"THE REVELATION IS A GUIDE TO THE SIGNS, CIRCUMSTANCES, AND EVENTS THAT PRECEDE AND COINCIDE WITH THE RETURN OF JESUS. REVELATION IS HISTORY PRE-WRITTEN. IT IS NOT AN ALLEGORY; IT IS NOT POETRY. IT, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE BIBLE, IS GOD'S HOLY WORD FILLED WITH TRUTH AND PROMISE FOR HIS CHURCH. REVELATION CONTAINS PRACTICAL, UPLIFTING WORDS FOR EVERY BELIEVER, AND IT COMES WITH A SPECIAL BLESSING."

ITHE 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, 2WHO BORE WITNESS TO THE WORD OF GOD AND TO THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST, EVEN TO ALL THAT HE SAW. 3BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS ALOUD THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR, AND WHO KEEP WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT, FOR THE TIME IS NEAR.

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4JOHN TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES
THAT ARE IN ASIA: GRACE TO YOU
AND PEACE FROM HIM WHO IS
AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO
COME, AND FROM THE SEVEN SPIRITS
WHO ARE BEFORE HIS THRONE,
SAND FROM JESUS CHRIST THE
FAITHFUL WITNESS, THE FIRSTBORN
OF THE DEAD, AND THE RULER OF
KINGS ON EARTH. TO HIM WHO
LOVES US AND HAS FREED US FROM
OUR SINS BY HIS BLOOD SAND MADE
US A KINGDOM, PRIESTS TO HIS GOD
AND FATHER, TO HIM BE GLORY
AND DOMINION FOREVER
AND EVER. AMEN.

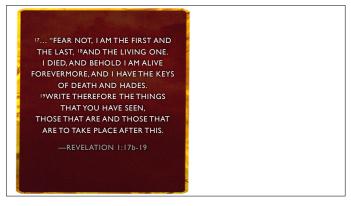
7BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, AND EVERY EYE WILL SEE HIM, EVEN THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM, AND ALL TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL WAIL ON ACCOUNT OF HIM. EVEN SO, AMEN. 8"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA," SAYS THE LORD GOD, "WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY."

—REVELATION 1:1-8

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THE THINGS THAT MUST SOON TAKE PLACE...
FOR THE TIME IS NEAR...
BEHOLD, HE IS COMING...
EVEN SO. AMEN!

FASCINATION vs. FEAR



PSALM 23:4

EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE

VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,

I WILL FEAR NO EVIL FOR YOU ARE WITH ME.

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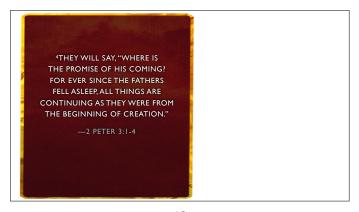
REVELATION 1:2

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3. THE ADMONITION

REVELATION 1:3

ITHIS IS NOW THE SECOND LETTER
THAT I AM WRITING TO YOU,
BELOVED IN BOTH OF THEM
I AM STIRRING UP YOUR SINCERE
MIND BY WAY OF REMINDER,
2THAT YOU SHOULD REMEMBER
THE PREDICTIONS OF THE HOLY
PROPHETS AND THE COMMANDMENT
OF THE LORD AND SAVIOR THROUGH
YOUR APOSTLES, 3KNOWING THIS
FIRST OF ALL, THAT SCOFFERS WILL
COME IN THE LAST DAYS WITH
SCOFFING, FOLLOWING THEIR
OWN SINFUL DESIRES.



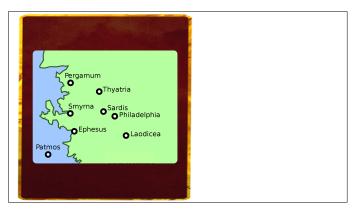


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7. THE ANNOUNCEMENT

REVELATION 1:7-8

IOAND WHILE THEY WERE
GAZING INTO HEAVEN AS
HE WENT, BEHOLD, TWO MEN
STOOD BY THEM IN WHITE
ROBES, IIAND SAID, "MEN OF
GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND
LOOKING INTO HEAVEN?
THIS JESUS, WHO WAS TAKEN UP
FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN,
WILL COME IN THE SAME WAY
AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO
HEAVEN." —ACTS 1:10-11

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"IT IS TRUE THE REVELATION IS FILLED WITH JUDGMENT AND WARNINGS, TERROR AND TRIBULATION, BUT AT ITS CORE IT IS A BOOK OF HOPE. WHY? BECAUSE THE FUTURE OF EVERY BELIEVER IN CHRIST IS SECURE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN! THE REVELATION ASSURES THOSE OF US WHO KNOW AND FOLLOW JESUS, OUR FUTURE WILL ONLY GET BETTER. SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT CIRCUMSTANCES ON EARTH WILL GET MUCH WORSE. YET THROUGH CHRIST, WE ARE OVERCOMERS."

3BLESSED BETHE GOD AND FATHER
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!
ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT
MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED US
TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING
HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION
OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE
DEAD, 4TO AN INHERITANCE THAT
IS IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED,
AND UNFADING, KEPT IN HEAVEN
FOR YOU, 5WHO BY GOD'S POWER
ARE BEING GUARDED THROUGH
FAITH FOR A SALVATION READY
TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.

IN THIS YOU REJOICE,
THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE,
IF NECESSARY, YOU HAVE BEEN
GRIEVED BY VARIOUS TRIALS,
7SO THAT THE TESTED GENUINENESS
OF YOUR FAITH—MORE PRECIOUS
THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES
THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE—
MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT
IN PRAISE
AND GLORY
AND HONOR
AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

