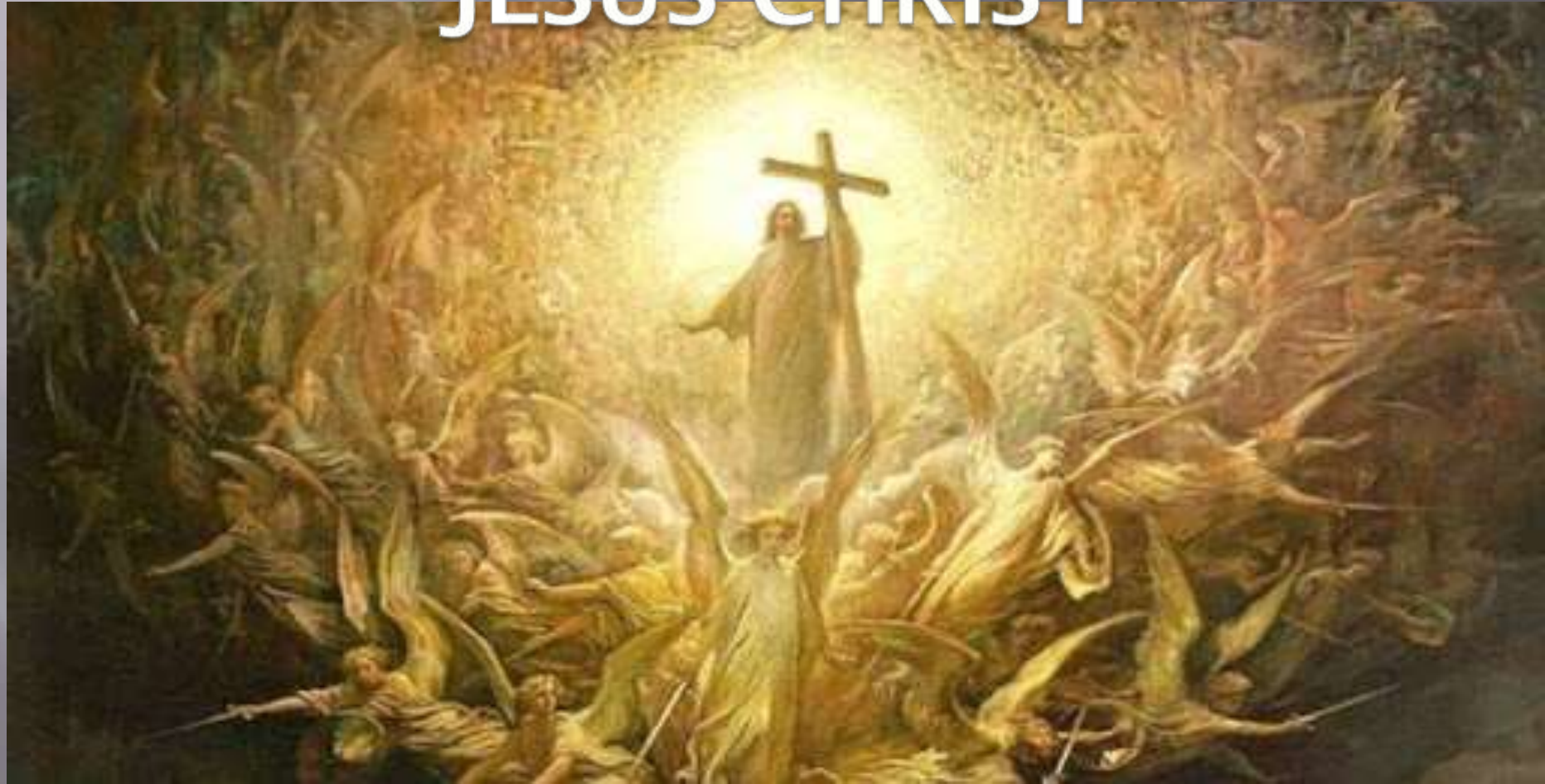


THE APOCALYPSE OF JESUS CHRIST



aka, The Book of Revelation

THE BACKGROUND

AUTHORSHIP AND TIME

Written by John the Apostle who was exiled to the Island of Patmos in 95 A.D. by the Roman Emperor Domitian. On a Lord's Day (Sunday) during his exile on Patmos (1:9, 10), the Lord gave John His Apocalypse.

+ Thus, the actual title of this book is, *The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ* (jApokavluyiV jlhsou: Cristou:).

- Apocalypse means...revelation, unveiling or instruction!

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LOCATION



A map of modern-day Turkey, colored in a light tan or yellowish hue, set against a dark blue background. The map shows the outline of Turkey and its surrounding waters. A dark brown banner at the top left contains the text "modern day" in a small, white, sans-serif font, and "TURKEY" in a large, white, serif font. Seven red location pins are placed on the map, each with a white dot in the center. To the right of each pin is the name of a city in a white, serif font. The cities are: Pergamos (located in the northwest), Smyrna (located on the west coast, south of Pergamos), Thyatira (located in the north-central region), Sardis (located in the west-central region, south of Thyatira), Philadelphia (located in the east-central region), Laodicea (located in the south-central region, south of Sardis), and Ephesus (located on the west coast, south of Smyrna). The map also shows some geographical features like the Aegean Sea to the west, the Mediterranean Sea to the south, and the Persian Gulf to the southeast. Various islands and smaller regions are labeled in a small, white, sans-serif font.

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PURPOSE

A book of prophecy of global extent. It reminds believers that the present life, this world, your problems and sufferings are temporary. God will keep His promise and all believers shall spend eternity in the New Heaven and New Earth.

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INTERPRETATION

Interpretation of Revelation is limited by two factors:

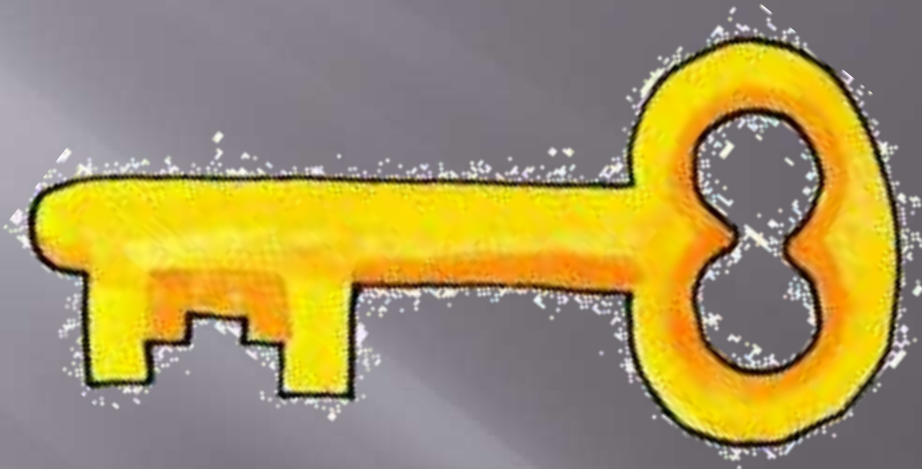
First, God has told us more than we can understand. Most of the book can be understood and that which cannot be understood should simply be believed, just as we believe The Holy Trinity!

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Second, trying to understand Revelation, before you really know the rest of Scripture, is like trying to understand the last chapter of an advanced chemistry book without ever having studied chemistry.

For this reason the study of Revelation should only occur after careful study of the Old Testament and the first twenty-six books of the New Testament.

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...to understand Revelation is really the key to understanding the entire Bible: *Christ is at the center of this book! And Revelation is given to make us wise unto salvation.*

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As Dr. Louis Brighton wrote,
*“Revelation reveals and confirms that Christ was prophetically promised and that His incarnation, death, and resurrection happened so that God’s creation could be restored to its original glory and righteousness.”*¹

¹Brighton, Louis A., Revelation. Concordia Commentary, St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999, p. 1.

THE PROPHETIC MESSAGE

While much of Revelation presents a negative view of the human race and its history, intermingled throughout the book are beautiful pictures of God's glory and of Christ's exaltation. Some of the most wonderful pictures of Heaven are found in this book!



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