



the book of

REVELATION

sermon series

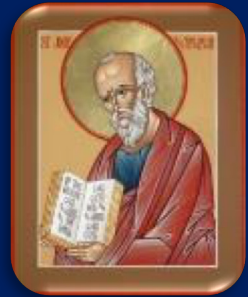


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Answering Ten Questions



- 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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“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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- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



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The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Revelation 2–3

CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

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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].’”



“After These Things” (Rev. 4–22)

- A. Before the Tribulation (4–5)
- B. During the Tribulation (6–19)
- C. After the Tribulation (20–22)
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Comparing Revelation 4 & 5

Chapter	Revelation 4	Revelation 5
God-head Member	Father	Son
Role	Creator	Redeemer
Reason for Worship	Role in Creation (4:11)	Role in Redemption (5:9, 12)

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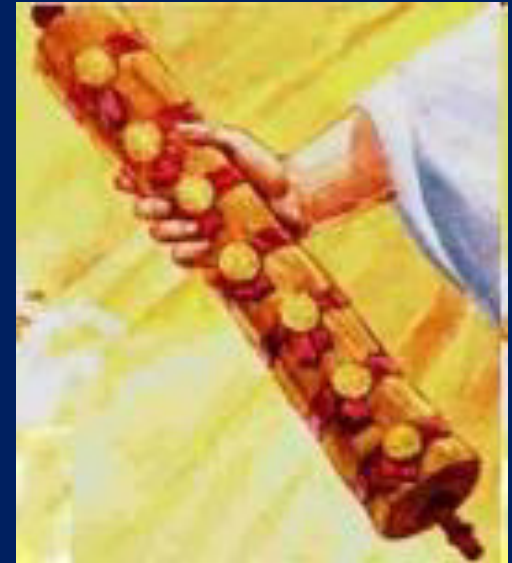
(Rev. 4:1-11)

- I. Summons to Heaven (4:1)
- II. Sights in Heaven (4:2-8)
- III. Song of Heaven (4:9-11)



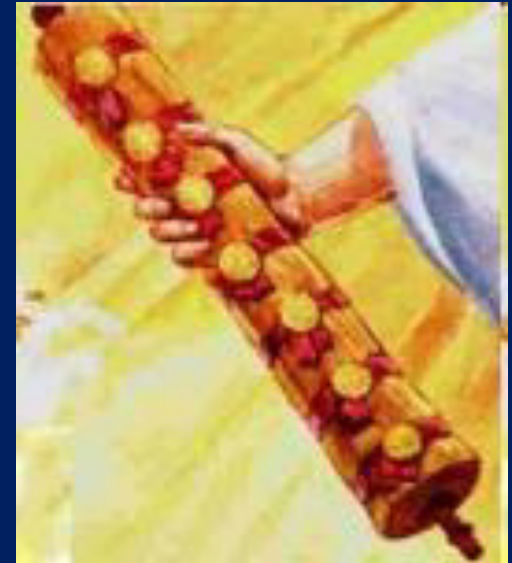
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Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

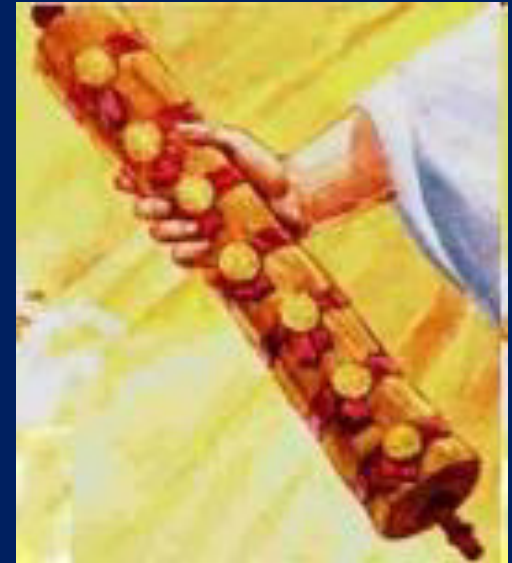


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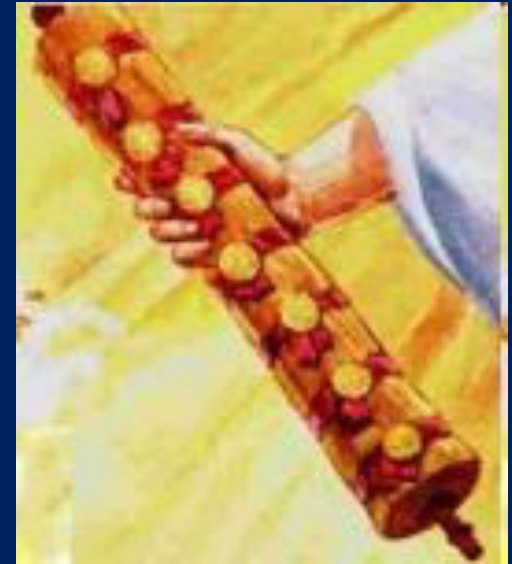
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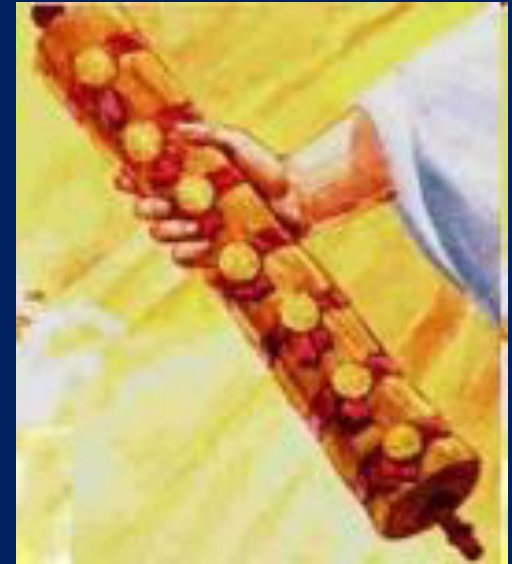
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Satan as Ruler of this World

- Job 1:7; 2:2
- Luke 4:5-7
- John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Ephesians 2:2
- 1 John 4:4; 5:19



Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)



- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

Divine Judgments (Gen. 3:14-19)

- Serpent (3:14-15)
- Woman (3:16)
- Man (3:17-19)



Man (Gen. 3:17-19)

- Painful labor (3:17-19a)
- Death (3:19b)



Romans 8:19-23

¹⁹ “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ 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. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”





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Twenty-Four Elders

(Rev. 4:4)

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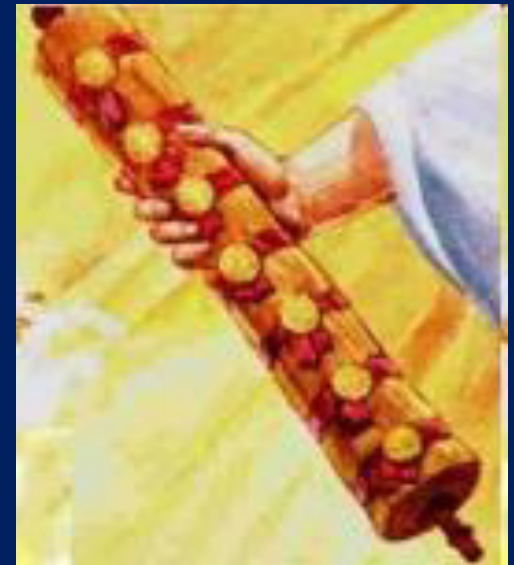
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7. Twenty-four (Rev. 1:6)



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- Genesis 49:10



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“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”





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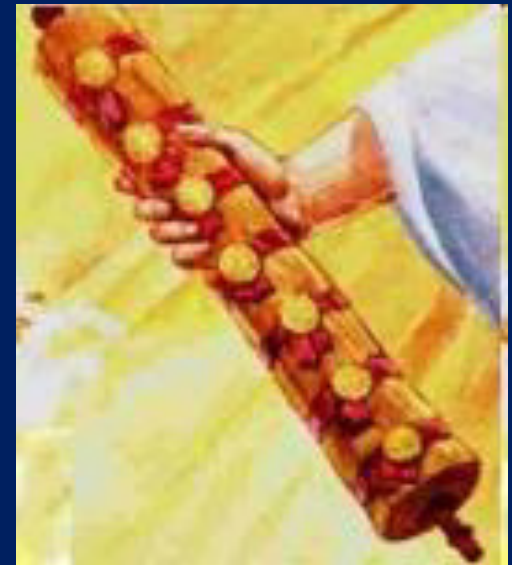
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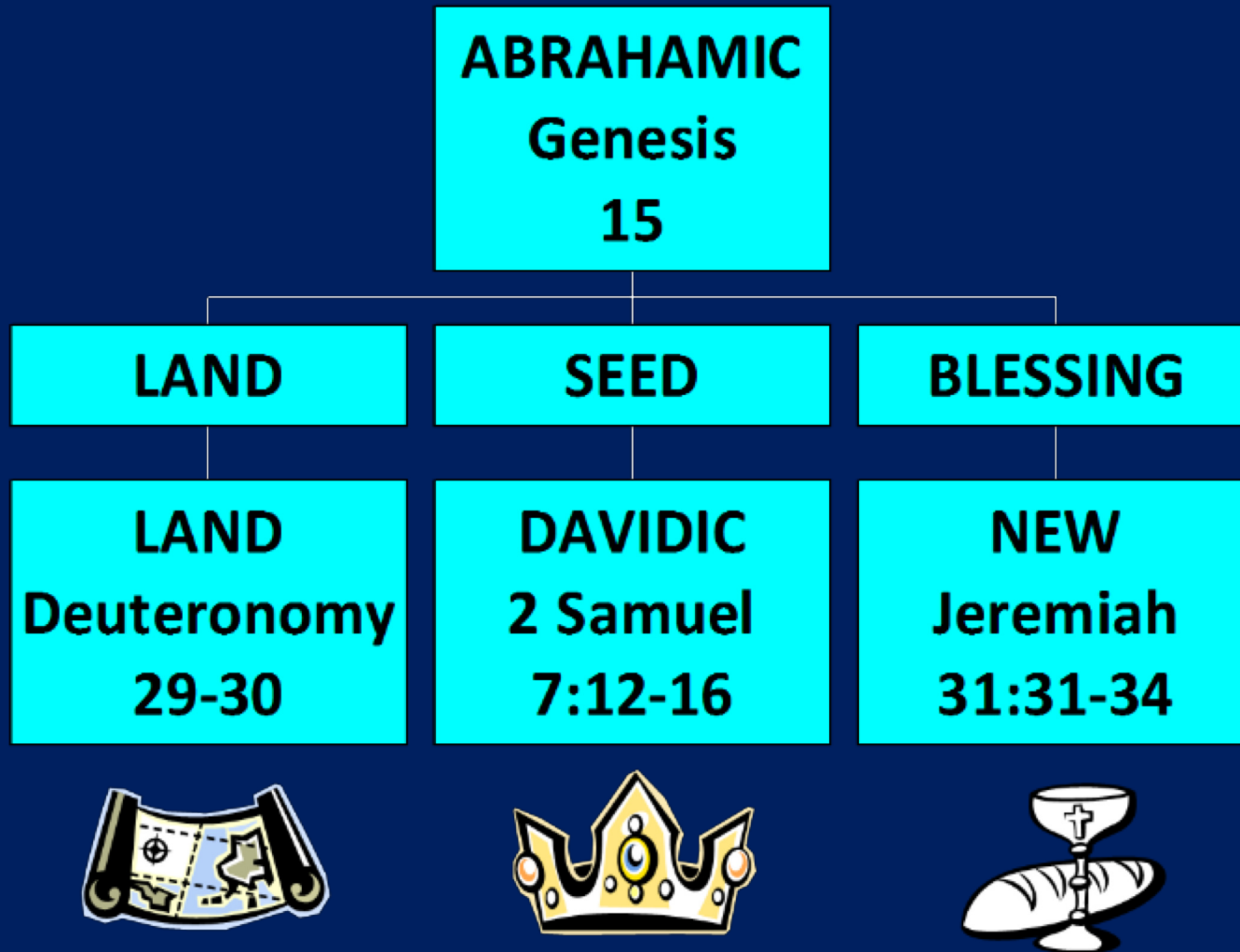


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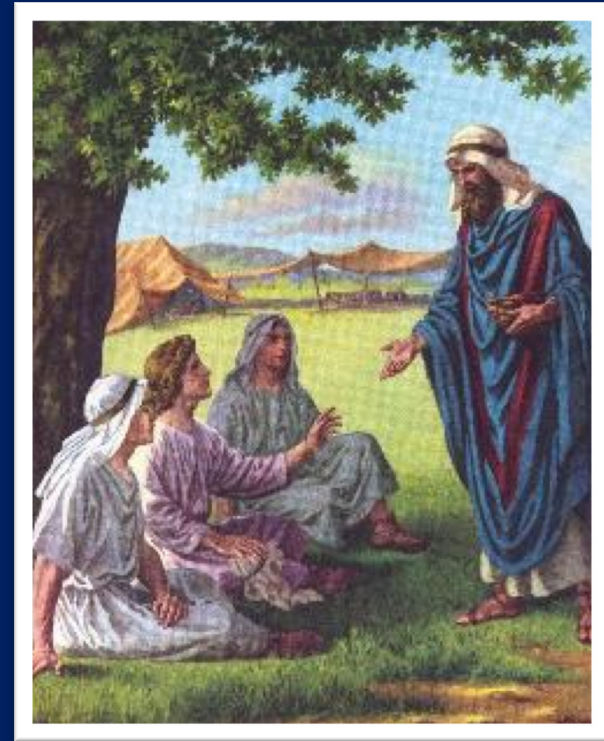
Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

Messiah must be from the family of Jesse

- Isaiah 11:1



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“Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.”



Messiah must be from the line of David

- 2 Samuel 7:16



2 Samuel 7:8, 16

“⁸ Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel... ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”’”



2 Samuel 7:12-16

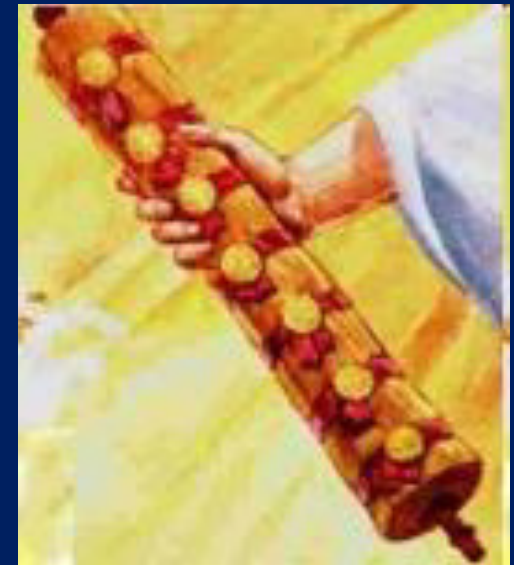
“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”
¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.”



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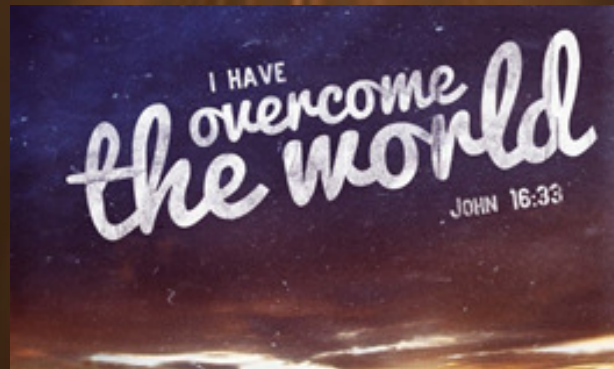
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Jesus The
Overcomer



John 16:33

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome [*nikaō*; perfect tense] the world.”



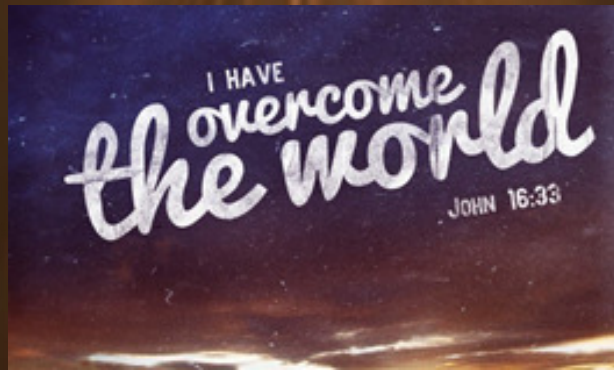
1 John 5:4-5

“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?”



1 John 4:4

“You are from God, little children, and have overcome [*nikaō*; perfect tense] them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”



Romans 8:37

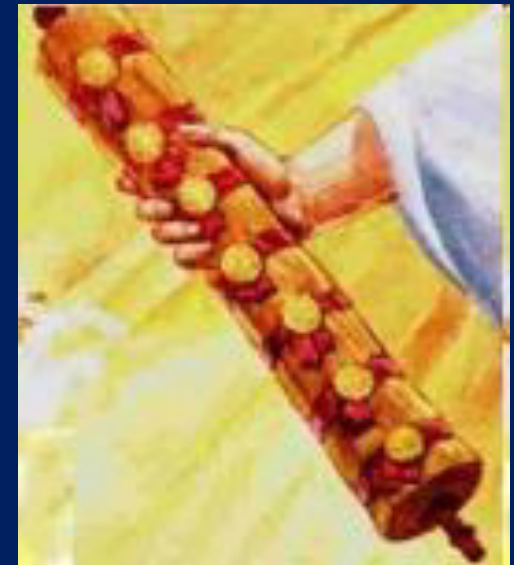
“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer [*hypernikaō* , present tense] through Him who loved us.”



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John 1:29

“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”



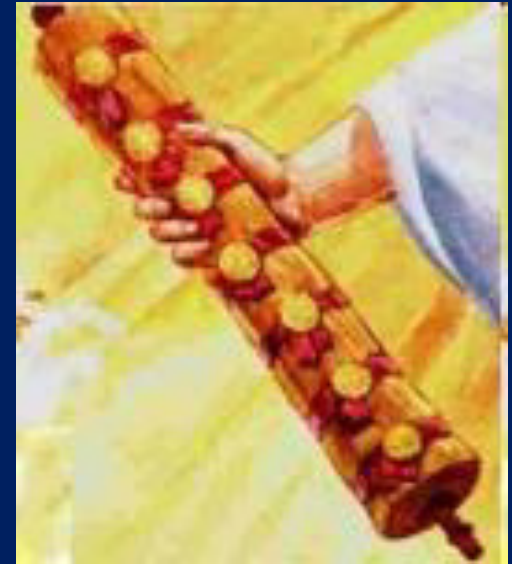
Isaiah 11:2

“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”



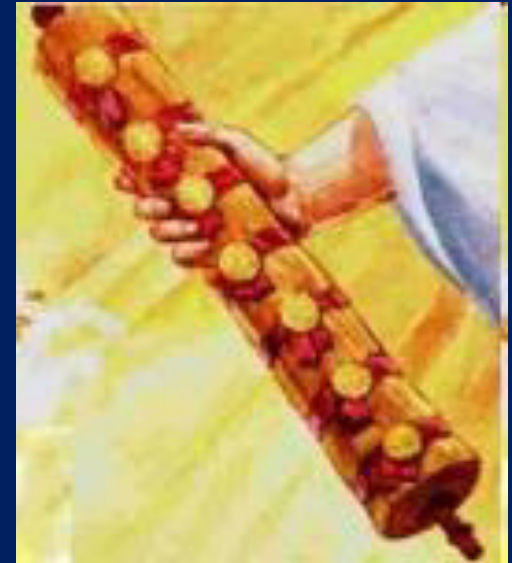
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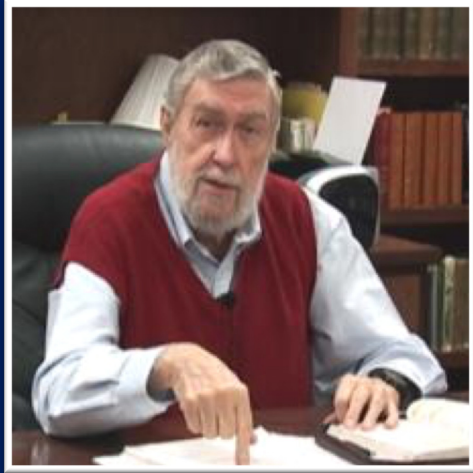


b. The Coming Kingdom (5:10)



Jay Adams

Competent to Counsel, 70.



“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died

that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died." [emphasis mine]

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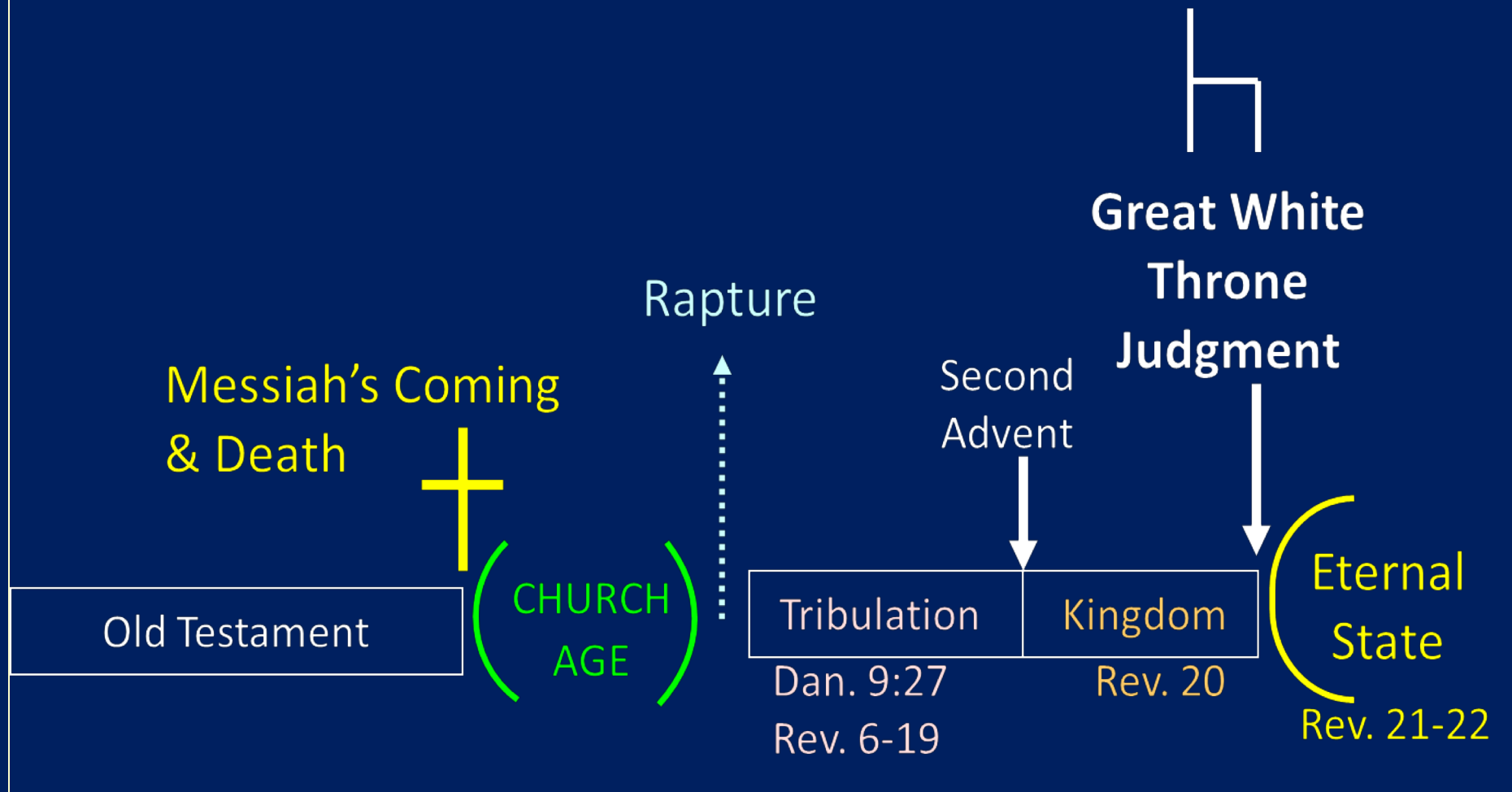


Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



Prophecy Panorama



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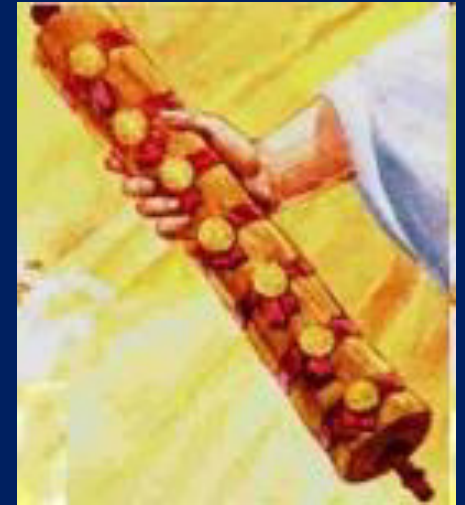
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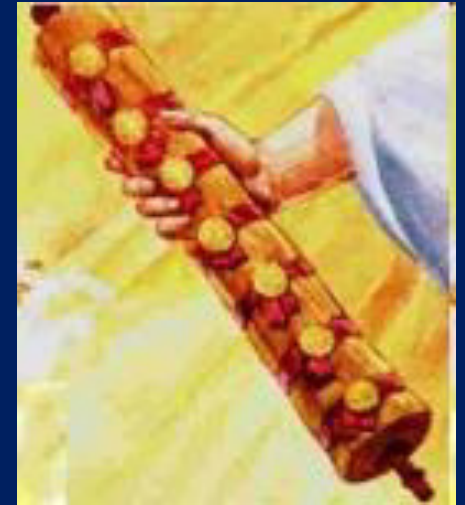
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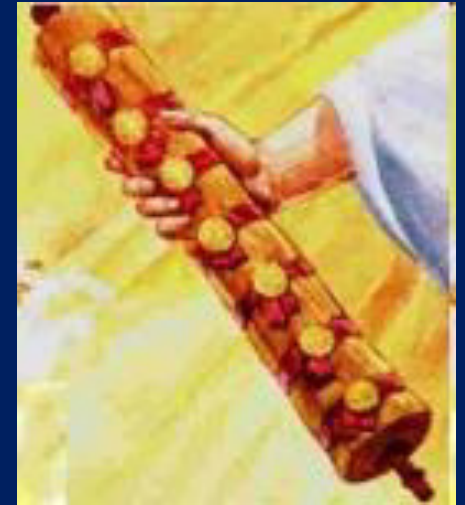
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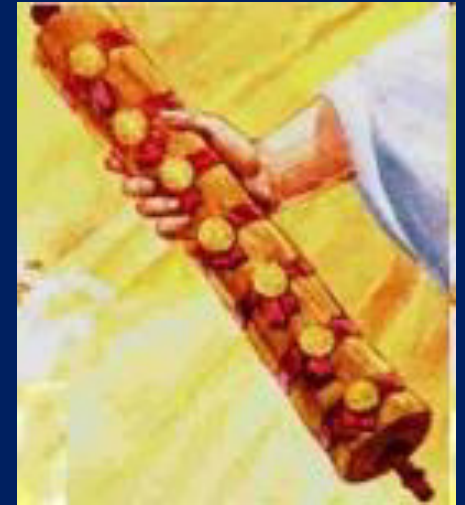
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- D. 4 living creatures & 24 elders (5:14)
 - 1. 4 living creatures (14a)
 - 2. 24 elders (14b)



VIII. A reaction (5:8-14)

- A. 4 living creatures & 24 elders (5:8-10)
 - 1. Worshippers (8)
 - 2. Worship (9-10)
- B. Angels & 24 elders (5:11-12)
 - 1. Worshippers (11)
 - 2. Worship (12)
- C. Every created thing (5:13)
 - 1. Worshippers (13a)
 - 2. Worship (13b)
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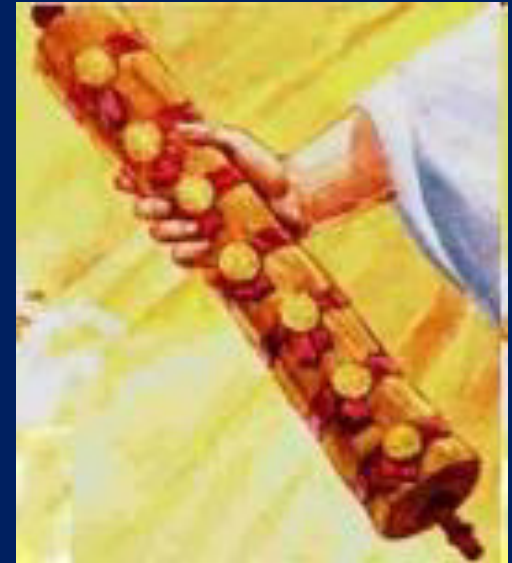
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Conclusion

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- III. An investigation (5:3)
- IV. A lamentation (5:4)
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- VI. A manifestation (5:5b-6)
- VII. A reception (5:7)
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)