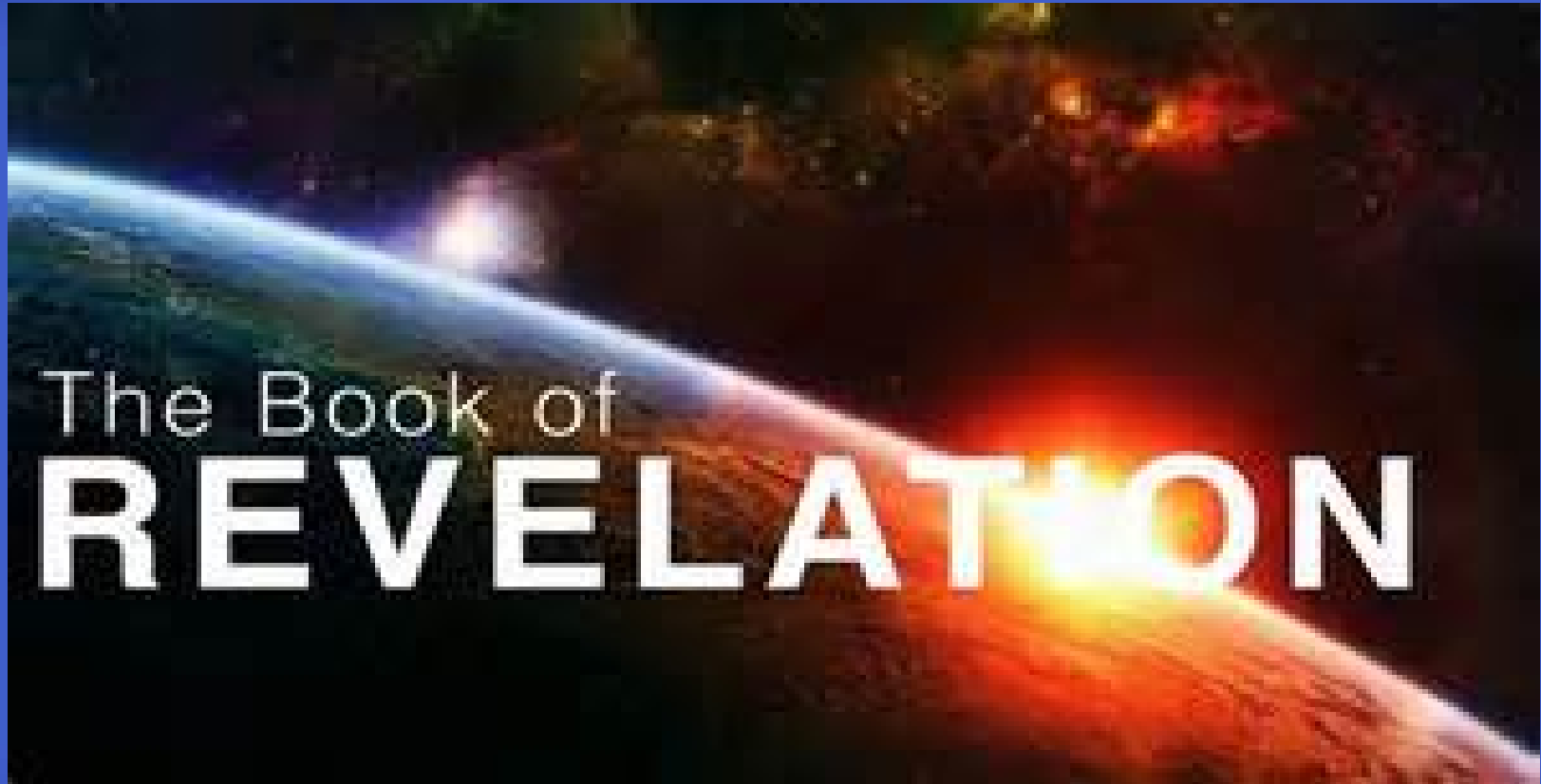


A Study of the End Times!

The Revelation of Jesus Christ



Our Journey Through the Book of Revelation!

The Text:

Revelation 2:1-7!

The Title:

Our Lord's Message to the Church:
Then and Now!

Theme:

The Revealing of Things
Which Must Shortly Come to Pass!

I. (1:1-8) The **PROLOGUE** or Introduction:

A. (1:1-3) The **Superscription** (To assign a name).

1. (v.1a) The **Presentation** of the book.
2. (v.1b) The **Purpose** of the book.
3. (v.1c-2) The **Penman** of the book.
4. (v.3) The **Promises** in the book.



B. (1:4-8) The **Salutation** (To address an audience).

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A. (1:1-30) The **Superscription** (To assign a name).

B. (1:4-8) The **Salutation** (To address / Audience):

1. (v.4a) The **Audience**: Seven Churches in Asia Minor.
2. (v.4b) The **Aspiration**: God's grace and piece.
3. (v.4c-8) The **Author**: The Godhead.



II. (1:9-20) The **PRESCRIPT** or Story.

I. (1:1-8) The **PROLOGUE** or Introduction!

II. (1:9-20) The **PRESCRIPT** or Story!

A. (1:9-11) The Circumstances of the vision.

(What John Heard)

B. (1:12-16) The Content of the vision.

(What John Saw)

C. (1:17-20) The Consequences of the vision.

(What John Did)



The Outline of the Book!

Revelation 1:19

This Morning We Turn From The Past to the Present!

I. (1:1-20) Focus: Past!

The Things You Have Seen!

II. (2:1-3:22) Focus: Present!

The Things Which Are!

III. (4:1-22:21) Focus: Future!

The Things Which Shall Soon Take Place!

Overview of the Seven Churches!

1. (2:1-7) The Church at **Ephesus**: The Lacking Church.
Lost its First Love!

2. (2:8-11) The Church at **Smyrna**: The Loyal Church.
Poor and Persecuted People yet Faithful!

3. (2:12-17) The Church at **Pergamum**: The Licentious Church.
Compared to Balaam and Balak!

4. (2:18-29) The Church at **Thyatira**: The Lax Church.
Follows the woman Jezebel!

5. (3:1-6) The Church at **Sardis**: The Lifeless Church.
Stop sleeping and wake up!

6. (3:7-13) The Church at **Philadelphia**: The Loving Church.
Kept from the coming time of tribulation!

7. (3:14-22) The Church at **Laodicea**: The Lukewarm Church.
You make me sick!



Discoveries about these Churches!

1st Discovery ... Each of the seven letters written to the seven churches have a **primary association** with a specific local assembly. And to each church a measuring rod is given to help it understand its particular standing in the sight of the risen Savior.

2nd Discovery ... Each of the seven letters written to the seven churches has a **personal application** as it is applied to each of the individual local assemblies. In other words Christ is addressing each individual member of each individual church and calling for them to overcome by building upon the things they are doing right, and changing the things they are doing wrong.

3rd Discovery ... Each of the seven letters written to the seven churches has a **prophetic anticipation** which calls for all churches, both then and now, to heed Christ's words of wisdom and/or warning.

The Revelation of Jesus was Written on Island of Patmos by John the Apostle to the Seven Churches Located in Asia Minor!



The Overview of Today's Sermon Outline:

1. (2:1) The **Church** is located in the city of Ephesus.
2. (2:2-3) The **Commendation** is threefold.
3. (2:4) The **Concern** is that they had lost their first love!
4. (2:5) The **Command** is threefold.
5. (2:6) The **Comfort** is their hate for the Nicolaitians deed.
6. (2:7) The **Counsel** is given in words of wisdom & warning.

Application for the Believer Today!

1. Its impossible to escape the judgment of God!

This principle is revealed in verse 5 – Remember, Repent, and Return or be Removed.

2. Its imperative that we listen to what God has to say!

This principle is found in verse 7a – He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says

3. Its important to focus on the promises of God!

This principle is revealed in verse 7b – To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.