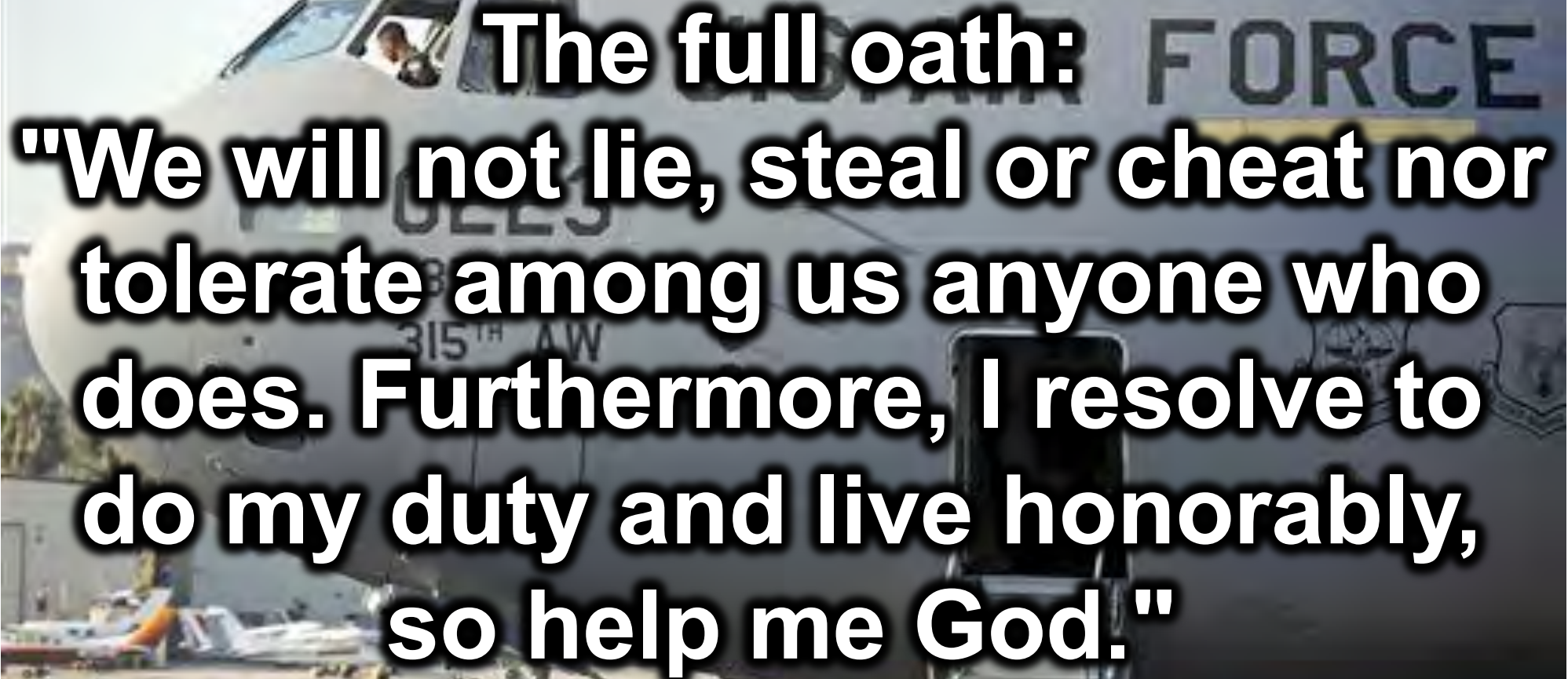
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Jesus Christ, the Most Controversial Person



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"God" Now Optional in US Air Force Oath

A photograph of a US Air Force aircraft on a tarmac. The aircraft is dark grey with "FORCE" written in large letters on the side. A person in a military uniform is standing near the landing gear. The background shows other aircraft and a clear sky.

The full oath:
"We will not lie, steal or cheat nor tolerate among us anyone who does. Furthermore, I resolve to do my duty and live honorably, so help me God."

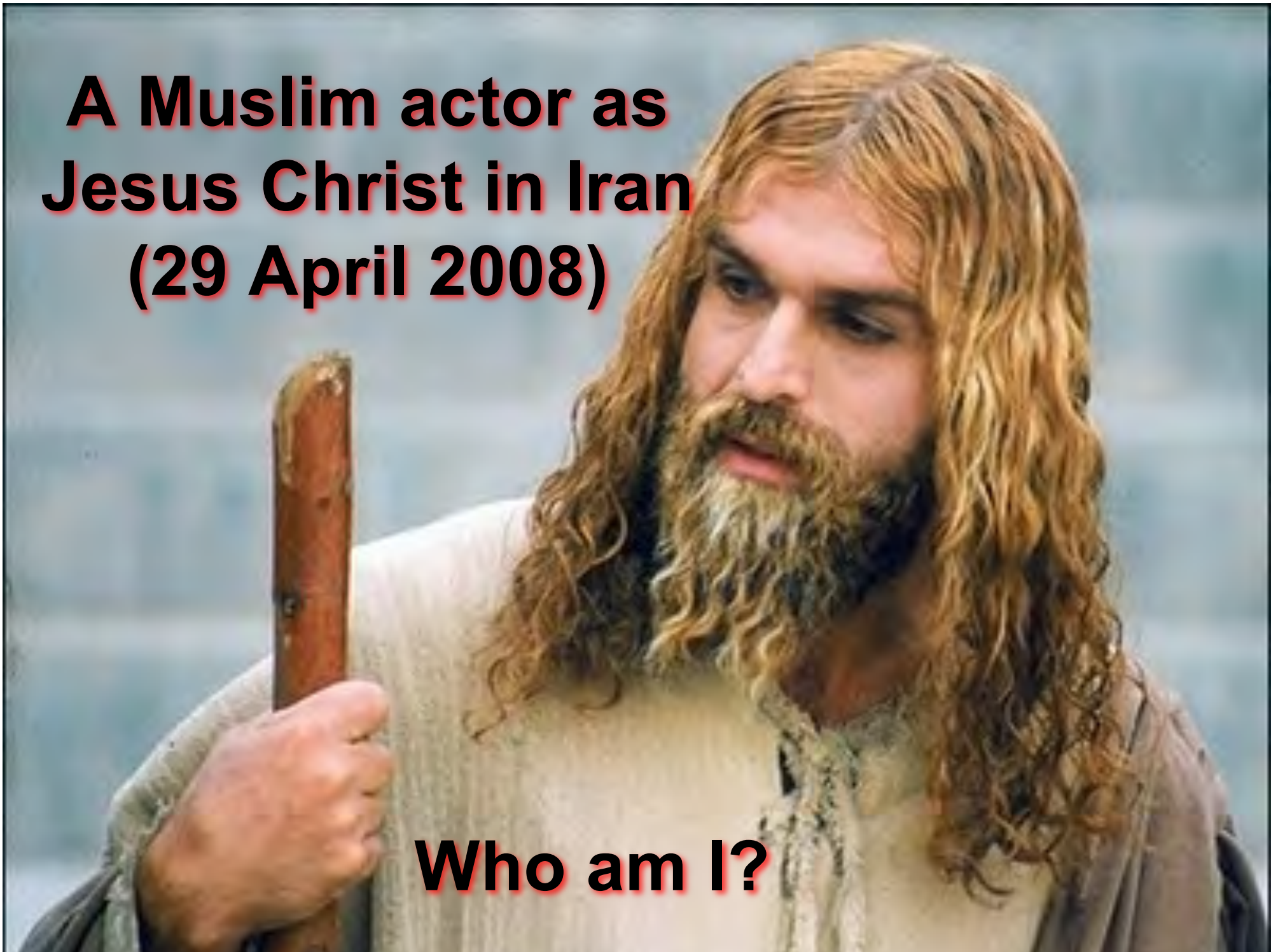
**Sinking to
new lows...**



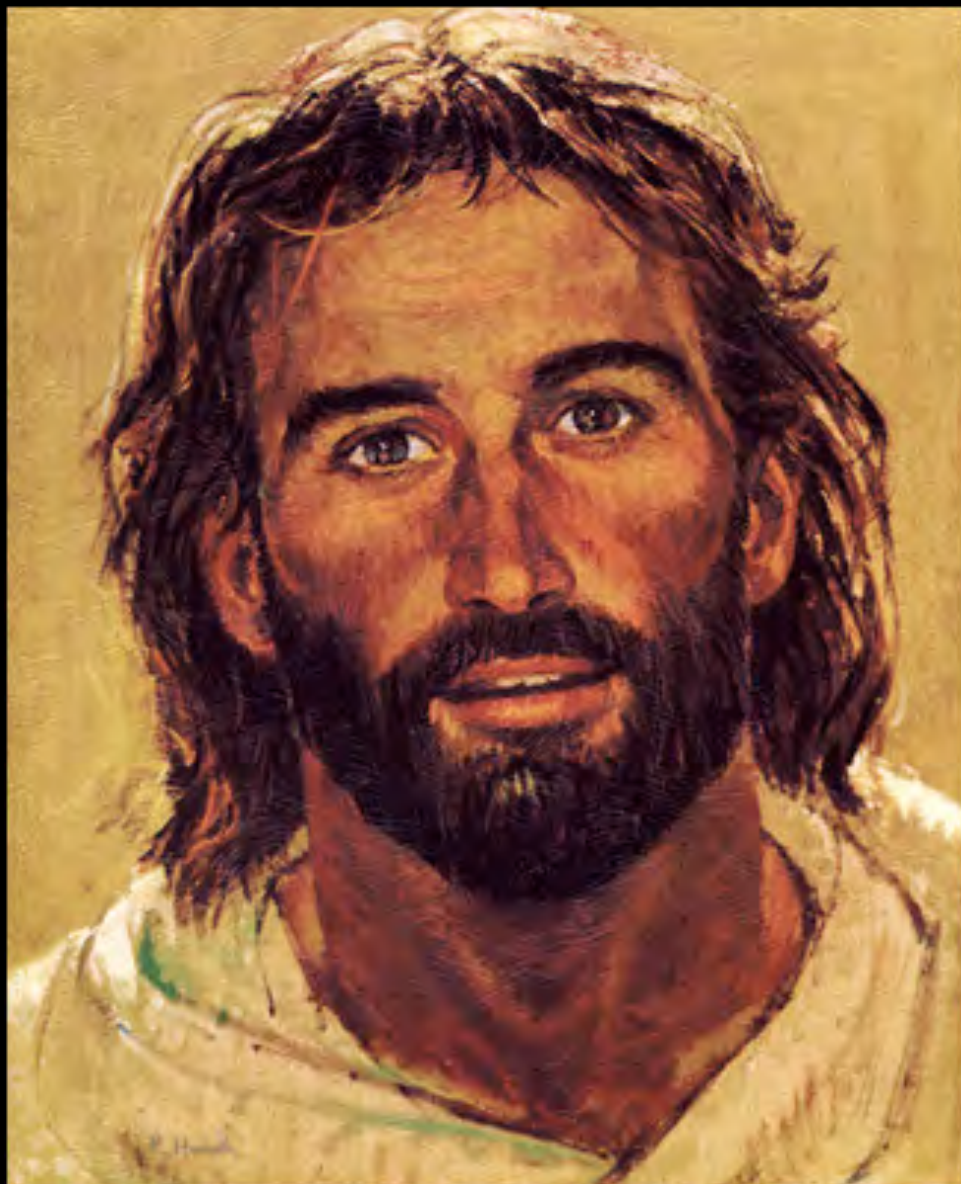
[Now You Know What the 'T' Stands For.](#)

**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



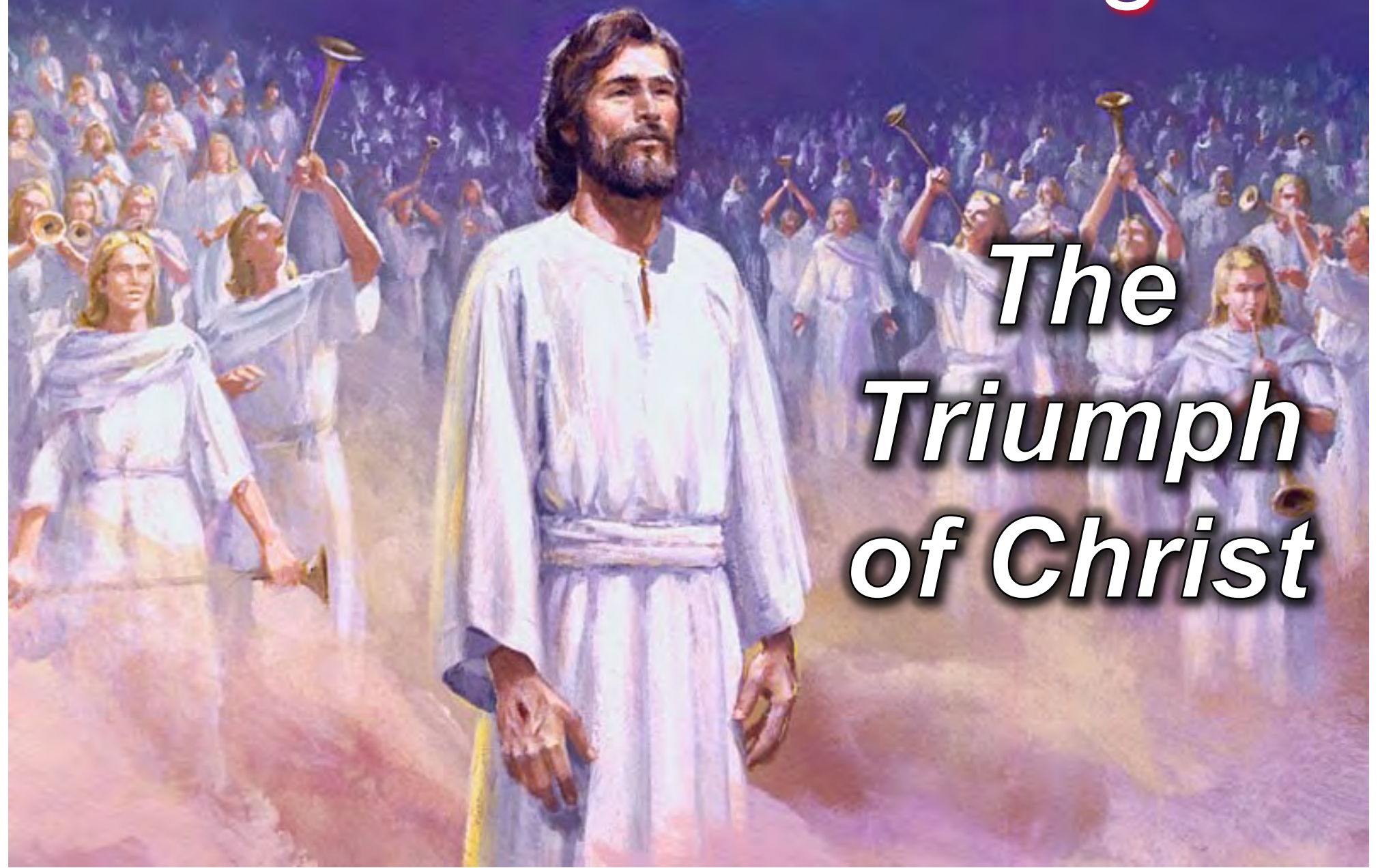
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*The
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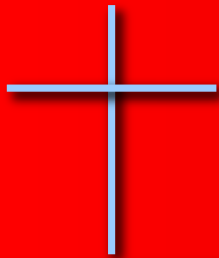
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When Did John Write Revelation?

Who was the Roman Emperor then?



Christ
Crucified
AD 33

Jerusalem
Destroyed
AD 70

Revelation
Written
AD 95

Tiberius
14-37

Caligula
37-41

Claudius
41-54

Nero
54-68

Vespasian
69-79

Titus
79-81

Domitian
81-96

Most
preterists
place the
book here

Supported by:
Irenaeus
Victorinus of Pettau
Clement of Alexandria
Eusebius

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 dark and textured.

Domitian (AD 81-96)

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

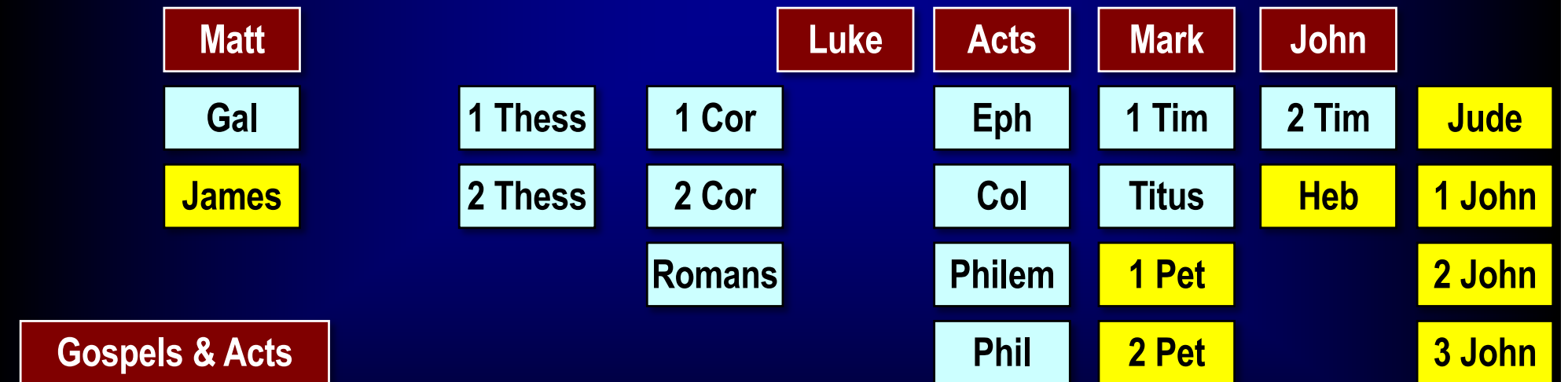
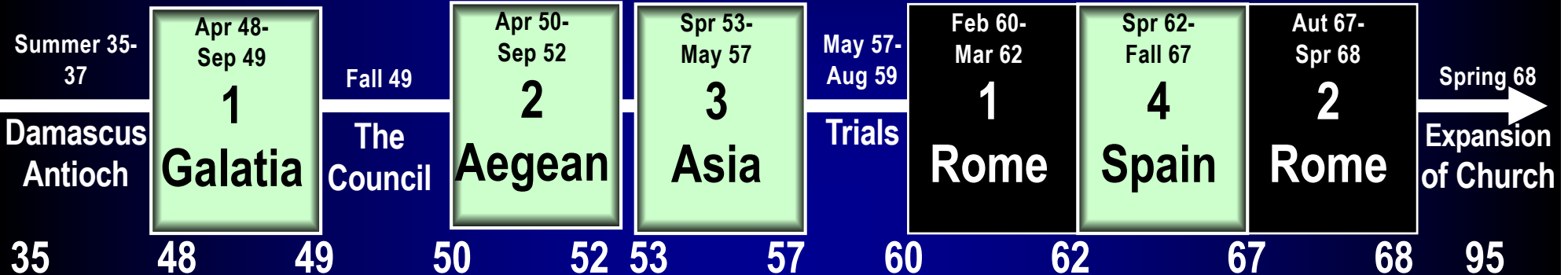
Book of Revelation (AD 95)

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



Gospels & Acts

Pauline Epistles

General Epistles

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Journeys

Rome

Imprisonments

Chronological

Asia in the Roman Empire



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)

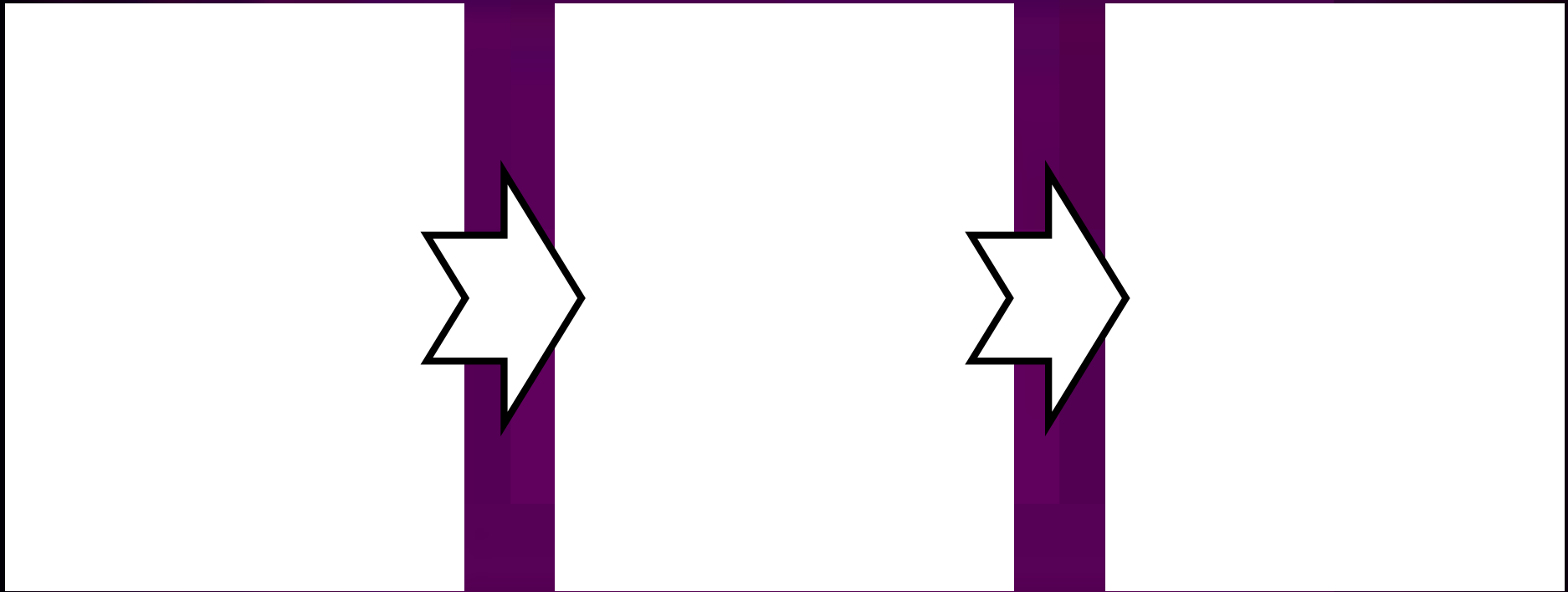
What did
John see
around him?

Theme

**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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Revelation

Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches	Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3	Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)	"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present	Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled	Consummation Unveiled				
God on Earth			God's Ambassadors on Earth	Hell on Earth to Heaven on Earth				
The Judge			The Assignments	The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21

A Stern Warning (22:18-19)

"I warn everyone who hears the prophecy of this book:

- If anyone **adds** anything to them, God will **add** to him the plagues described in this book.
- If anyone **takes** words away from this book of prophecy, God will **take** away from him his share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are described in this book"

**Revelation is the
only NT book that
deals primarily
with the future**



**"I saw..."
(1:12)**

**This exact
verb form is
used 45 times
in Revelation!**

1:12 13:1 19:11
1:17 13:2 19:17
4:1 13:11 19:19
5:1 14:1 20:1
5:2 14:6 20:4
5:6 14:14 20:11
5:11 15:1 20:12
6:1 15:2 21:1
6:2 15:5 21:2
6:5 16:13 21:22
6:8 17:3
6:9 17:6
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10:1
10:5

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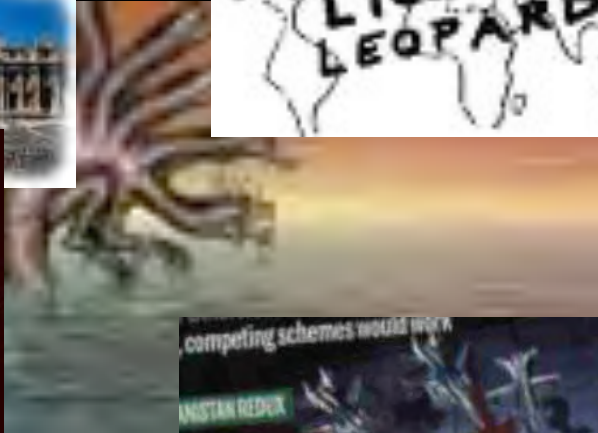
So Many Symbols, Lah So Many Interpretations!

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Point C



The Mark of the Beast

WARNING!
666
IS
COMING

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The Bible Prophets will influence the world to get alignment to the Apocalypse.

The Way Most People Interpret Revelation

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Why the Symbols?

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Symbols have three advantages:

1. Symbols are a "spiritual code" to **hide the truth** from the unbelieving (cf. parables)
2. Symbolism is **not weakened by time**
3. Symbols not only convey information, but also **impart values and arouse emotions**

Warren Wiersbe,
Bible Exposition Commentary



End times

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Point D

Warnings
(not repentance)

Pessimism

**Triumph of
God**

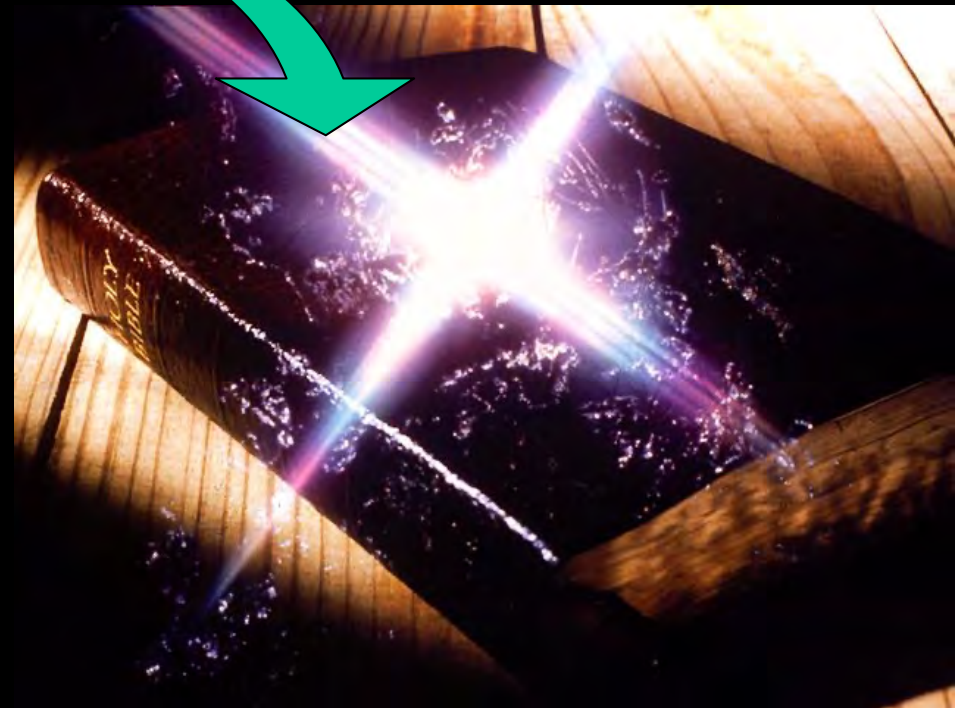
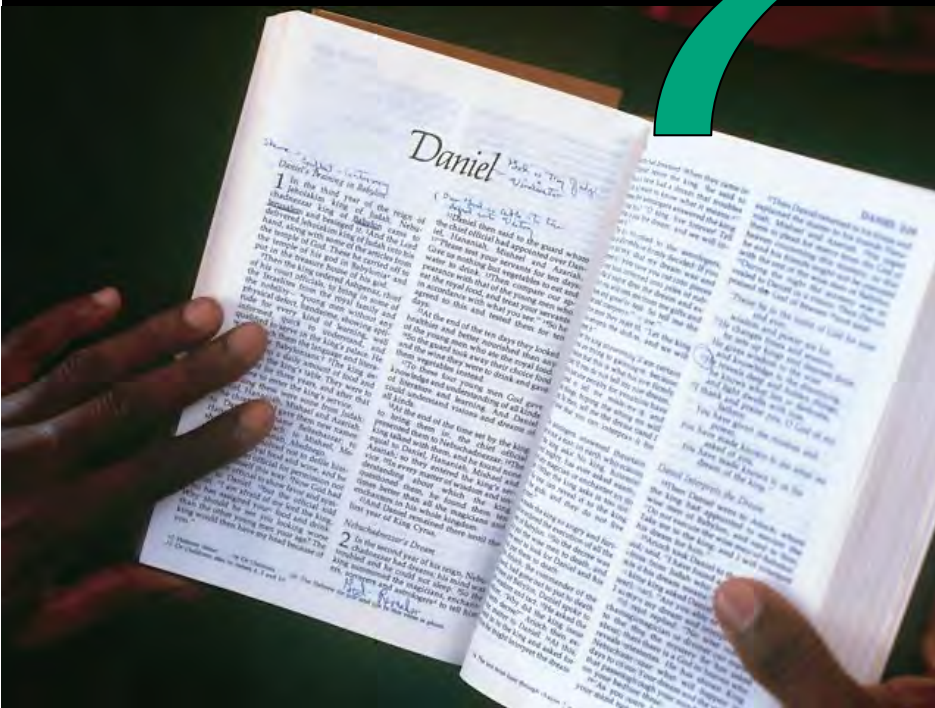
Secrecy

Determinism

**Revelation is the
only apocalyptic
NT writing**

Characteristics

E. This book contains more allusions to the OT (250-550 allusions) than any NT writing. Ironically, Revelation also has very few quotes (1:7 quotes Zech. 12:10; 2:27 quotes Ps. 2:9).



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Summary

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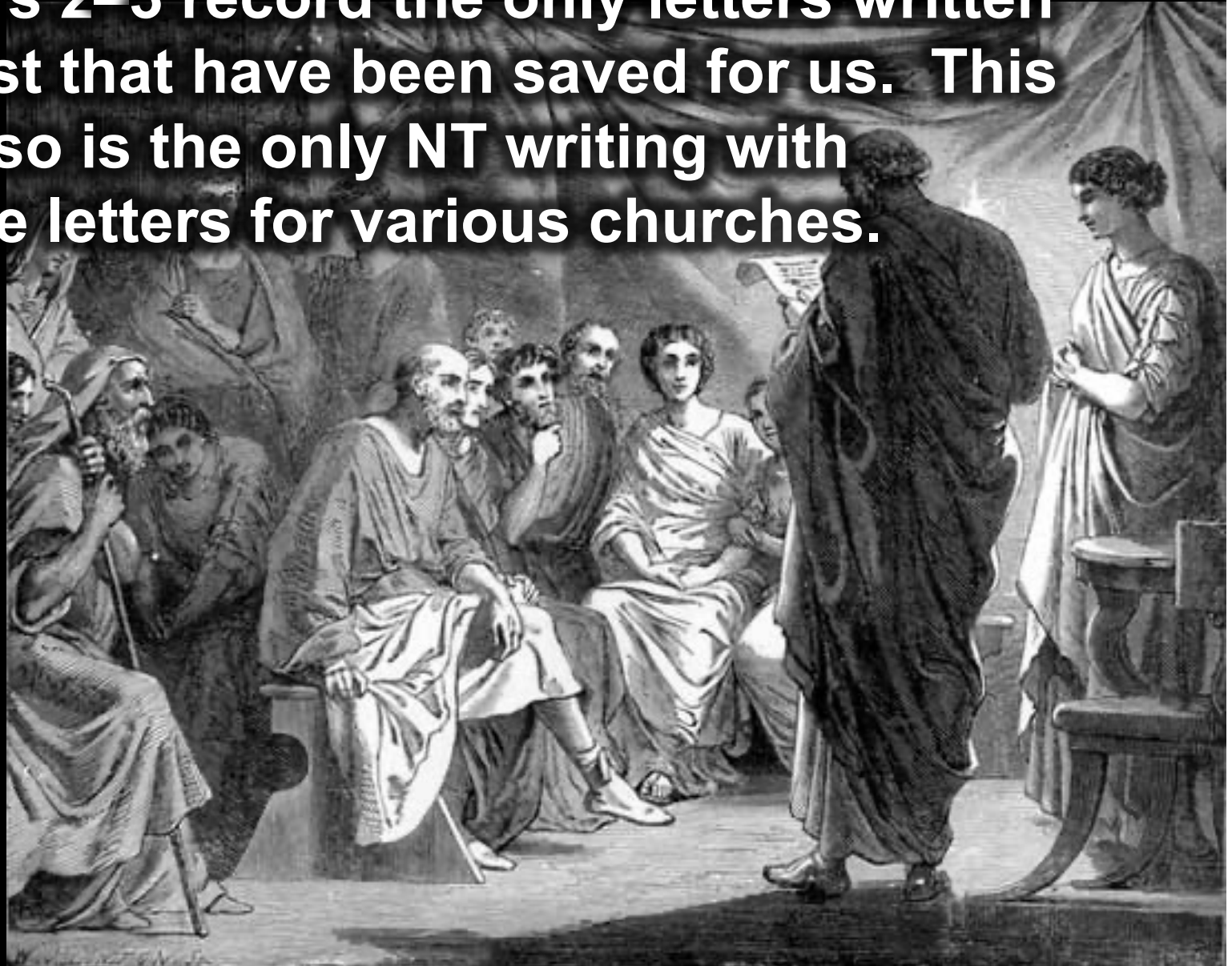
Scripture

The Rest of the Story

of Scripture

Characteristics

F. Chapters 2–3 record the only letters written by Christ that have been saved for us. This book also is the only NT writing with separate letters for various churches.



Characteristics

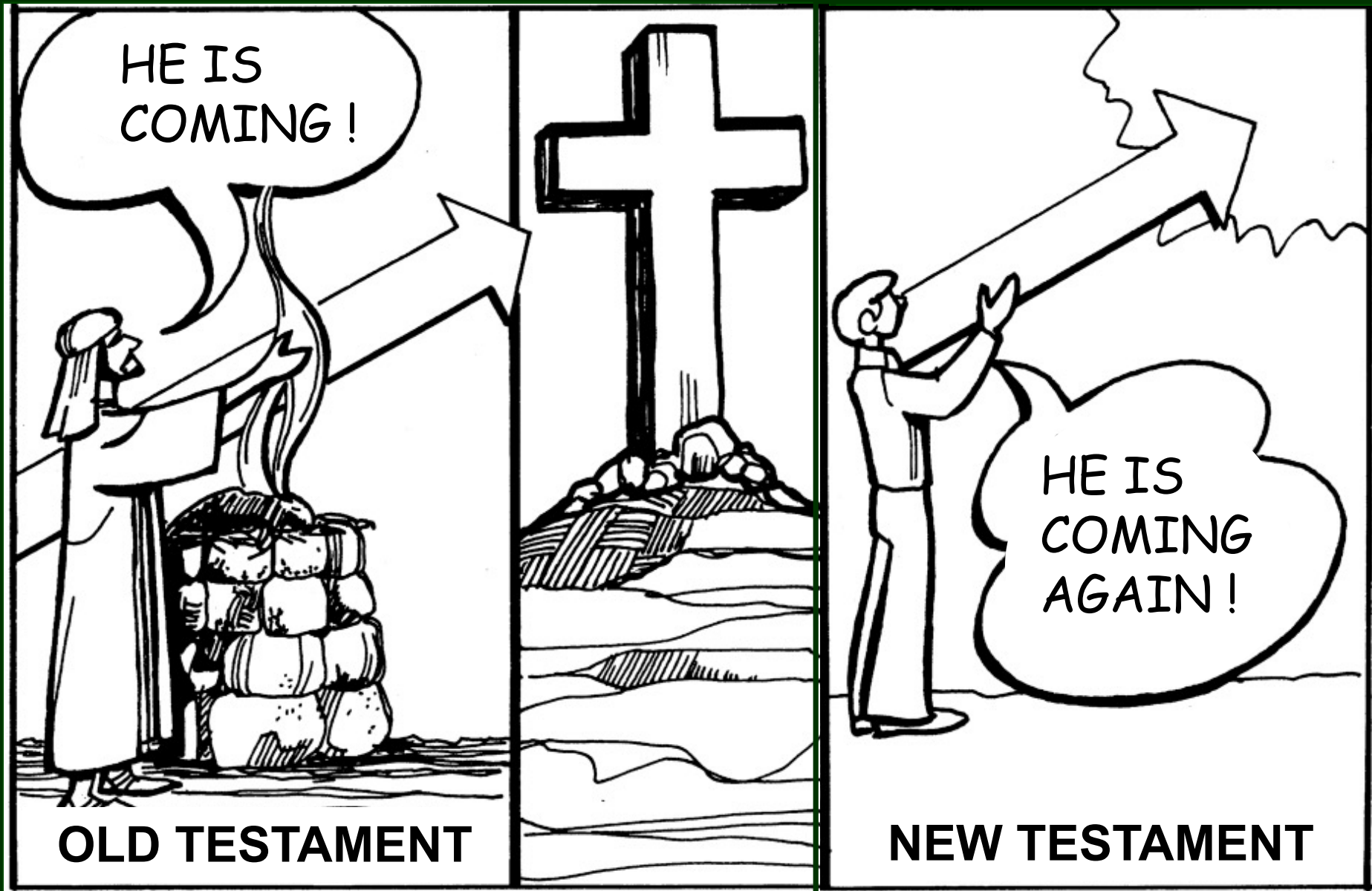
G. This prophecy completes our scriptural understanding about Jesus Christ with more about His glory than even the Gospels!



Focus: The Return of Christ

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Terry Hall, *Bible Panorama*, 140



Characteristics

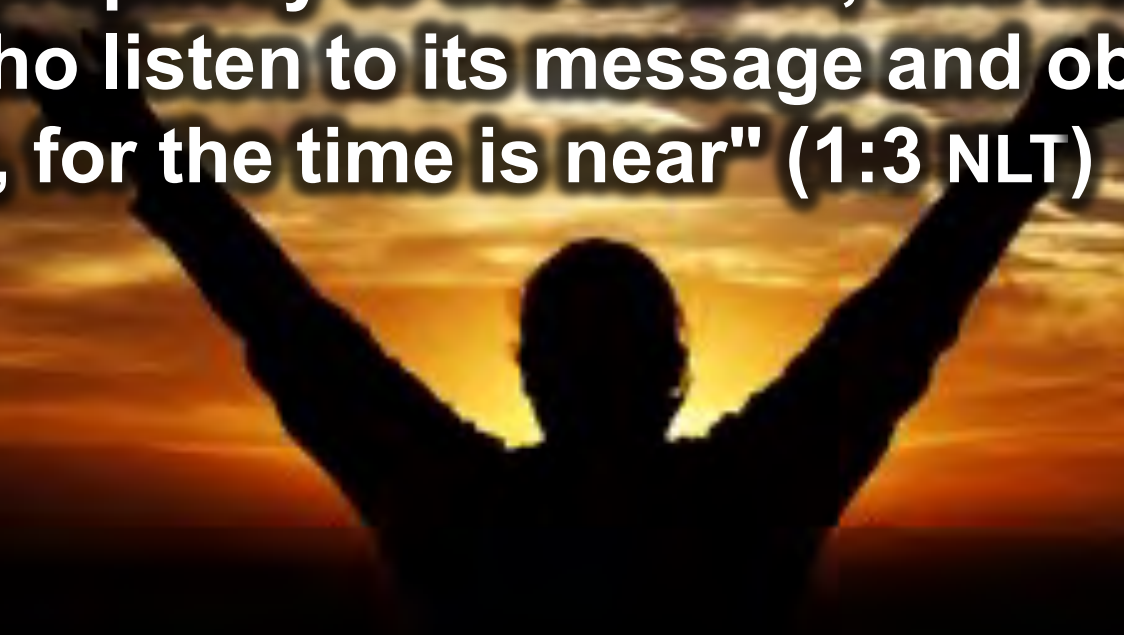
J. Revelation has more **songs** in its pages than any NT book. Angels break into worship 14 times making the book a model for worship. It especially parallels Ezekiel in its worship.



Characteristics

This is the only book in the Bible 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 joy, set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The person's arms are spread wide, reaching towards the top corners of the frame.

Characteristics

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L. This is the only book written by **John that bears his name in the text itself (1:1, 4, 9). Titles to NT books were added later.**

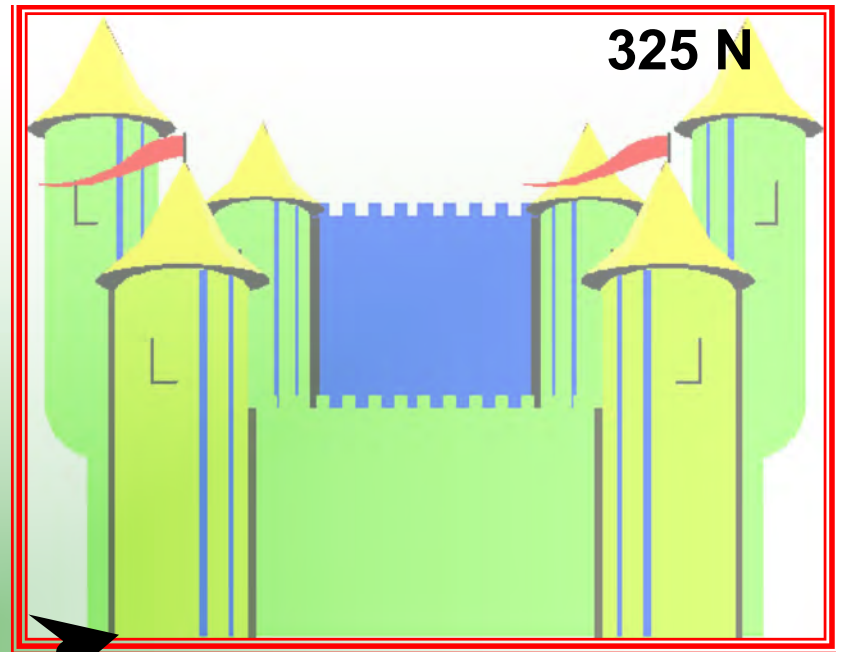
What books did John write?

<i>Gospel of John</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Revelation</i>
<i>Believe</i> <i>20:22</i>	<i>Be Sure</i> <i>1 John 5:13</i>	<i>Be Ready</i> <i>22:20</i>
<i>Life Received</i>	<i>Life Revealed</i>	<i>Life Rewarded</i>
<i>Salvation</i>	<i>Sanctification</i>	<i>Sovereignty</i>
<i>The Prophet</i>	<i>The Priest</i>	<i>The King</i>

Warren Wiersbe,
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**Paradise
of Eden**



**Paradise
of God**

Four Views on Revelation 6–18

Revelation 6-18 depicts which era?



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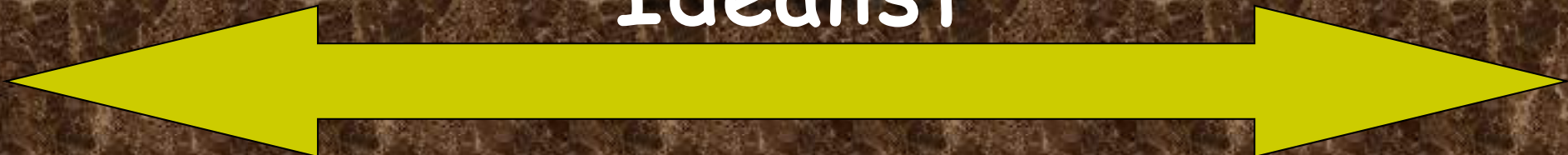
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AD 95

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Read
Today

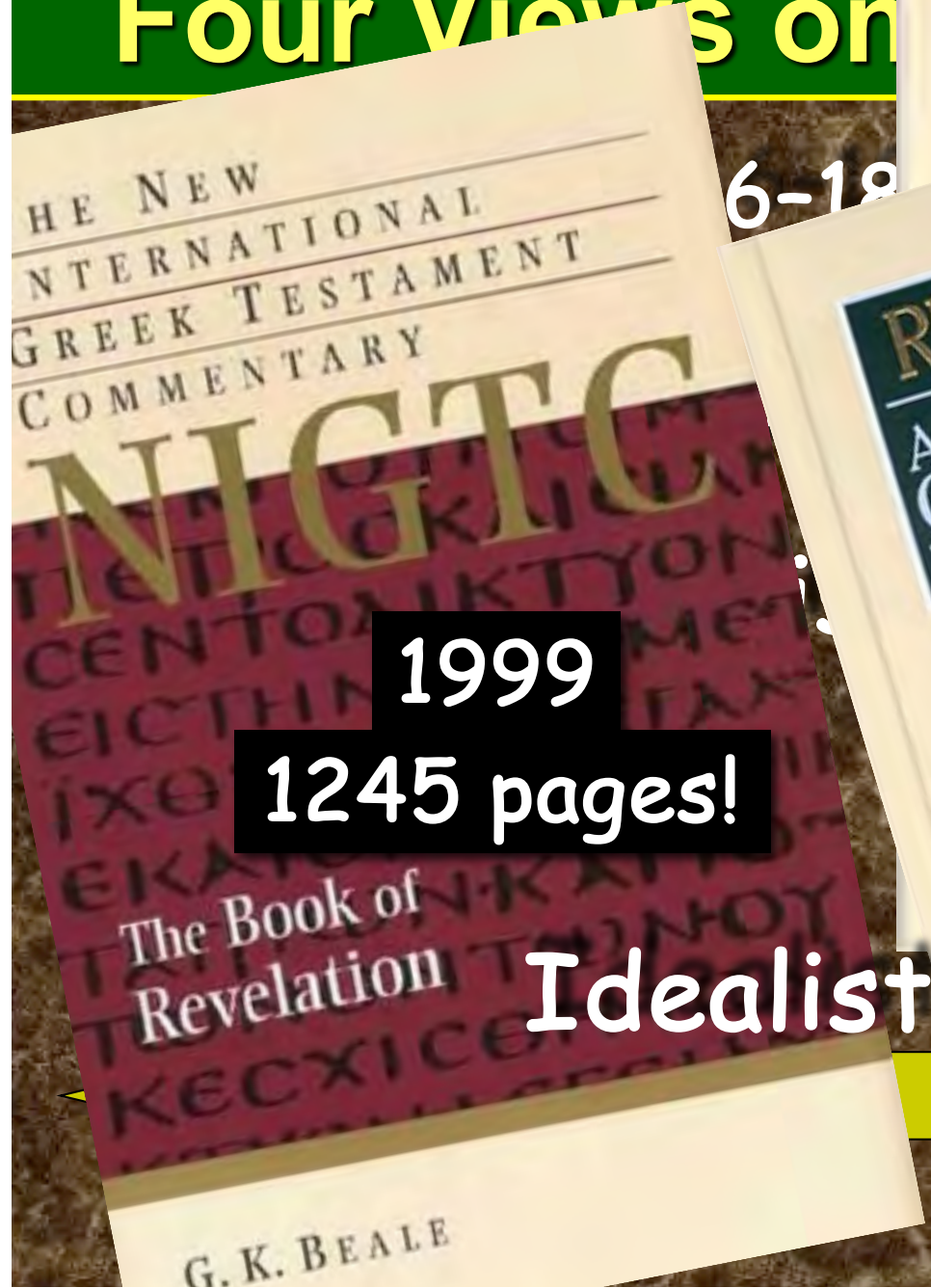
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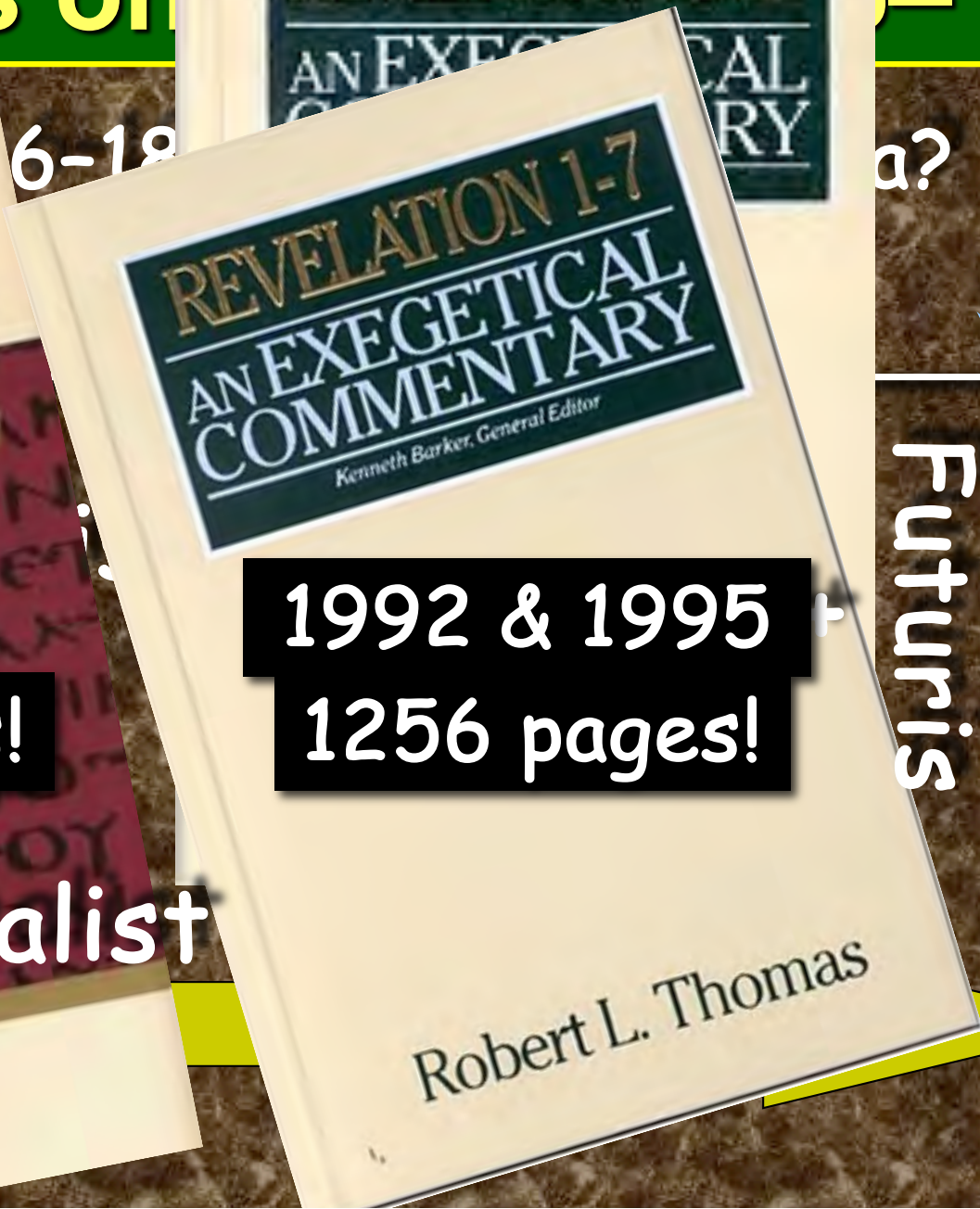
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1999
1245 pages!

Idealist

6-18



1992 & 1995
1256 pages!



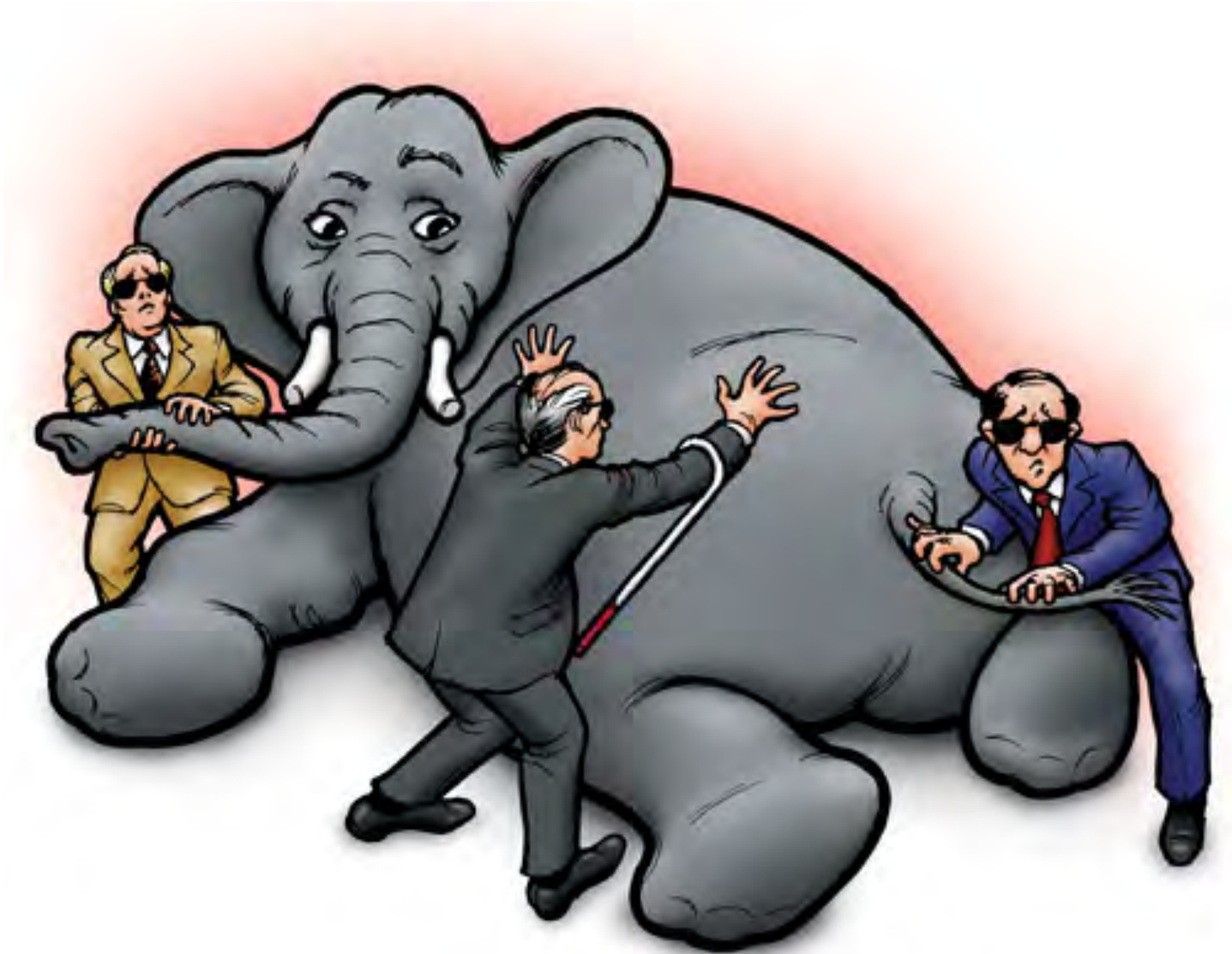
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Futurist



Do Interpretations Really Matter?



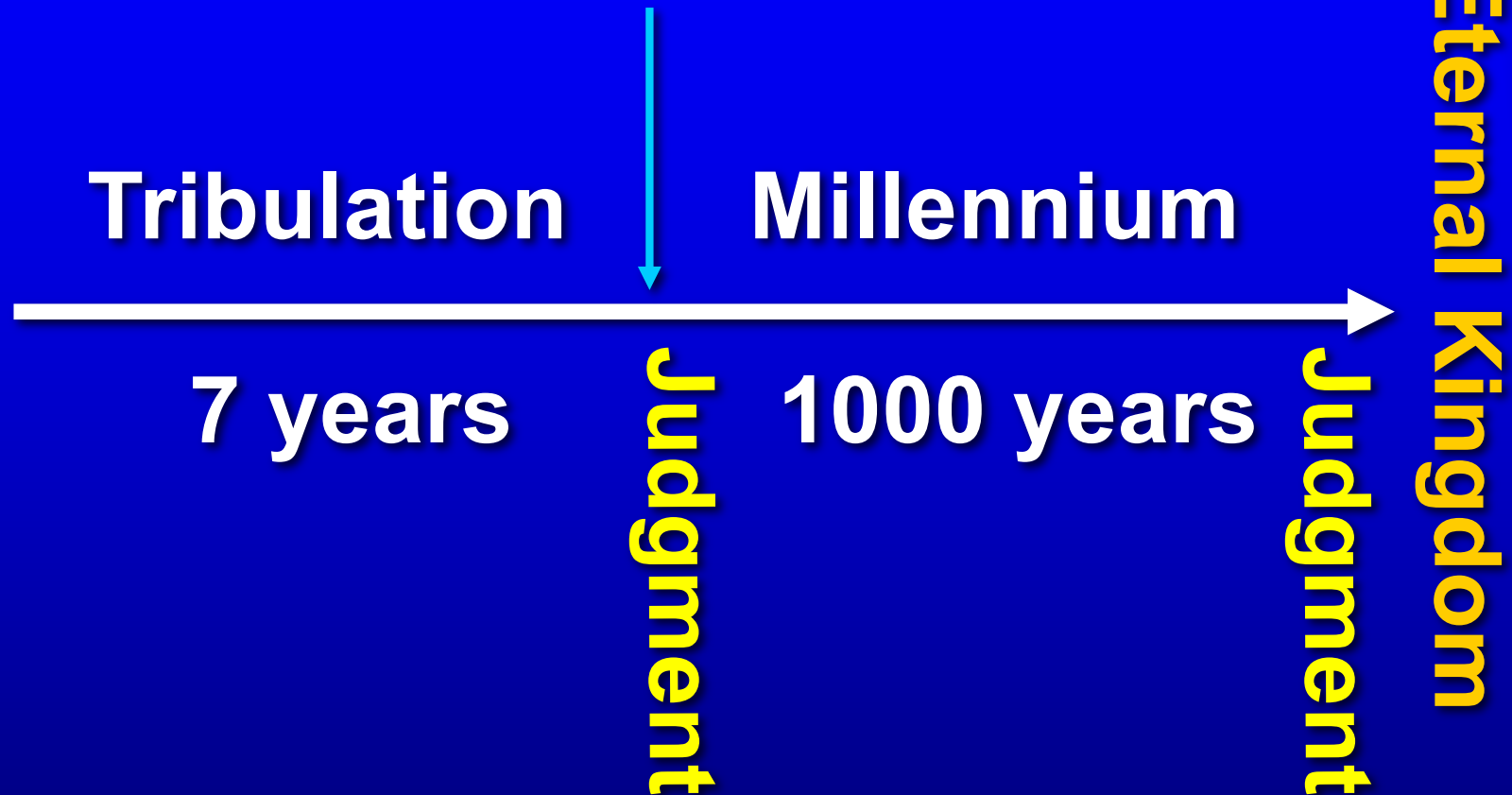
Interpretive Views on Revelation

View & Advocates	Millennial View	Rev. 1–3	Rev. 4–19	Rev. 20–22
Idealist Beale Hendriksen Hughes	Postmillennial (or Amillennial)	Historic Churches	Symbolic of the non- historical conflict between <u>good & evil</u>	Victory of good over evil (Church over the world)
Preterist Sweete Ellicott DeMar	Apocalyptic	Historic Churches	Symbolic of Events in <u>First Century</u> (Nero, Mt. Vesuvius eruption)	Symbolic of heaven and victory
Historicist Luther Newton Elliott	Amillennial (or Postmillennial)	Historic Churches	Symbolic of events in the <u>Church Age</u> (fall of Rome, rise of Islam & Catholics, Reformation, etc.)	Present age (amil) or future millennium (postmil), general judgment, heaven
Futurist Thomas Walvoord Ryrie Ladd	Premillennial	Historic Churches &/or seven stages of church history	<u>Future Tribulation</u> judgments on apostate church and Antichrist, return of Christ	Future millennium, judgment, heaven

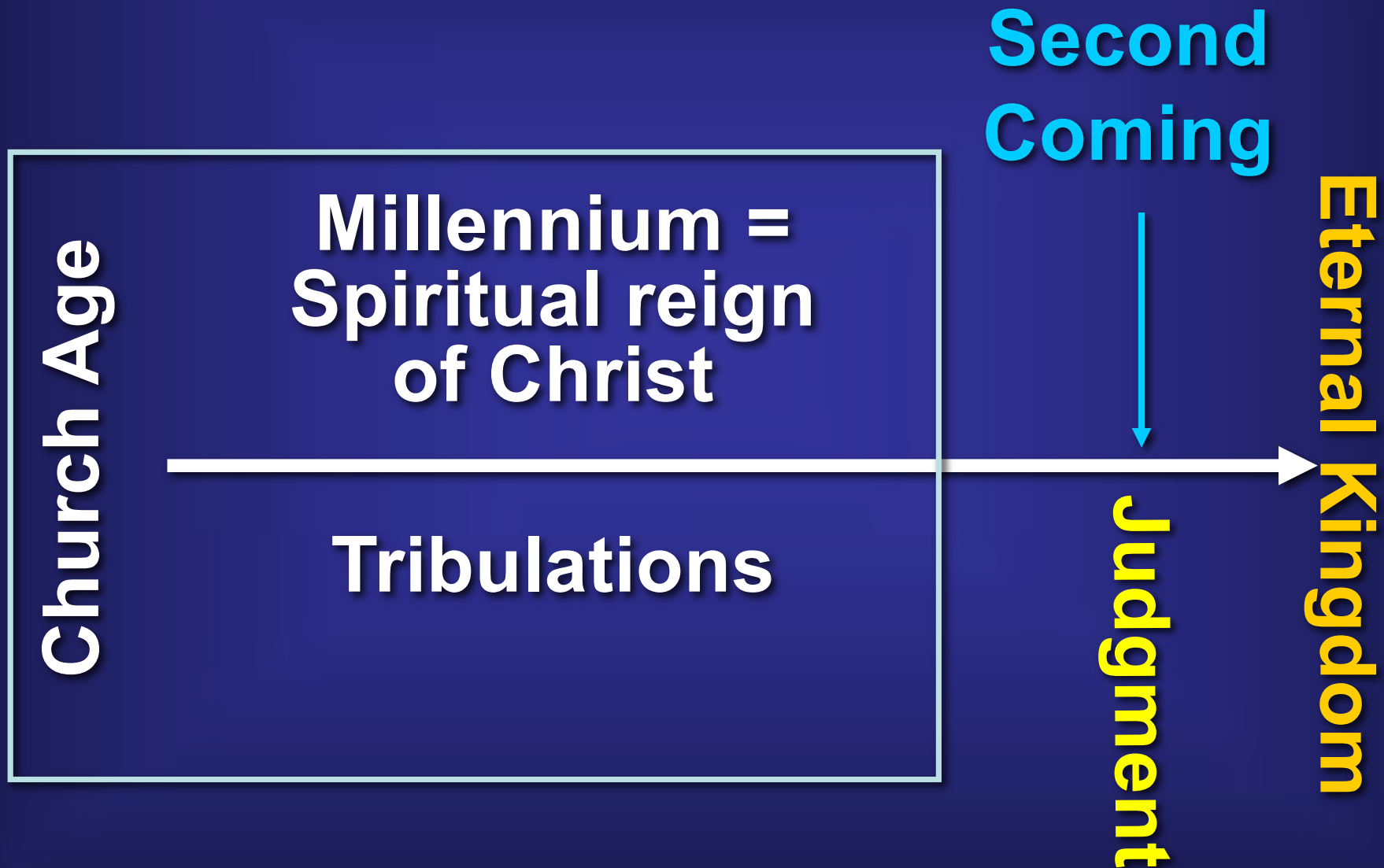
Premillennialism

Second Coming = Second Advent

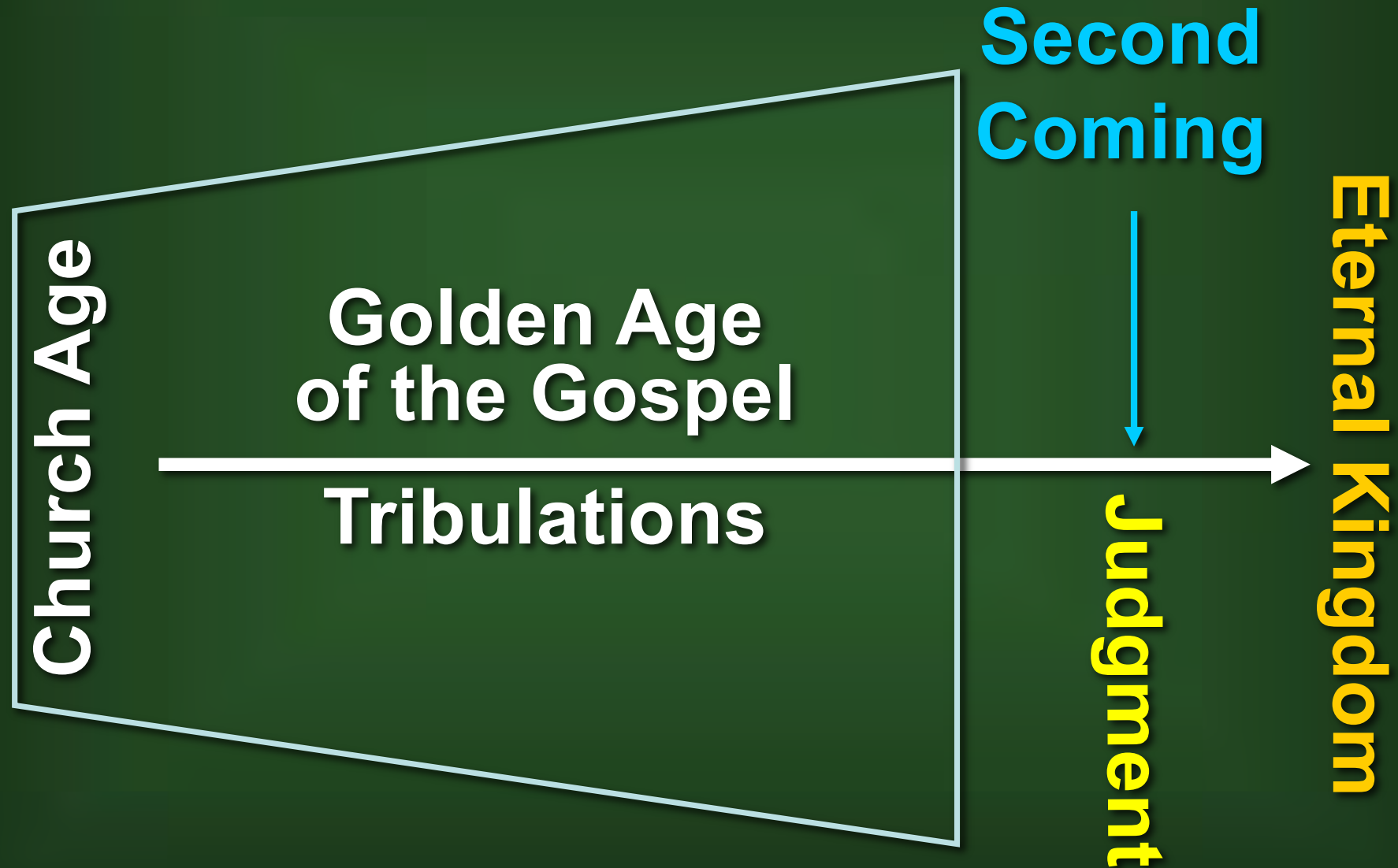
Church Age



Amillennialism



Postmillennialism



Is there a future for ethnic believing Israel?

**Dispensational
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &
Postmillennialism**

**Church
& Israel
distinct**

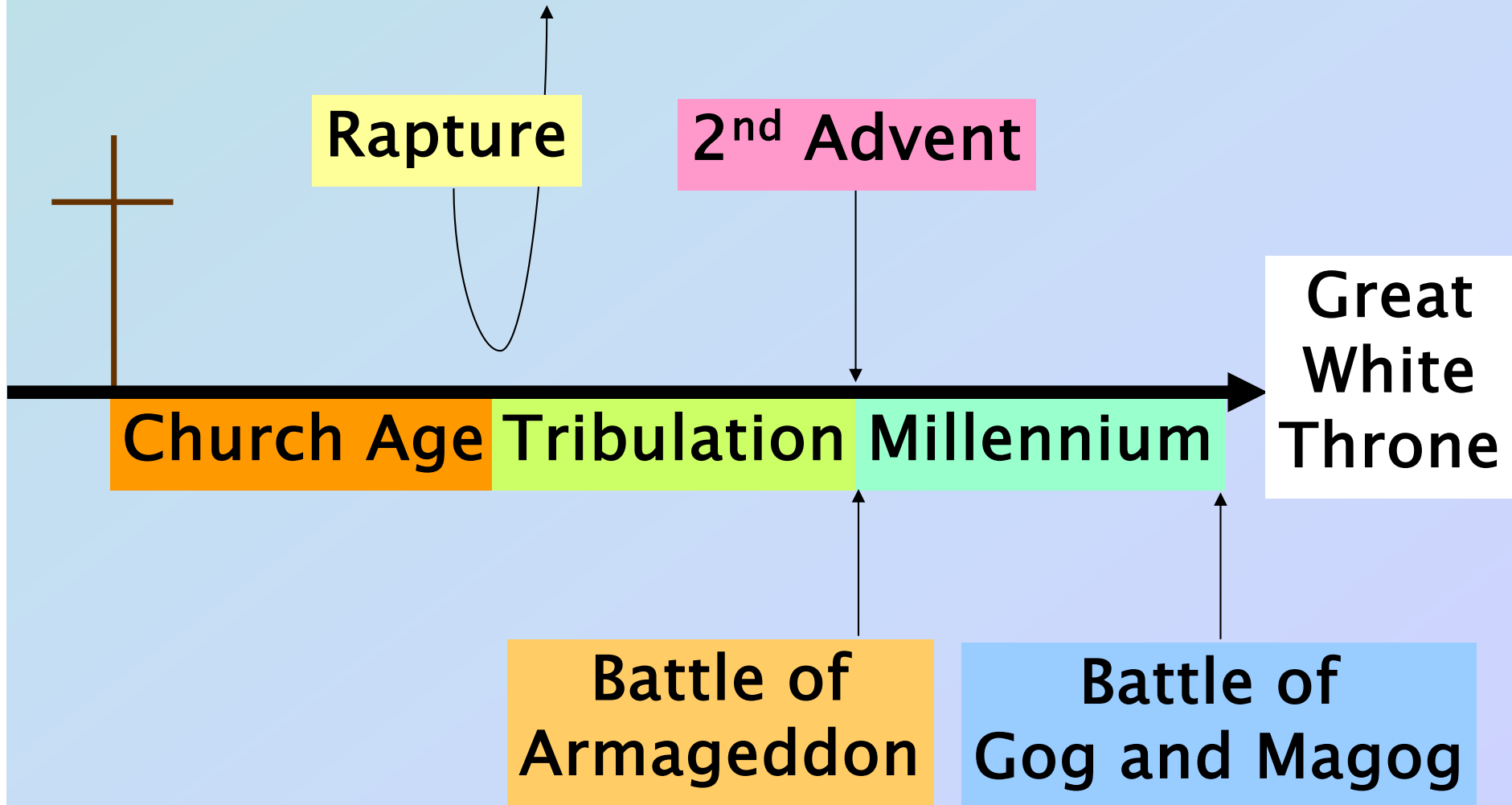
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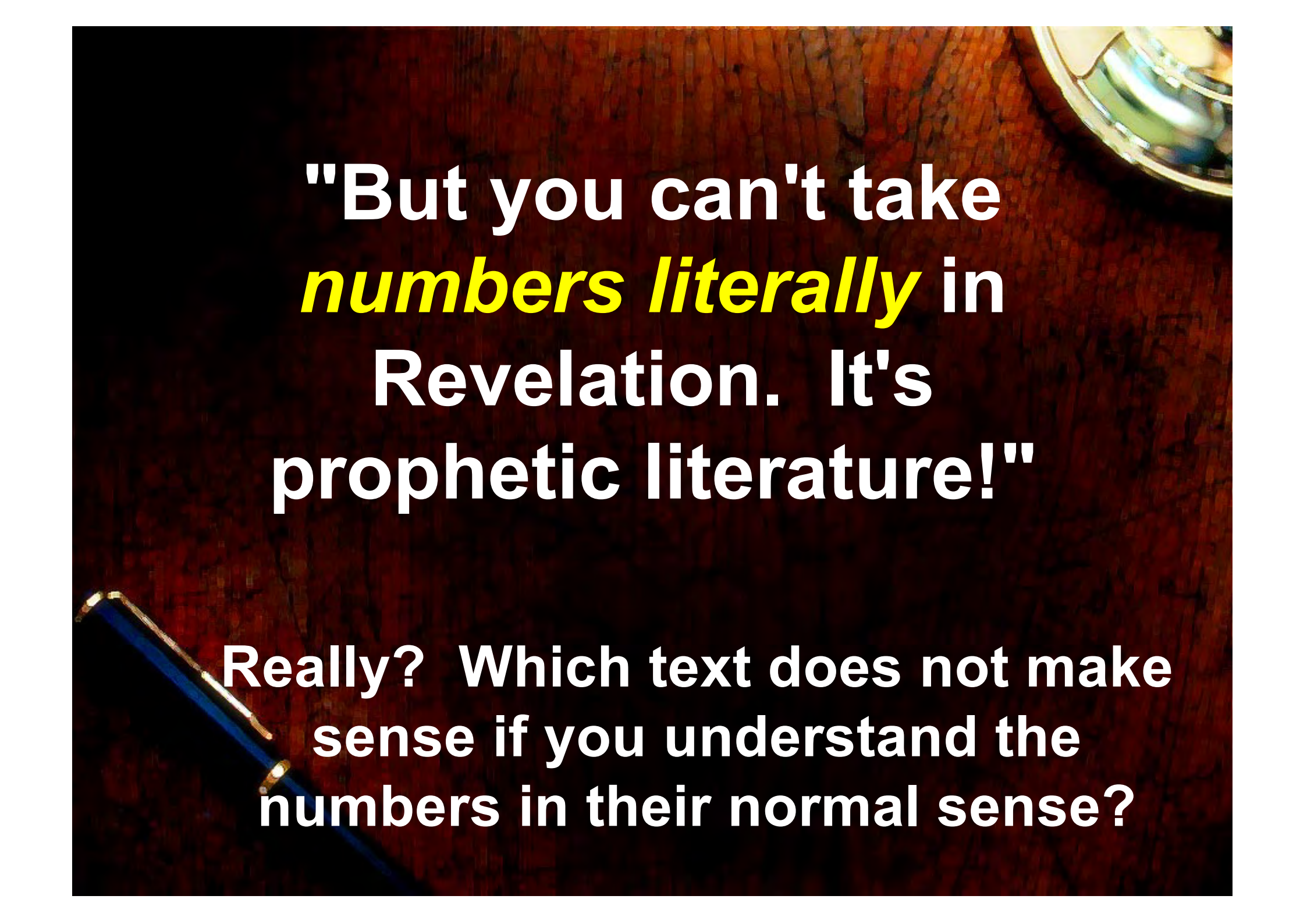
**Church
is new
Israel**

**Israel
has no
future**

**Covenant
Premillennialism**

Pretribulational Premillennialism





**"But you can't take
numbers literally in
Revelation. It's
prophetic literature!"**

**Really? Which text does not make
sense if you understand the
numbers in their normal sense?**

4 Interpretive Principles

Principle #1:

Follow the normal sense unless it's nonsense

- 144,000 witnesses of Israel (7:4)
- 1000 years of saints' reign (20:4)
- 1260 days of prophesying (11:3)
- 3½ days of death (11:9)
- Euphrates dries up (16:12)

What happens when the normal use of language is not followed?



**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.**"

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- Weights (Rev. 16:21)

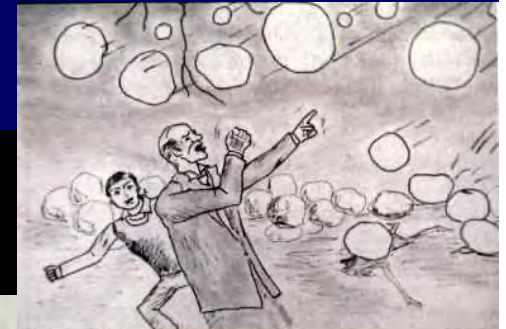
75-Pound Hailstones



The largest single hailstone ever recorded in the United States was 7" in diameter, 18.75" around, and weighed in at just under 1 pound. Imagine a large cantaloupe falling from the sky at nearly 100 miles per hour! That hailstone fell during a storm in Aurora, Nebraska. The heaviest hailstone in the U.S. was 1.67 pounds and fell in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1970.

Revelation 16:21 (Bowl #7)

There was a terrible hailstorm, and **hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell** from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.



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- 3½ days of death (11:9)
- Euphrates dries up (16:12)
- Weights (16:21) and lengths (21:16)
- The Number 7 (1:4, 12, 16, etc.)

The Number of Completion

- **Creation** Gen. 2:2
- **Rain** Gen. 7:4
- **Sabbath** Ex. 20:10
- **Jericho** Josh. 6:4
- **Sons** Job 1:2; Ruth 4:15
- **Prophecy** Dan. 9:24
- **Forgive** Matt. 18:21



Revelation Completion

- Churches 1:4a
- Spirits 1:4b
- Lampstands 1:12
- Stars 1:16
- Seals 5:1
- Eyes 5:6
- Angels 8:2



Revelation Completion

- Trumpets 8:2
- Peals 10:3
- 7000 killed 11:13
- Heads 12:3a
- Diadems 12:3b
- Plagues 15:1
- Bowls 15:7



Revelation Completion

- Mountains 17:9
- Kings 17:10
- Beatitudes 1:3;
14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6;
22:7, 14



The Four Most Common Approaches

PRETERIST - about 1st cent. AD history

FUTURIST - about history to the end of time

HISTORICIST - about Church history to the present

IDEALIST - about good over evil in all times

Dr. Henry Baldwin's - Combo #1, #2 & #4

Revelation 11

A Test Case in Hermeneutics


I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."



Revelation 11

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Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
1 "measure" (11:1) 	"the infallible promise of God's future presence"; "the protection of God's eschatological community"; "until the parousia"	"preservation of the saints spiritually in the coming great persecution"; "a prophetic anticipation of the final victory of the church"	"a mark of God's favor"



When I looked again, I saw a man with a measuring line in his hand. ²"Where are you going?" I asked. He replied, "I am going to measure Jerusalem, to see how wide and how long it is."

**A Measuring Rod
for Jerusalem
(Zech. 2:1-4 NLT)**

Revelation 11

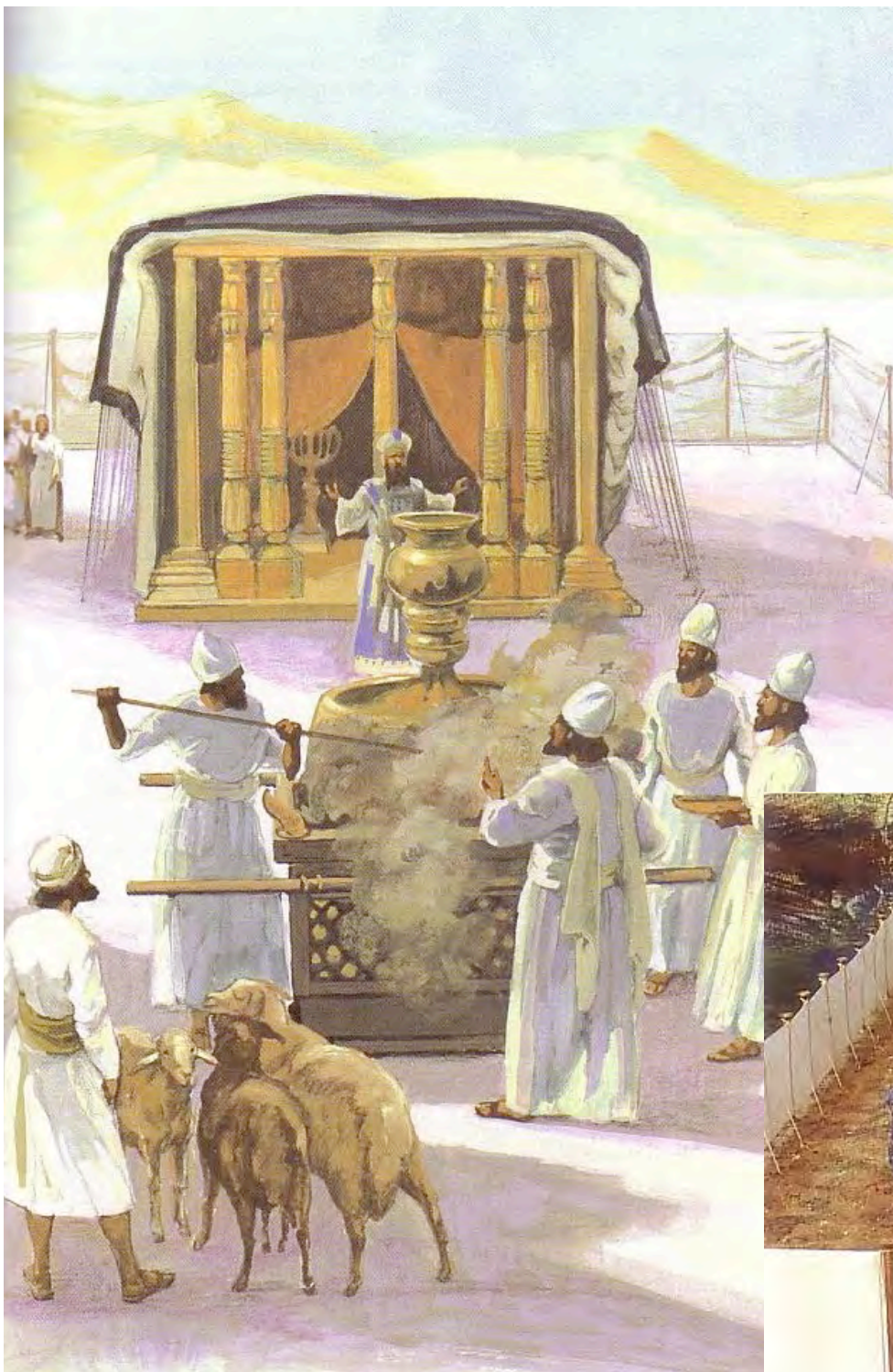
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<p>2 "the temple (<i>naon</i>)" (11:1)</p> 	<p>"the temple of the church"; "Christians"; "the whole covenant community"; "...believers undergoing persecution yet protected by God"</p>	<p>heavenly temple depicting "the church, primarily the saints of this final period but secondarily the church of all ages"</p>	<p>"a future temple in Jerusalem during the period just before Christ returns"</p>

Revelation 11

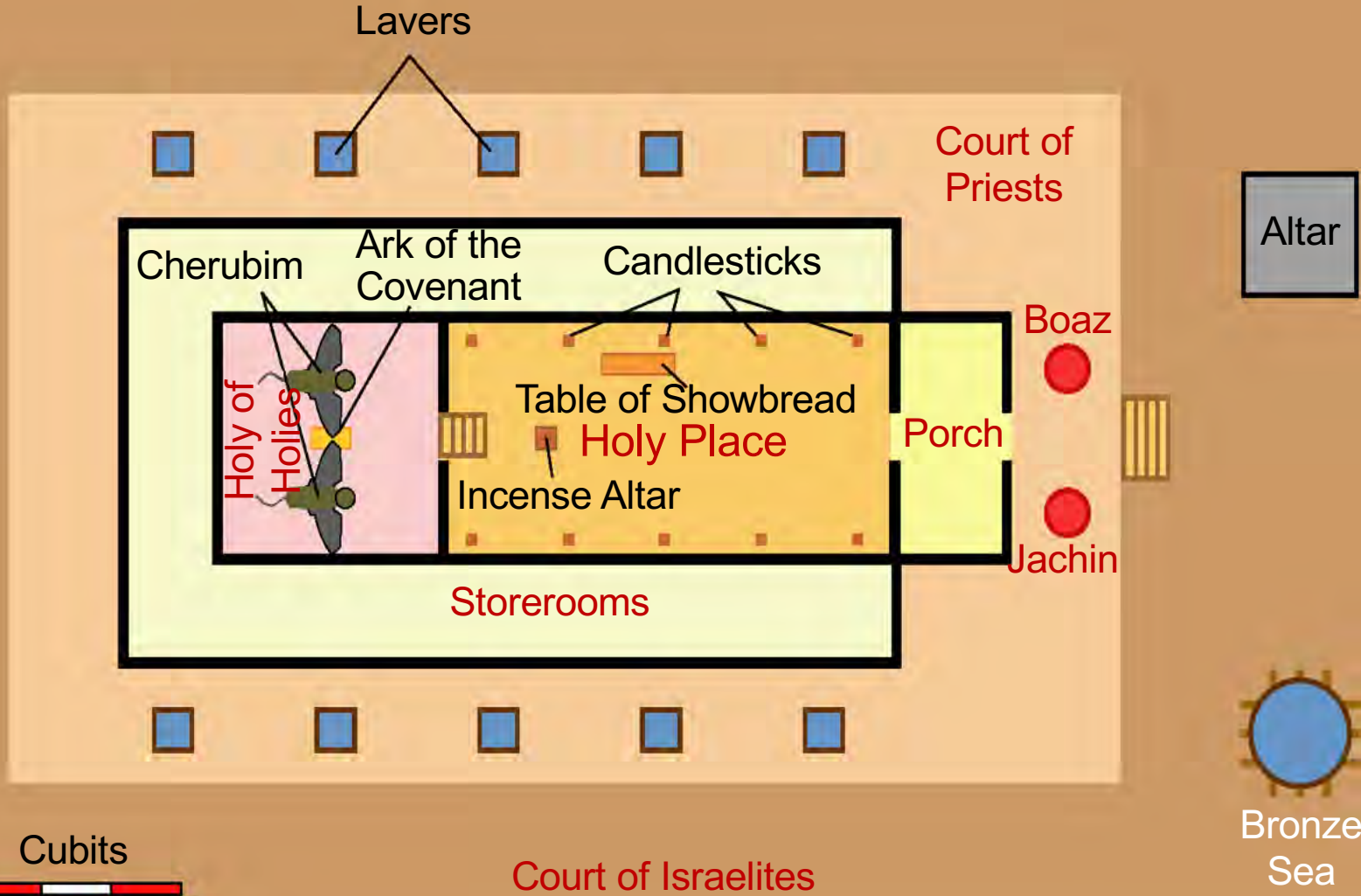
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3 "the altar" (11:1)	"the suffering covenant community"	the [heavenly] altar of incense"	"the brazen altar of sacrifice in the court outside the sanctuary"



The Tabernacle

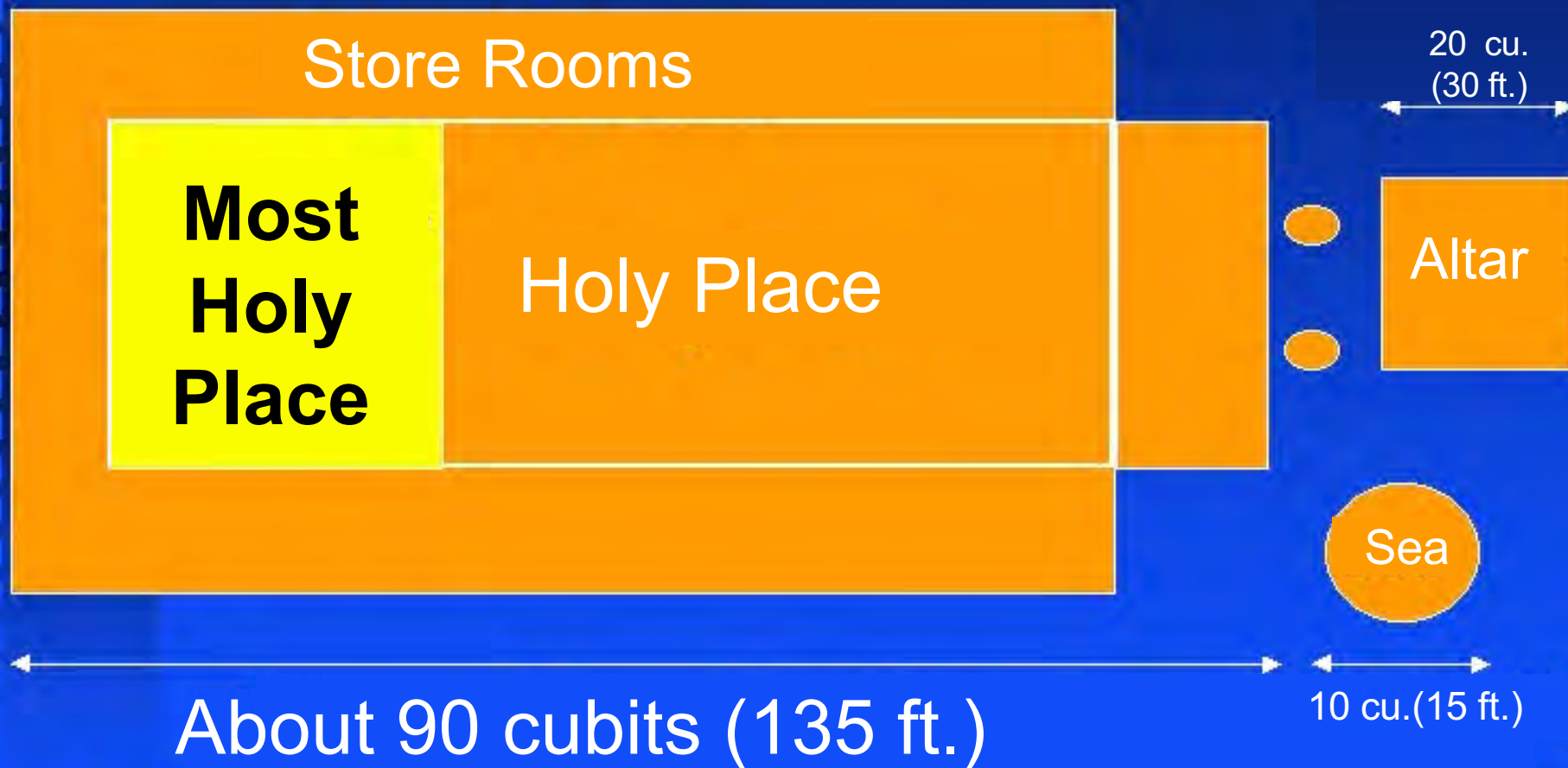


Solomon's Temple



Cubits
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Solomon's Temple






Revelation 11



Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
8 "the Gentiles" (11:2)	"the Gentiles and Jews"	"the church handed over to the Gentiles/ nations for a time"	"a group [of non-Jews] in rebellion against God who will oppress the Jewish remnant"

Revelation 11

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Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne	Thomas
10 "the holy city" (11:2)	"the initial form of the heavenly city, part of which is identified with believers living on earth"		

Revelation 11

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**Term or
Expression**

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*Symbolic***

**Osborne
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Literal***

**Thomas
*Literal***

**11
"forty-two
months"
(11:2)**

**"figurative for
the
eschatological
period of
tribulation";
"attack on the
community of
faith
throughout the
church age"**

**"the great
tribulation
at the end
of history"**

**"the last
half of
Daniel's
seventieth
week"**



The Two Olive Trees (11:4)

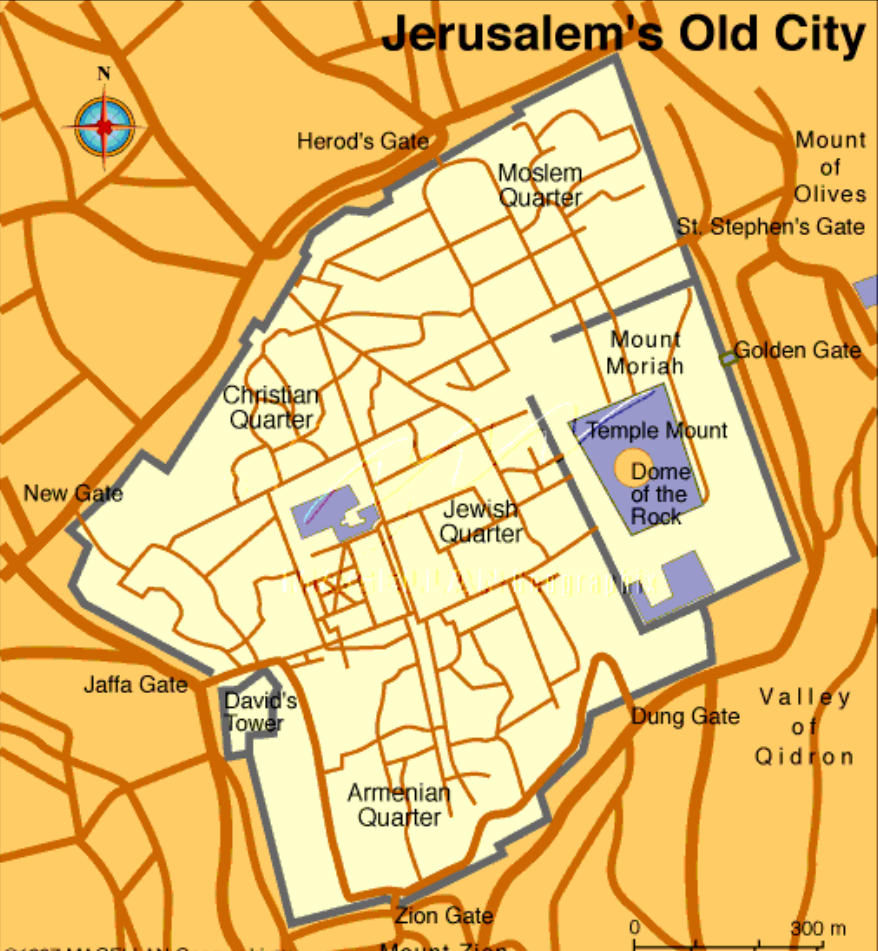


Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
12 "the two witnesses" (11:3)	the church; "the whole community of faith"	"two major eschatological figures... as a symbol for the witnessing church"	two future prophets, probably Moses and Elijah



Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Sy</i> <i>Lit</i>	Thomas Jerusalem's Old City
<p>13</p> <p>"the great city"</p> <p>(11:8)</p>	<p>"Babylon"</p> <p>= "Rome"</p> <p>= "the ungodly world"</p>	<p>Je</p> <p>an</p> <p>se</p> <p>, a</p> <p>tha</p> <p>Go</p>	 <p>The map shows Jerusalem's Old City with various quarters and gates. Key locations include Herod's Gate, Moslem Quarter, Mount of Olives, St. Stephen's Gate, Golden Gate, Mount Moriah, Dome of the Rock, Temple Mount, Jewish Quarter, Christian Quarter, New Gate, Jaffa Gate, David's Tower, Armenian Quarter, Zion Gate, Mount Zion, and Valley of Qidron. A scale bar indicates 300 meters and 300 yards. A compass rose is also present.</p>

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Revelation 11

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Expression**

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Thomas
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14
the
resurrec-
tion and
ascension
of the two
witnesses
(11:11-12)

"divine
legitimiza-
tion of a
prophetic
call"

"A proleptic
anticipation
of the
'rapture' of
the church"

the
resurrection
of the two
witnesses



Let's now put each
view into paragraph
form like the passage

Revelation 11 - Beale (Symbolic)

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¹I was given a reed symbolizing the infallible promise of God's future presence and was told, "Go and protect God's eschatological community (which is the temple of the church) until the parousia and protect the suffering covenant community and count the believers worshiping together in the temple community. ²But exclude God's true people, including Gentiles; do not protect this suffering covenant community of Gentiles and Jews because they are not protected from various forms of earthly harm (physical, economic, social, etc.). They will attack and persecute the whole community of faith throughout the church age which is the initial form of the heavenly city, part of which is identified with believers living on earth for the eschatological period of tribulation. ³And I will give power to the church, and this whole community of faith will prophesy for the eschatological period of tribulation... [but after being killed] ⁸their bodies will lie in the street of Babylon or Rome which means the ungodly world [then they will receive] ¹¹⁻
¹²divine legitimization of a prophetic call.

Revelation 11 - Osborne (Symbolic-Literal)

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¹I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and preserve the saints spiritually in the coming great persecution (but secondarily the church of all ages) in anticipation of their final victory and measure (preserve?) the [heavenly] altar of incense, and count the individual believers in the church or at the altar. ²But exclude the saints who are persecuted... because they have not been protected from Gentiles/nations as God delivers his followers into the hands of sinners for a time. The saints will suffer incredibly in a physical sense in the people of God for the 'great tribulation' at the end of history. ³And I will give power to my witnessing church, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth... [but after being killed] ⁸their bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem and Rome which secondarily refer to all cities that oppose God [then they will receive] ¹¹⁻¹²a proleptic anticipation of the 'rapture' of the church.

Revelation 11 - Thomas (Literal)

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¹ I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure as a mark of God's favor the future temple in Jerusalem during the period just before Christ returns and the brazen altar of sacrifice in the court outside the sanctuary, and count the future godly remnant in Israel in the rebuilt temple. ² But do not measure as a mark of God's favor the wicked without God... because they have been excluded from God's favor [and are] a group [of non-Jews] in rebellion against God who will oppress the Jewish remnant. They will trample ³ on Jerusalem for the last half of Daniel's seventieth week. ⁴ And I will give power to my two future prophets (probably Moses and Elijah), and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth... [but after being killed] ⁸ their bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem [then three and a half days later will] ¹¹⁻¹² be resurrected.

4 Interpretative Principles

Principle #2:

Be consistent with Daniel's parallel prophecy



- Ten-horned Beast
- 7-year covenant
- 1290/1260-day trial



Outline of Daniel

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UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY IN TIMES OF THE GENTILES

Sovereignty over Daniel			Sovereignty over Gentiles						Sovereignty over Jews		
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–7						Chapters 8–12		
Narrative			Visions in Narrative						Vision		
Hebrew			Aramaic						Hebrew		
Gentile Names for God			Gentile Names for God						Jewish Names for God		
Third person ("Daniel")			Third person ("Daniel")						First person ("I")		
Daniel's Example			Daniel Interprets King's Dreams						Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
The Man Daniel			Images		Kings				Israel's Future		
Exile	Food	Exalted	Varied	Gold	Neb.	Bel.	Dar.	All	Medo-Persia To Greece	Return to Seventy "7s"	Intertestament Period to Tribulation
1:1-7	1:8-16	1:17-21	2 Promoted	3 Furnace	4 Exile	5 Party	6 Lions	7 Beasts	8	9	10-12
Babylon											
605-536 BC											

Nations in Daniel 7

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A golden-brown lion with large, feathered wings, standing on a rocky outcrop.

Babylon

A spotted leopard with large, feathered wings, standing on a rocky outcrop.

Greece

A large brown bear standing in shallow water, with its head lowered as if drinking.

Medo-Persia

A green dragon with a long tail and a crown of spikes, standing on a grassy field with a city in the background.

Rome

Beast 1: Winged Lion (Babylon)

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Beast 2: Bear (Medo-Persia)



Beast 3: Leopard (Greece)

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Beast 4: Terrifying (Rome)

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Daniel 7:7

Little Horn on Beast 4 (Antichrist)

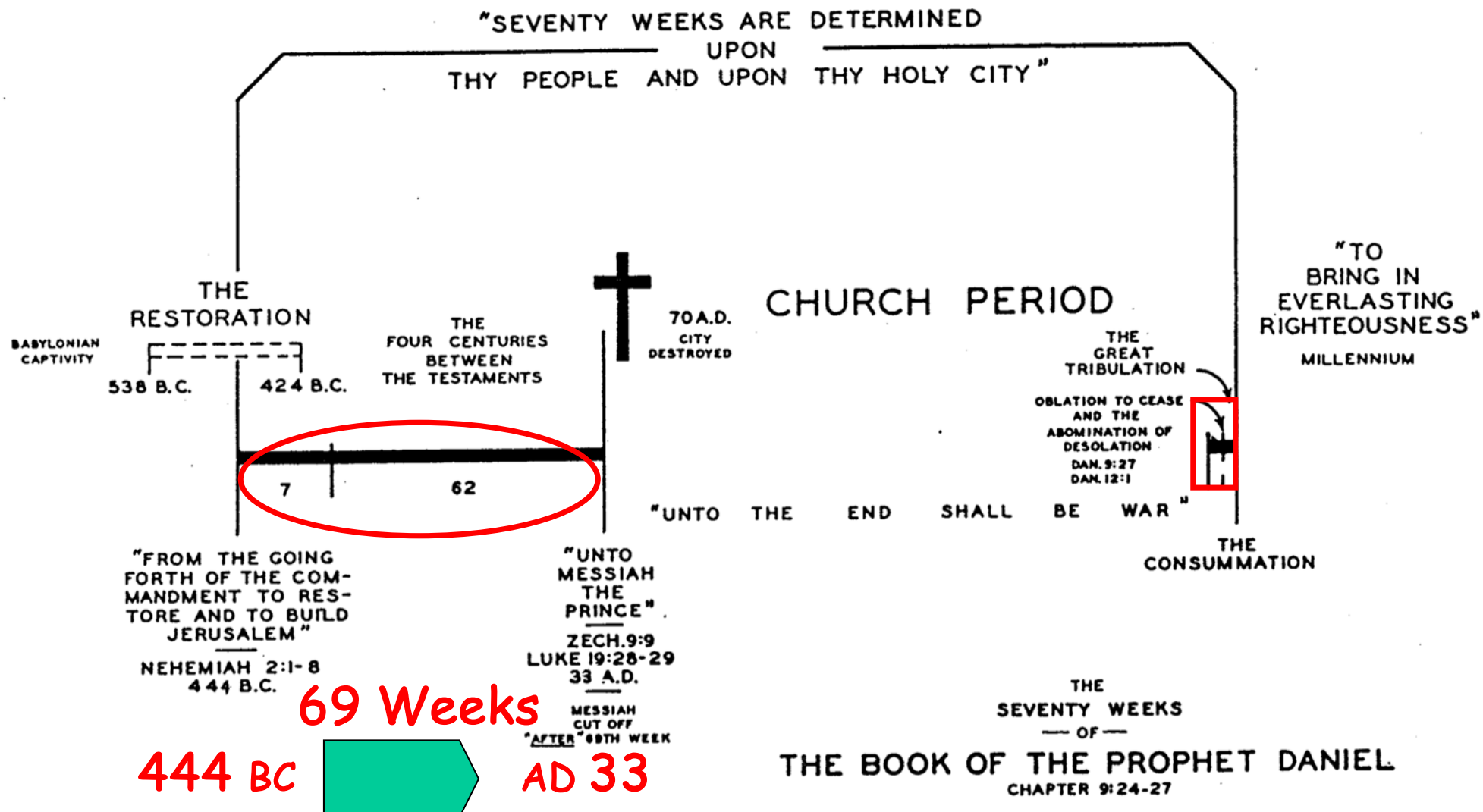


Daniel 7:8

Daniel's 70 Weeks

(Dan. 9:24-27)

R. Ludwigson, *A Survey of Bible Prophecy* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975), 49



Dating Daniel's Seventy Weeks

March 5, 444 B.C.

Nisan 1 of Artaxerxes' 20th Year
Nehemiah 2:1-8

March 30, A.D. 33

Triumphal Entry on Nisan 10 A.D. 33
Luke 19:28-40

69 WEEKS

*** CHURCH
AGE**

70th WEEK

$$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

$$\text{March 5, 444 B.C.} + 173,880 \text{ days} = \text{March 30, A.D. 33}$$

1/2 Week

1/2 Week

Verification

$$444 \text{ B.C. to A.D. 33} = 476 \text{ years}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 476 \text{ years} \times 365.24219879 \text{ days} &= 173,855 \text{ days} \\ + \text{ days between March 5 \& March 30} &= 25 \text{ days} \\ &= 173,880 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

*Messiah cut off after 69 weeks—April 3, A.D. 33.

Rationale for 360-Day Years

1/2 week—Dan. 9:27

Time, times, 1/2 time—Dan. 7:25, 12:7;
Rev. 12:14

1,260 days—Rev. 12:6, 11:3

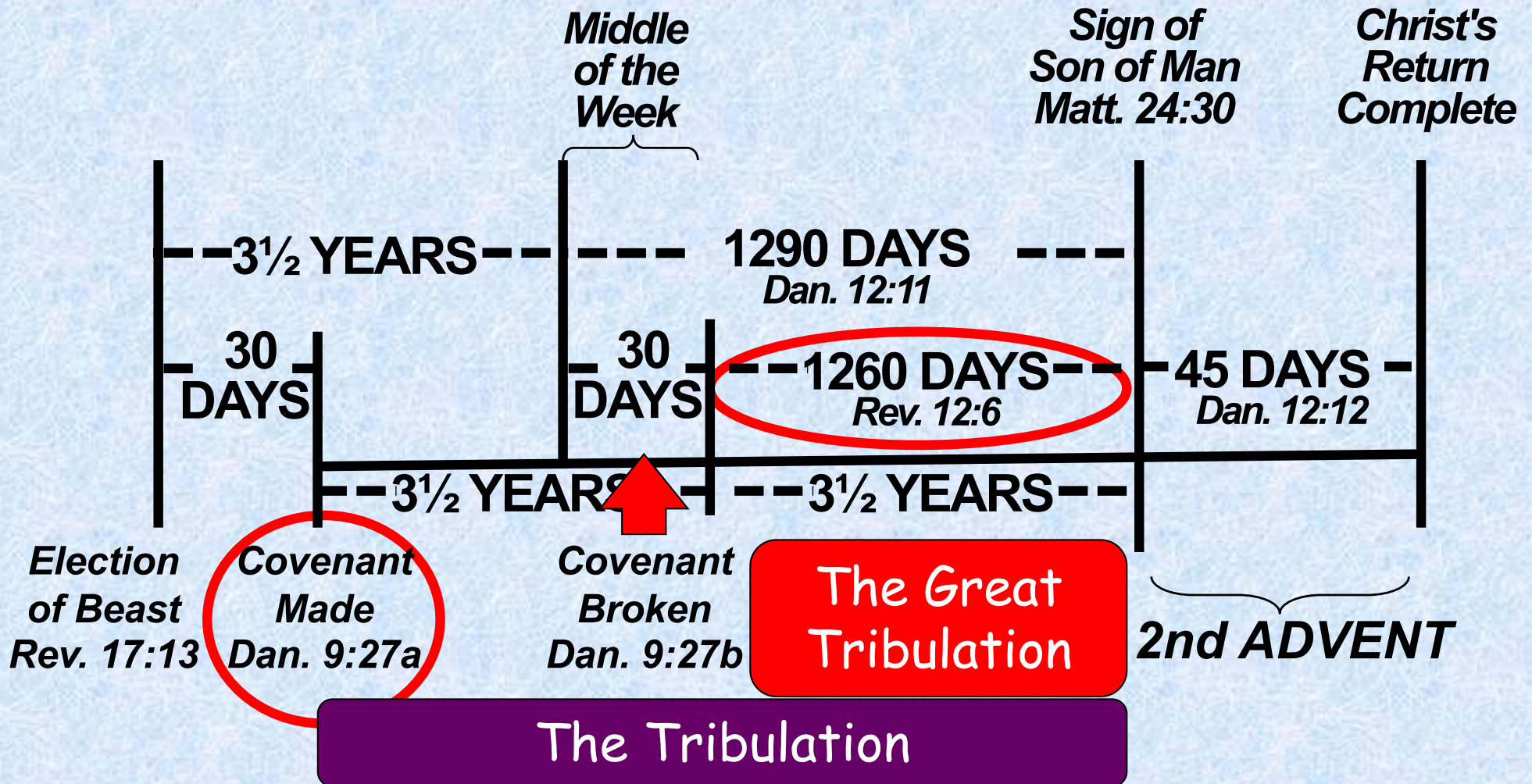
42 months—Rev. 11:2, 13:5

Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days = time,
times, 1/2 time = 1/2 week

Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

Chronology of the 70th "Week"

Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him" (Daniel 9:27 NIV).

4 Interpretative Principles

Principle #3:

Assume a chronological order

Revelation 1:17-19 ¹⁷When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. ¹⁹Therefore 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**

+ The Recapitulation Approach

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Christ in the Midst of the Seven Lamp Stands (1-3)

The Vision of Heaven and the Seven Seals (4-7)

The Seven Trumpets (8-11)

The Persecuting Dragon (12-14)

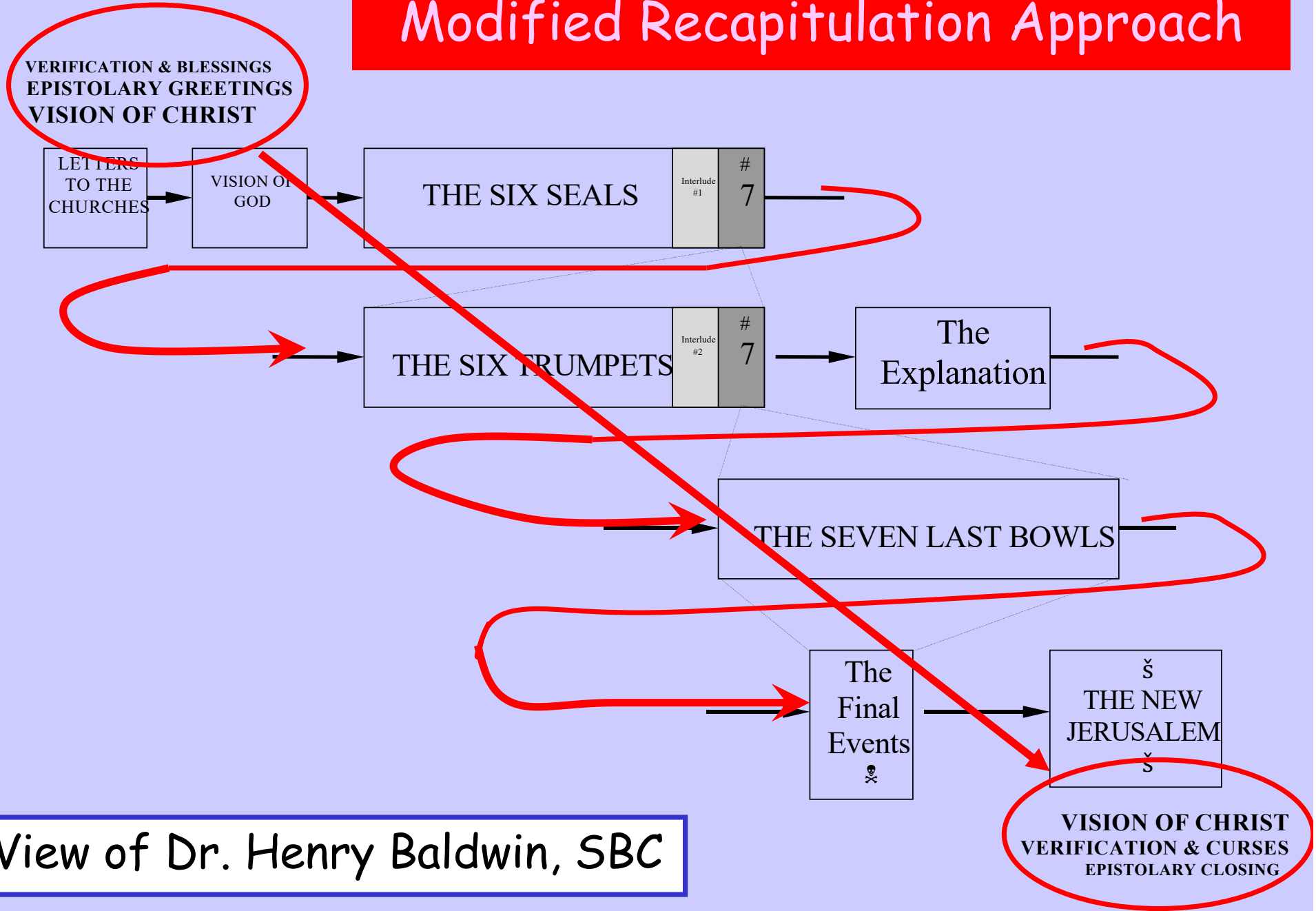
The Seven Bowls (15-16)

The Fall of Babylon (17-19)

The Great Consummation (20-22)

The present age (20:1-6) is not a literal 1000 years, comes *before* chapter 19, and is followed by a general judgment and eternity

Modified Recapitulation Approach



View of Dr. Henry Baldwin, SBC

Problems with Recapitulation

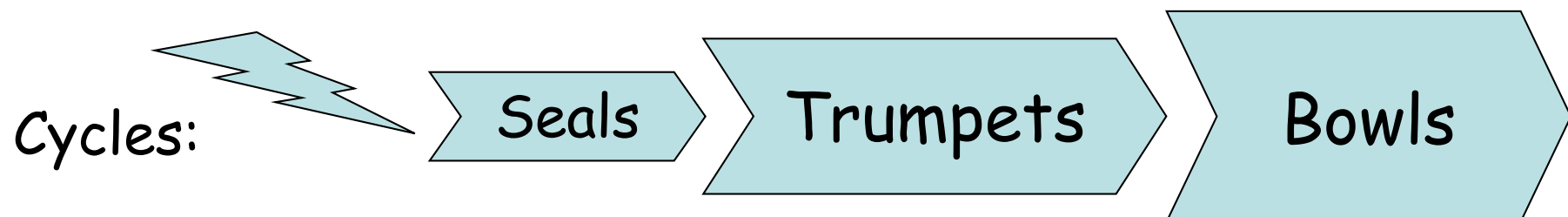
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1. See rebuttals to the right of the Recapitulation diagram.
2. Does Christ's return really appear repeatedly in the book?

"The strongest argument for the recapitulation view is the observation of repeated combined scenes of **consummative judgment and salvation** found in **various sections** throughout the book"

--G. K. Beale, *The Book of Revelation*, GIGTC (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999), 121

3. Judgments increasingly **progress** and **intensify**.



Recapitulation Critiqued

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But 16:18-20
earthquake is even
worse

Actually a meteor
shower as not all
the stars fall

But sky not
replaced until 21:1

But 6:16 still has
some mountains (cf.
16:20 "every island
& mountain fled")

"I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great **earthquake**. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. ¹³Then the **stars** of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴The **sky** was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the **mountains and islands** were moved from their places" (6:12-14 NLT).

Do chapters 4–22 refer to the present age?

- a) When did 25% of the world die (6:8)?
- b) When was there an army of 200 million (9:16; 16:12-14)?
- c) When has man witnessed 75-pound hail (16:21)?

Content of the Judgments

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	SEALS	Matthew 24:5-9 Seal Parallels:	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Deceivers (24:5)	Sores
2	Red: war	Wars (24:6-7a)	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Famines (24:7b)	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Death (24:9)	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Martyrs (24:9)	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, sign	Earthquakes & worldwide chaos (24:7c, 10-13)	
	(144,000 sealed)		
7	1/2-hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail

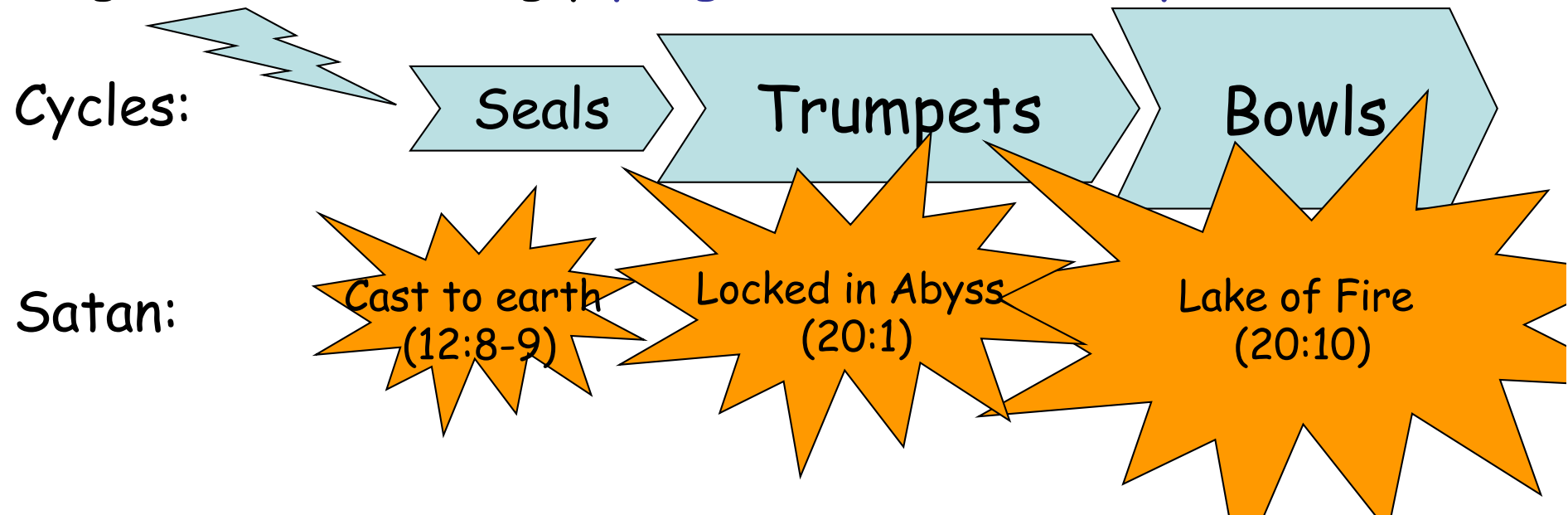
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4 Interpretative Principles

Principle #4:

Use Revelation's inspired outline

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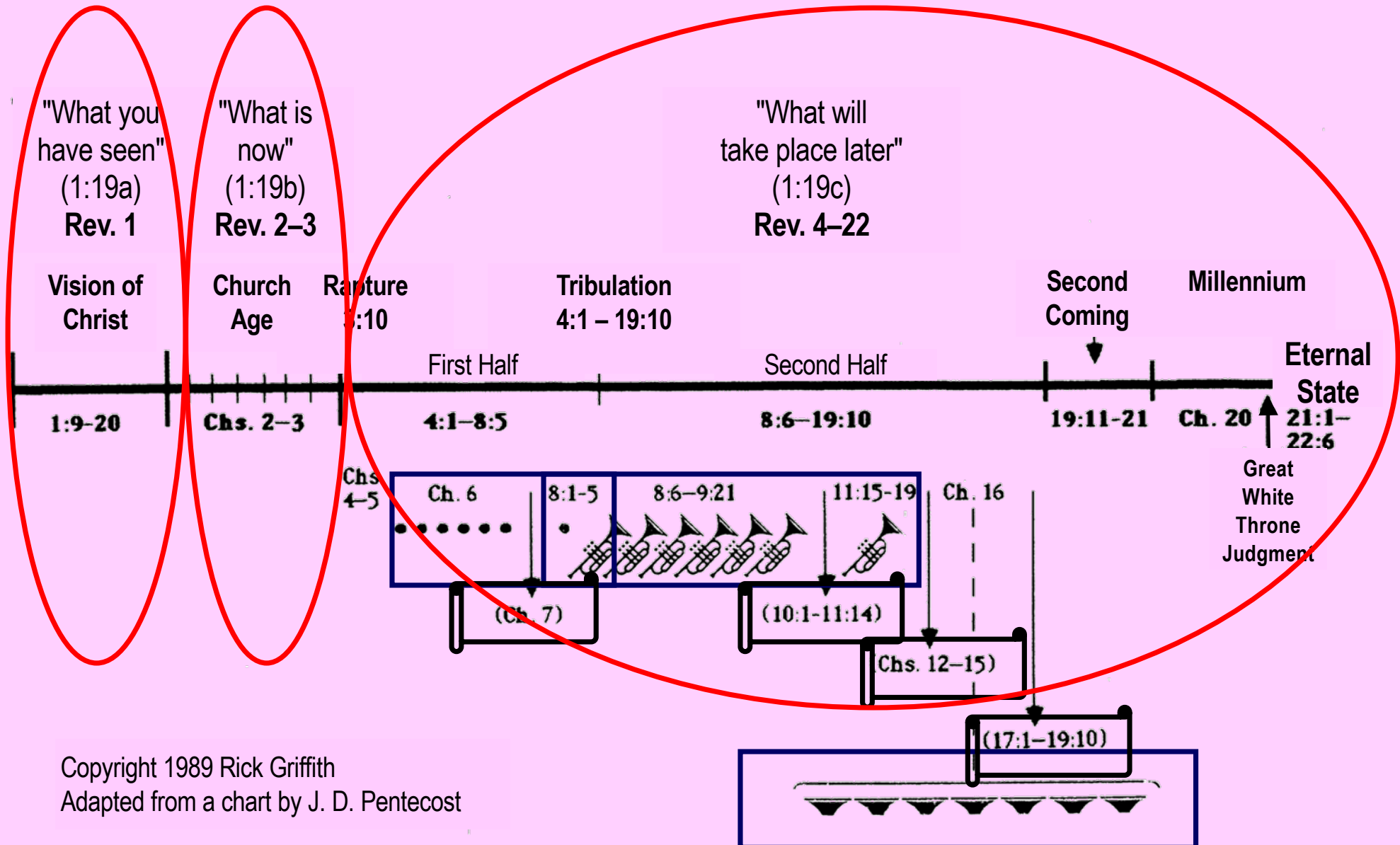


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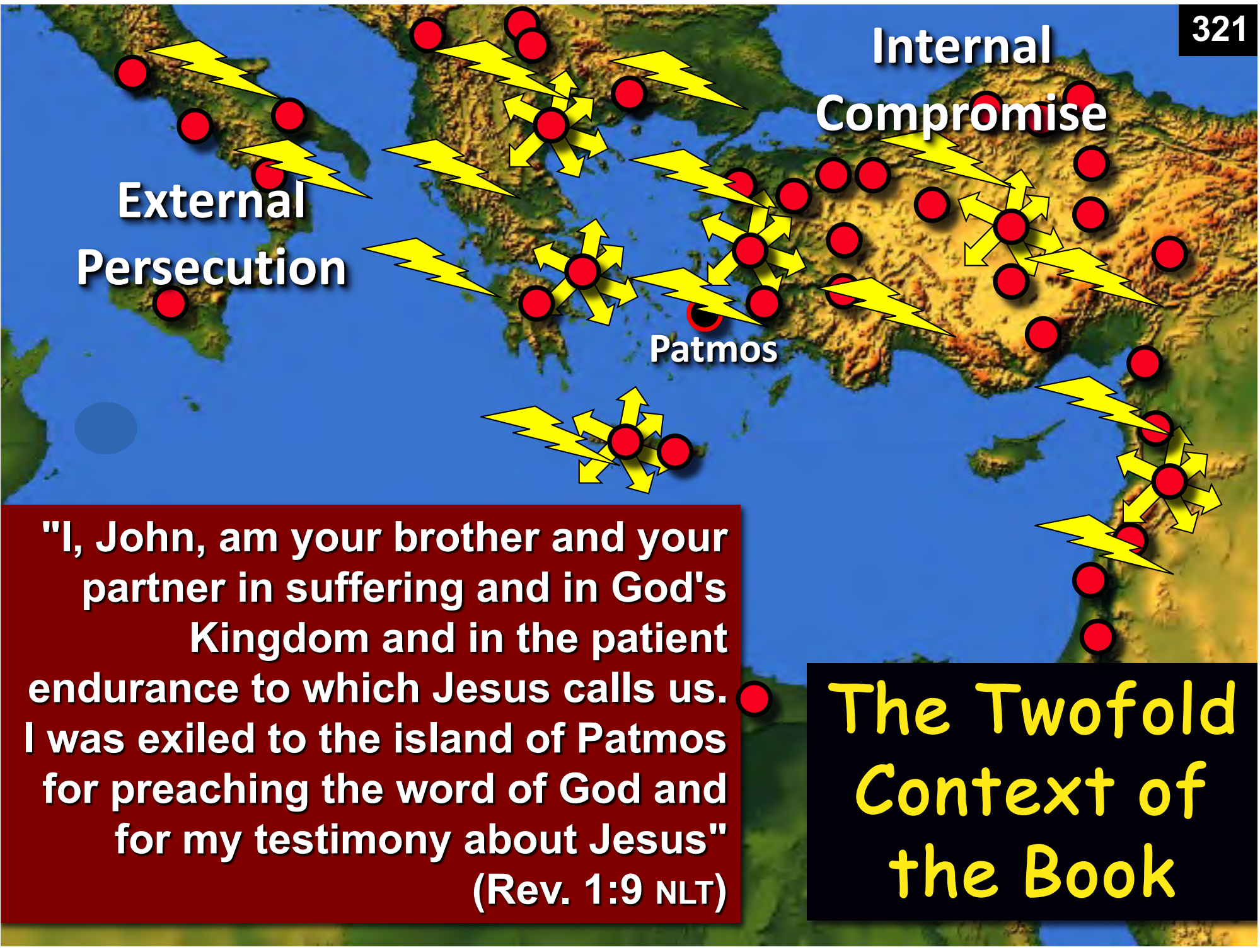


will take place

Chronology of Revelation



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**External
Persecution**

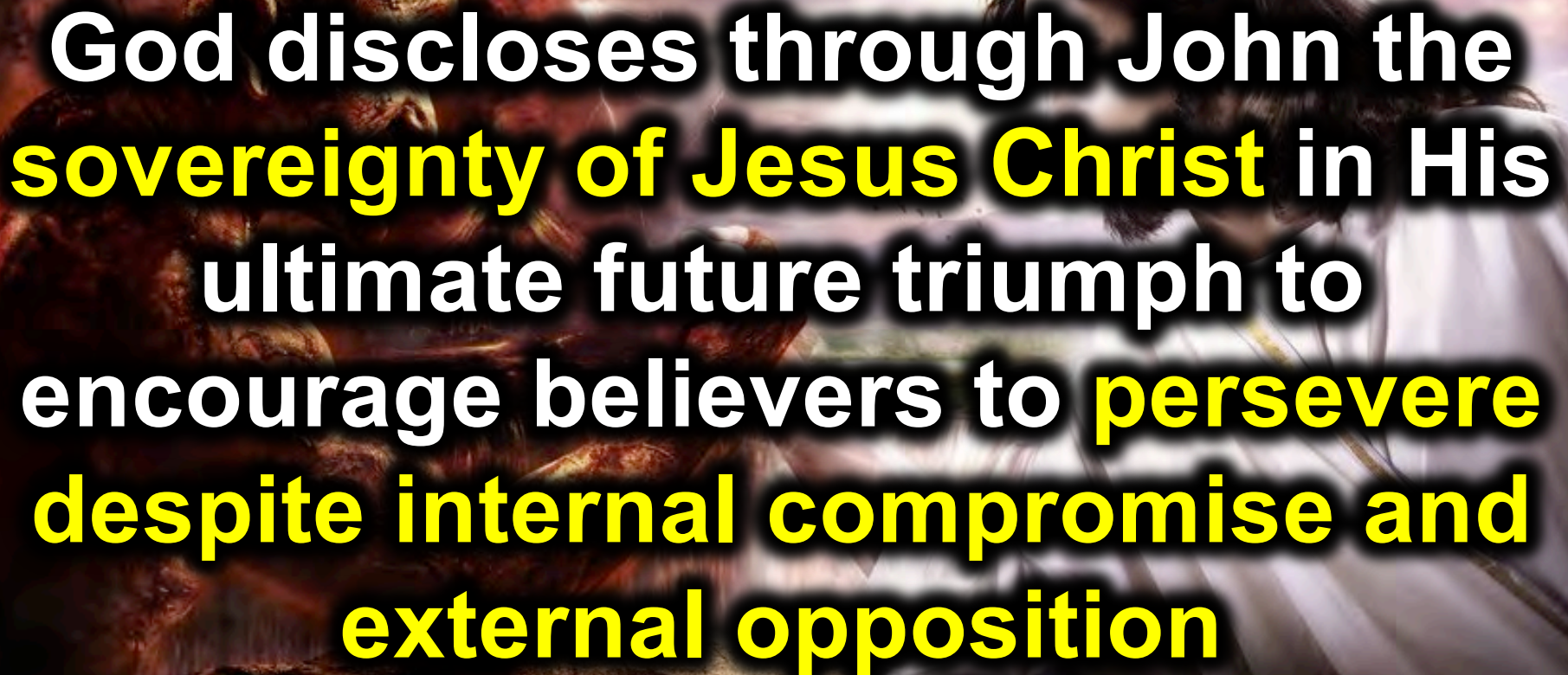
**Internal
Compromise**

Patmos

**"I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus"
(Rev. 1:9 NLT)**

**The Twofold
Context of
the Book**

Summing Up the Whole Book



God discloses through John the **sovereignty of Jesus Christ** in His ultimate future triumph to encourage believers to **persevere despite internal compromise and external opposition**

Revelation 1

Revelation 1



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

**DEATH
(1)**

Outline of Revelation

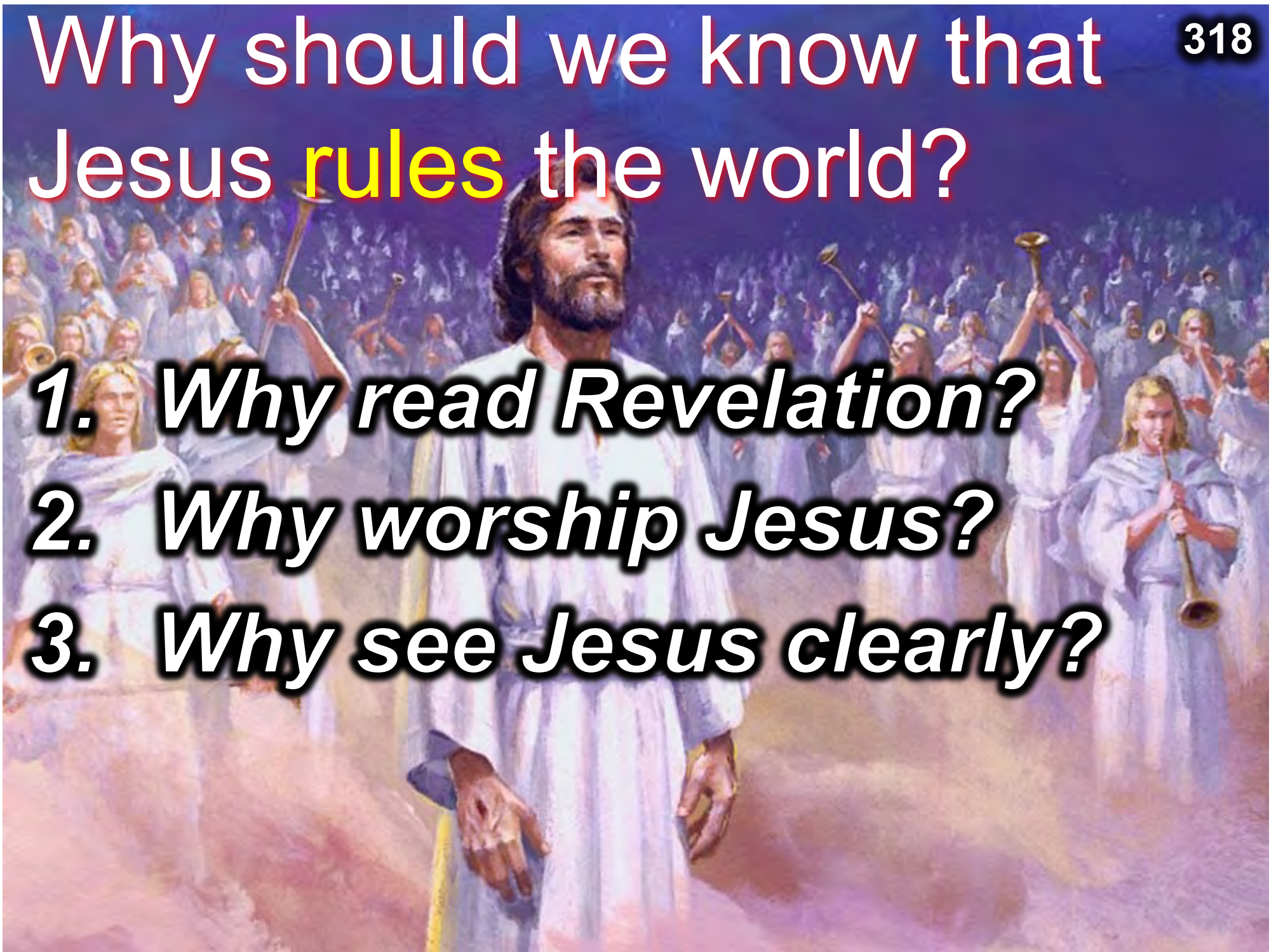


John at Patmos (Rev 1:9-10)

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

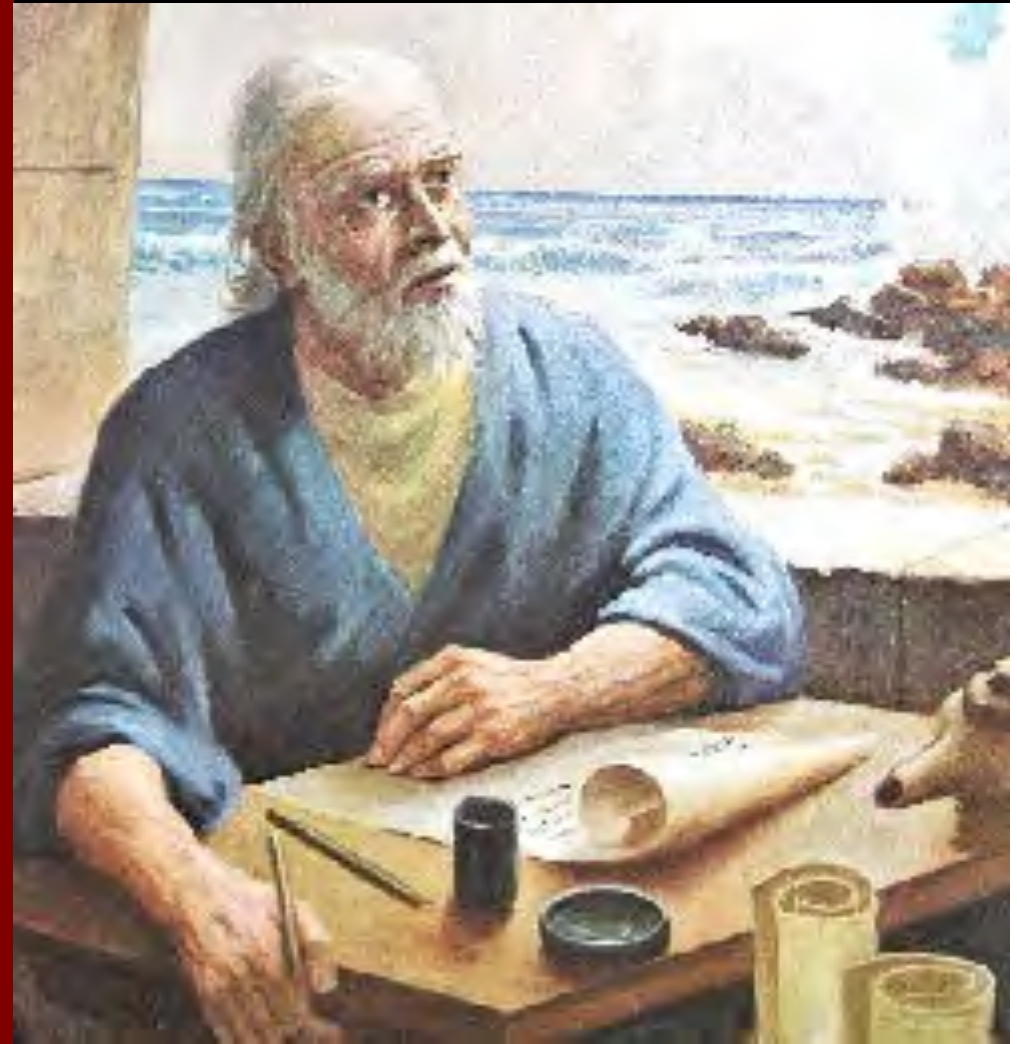
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- 1. Why read Revelation?***
- 2. Why worship Jesus?***
- 3. Why see Jesus clearly?***



Why read Revelation?

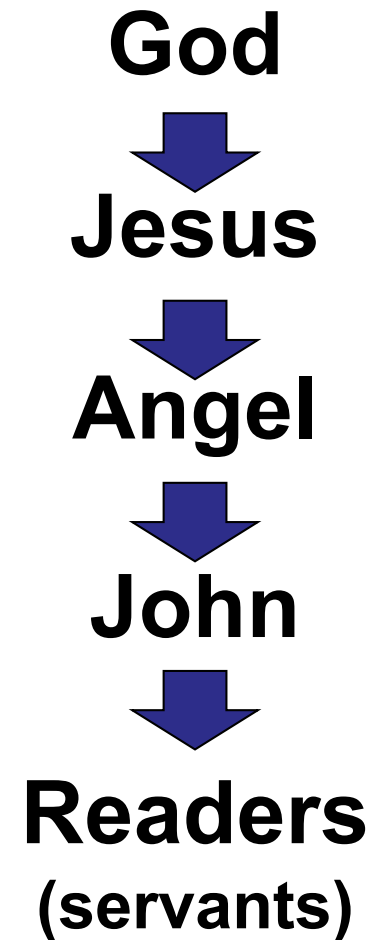
1. Jesus reveals the future and promises to bless all who read and obey the prophecy (1:1-3).





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

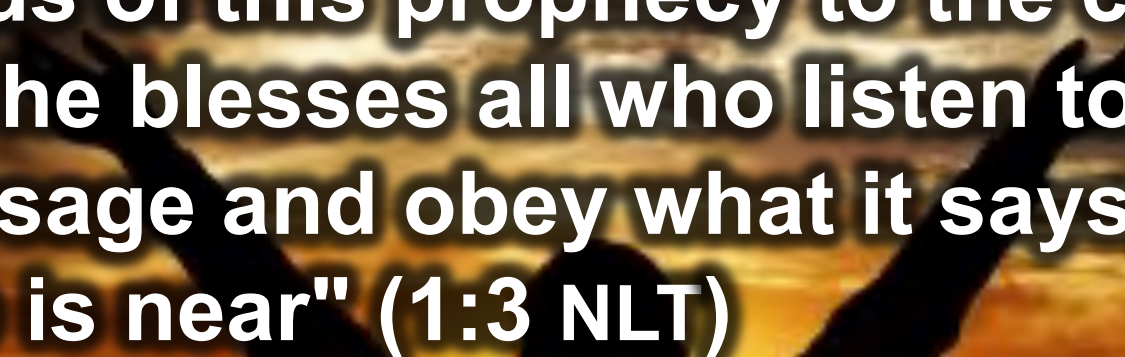
"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ" (1:1-2 NIV).



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, suggesting a moment of spiritual joy or devotion.

We often look down...



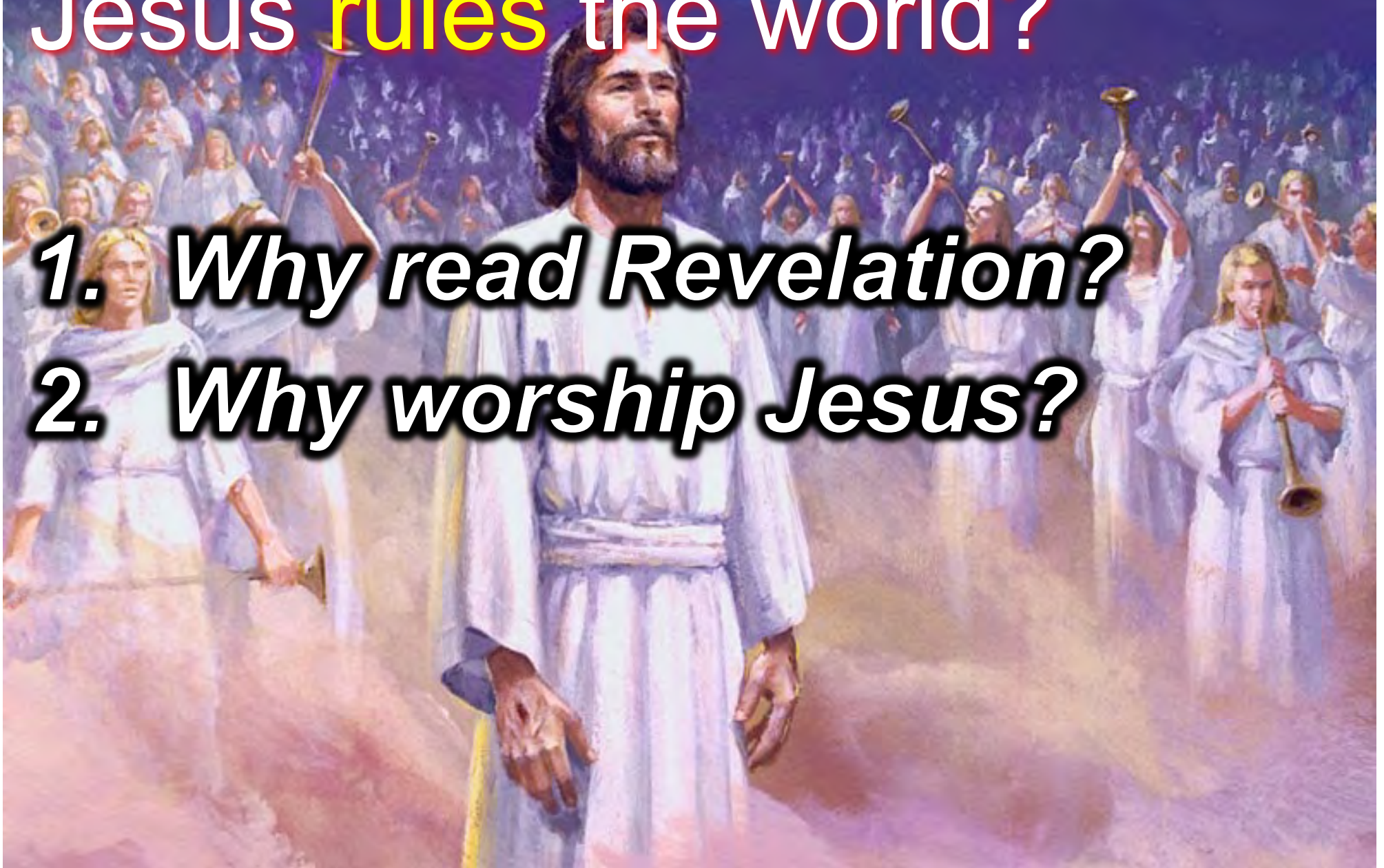


...so why
should you
look up and
**why worship
Jesus** during
your
struggle?

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

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- 1. Why read Revelation?***
- 2. Why worship Jesus?***

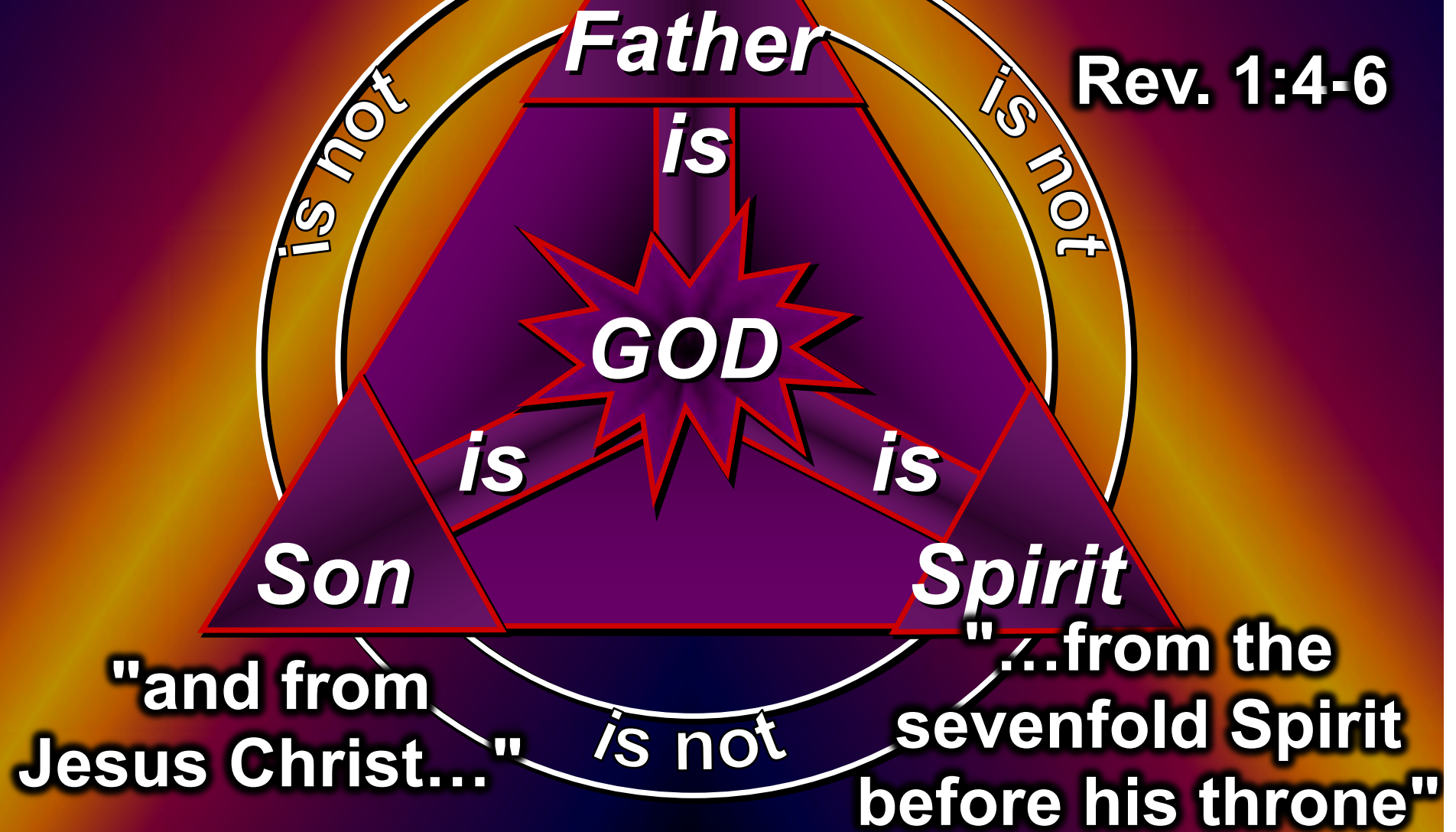


Why worship Jesus?

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

"Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come"

Rev. 1:4-6

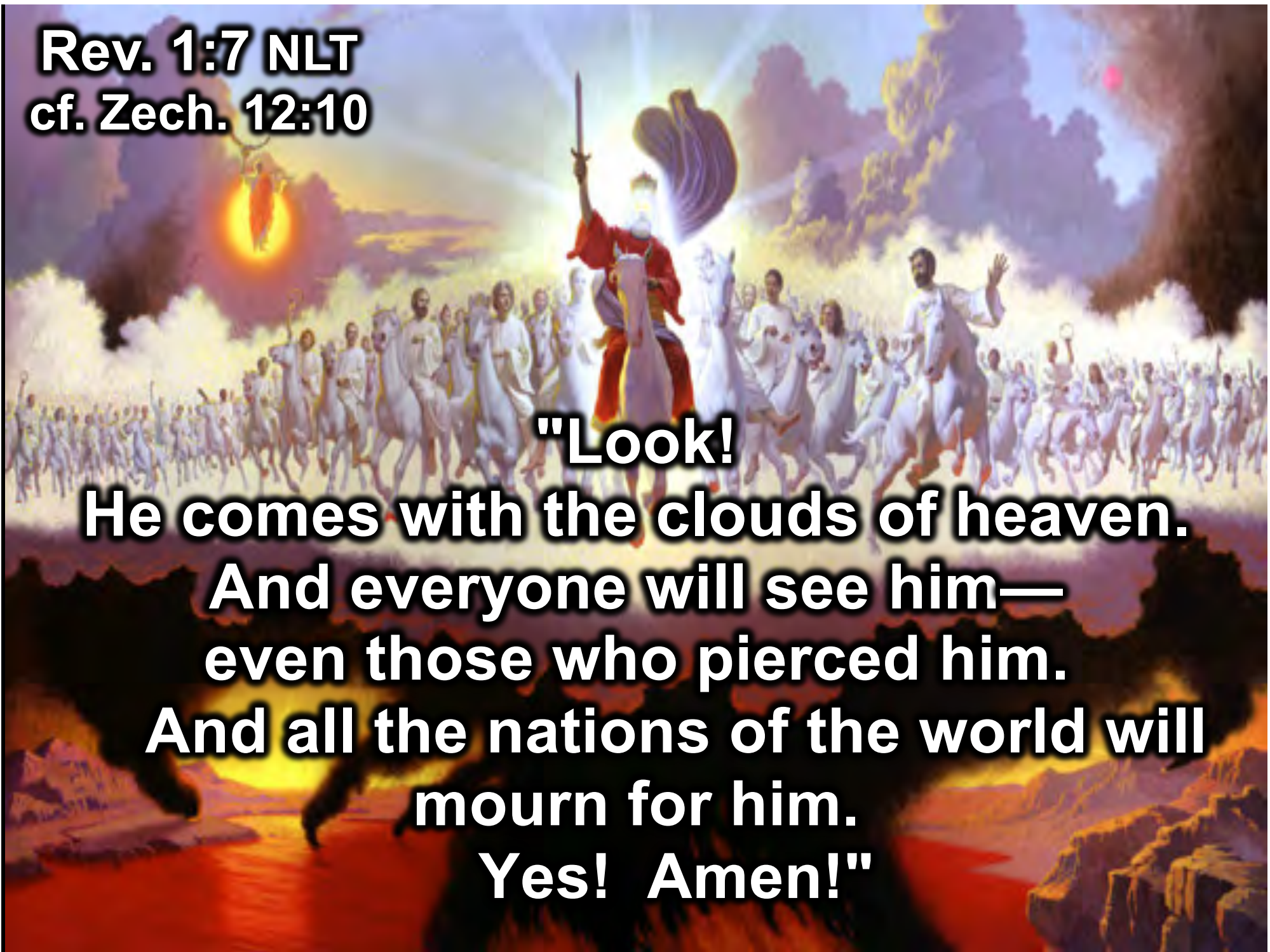


Redemption in Christ (1:5b-6)

"He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. ⁶He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."



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



"Look!

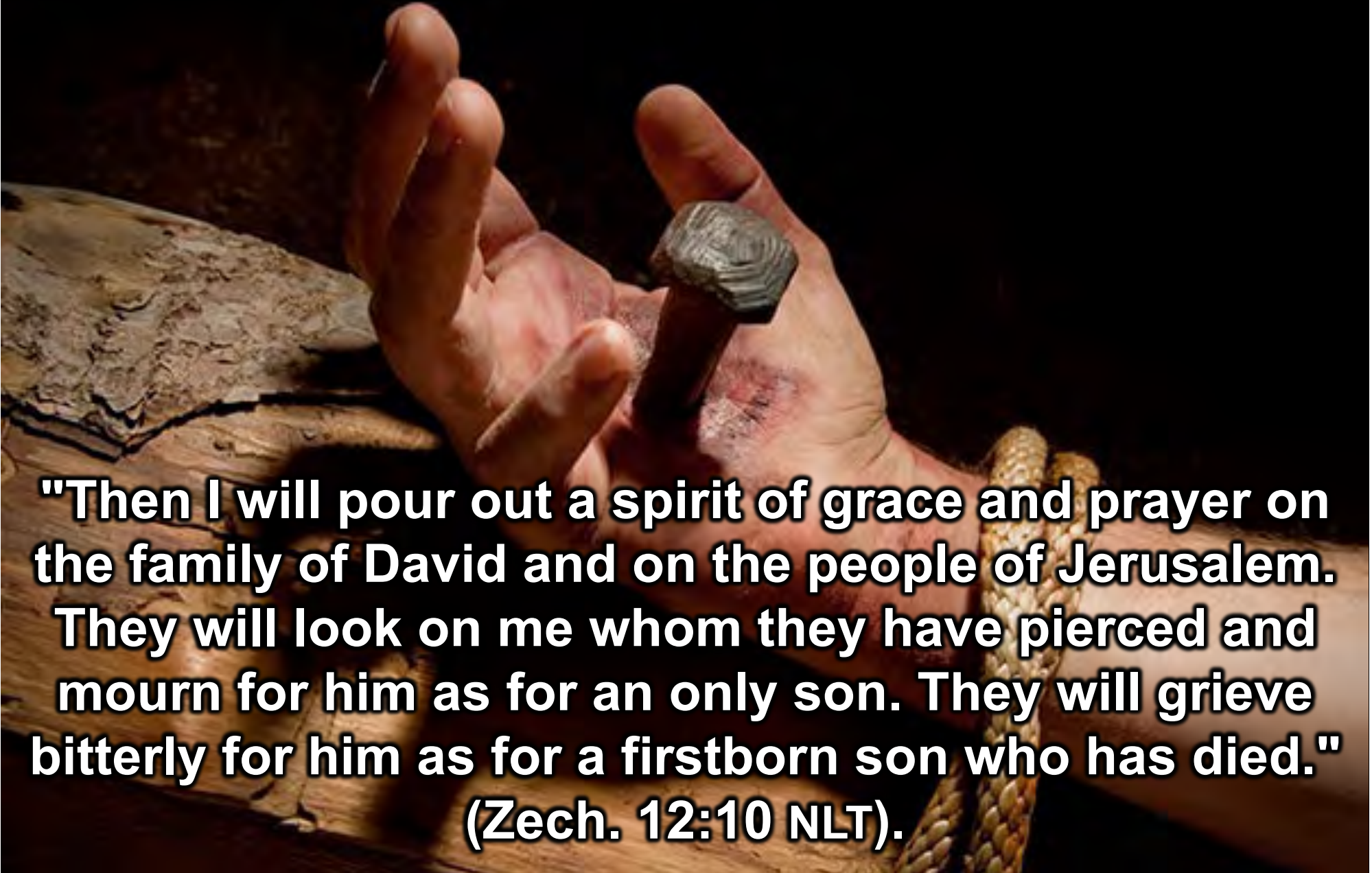
He comes with the clouds of heaven.

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

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

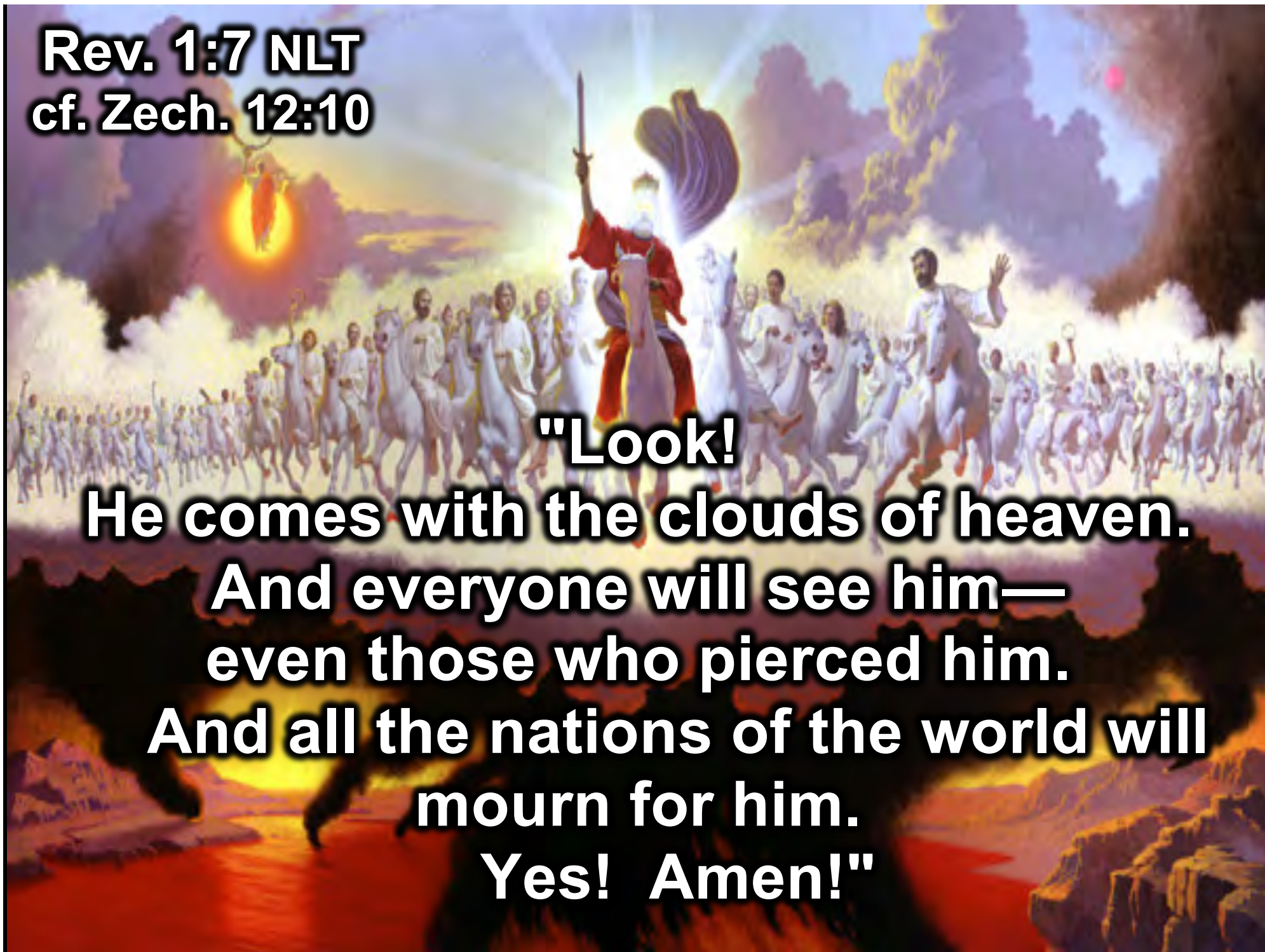
Yes! Amen!"

The Repentance of Israel

A close-up photograph of a hand with a wooden nail driven through the palm, symbolizing suffering and repentance. The hand is positioned against a dark background, with a piece of wood and a rope visible in the foreground. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the wood.

**"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died."
(Zech. 12:10 NLT).**

Rev. 1:7 NLT
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"Look!

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**And everyone will see him—
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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).

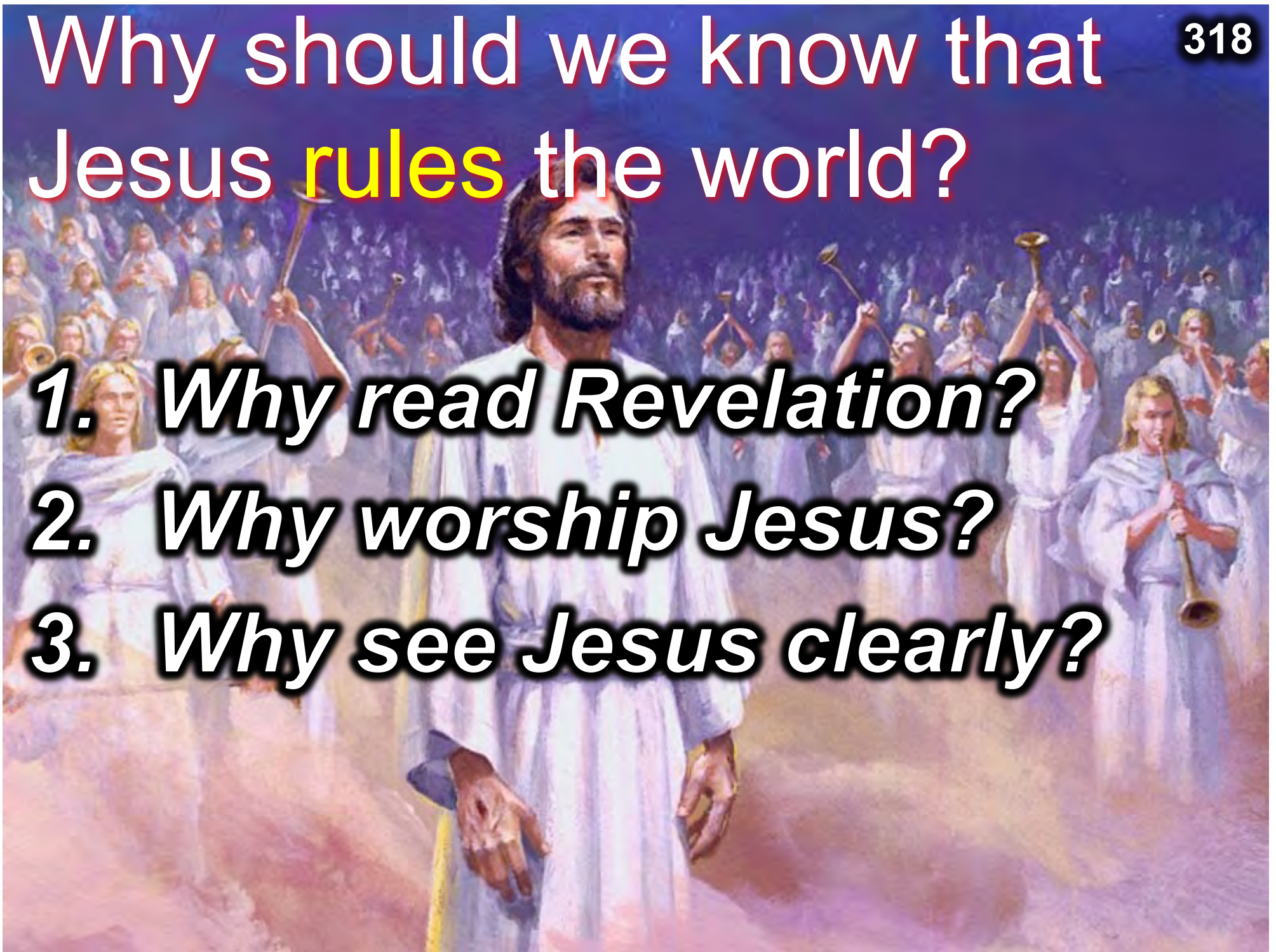
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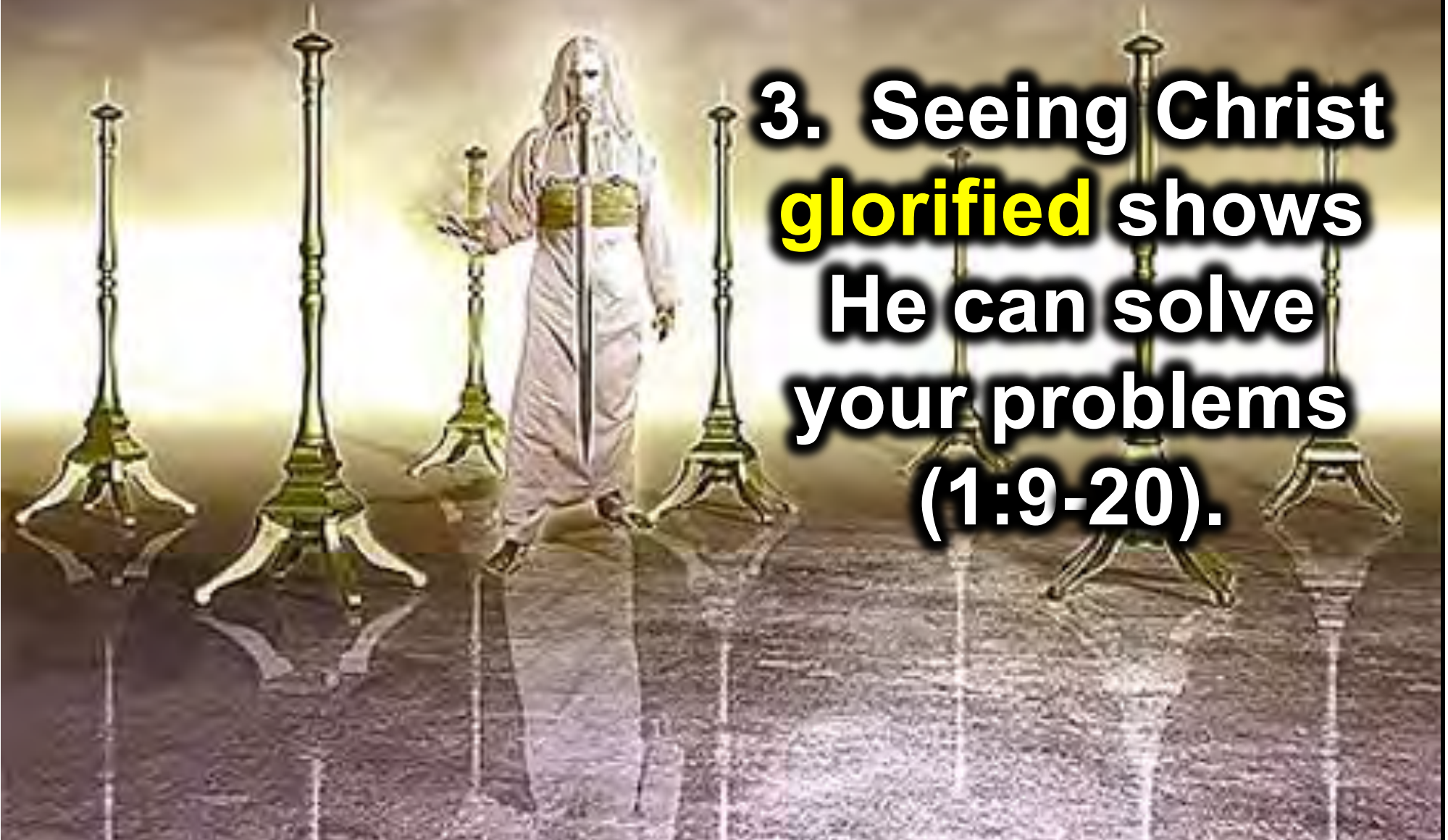
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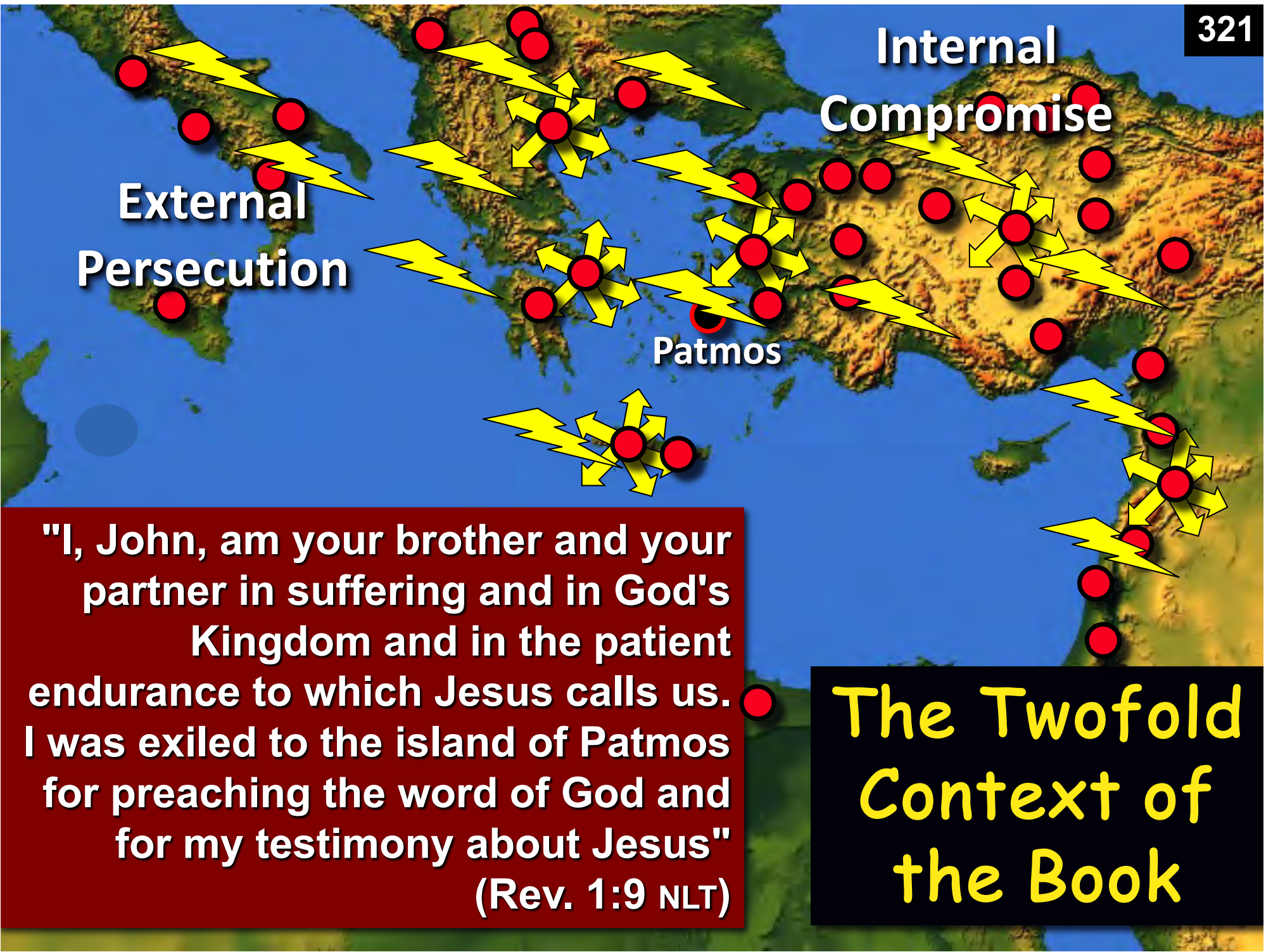
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Why see Jesus clearly?



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



**External
Persecution**

**Internal
Compromise**

Patmos

**"I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus"
(Rev. 1:9 NLT)**

**The Twofold
Context of
the Book**

The Island of Patmos



Satellite Comparison of Singapore with Patmos



Patmos

Patmos Island



The Tourist Island of Patmos



Luxury Hotels on Patmos

Monastery of St. John at Patmos



John's View from the Top



John's View from the Top



**"...on the Lord's day..."
(1:10)**

- **Sunday?**
- **The "Day of the LORD"?**



The Day of the LORD

Judgment +

Blessing

Tribulation

Millennium

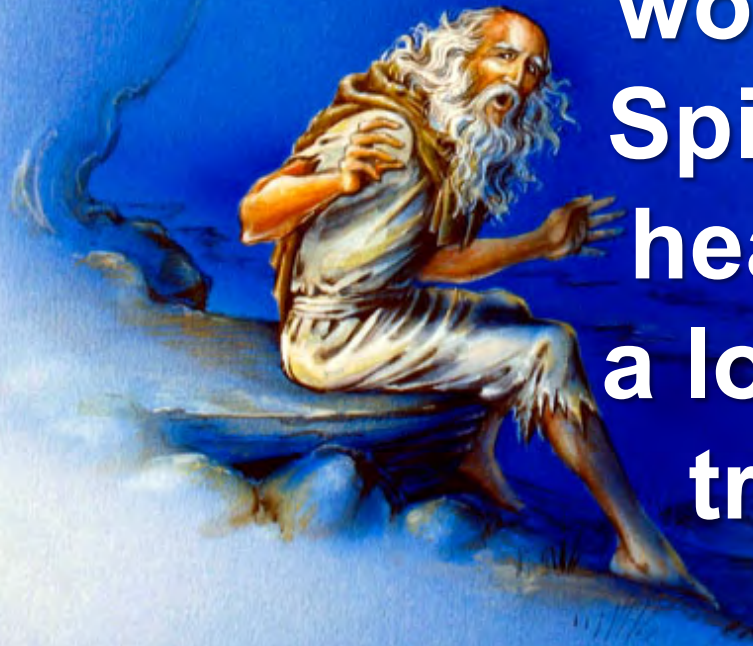
Rev. 6–19

Rev. 20

7 years

1000 years

**"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"
(1:10 NLT).**



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)**

**"I saw..."
(1:12)**

**This exact
verb form is
used 45 times
in Revelation!**

1:12 13:1 19:11
1:17 13:2 19:17
4:1 13:11 19:19
5:1 14:1 20:1
5:2 14:6 20:4
5:6 14:14 20:11
5:11 15:1 20:12
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6:8 17:3
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7:2
7:9
8:2
8:13
9:1
9:17
10:1
10:5

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NOW...TO COMPLETE THE PORTRAIT...

Revelation 1:12-18 (NIV)

¹²I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lamp stands,

THE REVELATION OF

and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴His head and hair were
JESUS CHRIST
 were like

glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then

TO JOHN THE APOSTLE

I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."



Christ Among the Lampstands (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)

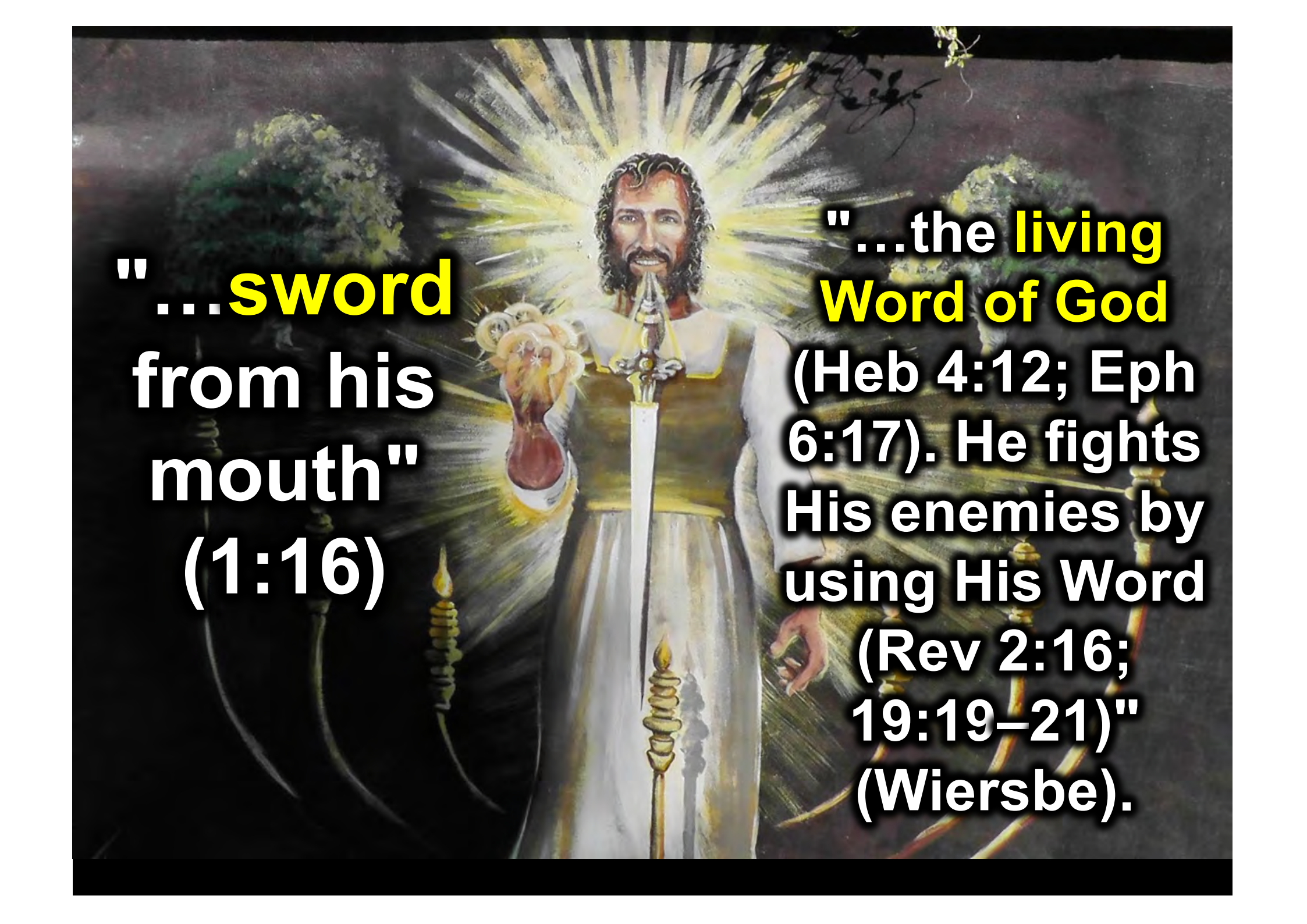
Judge-King: "robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest" (1:13)

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



"...**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 painting of Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe with a gold sash. He is holding a sword upright in his right hand and a chalice in his left hand. A bright, radiant halo surrounds his head, with rays of light extending outwards. The background is dark with some foliage.

**"...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).**

OT Parallels to Jesus in Rev. 1:12-16

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Rev. 1:12-16	Ezek. 1:24-28	Dan. 10:5-6	Dan. 7:9-10	Dan. 7:13-14
son of man	like that of a man	a man		son of man
robe		linen robe		
gold sash		gold sash		
white hair			white hair	
eyes like fire	fire	eyes like flame	fire	
feet like bronze	glowing metal	gleaming bronze		
voice like rushing water	sound like rushing water	sound of a multitude		
stars in hand				
face like the sun	radiance	like lightning		

*Vern Poythress at
www.frame-
poythress.org*

"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

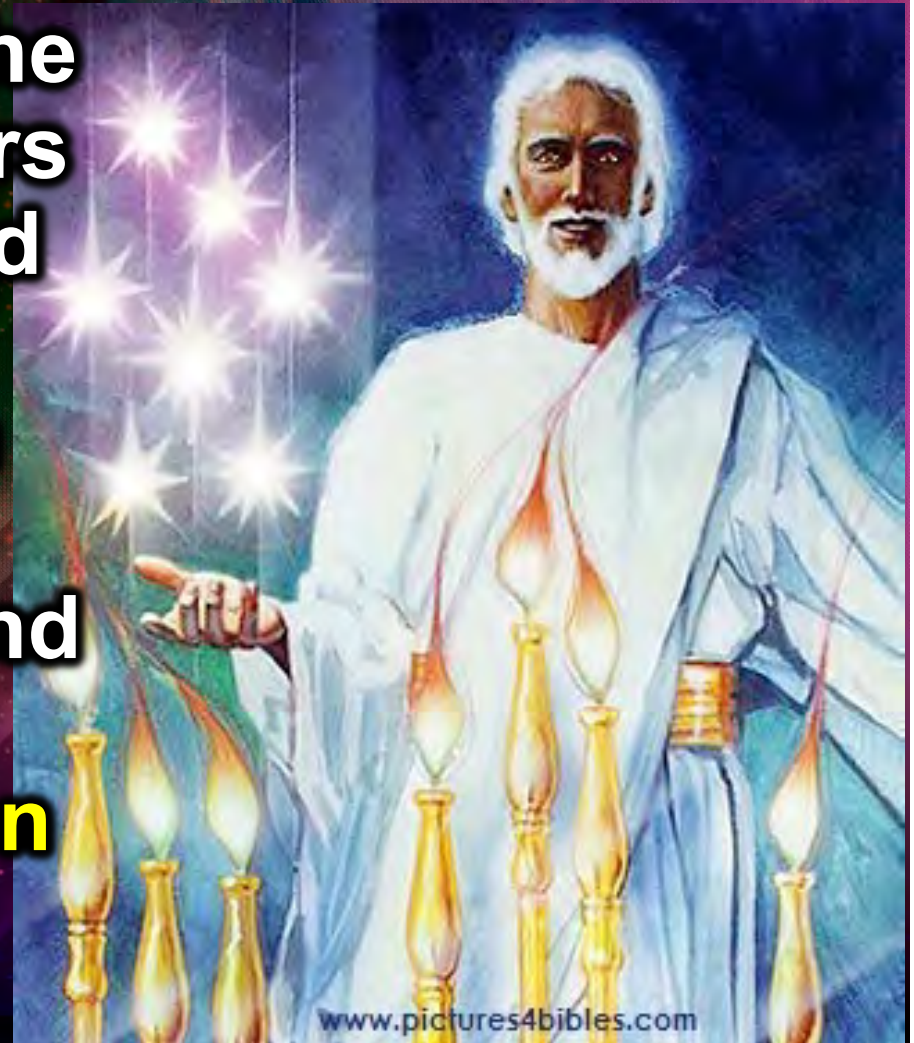
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Revelation

Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches	Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3	Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)	"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present	Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled	Consummation Unveiled				
God on Earth			God's Ambassadors on Earth	Hell on Earth to Heaven on Earth				
The Judge			The Assignments	The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21

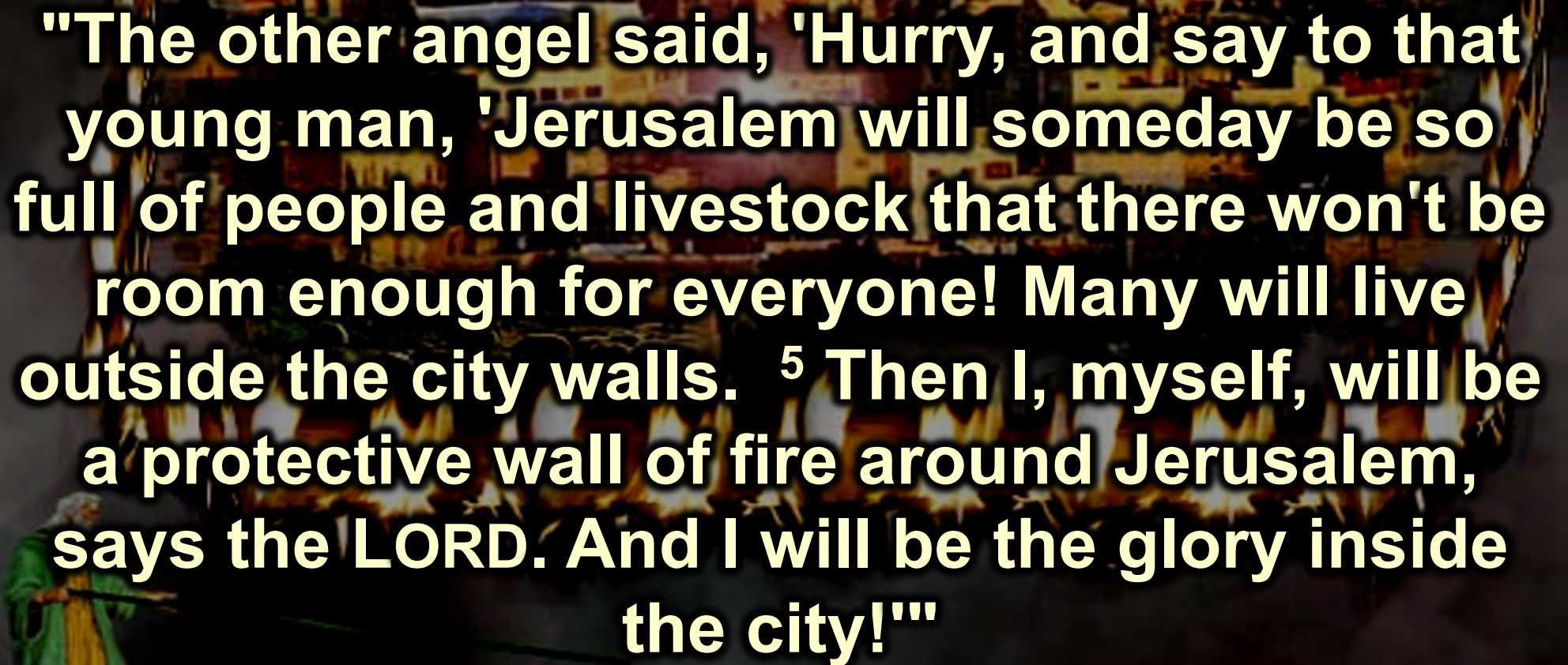
What are the 7 Stars & 7 Lampstands (1:20 NLT)?

"This is the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven gold lampstands: The seven **stars are the angels** of the seven churches, and the seven **lampstands are the seven churches.**"

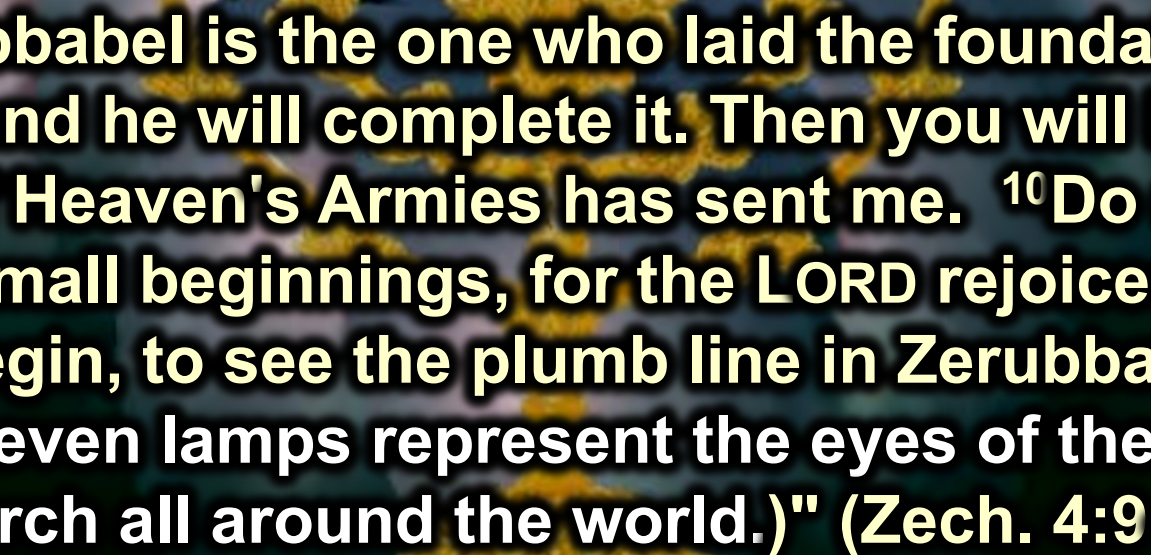


The Wall of Fire = Protection (Zech. 2:4-5 NLT)

"The other angel said, 'Hurry, and say to that young man, 'Jerusalem will someday be so full of people and livestock that there won't be room enough for everyone! Many will live outside the city walls. ⁵ Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!'"



Lamps = God's Omniscience



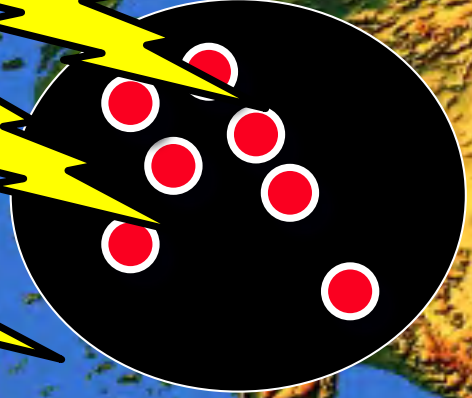
"Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of Heaven's Armies has sent me. ¹⁰Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.' (The seven lamps represent the eyes of the LORD that search all around the world.)" (Zech. 4:9-10 NLT)



Rome

2. External Persecution

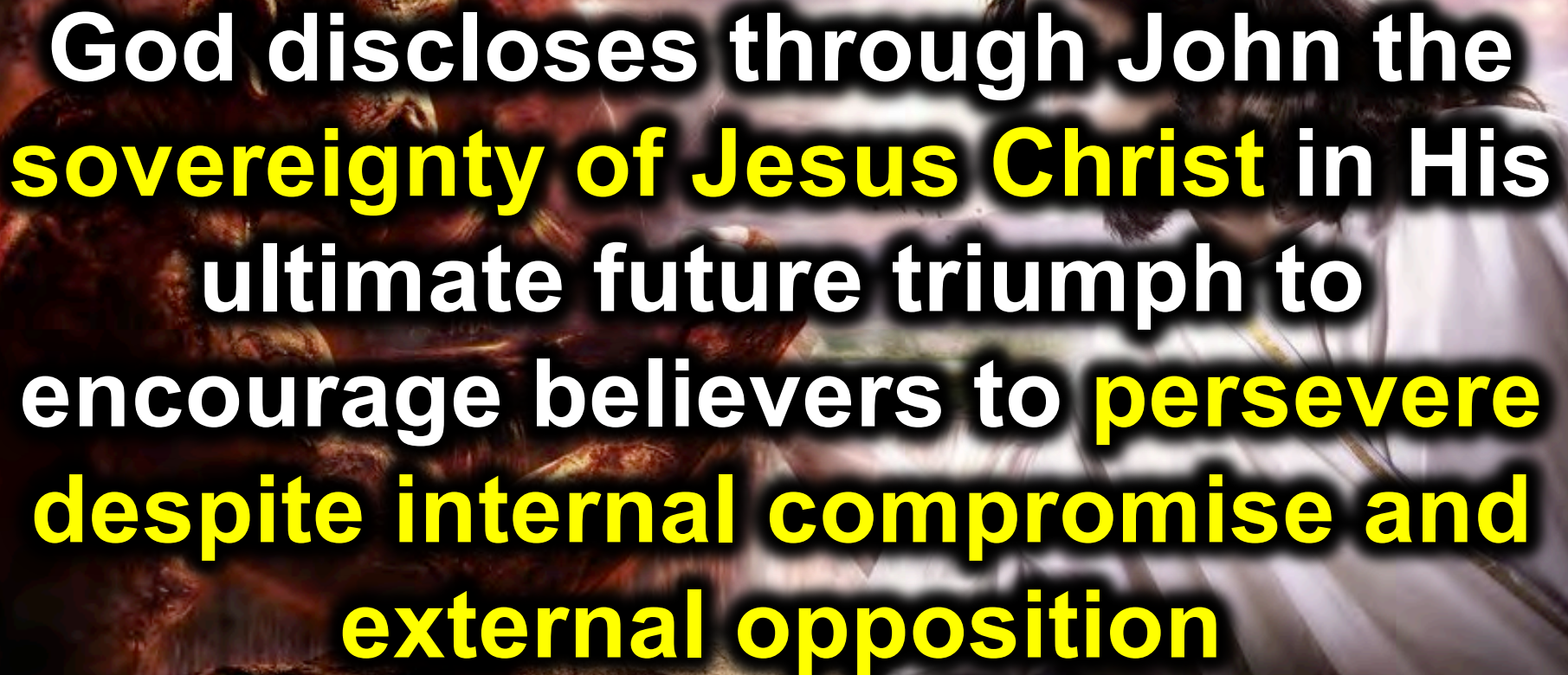
from Rome (1:9;
2:9-10; 3:10)




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

Revealing the sovereignty of Jesus Christ helped convince the seven churches in Asia that Christ could conquer their internal compromise and external opposition

Summing Up the Whole Book



God discloses through John the **sovereignty of Jesus Christ** in His ultimate future triumph to encourage believers to **persevere despite internal compromise and external opposition**

A digital illustration of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. He is holding a large, rolled-up scroll with gold and black stripes. He has his arms raised in a gesture of triumph or blessing. The background is a vibrant, colorful space scene with a bright pink and purple nebula and a starry field. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

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

Revelation's **Big** Idea

Why should we know that Jesus rules the world?

1. Why read Revelation?

- **So you'll be blessed!**

2. Why worship Jesus?

- **He's coming back!**

3. Why see Jesus clearly?

- **He can solve your problems!**

What's *your* view of Jesus?



***The point of
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Jesus Wins!



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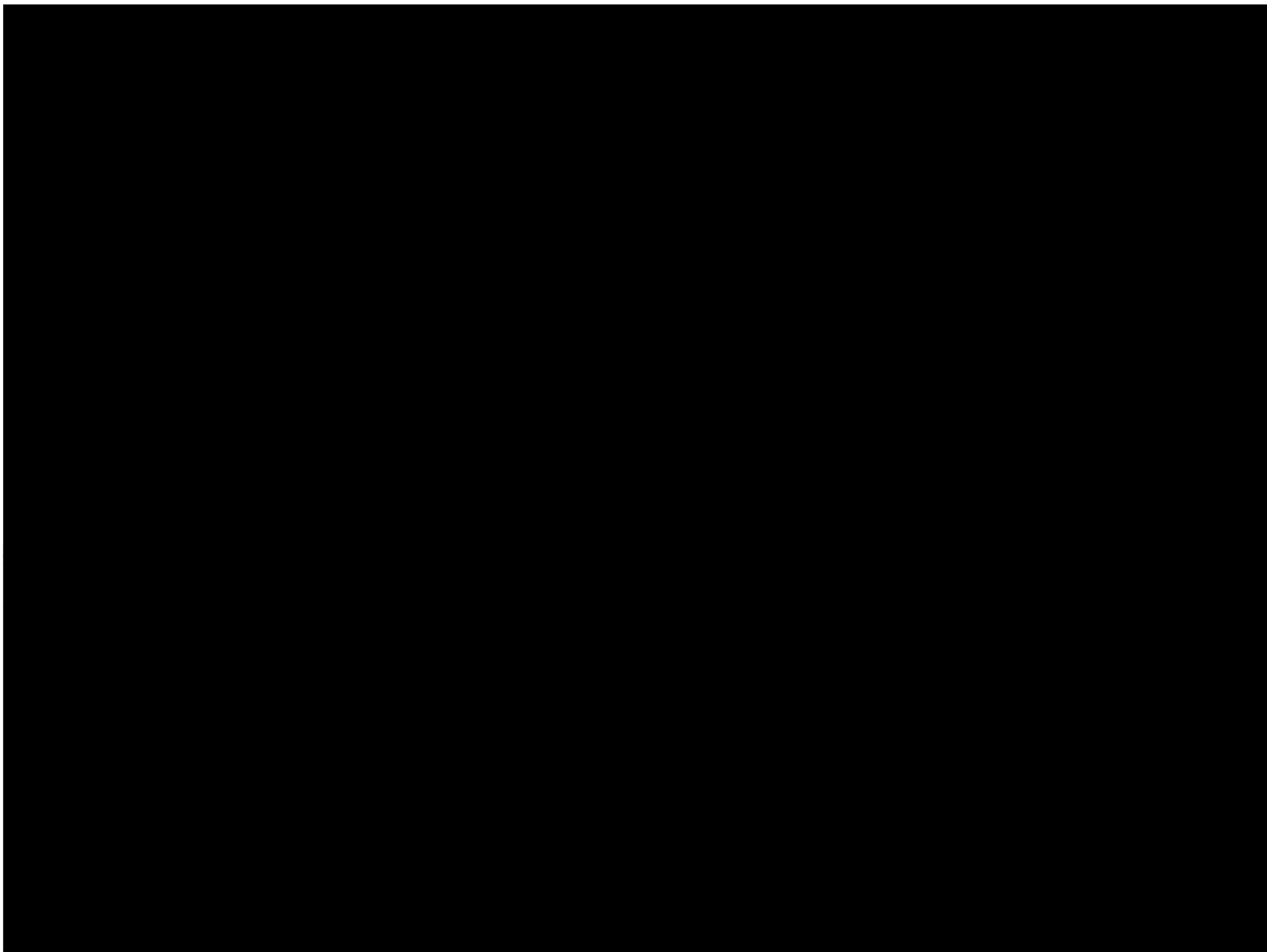
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