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THE REVELATION OF JESUS

A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH



1a OPENING

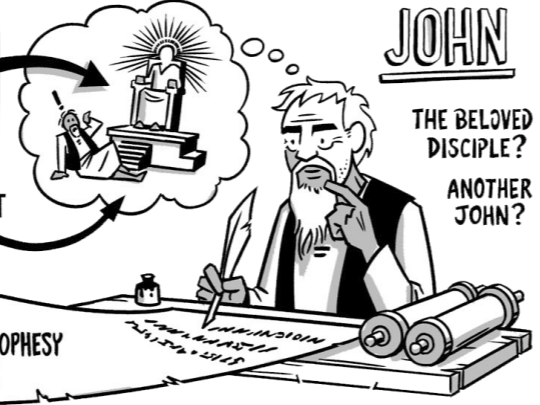
ASIA MINOR
LETTER (1:1, 22:21)
SENT TO: 7 CHURCHES

APOCALYPSE (1-1) GREEK: αποκαλυψις
• A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, 4 EZRA, 1 ENOCH)
• **SYMBOLIC VISIONS** THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PROPHECY (1:3)

• GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET
• BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

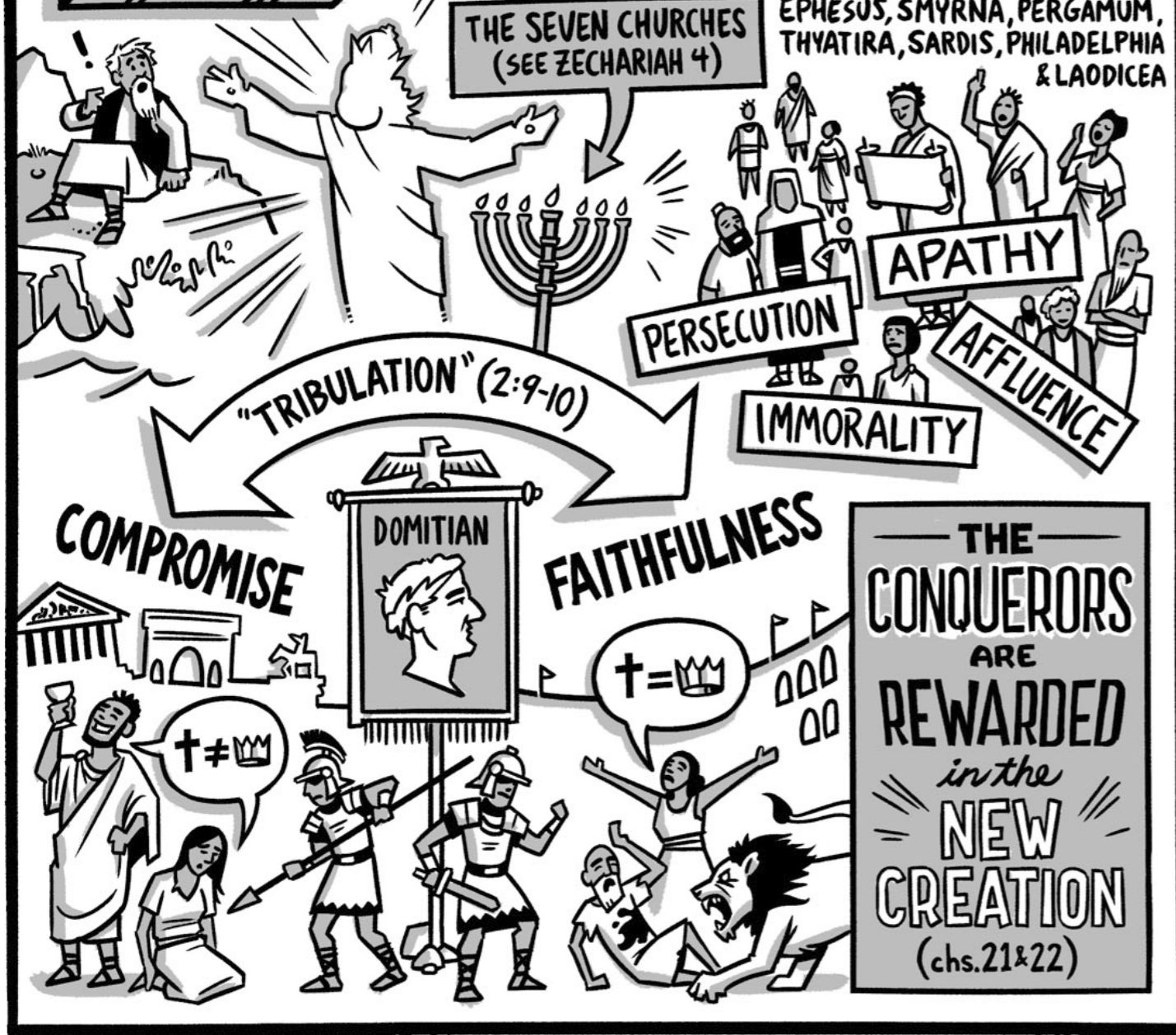


JOHN

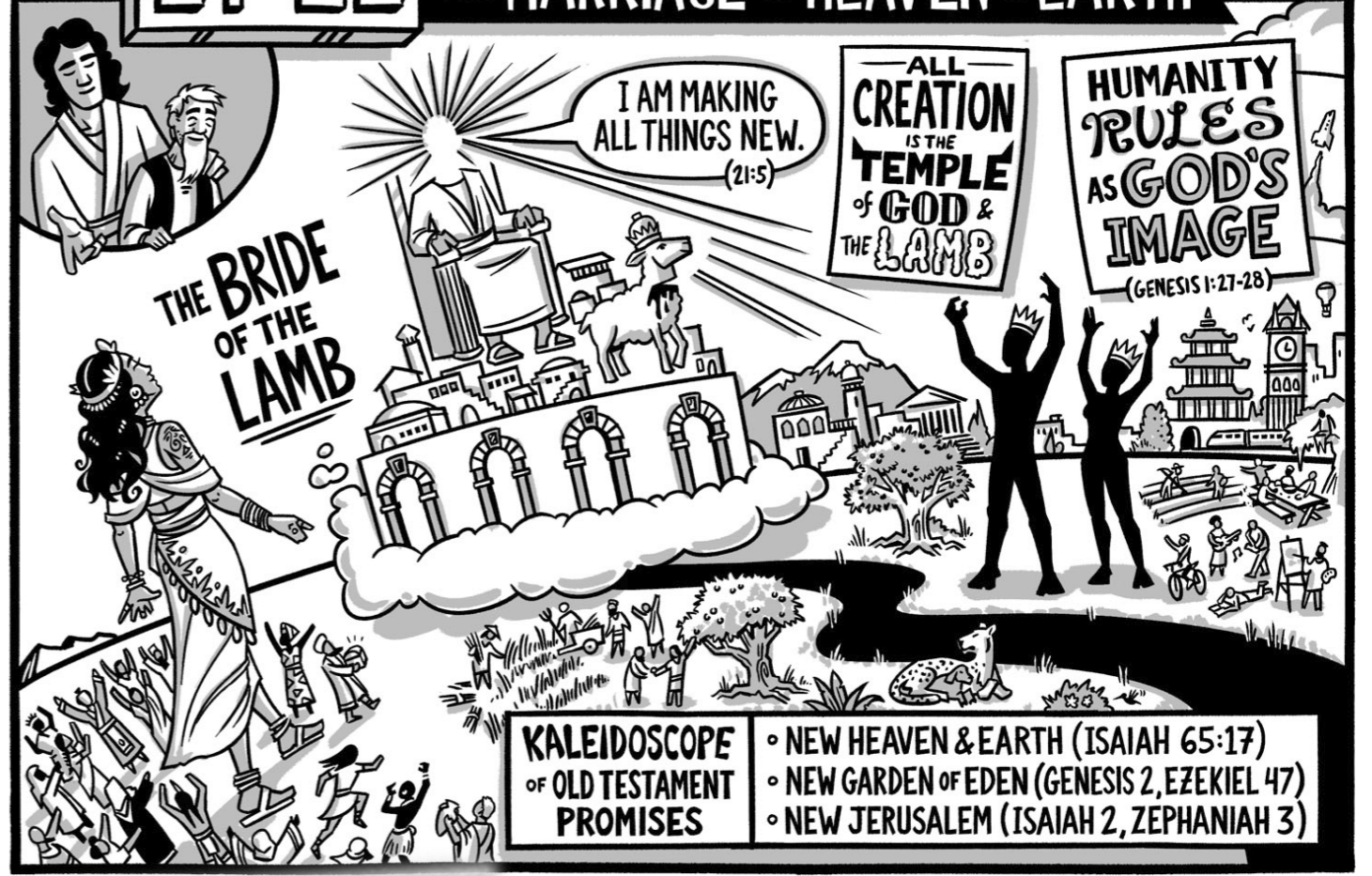
THE BELOVED DISCIPLE?
ANOTHER JOHN?

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA



21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH



KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES

- NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65:17)
- NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)
- NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)

Notes :

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD

Woe!

God

BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT (18:24)

BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES DESCRIBING BABYLON, TYRE & EDM (ISAIAH 13, 23, 34, 47; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

19:11-21 ISAIAH 11:4, 49:2
THE FINAL BATTLE I
ARMAGEDDON IS **NOT** A BLOODBATH
JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

20:1-7 **THE MARTYRS VINDICATED**
THE MARTYRS REIGN... **...FOR 1,000 YEARS!**

20:8-15 **THE FINAL BATTLE II**
(SEE DANIEL 7)

LITERAL SEQUENCE
A: 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM
B: THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS' PRESENT VICTORY
TWO BATTLES = JESUS' RETURN **FROM TWO ANGLES**

THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS

THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY QUARANTINED

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! (SEE ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 1, DANIEL 7)

MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS (ISAIAH 8:16, EZEKIEL 2-3, DANIEL 12) ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?

THE LION OF JUDAH! (GENESIS 49:9) THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11:1)

SEES **HEARS**

THE SACRIFICED LAMB

- GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.
- HIS DEATH WAS **CONQUEST** OVER EVIL.

6-16 3 SETS OF **7** DIVINE JUDGMENTS

(A) LITERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE) **BUT NOTICE:** BOWLS CONTAINED WITHIN 7th TRUMPET, TRUMPETS WITHIN 7th SEAL
 EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT 1 2 3

(B) THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

1 WAR 2 CONQUEST 3 FAMINE 4 DEATH

5 HOW LONG, O LORD? REST A LITTLE LONGER...

6 THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2) WHO CAN STAND?! THEY CAN!

(SEE ZECHARIAH ch. 1)

ch 7 THE LAMB'S ARMY

MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the **144,000** MILITARY CENSUS of 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)

HEARS SEES (SEE GENESIS 17:4)

THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

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8:5

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS ch. 7-11)

1 HAIL 2 BLOOD 3 POISON WATER 4 DARKNESS 5 DEMON LOCUSTS

6 THE FOUR HORSEMEN

THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9:20-21)

10:1-11:13

THE LAMB'S SCROLL MEASURE THE TEMPLE... PROTECTION SEE (ZECHARIAH 2)

... BUT EXCLUDE THE COURTS.

A.) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
 B.) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE
 (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16, HEBREWS 3:6, 1 PETER 2:4-5)

TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY...
 ... & ARE KILLED...
 LAMPSTANDS = CHURCHES (11:4 → 1:20)
 2 LITERAL PROPHETS 3 SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHETIC ROLE (SEE DANIEL 7)

THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION:
 • IMITATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB
 • GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

... BUT THEN VINDICATED...
 GLORY TO GOD!
 ... & THE NATIONS DO NOT REPENT (11:13)

11:19

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

12 THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)

THE MESSIAH & HIS PEOPLE THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)

NOT THE REAL ENEMY

THE DRAGON

13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12)

MILITARY POWER 666 ECONOMIC MACHINE BABYLON PERSIA GREECE ROME, etc....

1.) THE ANTI-SHEMA PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE FROM DEUTERONOMY 6:4-8 WRITTEN ON FOREHEAD & HAND (THOUGHTS) (ACTIONS)

MARK OF THE BEAST = ALLEGIANCE

2.) THE NUMBER 666 = נְרוֹקְסָר (NERO) (CAESAR) = נְרוֹקְסָר (BEAST)

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)

BABYLON HAS FALLEN! FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!

THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE

THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GRAPE HARVEST OF HUMANITY'S EVIL

THE CHOICE

RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB

OR

FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)

1 SORES 2 BLOOD 3 BLOOD 4 FIRE 5 DARKNESS

ARMAGEDDON:

LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:19, 2 KINGS 23:29)

SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

16:17-21

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