

¹THE 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.

—REVELATION 1:1-3

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⁹I, JOHN, YOUR BROTHER AND PARTNER IN THE TRIBULATION AND THE KINGDOM AND THE PATIENT ENDURANCE THAT ARE IN JESUS, WAS ON THE ISLAND CALLED PATMOS ON ACCOUNT OF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS.

¹⁰I WAS IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY, AND I HEARD BEHIND ME A LOUD VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET ¹¹SAYING, "WRITE WHAT YOU SEE IN A BOOK AND SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES, TO EPHESUS AND TO SMYRNA AND TO PERGAMUM AND TO THYATIRA AND TO SARDIS AND TO PHILADELPHIA AND TO LAODICEA."

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¹²THEN I TURNED TO SEE THE VOICE THAT WAS SPEAKING TO ME, AND ON TURNING I SAW SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS,

¹³AND IN THE MIDST OF THE LAMPSTANDS ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN, CLOTHED WITH A LONG ROBE AND WITH A GOLDEN SASH AROUND HIS CHEST. ¹⁴THE HAIRS OF HIS HEAD WERE WHITE, LIKE WHITE WOOL, LIKE SNOW. HIS EYES WERE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE, ¹⁵HIS FEET WERE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE, REFINED IN A FURNACE, AND HIS VOICE WAS LIKE THE ROAR OF MANY WATERS.

¹⁶IN HIS RIGHT HAND HE HELD SEVEN STARS, FROM HIS MOUTH CAME A SHARP TWO-EDGED SWORD, AND HIS FACE WAS LIKE THE SUN SHINING IN FULL STRENGTH.

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¹⁷WHEN I SAW HIM, I FELL AT HIS FEET AS THOUGH DEAD. BUT HE LAID HIS RIGHT HAND ON ME, SAYING, "FEAR NOT, I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST, ¹⁸AND THE LIVING ONE. I DIED, AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE, AND I HAVE THE KEYS OF DEATH AND HADES. ¹⁹WRITE THEREFORE THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN, THOSE THAT ARE AND THOSE THAT ARE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS. ²⁰AS FOR THE MYSTERY OF THE SEVEN STARS THAT YOU SAW IN MY RIGHT HAND, AND THE SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS, THE SEVEN STARS ARE THE ANGELS OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES, AND THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS ARE THE SEVEN CHURCHES. —REVELATION 1:9-20

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"HERE, I BELIEVE, IS THE KEY TO DECODING THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND UNLOCKING ITS TRUTH: THERE IS AN ALTERNATING PATTERN FROM PASSAGE TO PASSAGE THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF REVELATION. THE SCENE SHIFTS FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH AND FROM EARTH BACK TO HEAVEN. THE ACTION FLUCTUATES BETWEEN WHAT'S HAPPENING BELOW AND WHAT'S HAPPENING ABOVE. IT'S AS THOUGH A SPOTLIGHT RHYTHMICALLY PIVOTS UP AND DOWN, TRANSMITTING INSIGHT FROM HEAVEN REGARDING EVENTS DOWN HERE. IN LEARNING TO APPRECIATE THIS PATTERN, WE CAN LEARN TO INTERPRET NOT JUST FUTURE EVENTS BUT ALSO PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN LIGHT OF HEAVEN'S WISDOM." —DR. ROBERT MORGAN

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I. THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

REVELATION 1:10

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2. THE SPLENDOR OF THE RISEN CHRIST

REVELATION 1:12-16

f.007.tiff

HEBREWS 4:12

FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE, SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING TO THE DIVISION OF SOUL AND OF SPIRIT, OF JOINTS AND OF MARROW, AND DISCERNING THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF THE HEART.

f.008.tiff

HEBREWS 1:1-4

¹LONG AGO, AT MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS,
GOD SPOKE TO OUR FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS,
²BUT IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS
SON, WHOM HE APPOINTED THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS,
THROUGH WHOM ALSO HE CREATED THE WORLD.

f.009.tiff

HEBREWS 1:1-4

³HE IS THE RADIANCE OF THE GLORY OF GOD
AND THE EXACT IMPRINT OF HIS NATURE,
AND HE UPHOLDS THE UNIVERSE
BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER.

f.010.tiff

HEBREWS 1:1-4

AFTER MAKING PURIFICATION FOR SINS,
HE SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY
ON HIGH, ⁴HAVING BECOME AS MUCH SUPERIOR
TO ANGELS AS THE NAME HE HAS INHERITED
IS MORE EXCELLENT THAN THEIRS.

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f.012.tiff

"THE BIBLE IS SUCH AN ANCHOR THAT EVERYTHING ELSE IN SCRIPTURE IS TETHERED TO THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST... THE CAPSTONE BOOK OF SCRIPTURE IS ALL ABOUT THE REVELATION—OR THE UNVEILING—OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN ALL OF HIS FULLNESS! EVERY STORY LINE, THEOLOGICAL TRAIL, THEME AND PROPHETIC MARKER POINTS TO JESUS LIKE GUIDELINES DIRECTING OUR EYES TO THE VANISHING POINT OF A PRICELESS PIECE OF ART."
—TODD HAMPSON

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3. THE MESSAGE TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

REVELATION 1:11, 19-20

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JOHN 1:19 OUTLINE

- THINGS PAST
"SEEN"—VISION OF CHRIST
- THINGS PRESENT
"ARE"—LETTERS TO CHURCHES
- THINGS TO COME
"AFTER THIS"—FINAL JUDGMENT

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MATTHEW 16:18-19

¹⁸AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE PETER,
AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,
AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL
AGAINST IT. ¹⁹I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS
OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,

f.017.tiff

MATTHEW 16:18-19

AND WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH
SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN,
AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH
SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

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KNOWING CHRIST
IS THE KEY TO...

- UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

REVELATION 1:8

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JOHN 1:1-4

¹IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND
THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD
WAS GOD. ²HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH
GOD. ³ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM,

f.020.tiff

JOHN 1:1-4

AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT
ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE.
IN HIM WAS LIFE,
AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

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JOHN 10:10

THE THIEF COMES ONLY TO STEAL
AND KILL AND DESTROY.
I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY.

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KNOWING CHRIST
IS THE KEY TO...

- PERSEVERING THROUGH THE
PAIN OF SUFFERING
- REVELATION 1:9

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JOHN 16:33

I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU,
THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE.
IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION.
BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

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KNOWING CHRIST
IS THE KEY TO...

- LIVING FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE

REVELATION 1:18b

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HEBREWS 12:1-2

¹THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY
SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US ALSO
LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND SIN WHICH CLINGS
SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE
RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, ²LOOKING TO JESUS,

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HEBREWS 12:1-2

THE FOUNDER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH,
WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM
ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME,
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND
OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

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KNOWING CHRIST
IS THE KEY TO...

- OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF DEATH

REVELATION 1:17-18a

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I CORINTHIANS 15:26

THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED
IS DEATH.

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"I'm going to Heaven—
who is going with me!"

—Al Braca



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KNOWING CHRIST
IS THE KEY TO...

• WAITING FOR JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT

REVELATION 1:8, 18

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"NO OTHER BOOK OF THE BIBLE
HAS PROVOKED GREATER
FASCINATION OR LED TO MORE
CONTROVERSY THAN REVELATION.
ITS PROFOUND MYSTERIES,
ELUSIVE SYMBOLISM,
POWERFUL PREDICTIONS,
AND COLORFUL LANGUAGE ARE
UNPARALLELED IN THE REST OF
SCRIPTURE. GOD PROMISED GREAT
BLESSING TO THOSE WHO STUDY
THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND
HEED ITS MESSAGE (REV. 1:3; 22:7).

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IN THE MIDST OF THE SOMETIMES
PERPLEXING DETAILS OF ITS VISIONS,
GOD'S FINAL MESSAGE
TO HUMANITY REMAINS CLEAR:
IN THE END,
GOOD WILL TRIUMPH OVER EVIL,
WICKEDNESS WILL BE JUDGED,
AND THE RIGHTEOUS
WILL RECEIVE REWARDS."

—CHARLES SWINDOLL

Fr.033.tiff