

**“I am the Alpha
(Aleph) and the
Omega (Tav), the
Beginning and the
End,” says the Lord,
“who is and who was
and who is to come,
the Almighty.”**

(Revelation 1:8)

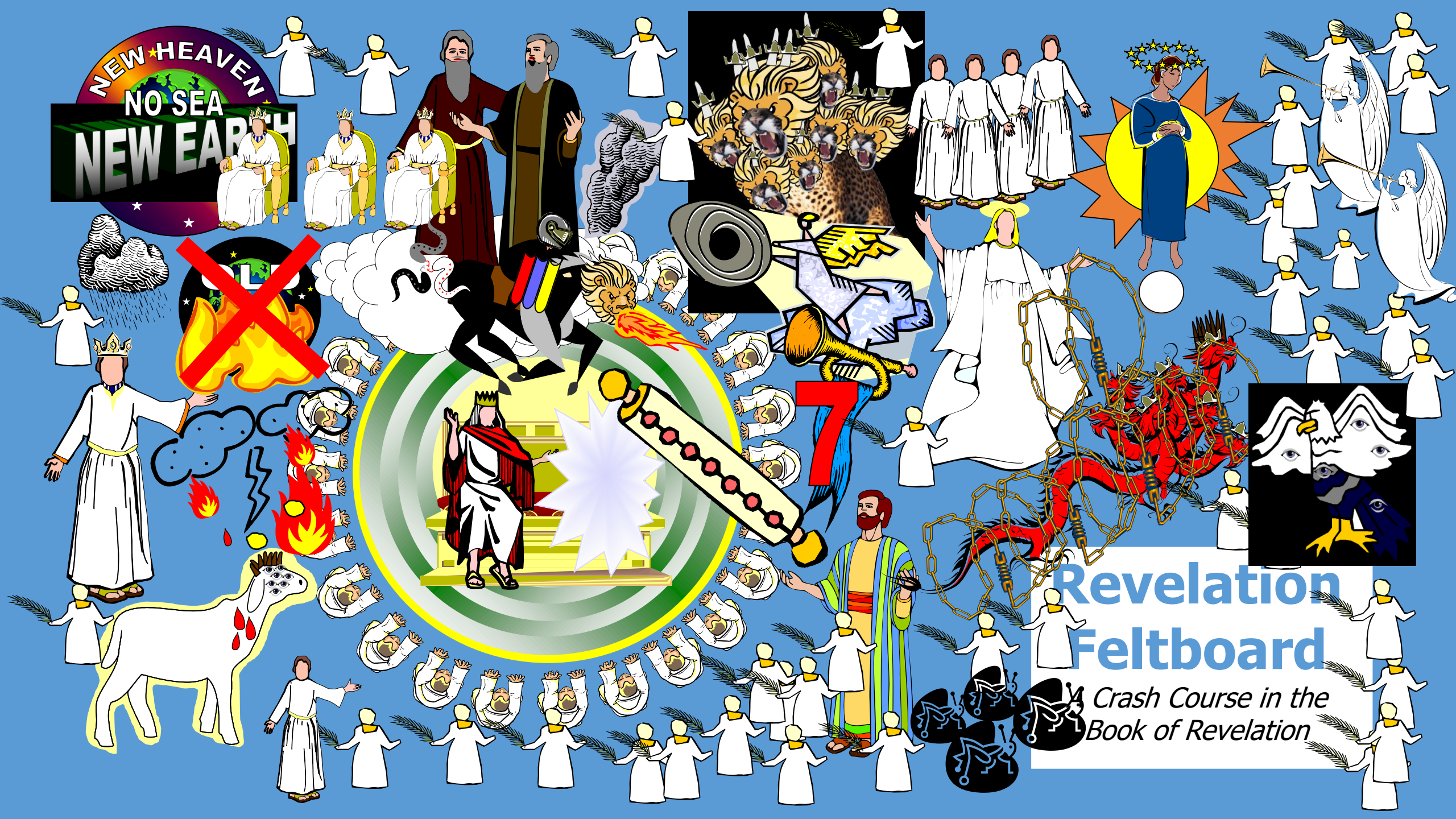


**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**



NEW HEAVEN
NO SEA
NEW EARTH

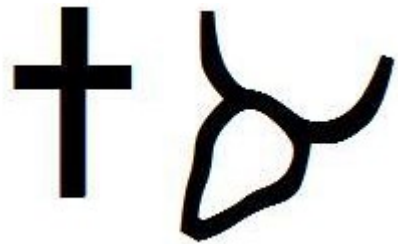


Revelation Feltboard

*Crash Course in the
Book of Revelation*

*The Revelation of
Yeshua HaMashiach
(Jesus Christ)*

Chapter 1



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¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. ³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

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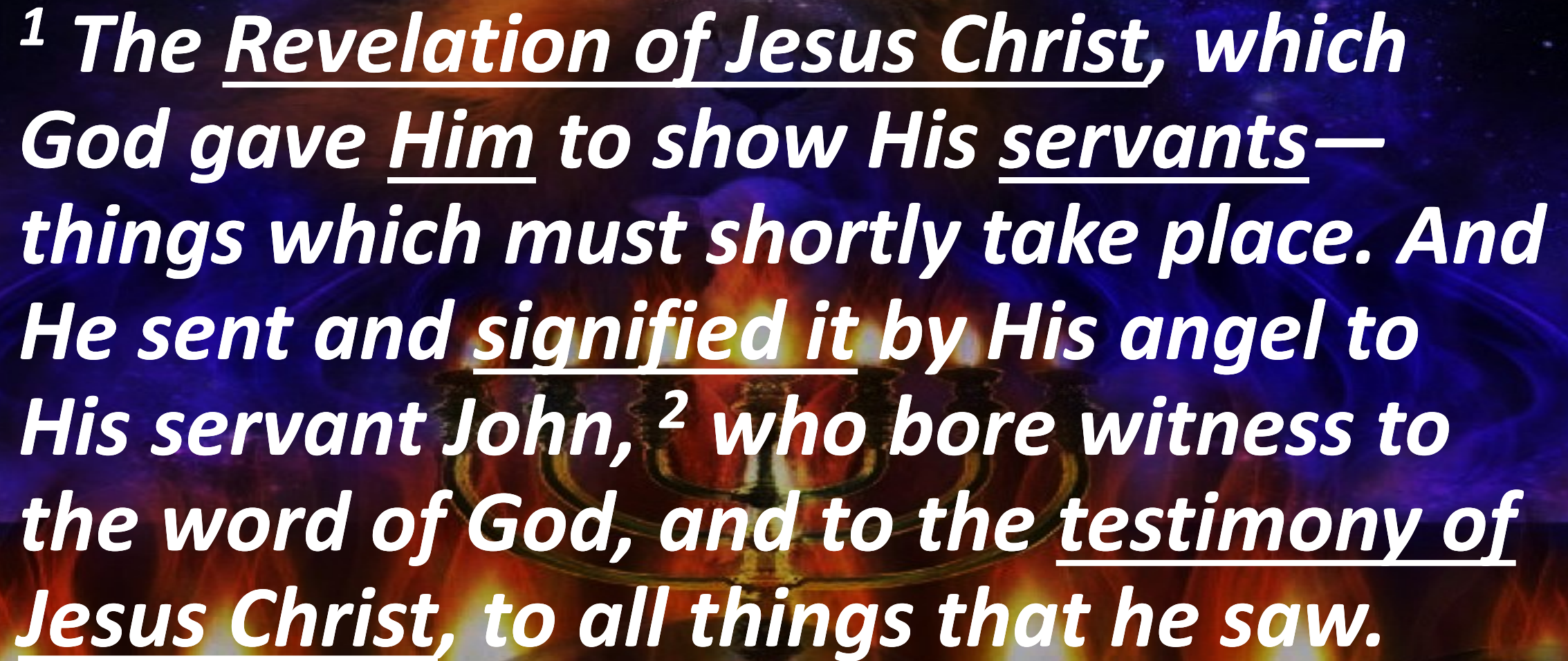
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*¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.
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HOLD QUESTIONS!

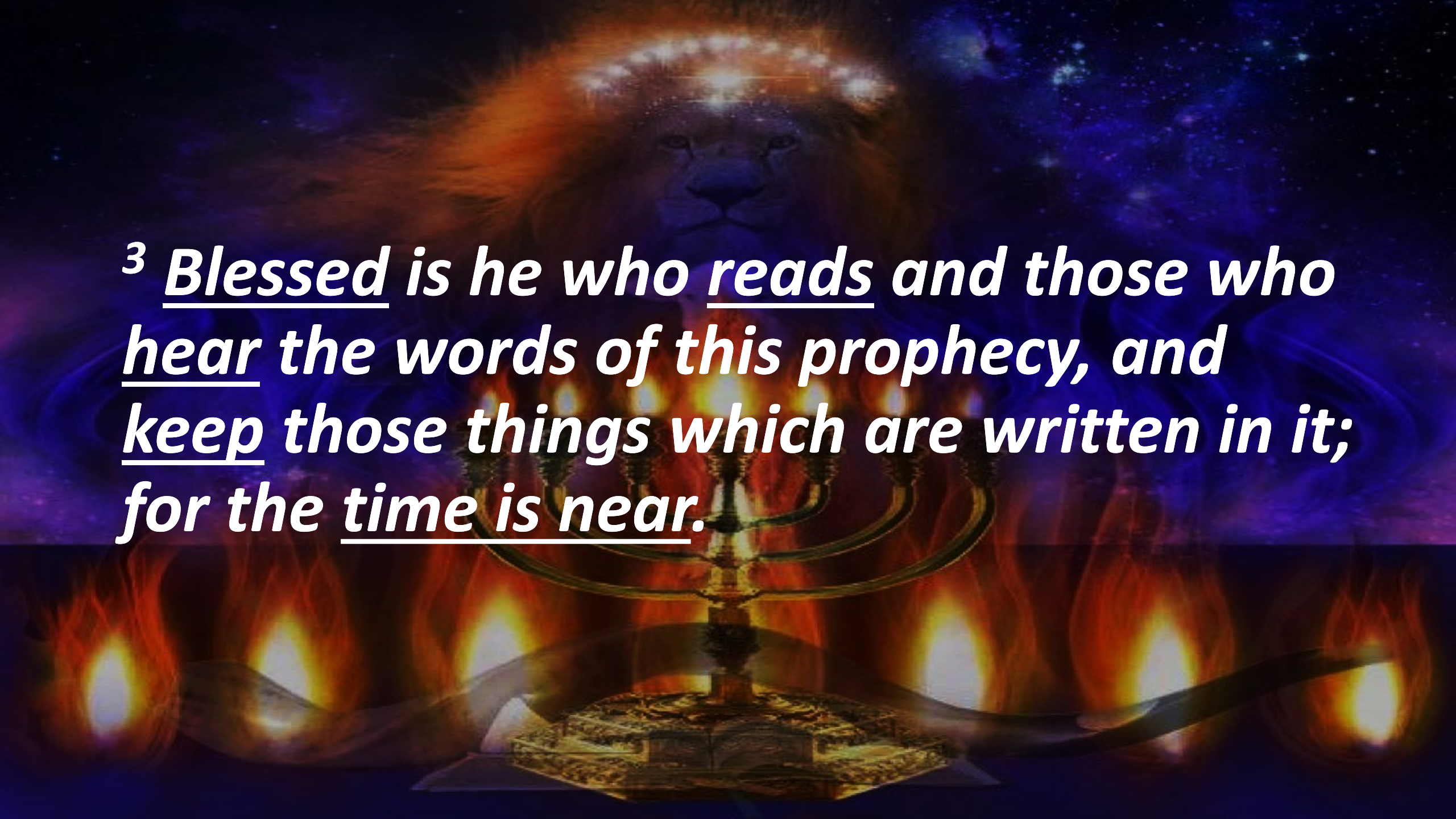


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- Vision given to Jesus, not John! (John scribe)
- **"Servants"** = *doulos*, a bondslave.
- Revelation not a sealed book (V 22:10) To be understood. Daniel IS sealed (Daniel 12:4).
- **"Shortly"** = "*en taxei*" = rapid in execution, (*tachometer*) = "suddenly."
- **"Signified"** = rendered into signs (codes)



3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

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- ***"Read... Hear... Keep..."*** (v 3) Only book with special promise. **Hear** = understand, **Keep** = guard
- **"near"** = after resurrection time of second coming always "near"
- Our "near" and God's timing are *always different!*

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own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to
His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen.***

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- **seven (7)** = completeness (*perfectly complete*). (Heptadic structure) God's Word is "perfectly complete." Revelation = perfect completion to entire Book.
- Also = **complete picture of "church"** through ages

It's all there.
100% Complete.

NOTHING
MISSING

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Watch for Titles of Jesus:

1. **Faithful Witness** (v. 5)
2. **Firstborn from the Dead**, “*Prototokos*” Firstborn, title of honor (See Romans 8:29, Colossians 1:15 and 18) also, He will *not be the last!* (Firstfruits)
3. **Ruler over kings of the earth**. (See Philippians 2:9-11, Psalm 2)
4. **Him that loved us**. Present tense = constant love

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5. **Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End** (Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, 48:12). Alpha spelled out (completed) Omega not, just letter (*yet to be*).

THE ALEF-TAV! Key to understanding scriptures. God's Plan of Redemption = Yeshua!

“I AM
the Alef
and the
Tav”



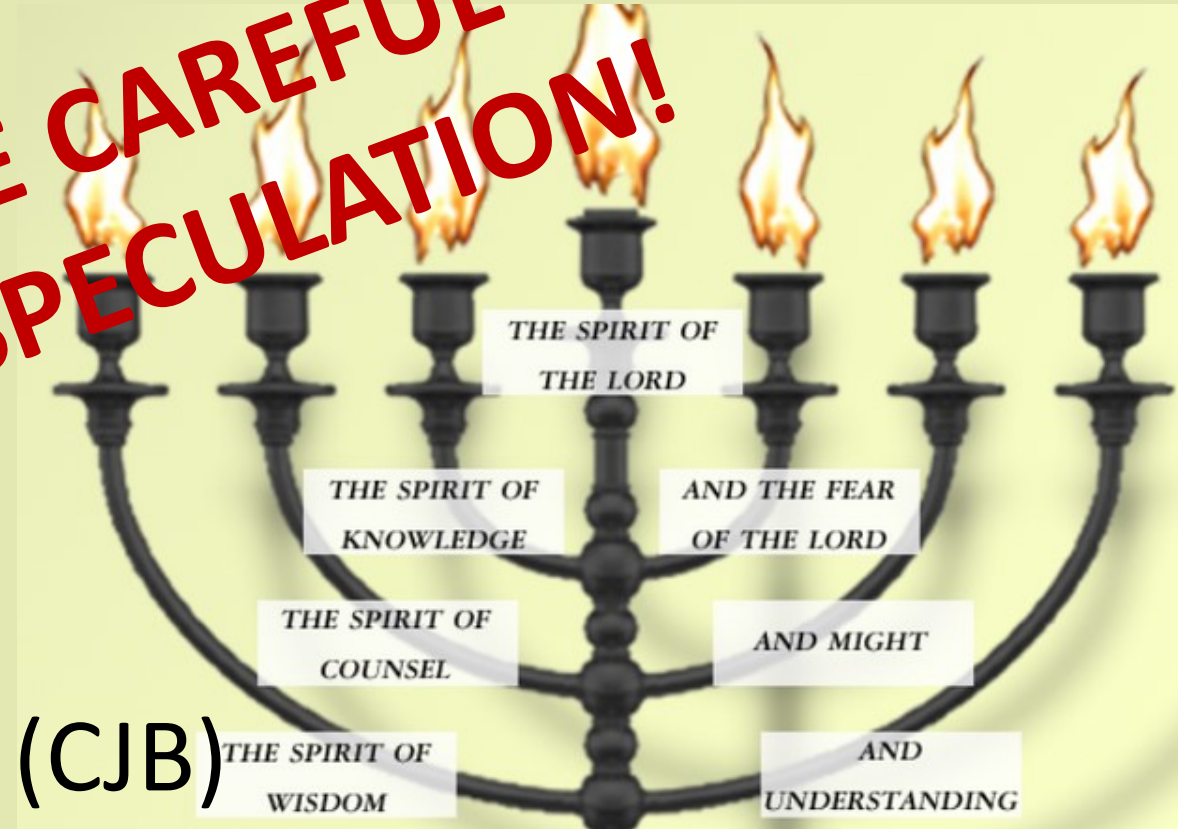
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6. **Who is, who was and who is to come** (*not used elsewhere, only in Revelation*) closest in Greek to YHVH (*one not enough!*)
7. **The Almighty**, here equated with God the Father, They are **ONE**. Zechariah 14:9 – *“And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—
“The LORD is one,
And His name one.”* (echad – alone, one)

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- **mini-gospel**, highlights of Jesus' work for us.
- ***"Seven spirits"*** See Isaiah 11:2 (or *"Angels of the Presence" ever before the Throne of God?*)
- *OR merely ref to "perfectly complete" spirit of God?)*
- Also in 3:1, 4:5, 5:6
- **"sevenfold Spirit of God" (CJB)**

BE CAREFUL OF SPECULATION!

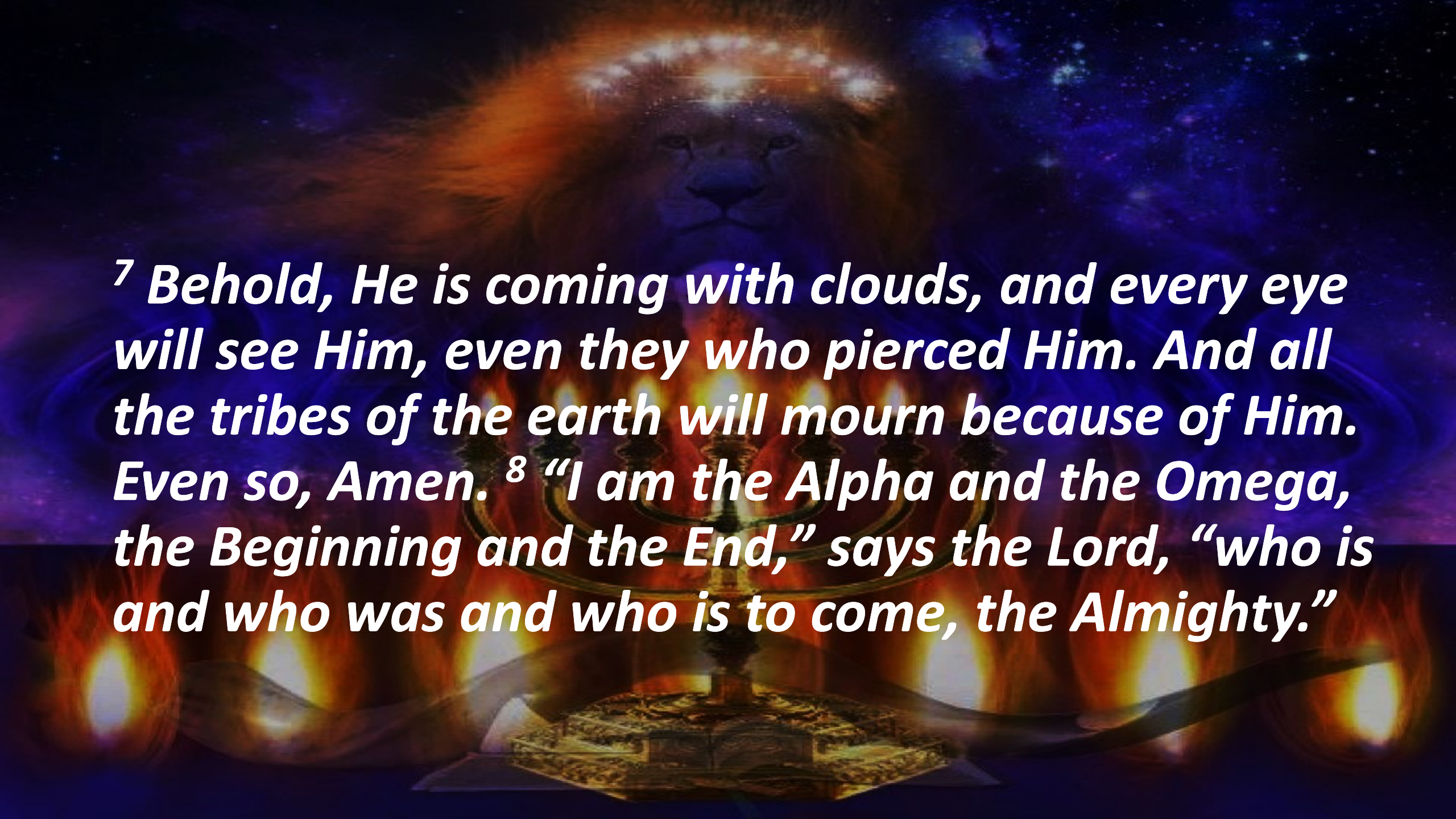


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- “made us kings and priests...”
- Are we kings? **NO!!! Only ONE King!**
- Greek = *basileus*, either king or kingdom. KINGDOM of priests.
- “And you shall be to Me a *kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*” (Exodus 19:6)






KING
OF KINGS



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- told how Jesus will return (Acts 1)
- EVERYONE will see Him, and *some won't want to!*
- Second Coming, *not "catching away"*
- ***"Pierced him"*** (Zechariah 12:10 – contains **alef tav!**)

PROPHECY COMPLETED/CONFIRMED HERE: ¹⁰ *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me   whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn." *

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- John imprisoned for preaching the gospel
- "in **THE Spirit**" = in fellowship with God directly, by power of His Spirit
- "***on the Lord's Day***" (Sunday, day of Resurrection, or Sabbath? Doesn't matter!)
- John = fellow brother to all members of Body of Messiah. **Not written to unbelievers**
- **Companion** (*co-participant*) **tribulation** (*pressure, burden, persecution, trouble*) and **kingdom** (*realm*) and **patience** (*endurance, waiting*)

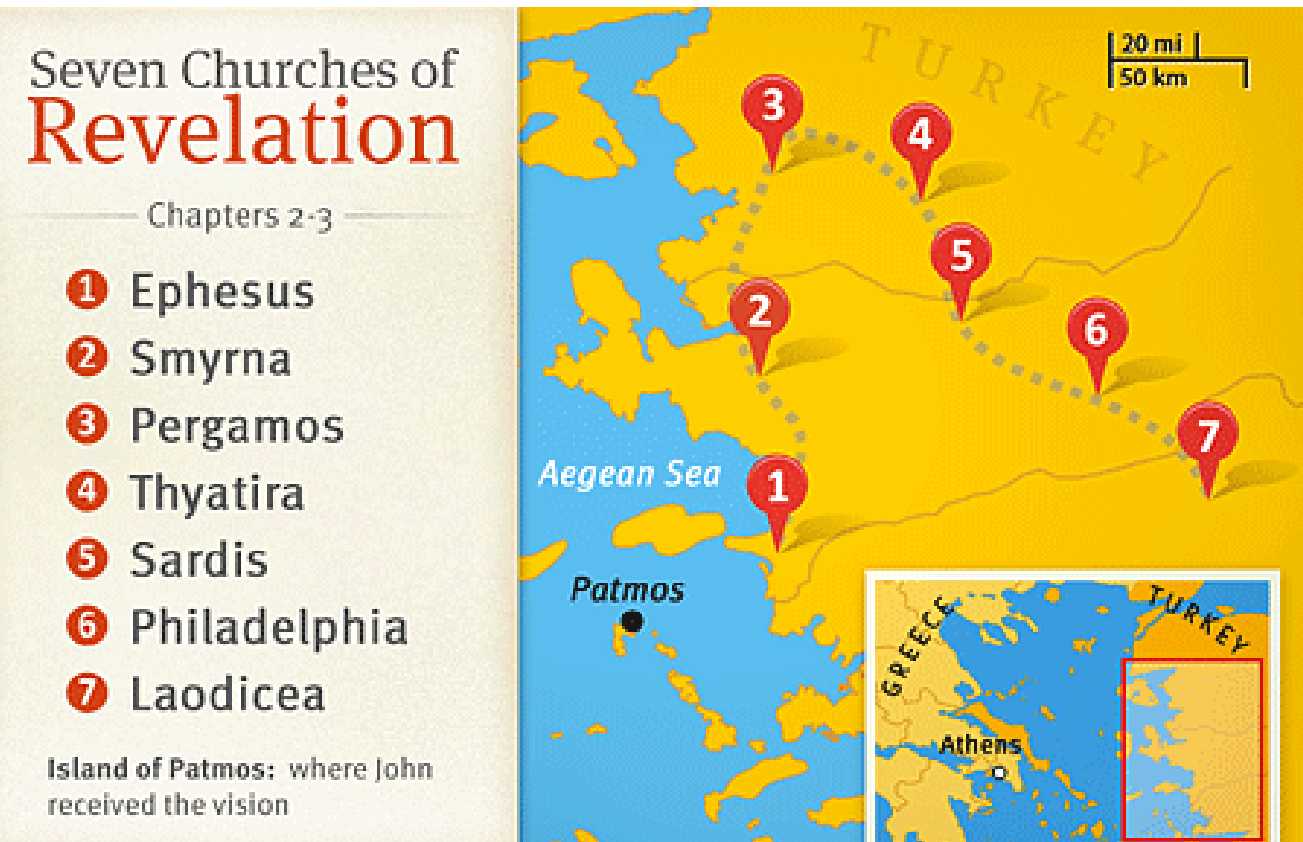
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- only one Voice qualifies with this title (*Alpha Omega, Alev Tav*)
- **John gets orders to write** what he sees and send to all churches mentioned
- **ESP-TSP-L: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea (Turkey)**
- **Why these 7?** 63 years after Pentecost (*moed Shavuot*) over 100 churches. Why not Rome, Jerusalem, Antioch, Colossae, Philipi, Galatia, etc.?

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Hand selected by God for His purpose:

1. Missionary circuit



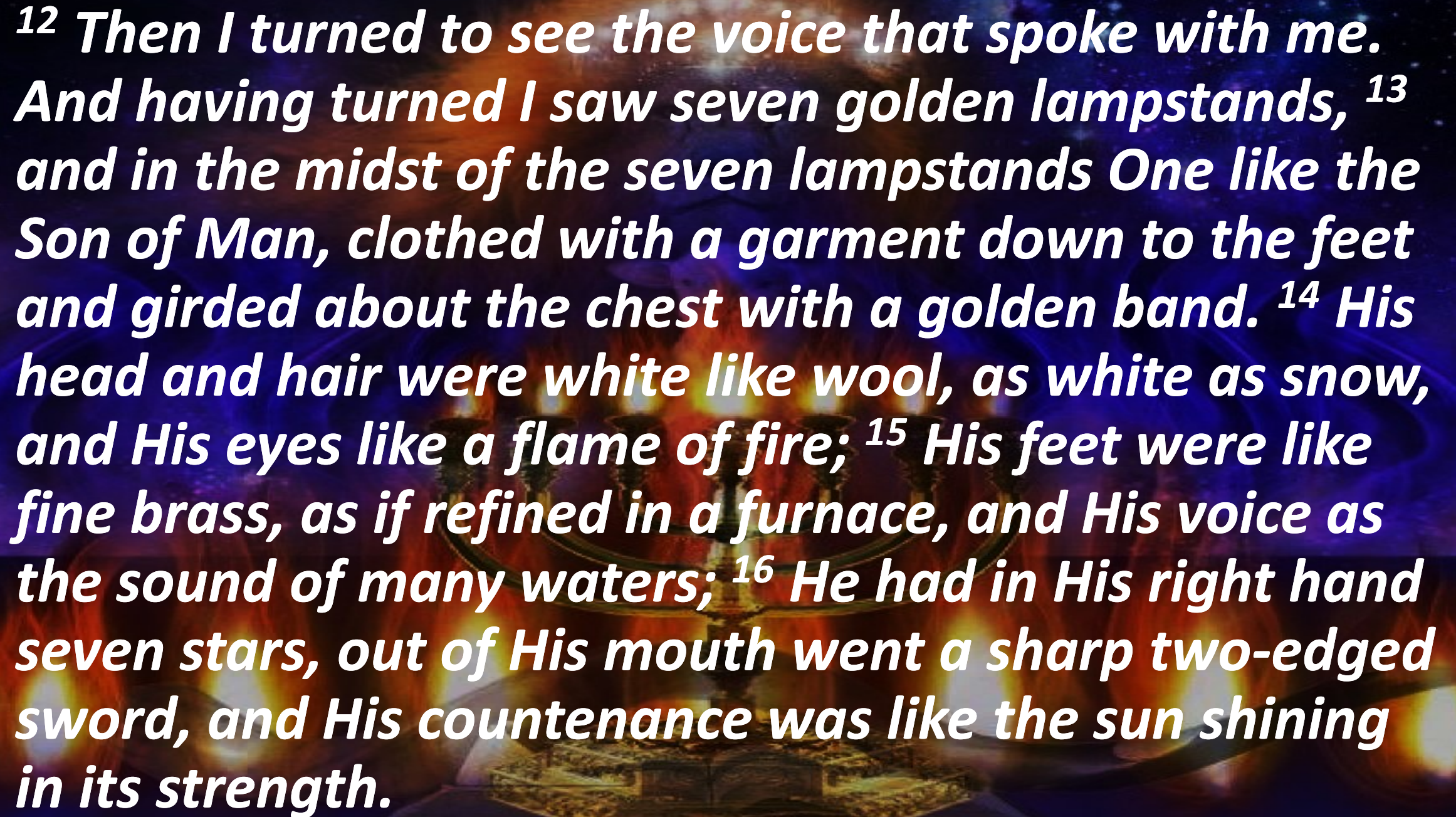
2. Actual churches/real needs and concerns

3. *“hear... Churches”* all 7 letters apply to all 7 churches (*and to all “Church” to come*)

4. 7 = **perfectly complete**, represents all believers

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5. **Personal:** *“he who has an ear”* Applies to all of us
6. **Prophetic:** lay out entire history of “ekklesia.” *In any other order, would not work.*
7. *“...the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”* (v. 19) **Churches represent “things which are”** (current age of grace, age of the Church). Rest of book about what happens AFTER this age.



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Revelation 1

The 7 Assemblies of Asia



"I AM ... the Almighty."

"Blessed...those who read, hear and keep..."



"... the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter."

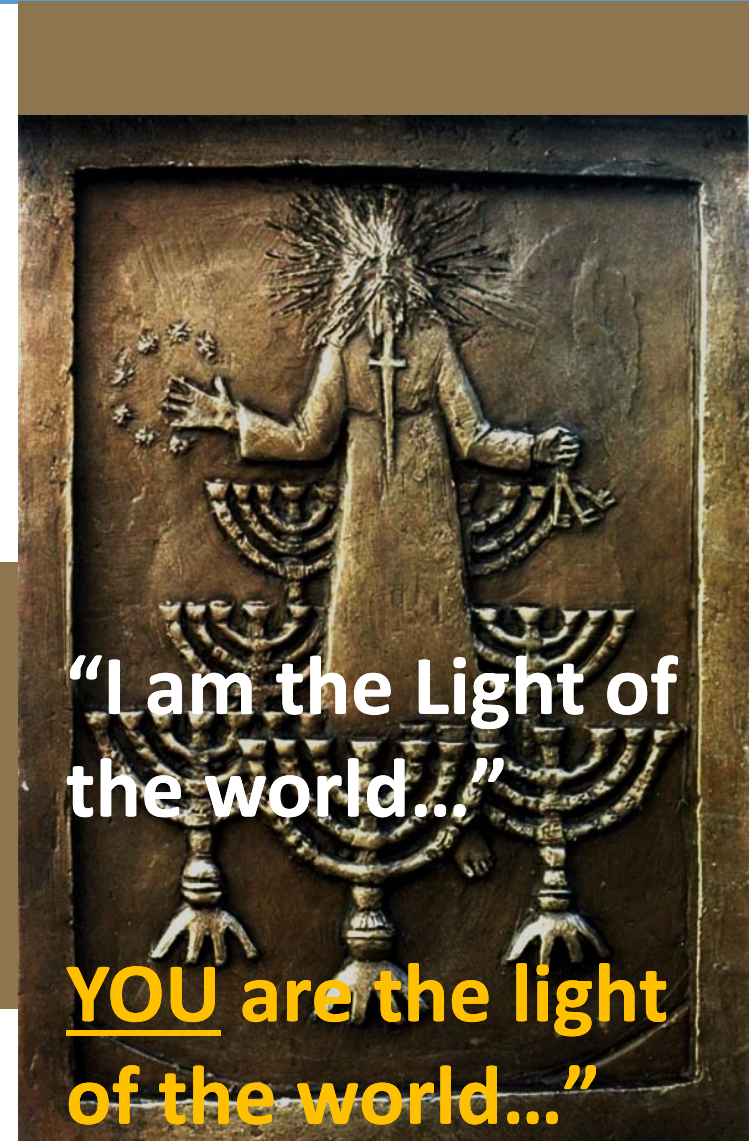


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- Speaker in middle of 7 lampstands (*lampstands = 7 churches, v. 20, Jesus' presence with the churches*).
- Lampstands (*Menorah – menorot*) not candlesticks.

• **Every individual and every local church is a bearer of God's light**

- John 15, "*I am the vine, you are the branches...*" = menorah



"I am the Light of the world..."

YOU are the light of the world..."

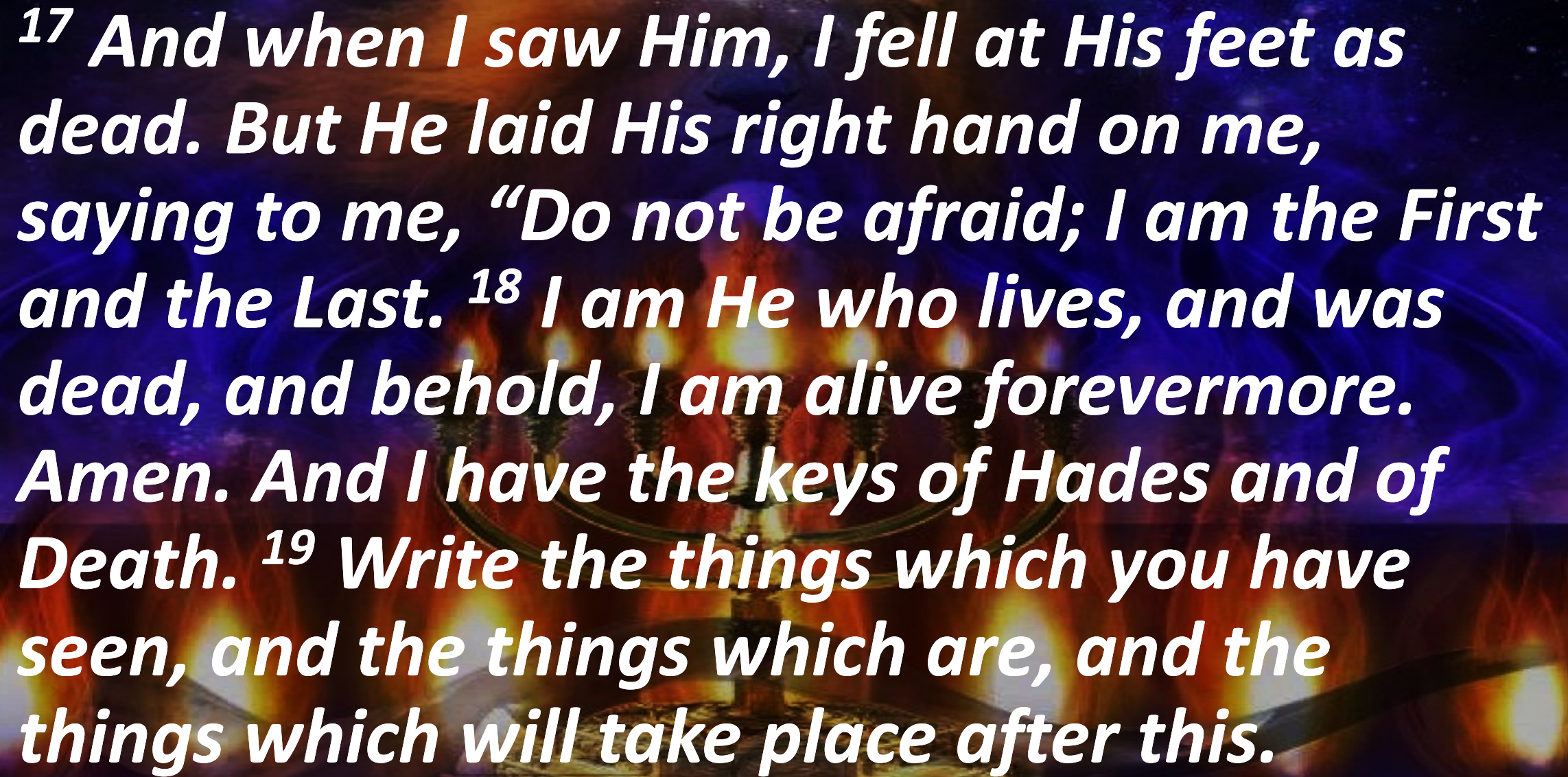
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Description of Glorified Jesus, 7 elements, critical to letters to Churches (*watch for them!*):

1. **Hair, head:** wool, snow (Daniel 7:9, 7:13, 7:22)
implies purity, glowing brightness
2. **Eyes:** flame of fire (Hebrews 1:13), fire implies judgment, all seeing
3. **Feet,** purified bronze/brass = judgment (Numbers 21:9, John 3:14-15)

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4. **Voice** as many waters. (See Ezekiel 1:24, 43:2, 3:12, Daniel 10:6, Psalm 33:6) authority
5. **Right hand** He held seven stars (angels of the churches, see V1:20) (*right hand of favor*)
6. **Mouth; two-edged sword** = Word of God (*Isaiah 11:4, Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17, Isaiah 49:2, John 12:48, Revelation 2:16, 19:19-21*)
7. **Countenance** of sun (Idiom of O.T., Malachi, *seen by some disciples at transfiguration*)



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- John terrified, collapses! *And he KNEW Jesus! (NO one can stand before Him!)*
- “right hand” = hand of favor
- *“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.”* = **bold statement of identity**
- *“I am the first and the last...”*
An EQUALITY statement

I AM.

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Isaiah 44:6 ...I *am* the **FIRST**, and I *am* the **LAST**;
and beside me *there is* no Elohiym



Covenant / Mark / Sign



Leader / Strength / Ox



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- **"Do not be afraid..."** 4 reasons here not to fear:
 1. I Am the first and the last (*God Himself, eternal*)
 2. I Am He that lives, and was dead (*Savior, Firstfruits*)
 3. I Am alive for evermore (*then, now and forever*)
 4. I hold the keys of death and Hades. (*Authority and power. Proven by empty tomb.*)

I AM.

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- *“I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”*

What exactly is Hades?

(some translations = Hell)

But what is HELL???

(will see this several times in Revelation)

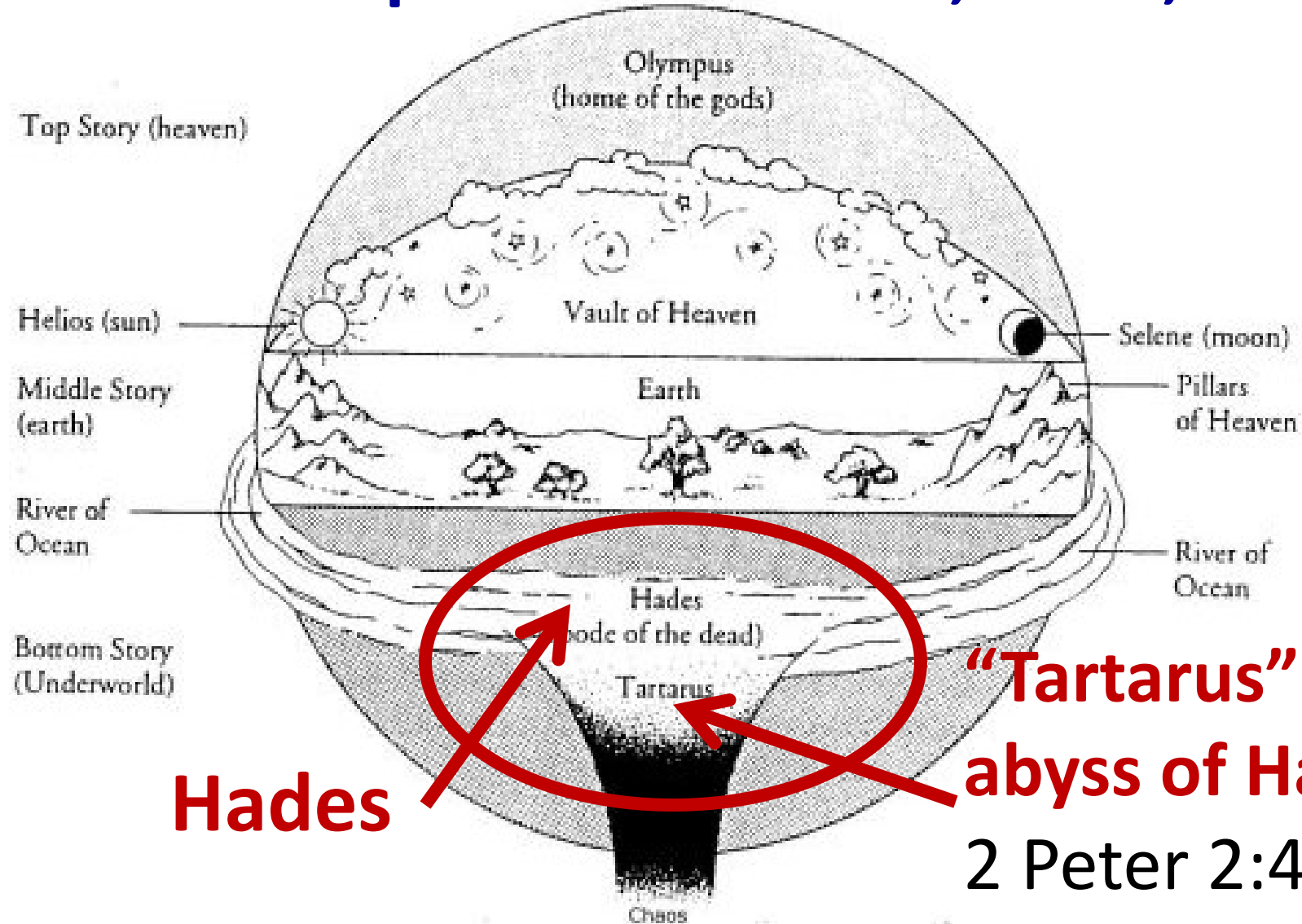
What, Who or Where is Hades?

- “Hades” = Greek name for god of the underworld, god of dead. Came to mean place of the dead.
- Many English translations, translated “hell.” *We use loosely without knowing meaning.*
- *Hades* equivalent to “Sheol” in OT(Hebrew). Sheol also place of the dead – ALL those who had died..at one time. ***But then....***

We might need to learn a bit about what is going on here...

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Greek-Roman Concept of the heavens, earth, and below



“Tartarus” (deepest abyss of Hades)

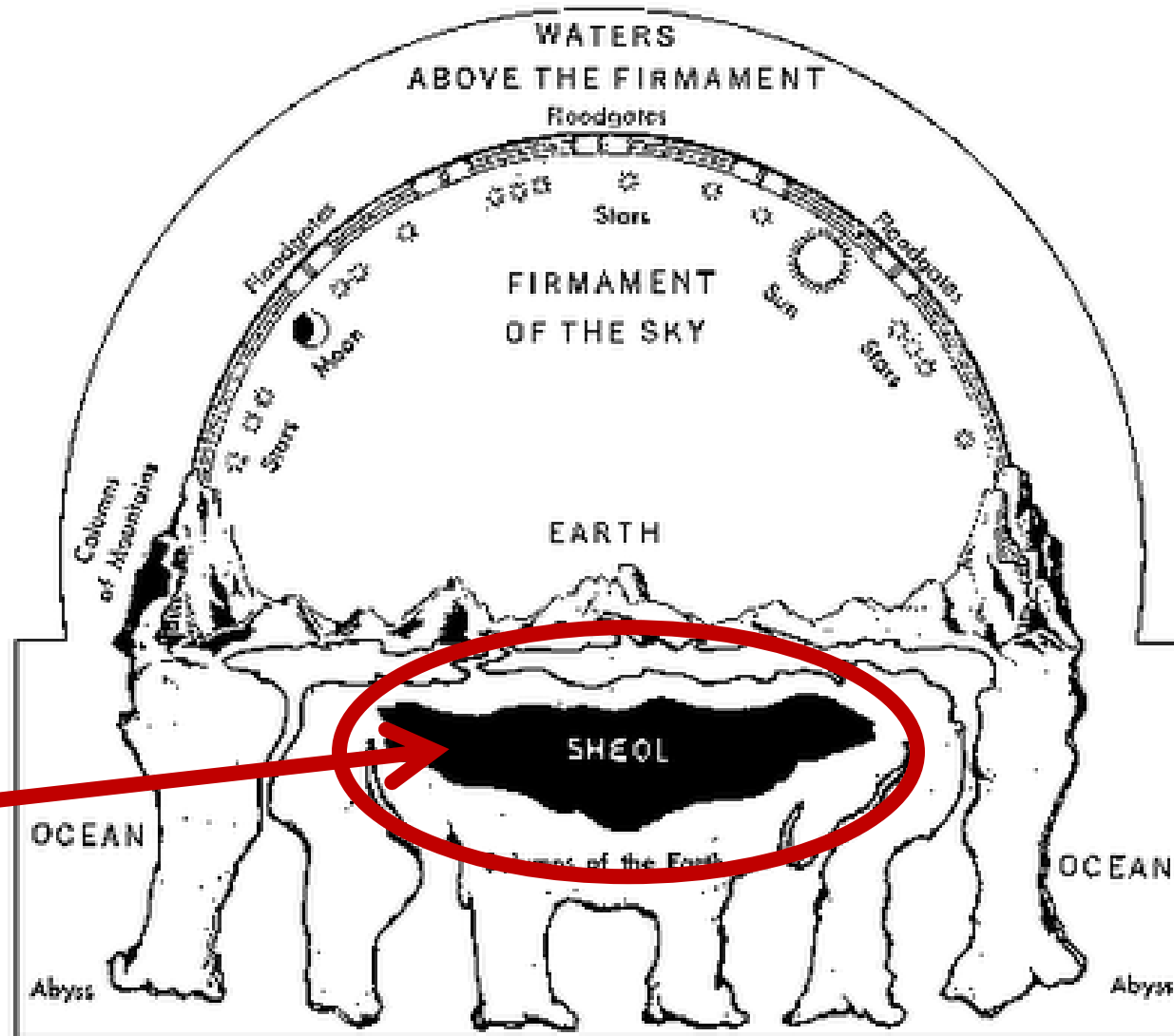
2 Peter 2:4

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Ancient
Hebrew
Concept of
the heavens,
earth, and
below

Heavens, God's Abode

Sheol



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- **Sheol** = place of the dead, apparently with a “two chamber” design.
 - 1) place of **comfort** (*righteous, waiting for complete redemption, resurrection*), (bosom of Abraham)
 - 2) place of **torment** (*unrighteous, waiting for final judgment/condemnation to eternal lake of fire*).
- Jesus referenced “**Great gulf**” between them (rich man and Lazarus). “***between us and you there is a great gulf fixed,...***” (Luke 16:19-31) *No passage between two areas.*

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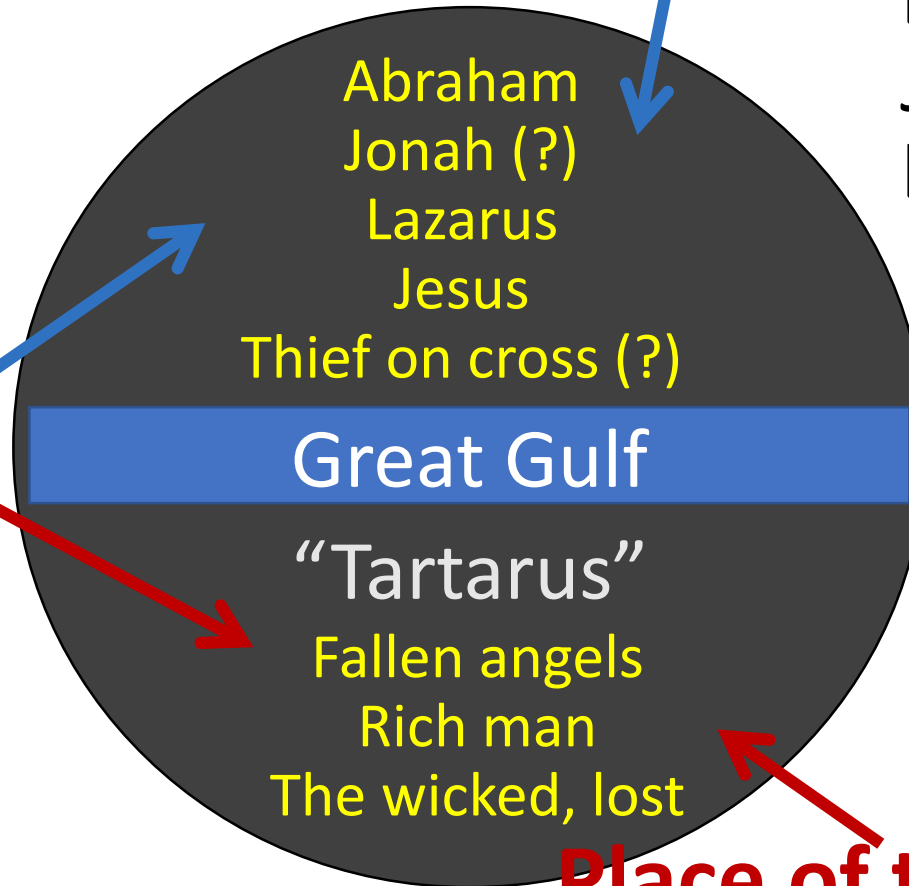
Sheol (Hebrew), 18X O.T.
Hades (Greek), 11X N.T.

Place of comfort,
awaiting resurrection

Jonah 2
Luke 11:23 (“sign of
Jonah”)
Luke 16, 23

Body dies, goes into
ground. Spirit goes...

*“Then the dust will return
to the earth as it was,
And the spirit will return
to God who gave it.”*
(Ecclesiastes 12:7)



“Underworld”
Place of the
Dead

Place of torment, awaiting
final judgment

Abyss...bottomless pit

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After Yeshua's
Resurrection...

SHEOL / HADES

"Tartarus"
Fallen angels

Rich man

The wicked, lost

"Paradise"

Abraham, Jonah
Lazarus, Jesus, Thief on
cross, All OT saints
(but still awaiting
resurrection)

After His
death, Jesus
visited

Sheol/Hades, released

"captives." Escorted to Paradise after resurrection.

Lost remained in Sheol/Hades, awaiting final judgment.

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Sheol/Hades



TODAY, Since His Resurrection

No more “captives” in Sheol/Hades, except unsaved lost awaiting resurrection and judgment at the Great White Throne. Ultimately end up in the Lake of Fire.

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⁸ Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:8-10)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (Isaiah 61:1)

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Sheol/Hades



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- **Sheol/Hades still exists**, but “saints” (*names in the Book of Life, and Lamb’s Book of Life*) not there.
- In “Paradise” with Yeshua, also awaiting final resurrection, and **“judgment seat of Christ.”** (*rewards, not salvation*)
- Only “inhabitants” of Sheol/Hades since Messiah’s resurrection are unsaved.
- Sheol/Hades will be cast into Lake of Fire ultimately – the **final “hell”**
- Believers not subject to Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20)

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Lake of Fire...ultimate final and eternal destination of the lost = true “hell.”

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Revelation 19:20)

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (20:10)

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (20:14)

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (20:15)

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NT references a place translated as “hell”...

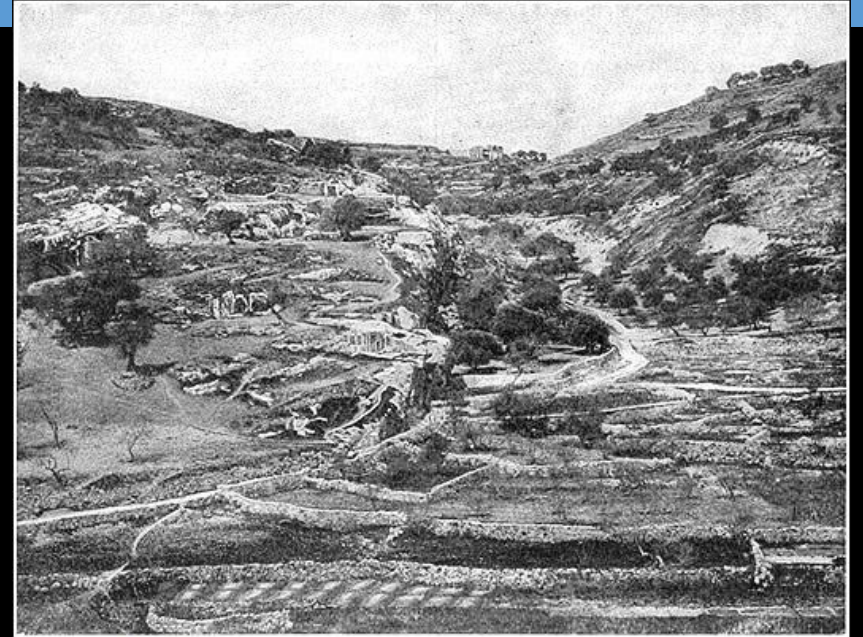
- Geenna, gehinnom, gehinnam *valley of* (the son of) *Hinnom*; **gehenna** (or *Ge-Hinnom*), a valley of Jerusalem, used as name for place (or state) of everlasting punishment. *Always translated as “hell” in English.*
- Site where followers of Ba’al, other Caananite gods (Molech, etc.) sacrificed their children by fire. Later cursed.
- **NOT Sheol.** Sheol the “holding” place of dead. Gehenna is a final destination of the wicked, so it is **equivalent to the lake of fire in Revelation.**

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Appropriate Gehenna (“hell”) = lake of fire in Revelation

Jesus’ time: place used as “dump” of the city. All refuse and waste ended up here, including corpses of the poor who could not afford burial. Burning waste 24 hours a day, a place of horror and stench, and eternal fire.

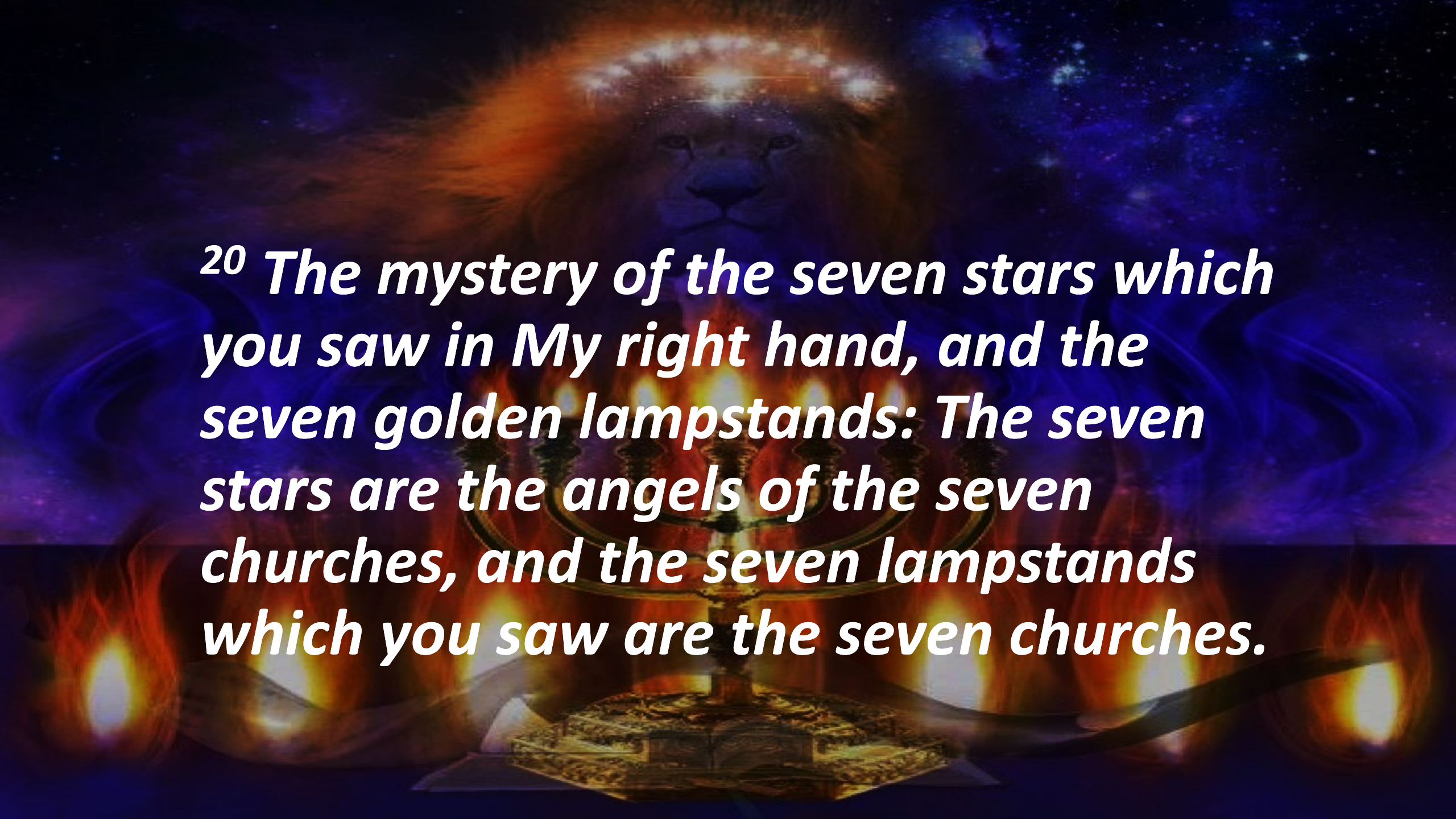
Earth’s picture of ultimate hell - lake of fire.



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"Write the things..." V. 19 = Outline of entire book:

Section	Chapter	Content
1	1	" which you have seen " (glorified Jesus)
2	2-3	"the things which are " (the 7 churches, <i>representing entire church age</i>)
3	4-22	"the things which will take place after this " (<i>meta tauta</i>) [Tribulation, Armageddon, Millennial Kingdom, Final Judgment, Eternal State]



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- ***Word interpreting itself***. Stars = “angels” of churches, lampstands = churches
- “Right hand” = symbol of favor
- “Angel” = literally *messenger*. May be human (pastors, “shepherds” of the flocks) or heavenly messengers assigned to these churches for protection and oversight.

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**Say
What?**



*Yevarekh-kha Adonai
veyishmerekha*

May the LORD bless you and keep you

*Ya'er Adonai panav elekha
viḥunneka*

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

*Yissa Adonai panav elekha
viyasem lekha shalom.*

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

