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# REVELATION

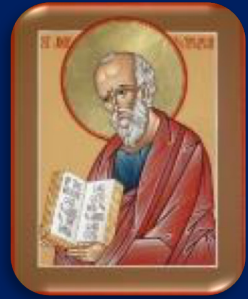
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# Answering Ten Questions



- 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)



# 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 [meta tauta].”



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# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



# Pattern of the Letters in Revelation 2–3

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2. Description of Christ (Rev. 1)
3. Commendation
4. Rebuke
5. Exhortation to change
6. Consequence
7. Exhortation to listen
8. Promise to overcomers (Rev. 21–22)





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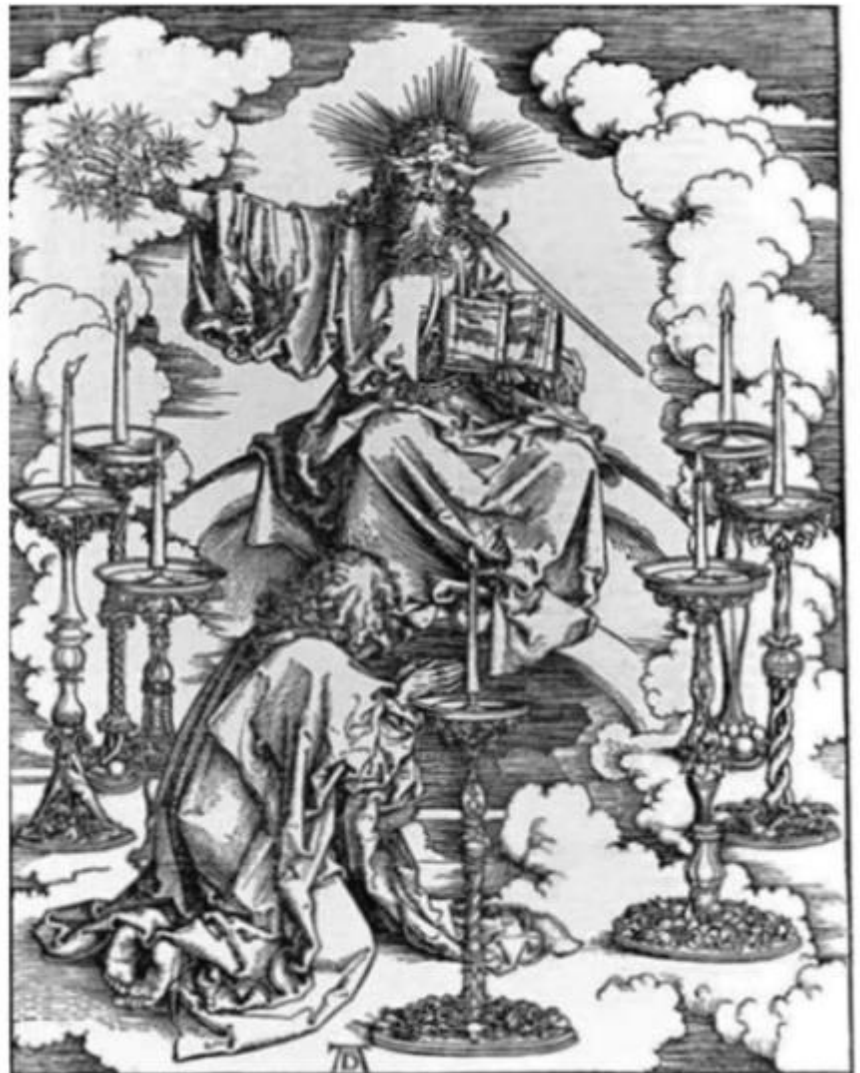


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## 2. Description of Christ to Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7b)

- A. Holy
- B. True
- C. Holds the Key of David
- D. Authoritatively opens and closes doors



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## Revelation 3:10

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”



# Does Revelation 3:10 Teach the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?

1. Are there easier ways to convey “protection through”?
2. Will God protect believers during the Tribulation?
3. What is the meaning of “keep you from”?
4. What is the meaning of “the hour”?
5. What is the meaning of the “whole world”?
6. What is the meaning of “testing/to test”?



# Does Revelation 3:10 Teach the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?

7. Who are the “earth-dwellers”?
8. What is the meaning of “about to come”?
9. How will Christ keep His promise?
10. Is this promise for Philadelphia only?
11. How does the Pre-Trib. View of Rev. 3:10 harmonize with the rest of the Book of Revelation?



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# Chronological vs. Adverbial Use of *Tacos*

- “I hope to come to you *soon*” (1 Tim 3:14) vs. “Leave Jerusalem *quickly*” (Acts 22:18)
- LXX
  - ◆ Isaiah 13:22: “Her fateful time also will *soon* come”
  - ◆ Isaiah 51:5: “My righteous is *near*, My salvation has gone forth, And my arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon me, And on My arms they will trust.”



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## J. Dwight Pentecost

*Prophecy for Today, Page 20*

“A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck anew with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living.”

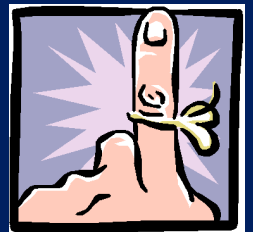
## 2 Peter 3:10-11

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.



# Remembrance in 2 Peter

- Has forgotten that he has been cleansed (1:9)
- I will always remind you of these things (1:12)
- It is right to refresh your memory (1:13)
- You will always be able to remember these things (1:15)
- I have written both of them as reminders (3:1)
- Do not forget (3:8)
- Bear in mind (3:15)



## Revelation 2:24-25

“But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.”



## Jeremiah 6:16

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”





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# Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>CROWN</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
1 Cor. 9:24-27	<b>Incorruptible</b>	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	<b>Rejoicing</b>	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	<b>Life</b>	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	<b>Glory</b>	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	<b>Righteousness</b>	Longing for His appearing

## 2 Timothy 4:8

“In the future there is laid up for me the **crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me **on that day**; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved **His appearing**.”





## 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw...”



## 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“<sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



## 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



## 2 John 8

“Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.”





## 1 Corinthians 4:5

“Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.”





## Grant R. Jeffrey

*Apocalypse: The Coming Judgment of the Nations, p. 85, 87.*

“Someday every Christian will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards for faithful service. Some believers will receive no rewards at all because they lived their lives of service to self rather than service to the Lord...Christians are promised a number of golden crowns for us faithful service to the Lord. Jesus warned that we are to ‘hold fast’ lest we lose our crowns. This indicates that it is possible to lose eternal rewards and blessings that God prepared for those who love Him. While our salvation is assured today by our accepting Christ as our savior...our future reward will be determined at the Judgment Seat of Christ after the Rapture. We are encouraged to hold on to these rewards through continued faithful service.”

## John 10:27-29

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish [*ou mē; aiōnia*]; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”



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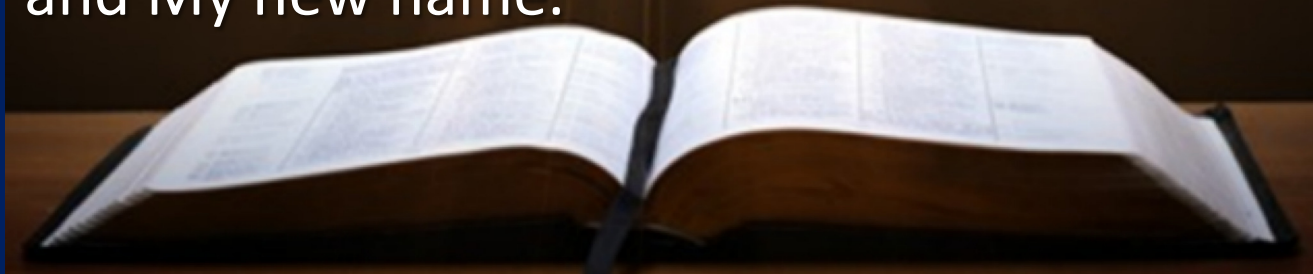
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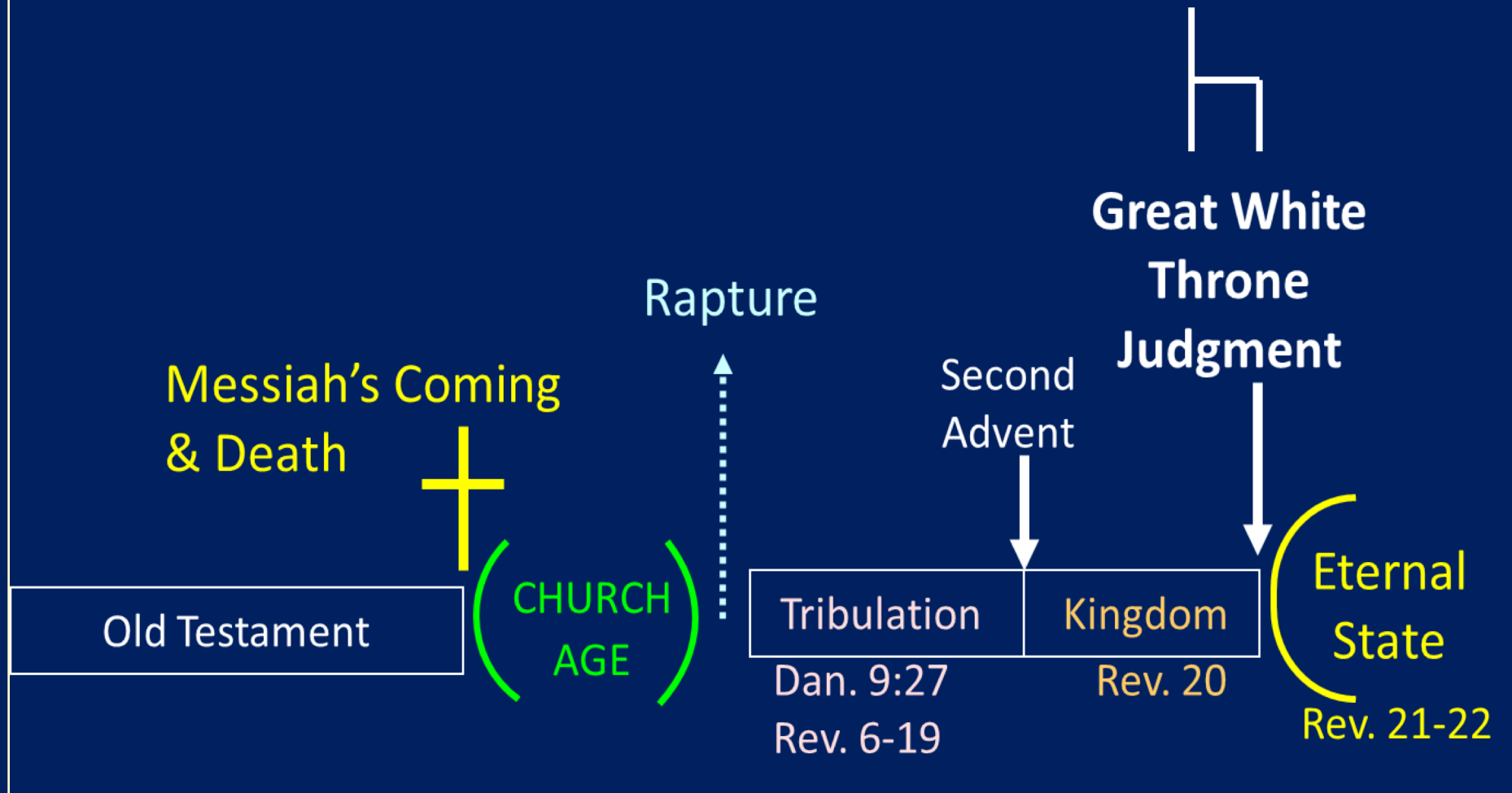


## 1 John 5:4-5

“<sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”



# Prophecy Panorama





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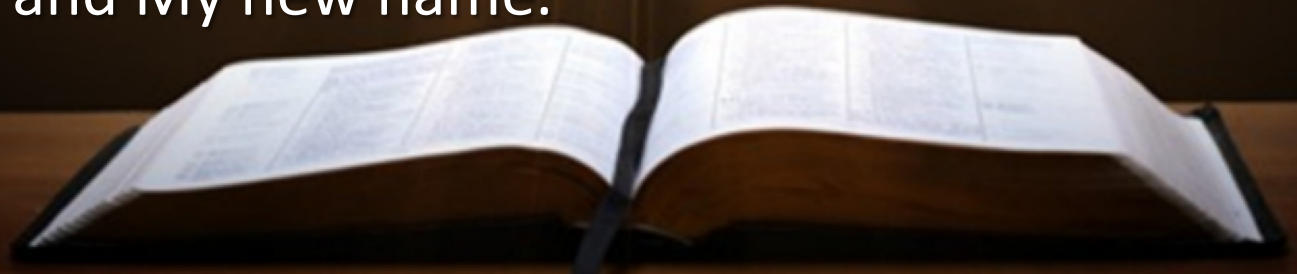
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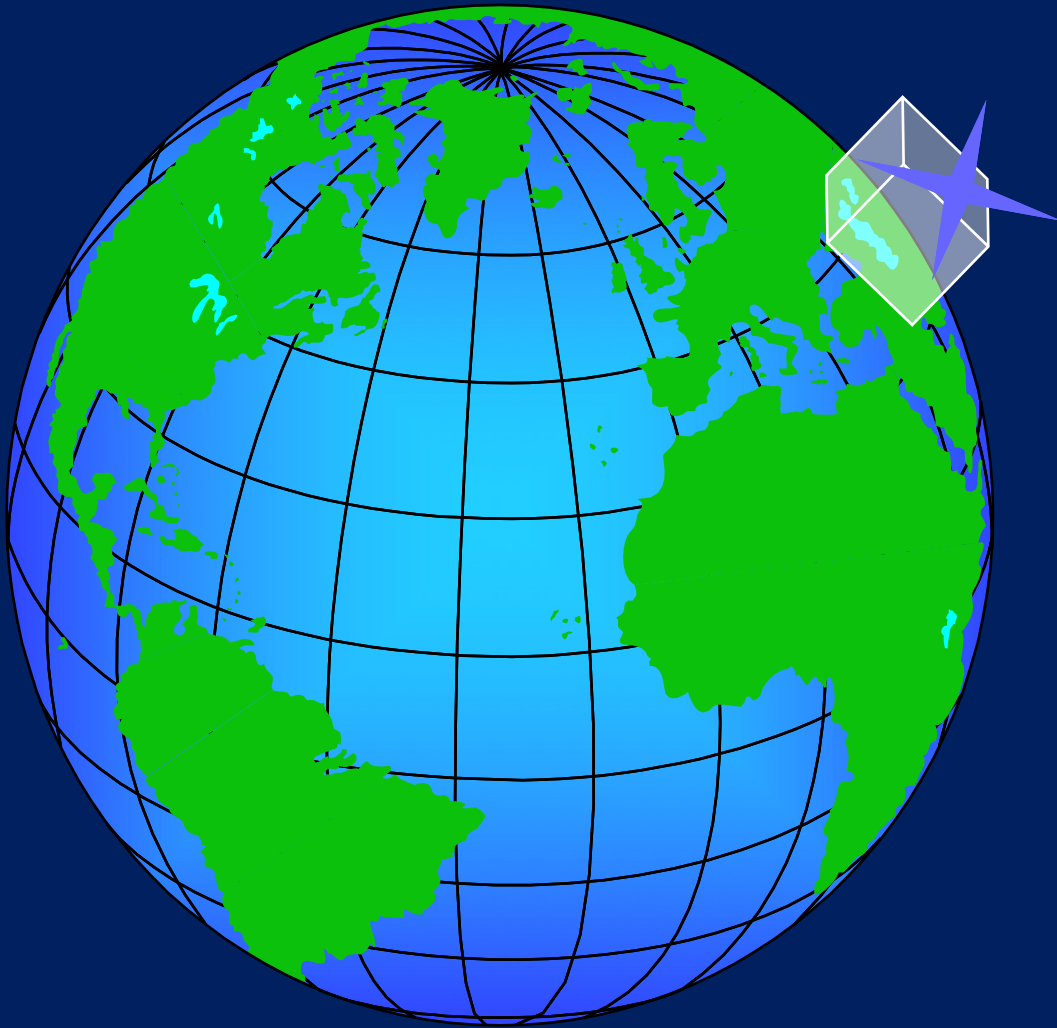
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# Jerusalem Descending





## Romans 8:19-22

<sup>19</sup> For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



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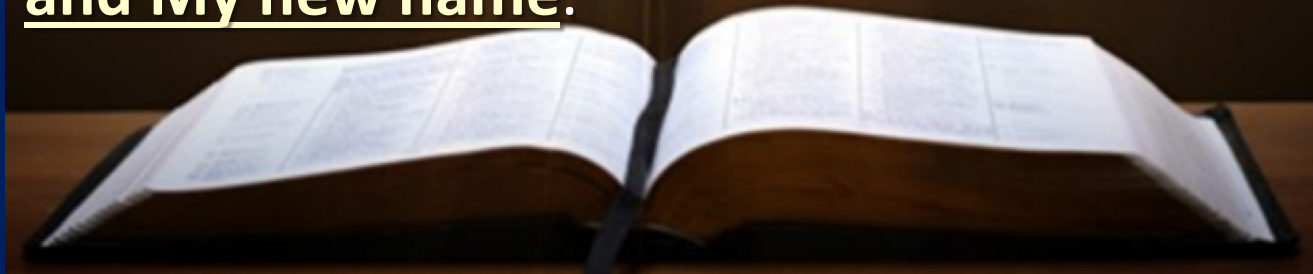
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## 1 Peter 1:2

“according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

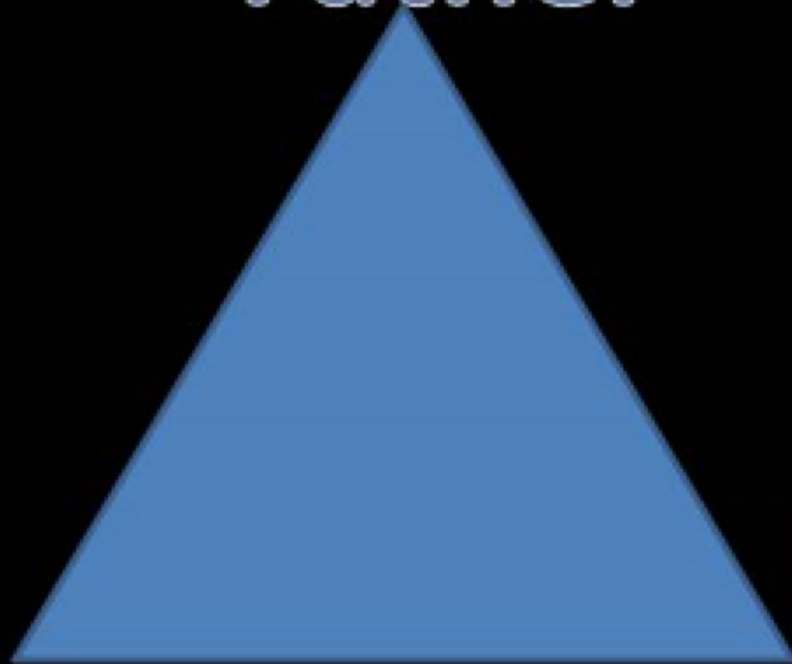


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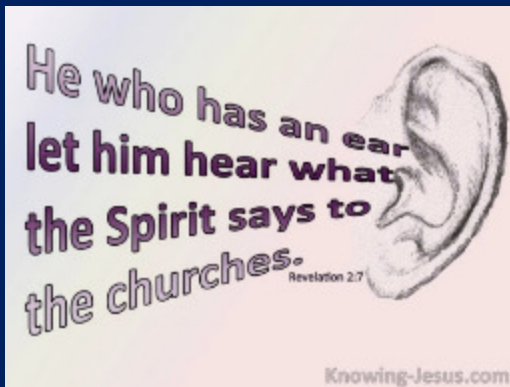




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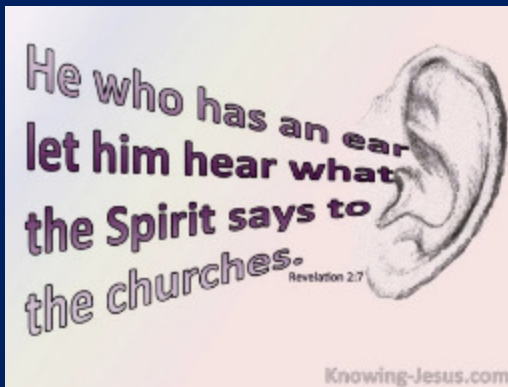
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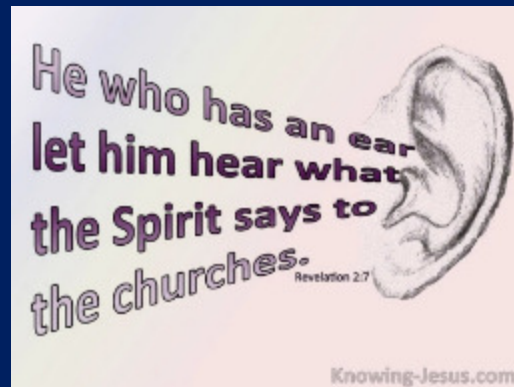
<sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!...<sup>6</sup> These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”



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