



the book of

REVELATION

sermon series

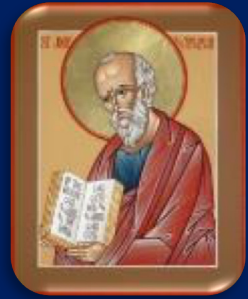


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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) What is the title – **Revelation of Jesus Christ**
- 2) Who wrote it? – **John**
- 3) Where was it written from? – **Patmos**
- 4) To Whom was it written? – **The Seven Churches**
- 5) When was it written? – **A.D. 95**
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? – **3 part outline**
- 7) How was it delivered – **Seven steps**
- 8) Why was it written? – **Encouragement and holiness**
- 9) What is it about? – **Jesus' final victory**
- 10) What makes the book different? – **OT relationship**

Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)

- I. Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)



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How John Got Exiled on Patmos (Rev. 1:9)

1. Word (*logos*)
2. Testimony (*martyria*)



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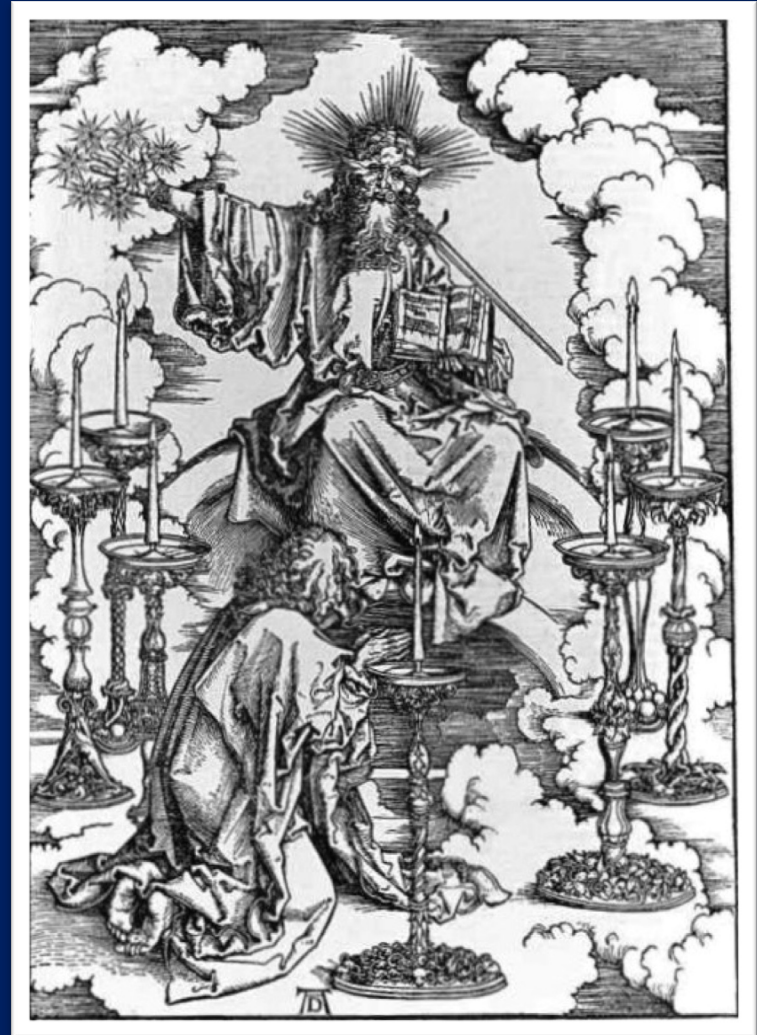
1. His robe (13b)

2. His sash (13c)



C. His Body (Rev. 1:14-16)

1. His hair (14a)
2. His eyes (14b)
3. His feet (15a)
4. His voice (15b)
5. His right hand (16a)
6. His mouth (16b)
7. His face (16c)



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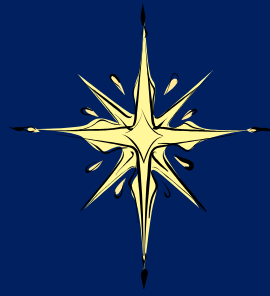


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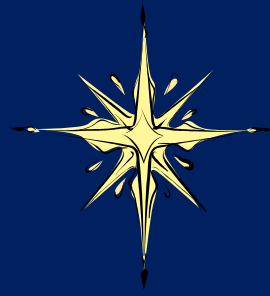


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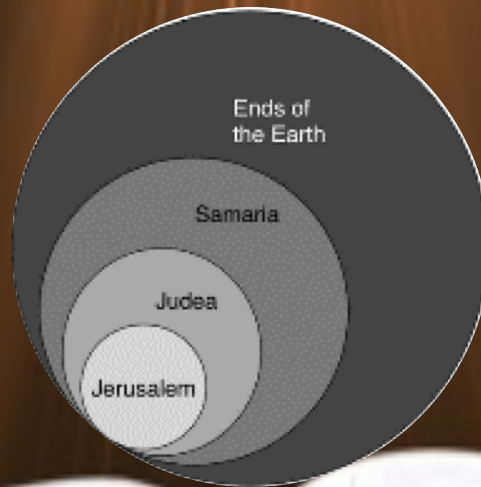
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Acts 1:8

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”



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Revelation 4:1

“After these things [meta tauta] I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things [meta tauta].’”



“Mystery” Defined

“In the N.T, it [*mystērion*] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but **that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation**, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit.”

Ephesians 3:3-6

“that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel”.



Ephesians 3:9

“and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.”





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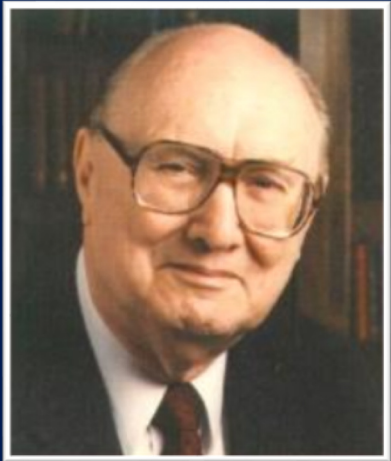
- Search the immediate context

- ◆ Walvoord: 26X

- Search the remote context

- ◆ Old Testament

- ◆ Thomas: 278 / 404 verses



Method of Communication

- From the Father
- to Christ the Son
- to an angel
- to John
- to a book
- to a reader or preacher
- to a listener or the seven churches



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