

the book of

REVELATION

sermon series

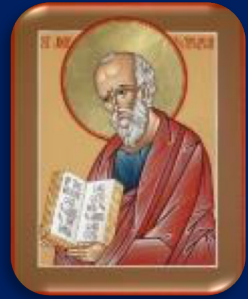


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Answering Ten Questions



- 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)



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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- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



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Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
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Pattern of the Letters in Revelation 2–3

1. Destination
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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2. Description of Christ to Thyatira (Rev. 2:18b)

- A. Son of God
- B. Eyes like a flame of fire
- C. Feet like burnished bronze



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3. What Christ Commends in Thyatira (Rev. 2:19)

A. Deeds (*ergon*) – 19a

B. Love – 19b

C. Faith – 19c

D. Service – 19d

E. Perseverance (*hypomonē*) – 19e

F. Your latter deeds are greater – 19f



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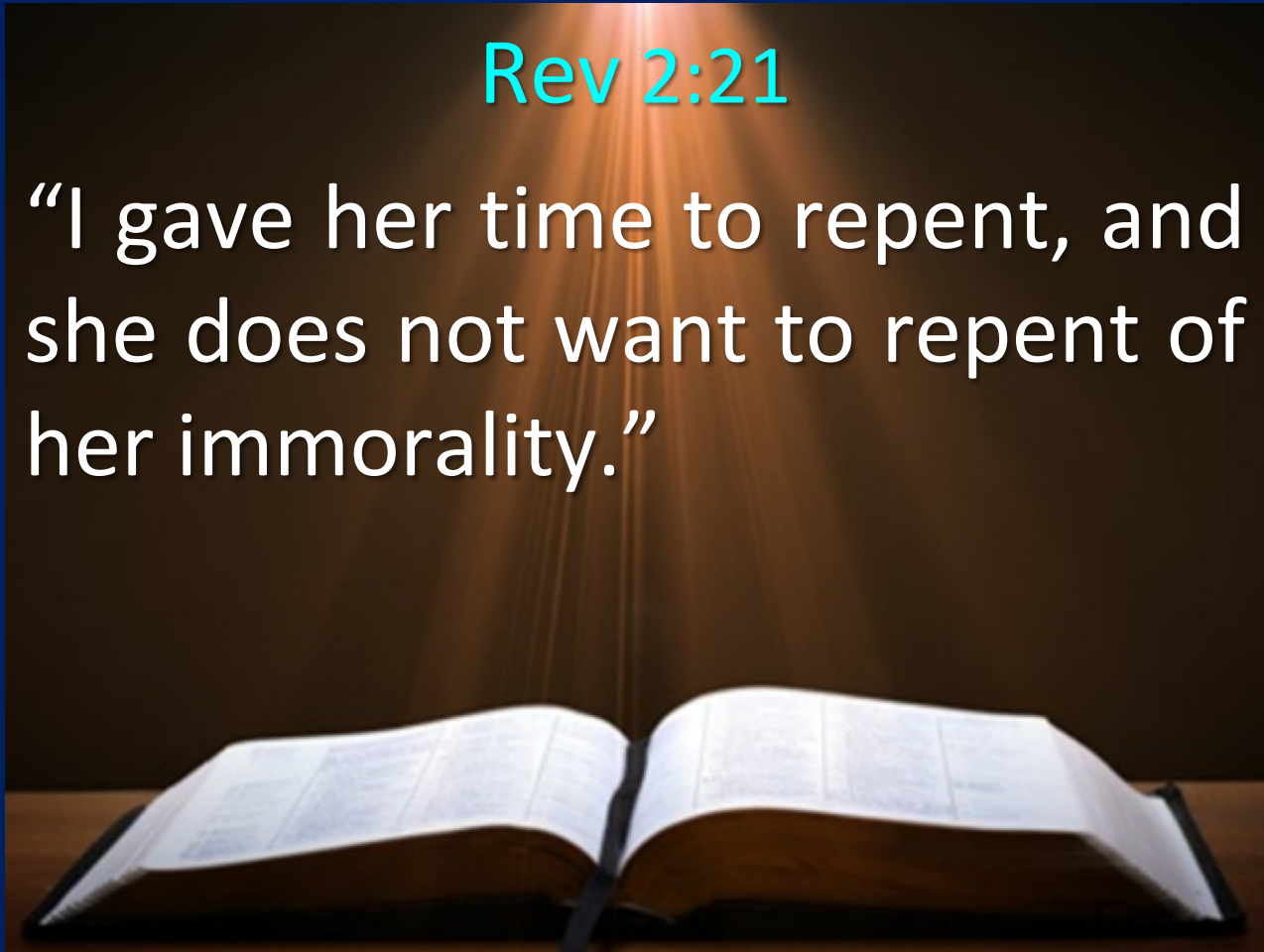
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5. So What? - Points of Application!

Rev 2:21

“I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.”



Repent and turn to God, so that
your sins may be wiped out.
Acts 3:19

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Part of God's love is to
help you repent and turn to
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REPENT

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John 10:27-29

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ 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.”



2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”



WHATEVER IS IN
YOUR

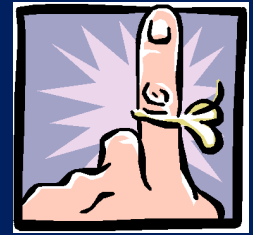
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DETERMINES WHAT
YOU

 SAY 

MATTHEW 12:34 NLT

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)

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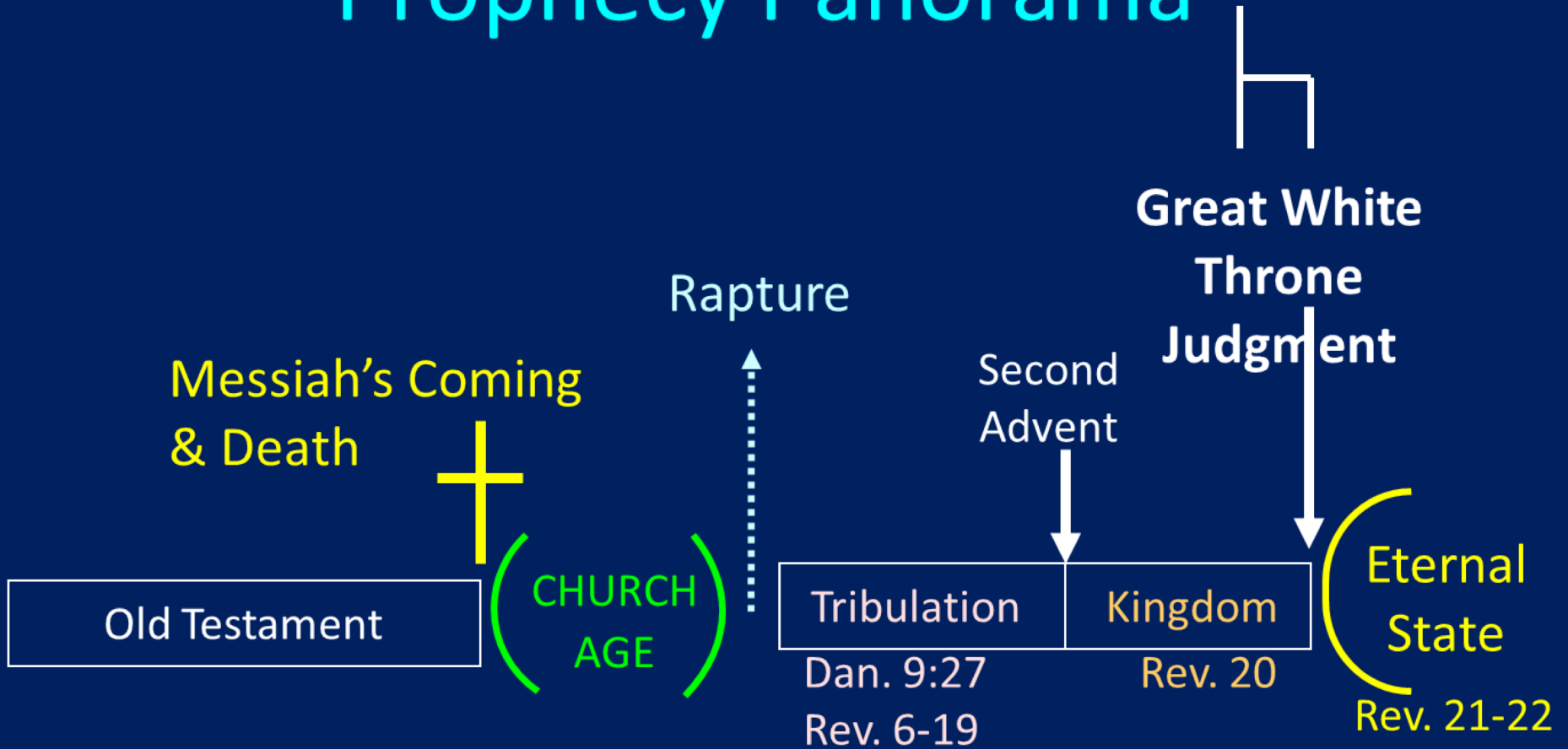


1 John 5:4-5

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



Prophecy Panorama



8. Christ's Promises to Overcomers in Thyatira (Rev. 2:26-28)

- A. Authority over the nations – 26-27
- B. The morning star – 28



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Jesus = The Morning Star

(2 Peter 1:19; Rev. 2:28; 22:16)



- More sure than eyewitness testimony
- World is in the Dark, Scripture is the Light
- Morning Star = Jesus



Grant R. Jeffrey

Apocalypse: The Coming Judgment of the Nations, p. 83.

“Christ’s final promise to the Overcomer is that ‘I will give him the morning star.’ Just as the morning star refers to Christ Himself, it also describes a star that appears just before dawn, while night still lingers. Like the morning star, Jesus will come for His bride, the church, without warning before commencing the great and terrible Day of the Lord.”

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Deuteronomy 6:4-7

⁴ “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!...⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ 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.”



LISTEN & SILENT
are spelled with the
same letters

Think About It ツ

Conclusion

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