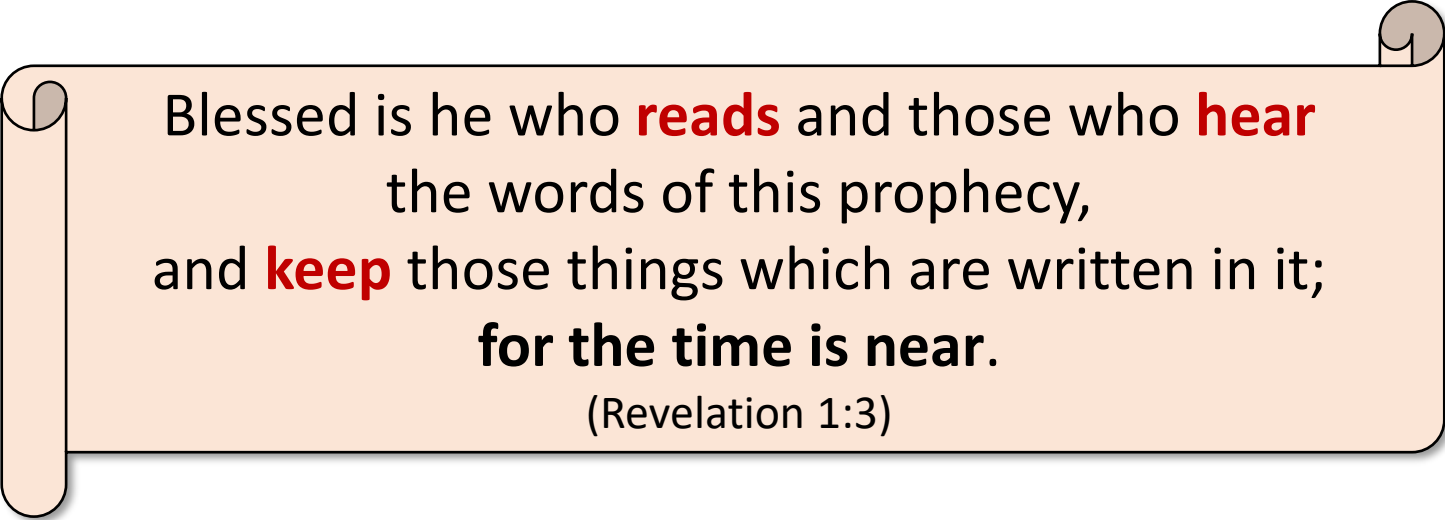




The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

2. I turned to see the voice...



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.

(Revelation 1:3)

Greek: *apokalypsis*
an uncovering or unveiling

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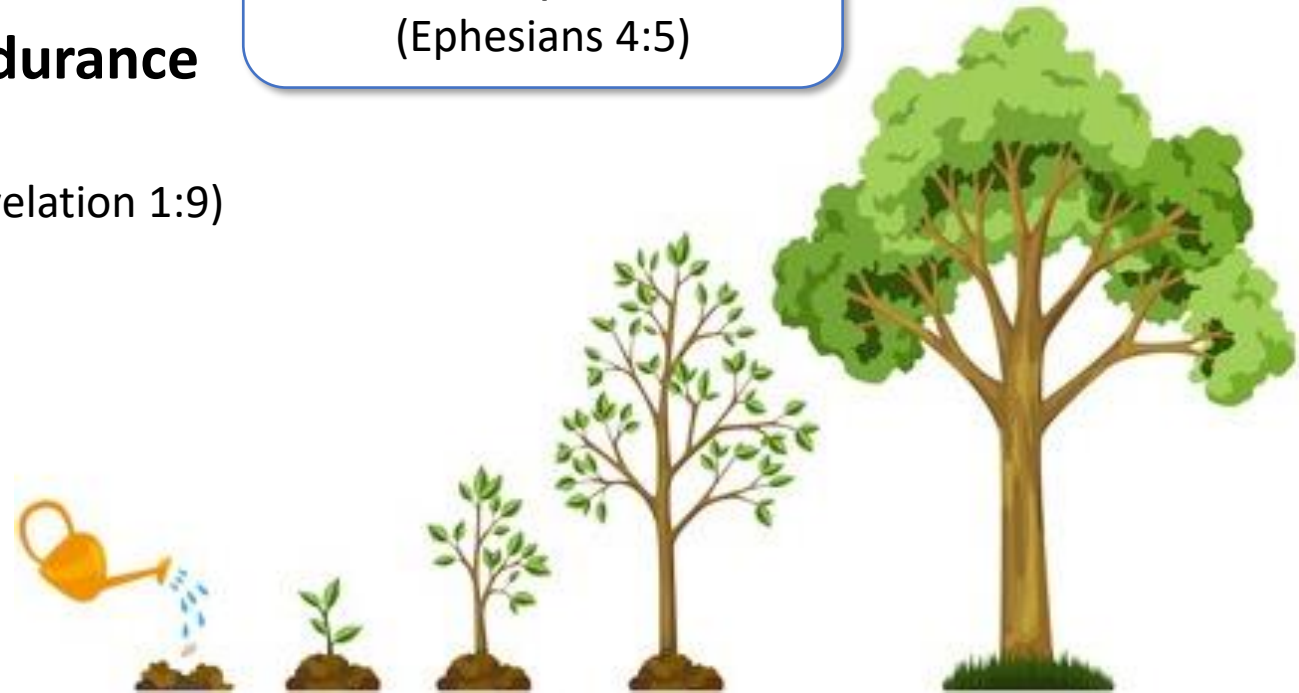
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(Revelation 1:9)

*Good soil ...
bear fruit with patience...*
(Luke 8:15)

*In the world
you will have tribulation...*
(John 16:33)

One Lord, one faith,
one baptism...
(Ephesians 4:5)



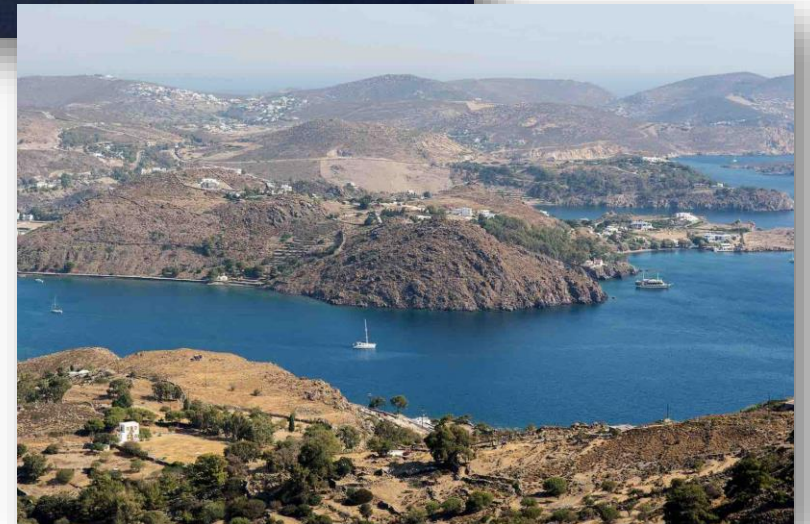
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that are in **Jesus**,
was on the island called **Patmos**
on account of

- the **word of God**
- and the **testimony of Jesus.**

(Revelation 1:9)



I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,
and I heard behind me a loud voice
like a trumpet saying,
*“Write what you see in a book
and send it to the seven churches...”*
(Revelation 1:10-11)



(Revelation 10:4, 14:13, 19:9, 21:5)



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Revelation 1:9 -11

What have we seen?

- A written revelation (an unveiling) is being given to real churches.

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me,
and having turned

I saw seven golden lampstands,

and in the midst of the lampstands

One like a son of man...

(Revelation 1:12-13)

Psalm 110

One like a son of man...

clothed with a **garment down to the feet**
and girded about the chest with a **golden band**.

His head and hair were **white like wool**, as white as snow,
and His eyes like a **flame of fire**;

His feet were like **fine brass**, as if refined in a furnace,
and His voice as **the sound of many waters**;

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**.

(Revelation 1:13-16)

One like a son of man...

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The long robe (what colour?)
may signify a **priest or king**.

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The Ancient of Days...
His garment was white as snow,
And **the hair of His head**
was like pure wool.

(Daniel 7:9)

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

Now I saw heaven opened,
and behold, a white horse.

And He who sat on him
was called Faithful and True,
and in righteousness
He judges and makes war.

**His eyes were like
a flame of fire...**

(Revelation 19:11-12)

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

Or “that has been heated
in a furnace until it glows.”
(Also, Revelation 2:18)

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

And I heard, as it were,
the voice of a great multitude,
as **the sound of many waters**
and as the sound of
mighty thunderings...
(Revelation 19:6)

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

Your right hand has held me up,
Your gentleness has made me great.
(Psalm 18:35)

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

To Pergamos:

*These things says
He who has the sharp
two-edged sword...*

*Repent, or else
I will come to you quickly
and will fight against them
with the sword
of My mouth.*

(Revelation 2:12,16)

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He was transfigured
before them.
His face shone like the sun,
and His clothes became
as white as the light.
(Matthew 17:2)

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(Revelation 1:13-16)

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Ephesus => [In the midst of the lampstands...]

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Smyrna => *"...I am the First and the Last.*

Smyrna => *I am He who lives, and was dead,*

Smyrna => *and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.*

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

(Revelation 1:17-18)

*Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:*

I am the First and I am the Last;
Besides Me there is no God.

(Isaiah 44:6)

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

But He laid **His right hand** on me, saying,

“Do not be afraid;

I am the First and the Last.

*I am He who lives, and was dead,
and behold, I am alive forevermore.*

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

(Revelation 1:17-18)

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Revelation 1:12 -18

What have we seen?

- Christ is revealed as the One who sees, knows and judges.

“Write

- *the things which you have seen,*
- *and the things which are,*
- *and the things which will take place after this.”*

(Revelation 1:19)



*The seven stars are
the angels of the seven churches*

The mystery of

- *the seven stars* which you saw in My right hand,
- and *the seven golden lampstands...*

(Revelation 1:20)

*The seven lampstands are
the seven churches*

*The seven stars are
the angels of the seven churches*

Or “messengers” (see Malachi 3:1)

How should we understand this?

- Guardian angels for the churches?
- The bishop or principal elder?
- The church’s spiritual character?
- All the believers in that locality?

Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

(Daniel 12:3)

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How should we understand this?

- Witnesses in the world (Rev 11:3-4)?
- The Lord's presence among the churches?
- The Spirit's role in the life of the church?
- The new people of God (not a menorah but now individual lampstands)?



...the plan of **the mystery** hidden for ages in God, who created all things, **so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.**

(Ephesians 3:9-10)

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Revelation 1:9 -20

What have we seen?

- A written revelation (an unveiling) is given to real churches.
- Christ is revealed as the One who sees, knows and judges.
- The life and role of the church is spiritual.

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To the angel of the church of Ephesus write...

(Revelation 2:1)