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The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ

Lesson 6: Chapter 2

A still life image featuring an open Hebrew Bible, a shofar (ram's horn), and a tallit (prayer shawl) on a dark wooden surface. The Bible is open, showing Hebrew text. The shofar is a curved, polished horn. The tallit is white with blue and gold stripes. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface.

Read the Bible with Jewish Eyes

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Acts 17:11

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Genesis 1-3

First Adam &
his bride walking
with God in a
perfect earth

Born

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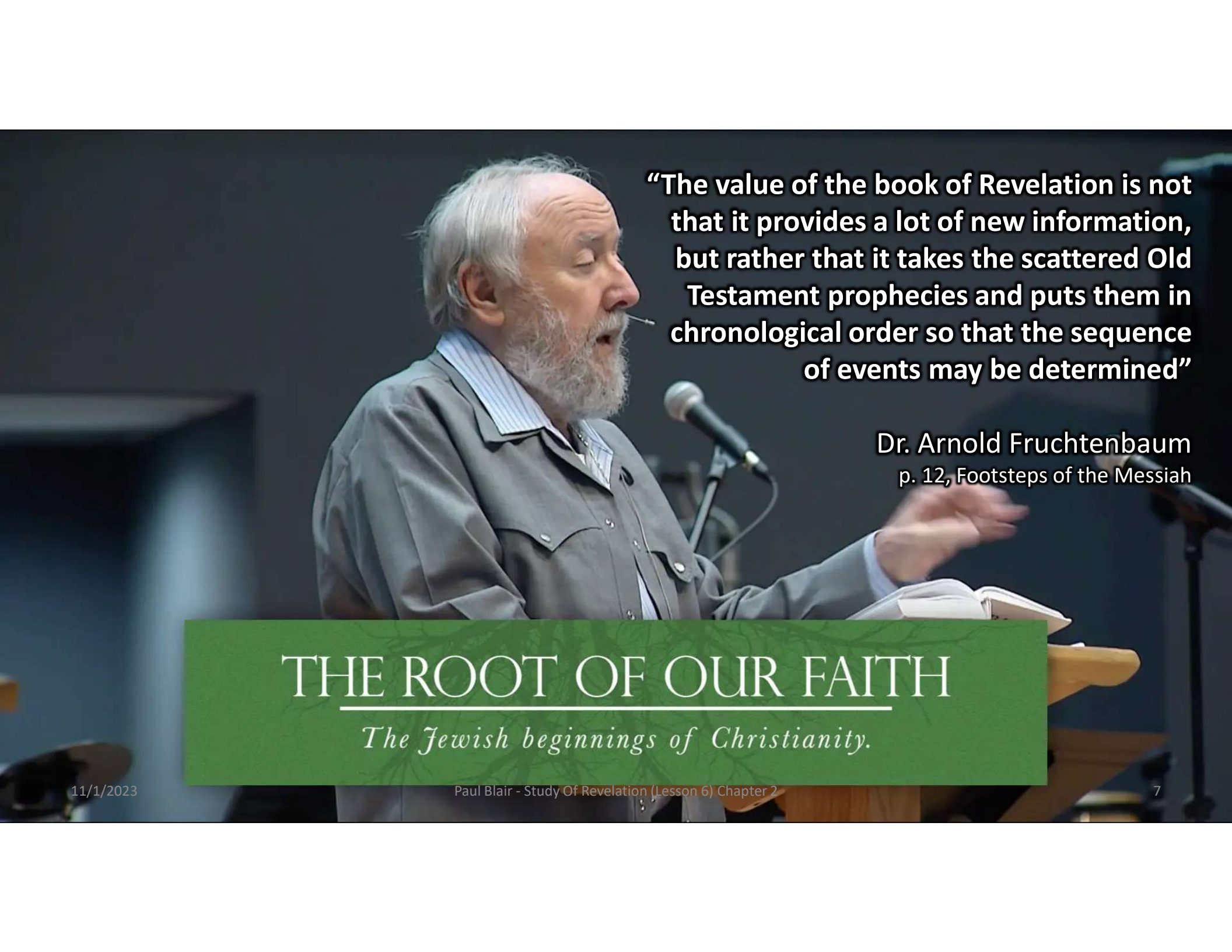
Revelation 21-22

Second Adam &
his Bride walking
with God in a
perfect earth

Born again

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A photograph of Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum, an older man with a white beard and hair, wearing a grey button-down shirt over a light blue striped collared shirt. He is standing at a wooden podium, speaking into a microphone. His right hand is raised in a gesture. The background is dark and out of focus.

“The value of the book of Revelation is not that it provides a lot of new information, but rather that it takes the scattered Old Testament prophecies and puts them in chronological order so that the sequence of events may be determined”

Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum
p. 12, *Footsteps of the Messiah*

THE ROOT OF OUR FAITH

The Jewish beginnings of Christianity.

Creation
Global Flood
Abraham's Call
The Exodus
The Judges
Kingdom Years
Divided Kingdom
Assyria captures North
Babylon Captures South
Zerubbabel's Return – 70 yrs
Nehemiah's rebuild



4000 BC
2500 BC
2000 BC
1500 BC
1450 BC
1050 BC
930 BC
722 BC
606 BC
536 BC
445 BC



70th Week of Daniel

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even *the time of Jacob's (ISRAEL's) trouble*; but *he (Israel)* shall be saved out of it.

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks have been decreed *for your people* and *for your holy city*...

KINGDOM

(Age of the Messiah /1000 Year Millennial Reign of Christ)

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:

Mic 4:2-4 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

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Paul, 4/30/2021

Two Messiahs? Or, One who came twice?

Zech 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold, **thy King cometh** unto thee:
he is just, and having salvation; lowly,
and riding upon an ass, and upon a
colt the foal of an ass.

The Age of the Church

Zech 14:1-4

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy
spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
For I will gather all nations against
Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be
taken, and the houses rifled, and the women
ravished; and half of the city shall go forth
into captivity, and the residue of the people
shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall
the Lord go forth, and fight against those
nations, as when he fought in the day of
battle. And his feet shall stand in that day
upon the mount of Olives (14:9) And **the
Lord shall be king over all the earth:** in
that day shall there be one Lord, and his
name one.

Outline of Bible



When was Revelation written?

Preterist – Written prior to 70 AD describing the fall of Jerusalem.

Futurist – Written around 90-95 AD describing the 70th Week of Daniel

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Domitian

Roman emperor


Alternate titles: Caesar Domitianus Augustus, Titus Flavius Domitianus

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By Guy Edward Farquhar Chilver • Edit History

Domitian, Latin in full **Caesar Domitianus Augustus**, original name (until AD 81) **Titus Flavius Domitianus**, (born Oct. 24, AD 51 – died Sept. 18, AD 96, Rome [Italy]), Roman emperor (AD 81–96), known chiefly for his tyrannical rule. Many prominent members of the Senate lived during his last years.

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Domitian

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Against Heresies (A.D. 180-199), Book V, Chapter 30:

We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of Antichrist; for if it were necessary that his name should be distinctly revealed in this present time, it would have been announced by him who beheld the apocalyptic vision. For that was seen no very long time since, but almost in our day, towards the end of Domitian's reign.

Polycarp



Irenaeus

One Thousand Years of Shabbat

By: Mois Navon

R. Katina said, "Six thousand years the world will exist and one [thousand, the seventh], it shall be desolate (*haruv*), as it is written, 'And the Lord **alone** shall be exalted in that day' (Isa. 2:11).¹ ... R. Katina also taught, "Just as the seventh year is one year of release (*mushmetet*) in seven, so too does the world have one thousand years out of seven that are fallow (*mushmat*), as it is written, 'And the Lord **alone** shall be exalted in that day' (Isa. 2:11); and further it is written, 'A psalm and song for the Shabbat day' (Ps. 92:1) – meaning the day that is altogether Shabbat – and also it is said, 'For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past' (Ps. 90:4)."²

*Sanhedrin 97a*³

Replacement Theology became the position of the Church during the time of Augustine (A.D. 354-430), who popularized it in his book *The City of God*. Initially Augustine claimed that he was a Chiliast, the belief in the literal thousand year reign of Christ on the earth, the basic view of Premillennialism today. Having come to the conclusion that this view was "inferior" and "carnal," he adopted the position that the reign of Christ should be much more "spiritual" and it would occur during this present Church Age. His spiritualizing method, of course, eliminated true Israel and the losing of all the promises God made to the Jewish nation, which he viewed as now being fulfilled within the Church.

What Did The Apostolic Church Believe?

Almost all students of the early church agree that Premillennialism, or Chiliasm, was the most widely held view of the apostolic church. Philip Schaff, the noted authority on church history writes,

"The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene Age [A.D. 100-325] is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, . . . a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers, such as Barnabas, Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Methodius, and Lactantius" (Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*. New York: Scribner, 1884, Vol. 2, p. 614).

Premillennialism began to die out in the established Catholic Church during the time of Augustine, though it has always survived as a Church doctrine.

<http://www.messianicassociation.org/ezone17-at.replacement-theology.htm>

— Revelation 20:4-6

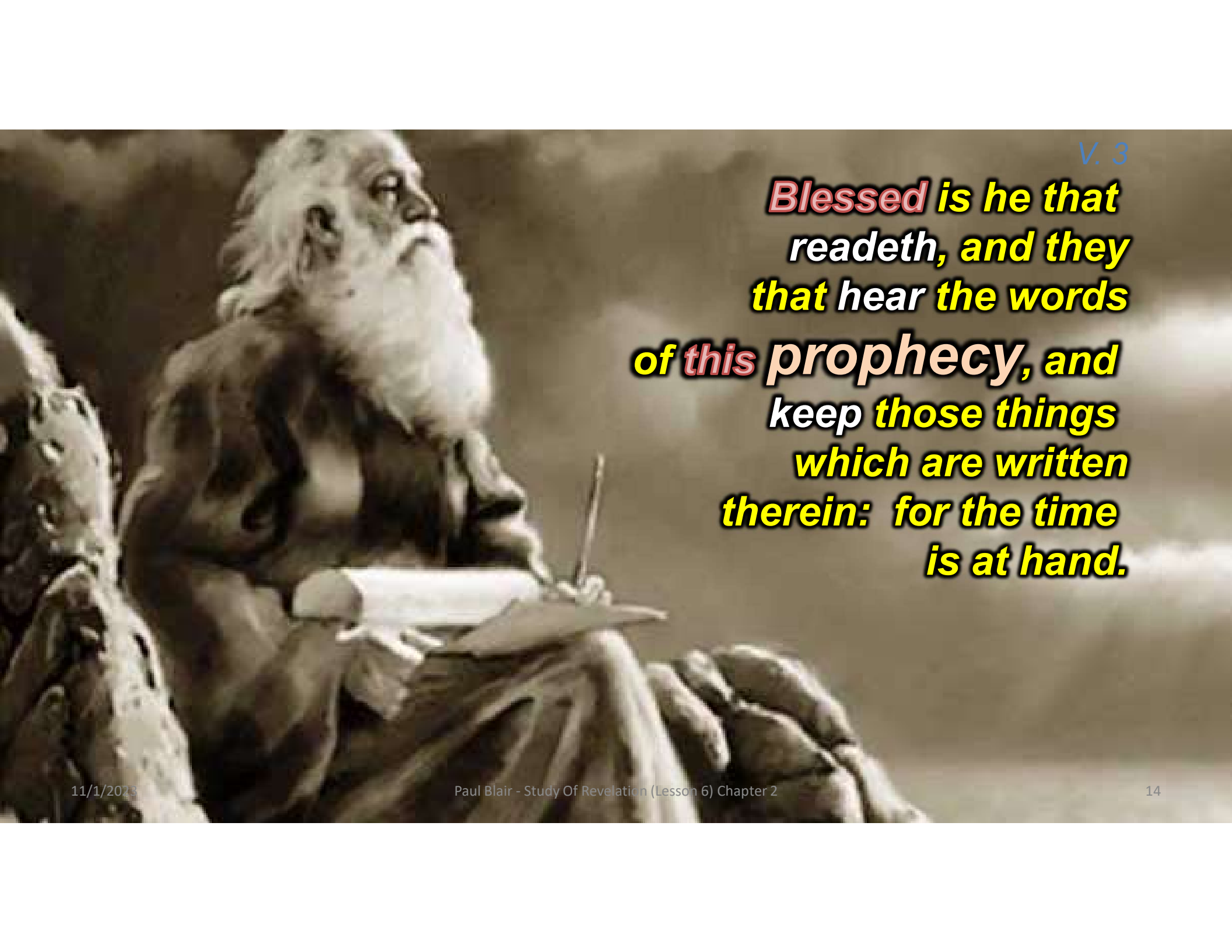
Thus, [John of Patmos](#) characterizes a millennium where Christ and the Father will rule over a theocracy of the righteous. While there are a kingdom of God throughout the Old and New Testaments, this is the only reference in the Bible to such a period lasting one thousand years.

Early church [\[edit\]](#)

During the first centuries after Christ, various forms of [chiliasm](#) (millennialism) were to be found in the Church, both [East](#) and [West](#).^[4] It was a decidedly majority view at that time, as admitted by [Eusebius](#), himself an opponent of the doctrine:

The same writer (that is to say, [Papias of Hierapolis](#)) gives also other accounts which he says came to him through

unwritten tradition, certain strange parables and teachings of the Saviour, and some other more mythical things. To these



V. 3

***Blessed is he that
readeth, and they
that hear the words
of this prophecy, and
keep those things
which are written
therein: for the time
is at hand.***



*I was in the Spirit
on the Lord's day ...*

**“I came to be, in the
Spirit, on the Day of
the Lord”**

Complete Jewish Version

However, when light is sourced from candles, wicks and oil it is a more complicated matter. **To produce this type of light requires a modicum of motor skills, *patience* and *great attention to detail*.**

<https://www.yeshiva.co/midrash/21418>





Revelation is written chronologically

Rev 1:19

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

“Meta Tauta”

1. Hast seen – Chapter 1 (Vision of Christ)
2. Which Are – Chapters 2-3 (The Church)
3. Chapters 4-22 – things hereafter *“meta tauta”*

Rev 4:1 ~ After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

Jewish Hermeneutics

PRDS – “Paradise or garden”

1. P’shat – the plain, literal story in the text

- Ex: Daniel 3 – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

2. Remez – hint. An application made from the story.

- We can be right in the middle of God’s will and still find ourselves in a fiery furnace. However, Jesus is with us in the midst.

3. Derash – search. A Prophetic Application.

- Furnace heated 7 times, faithful brought through, Daniel absent.

4. Sod – secret. Equidistant lettering, etc.

Example of a Prophetic Application

Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child,
then I loved him, and
*called my son out of
Egypt.*

Matthew 2:14-15

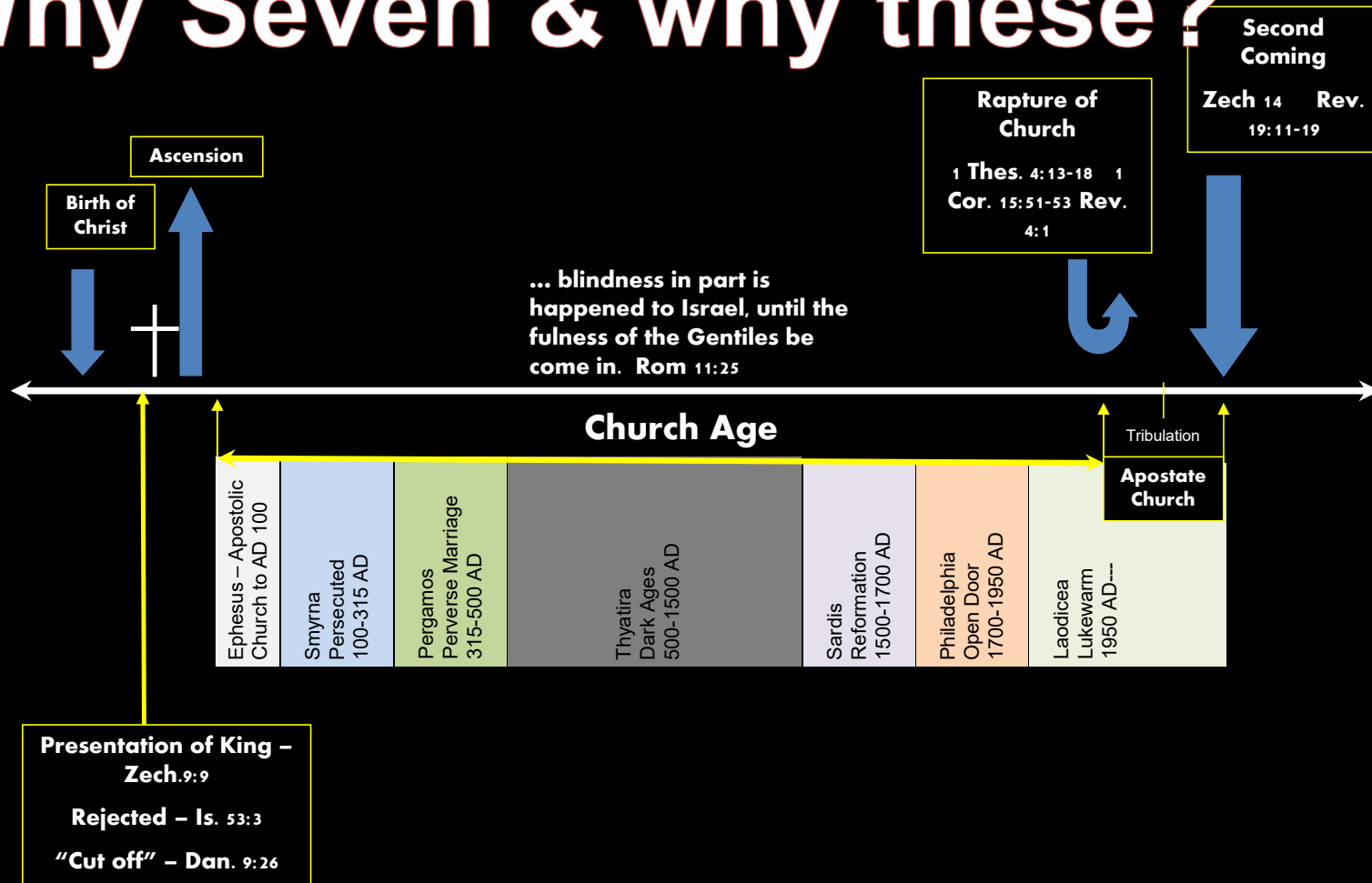
When he arose, he took the
young child and his mother by
night, and departed into Egypt:
And was there until the death
of Herod: *that it might be
fulfilled which was spoken of
the Lord by the prophet,
saying, Out of Egypt have I
called my son.*

Seven Churches of Asia



1. Ephesus - *Desirable One*
2. Smyrna – *Myrrh, bitter, crushed*
3. Pergamos - *Perverse Marriage*
4. Thyatira – *continual sacrifice*
5. Sardis – *remnant*
6. Philadelphia – *brotherly love*
7. Laodicea – *rule the people*

Why Seven & why these?







Ps 45:8

All thy garments **smell of myrrh**, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Ex 30:23

Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of **pure myrrh** five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

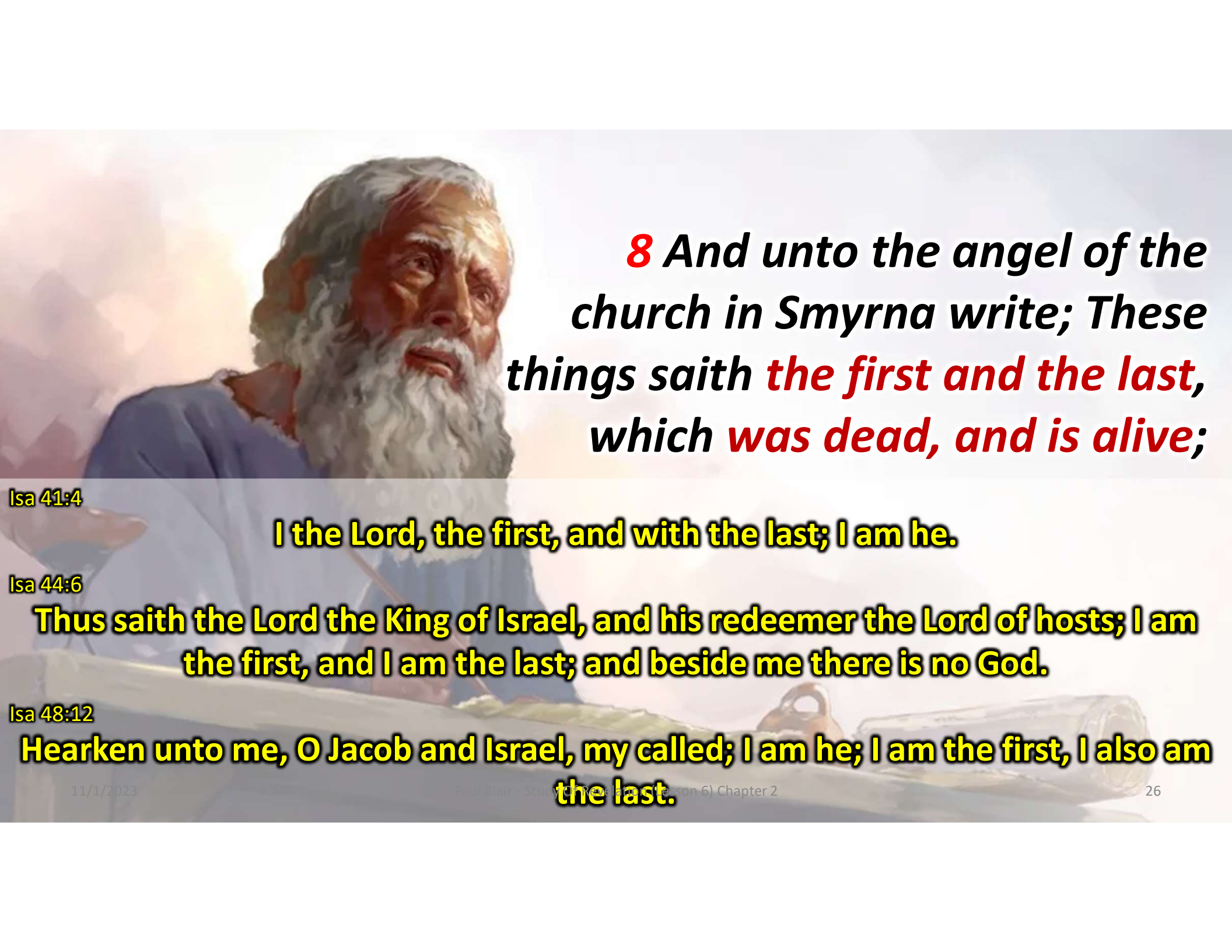
Est 2:12

Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, **six months with oil of myrrh**, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;)

John 19:39

And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a **mixture of myrrh** and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.





8 *And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith **the first and the last,** which **was dead, and is alive;***

Isa 41:4

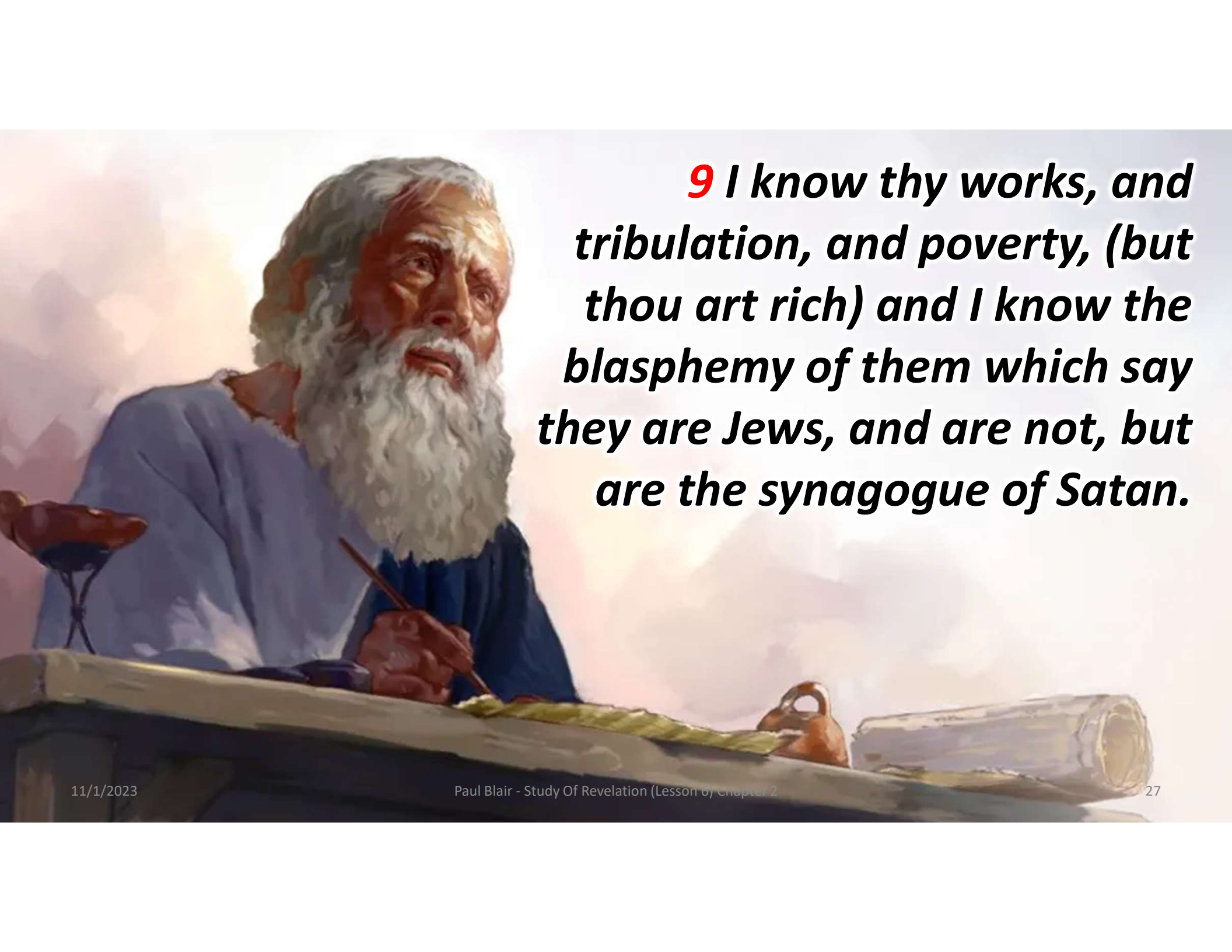
I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Isa 44:6

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isa 48:12

Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.



9 *I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.*

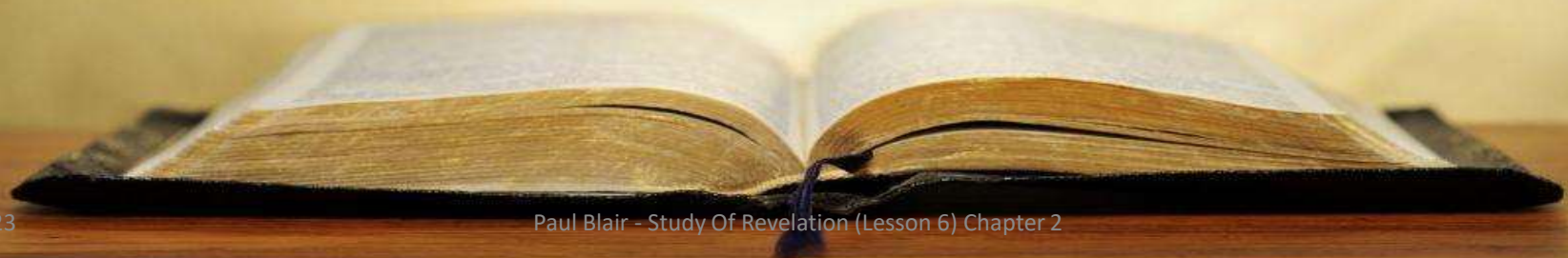
Eph 4:1-3

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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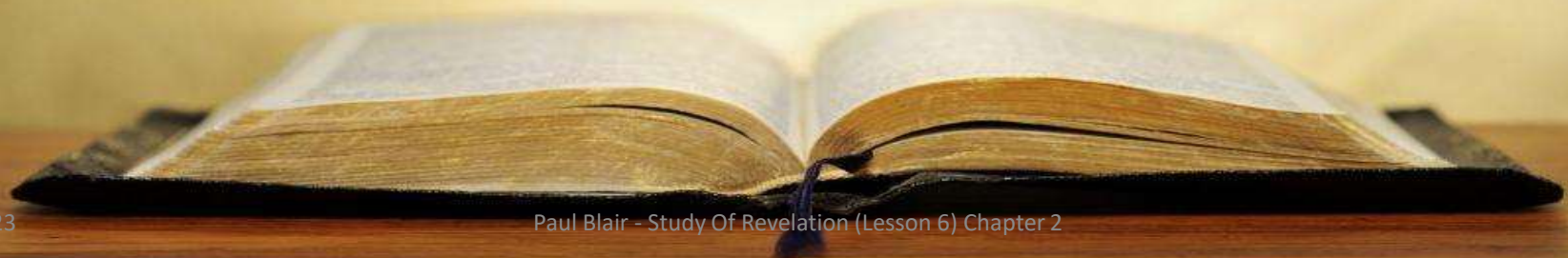


Eph 4:16-17

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

KJV



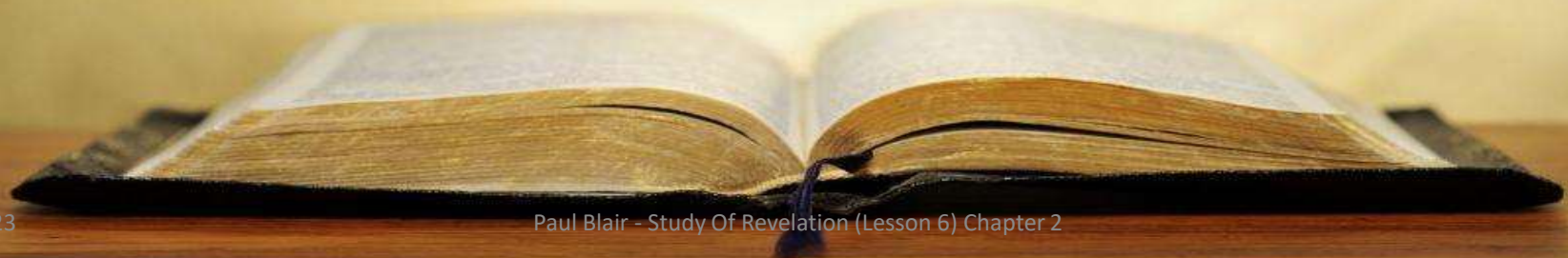
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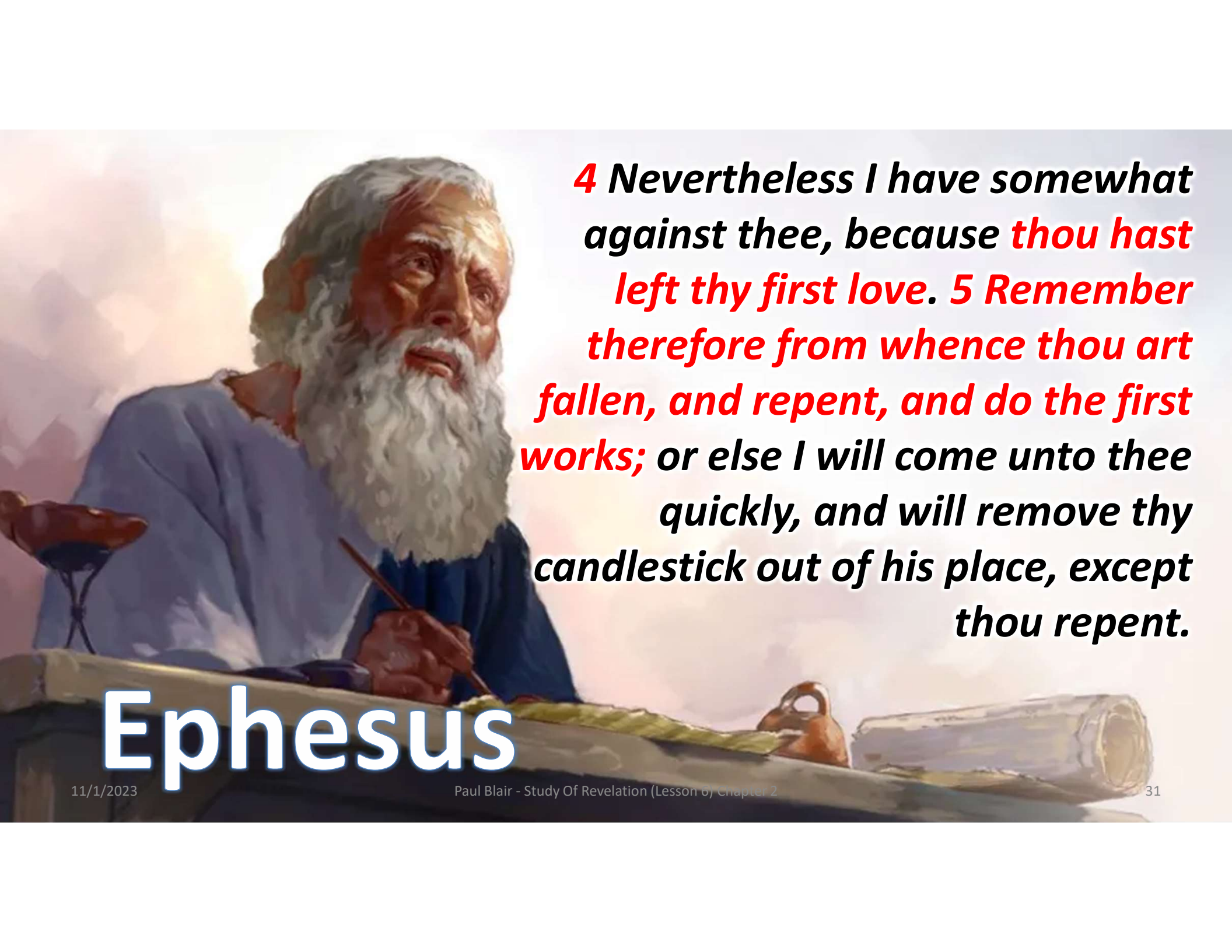
30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

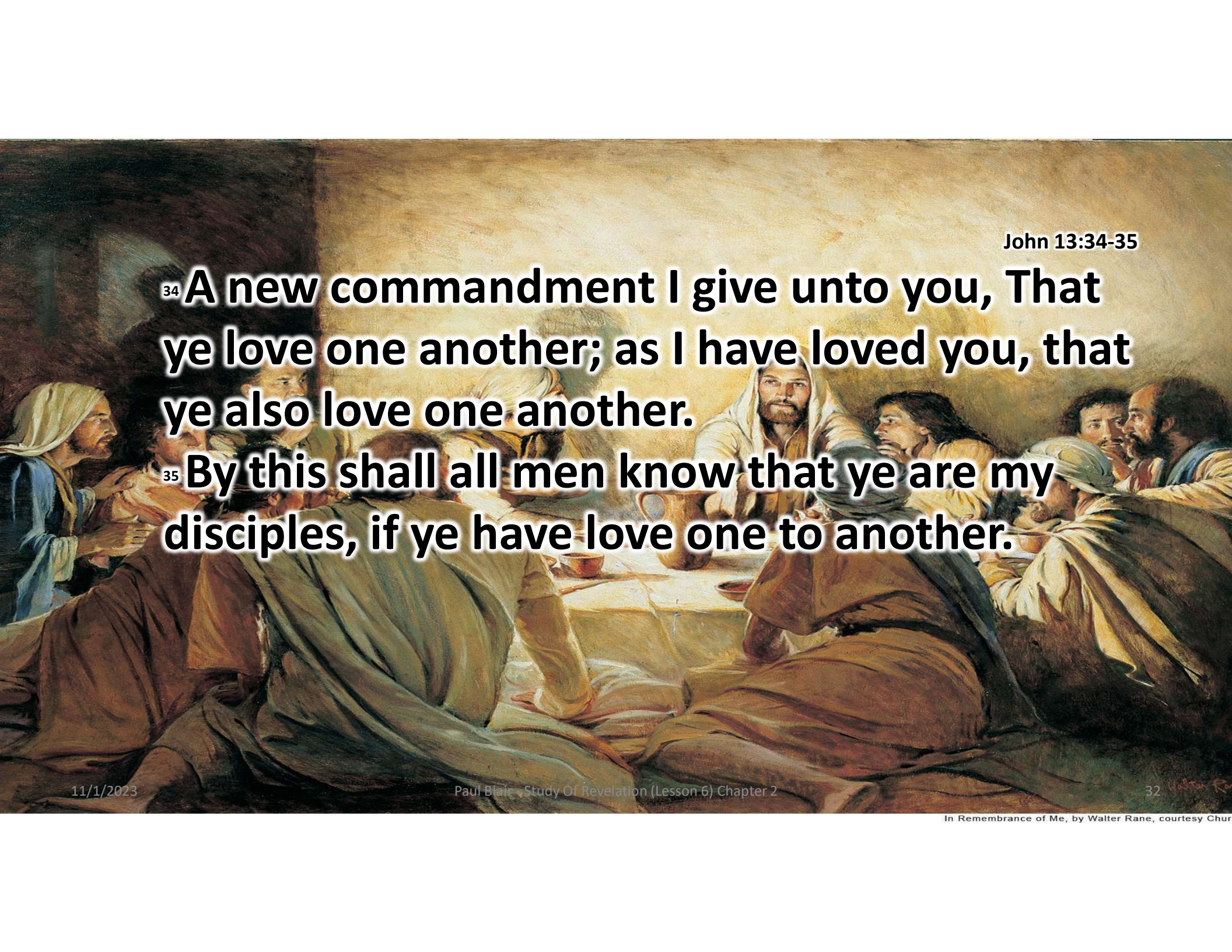
KJV





4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because *thou hast left thy first love.* 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Ephesus



John 13:34-35

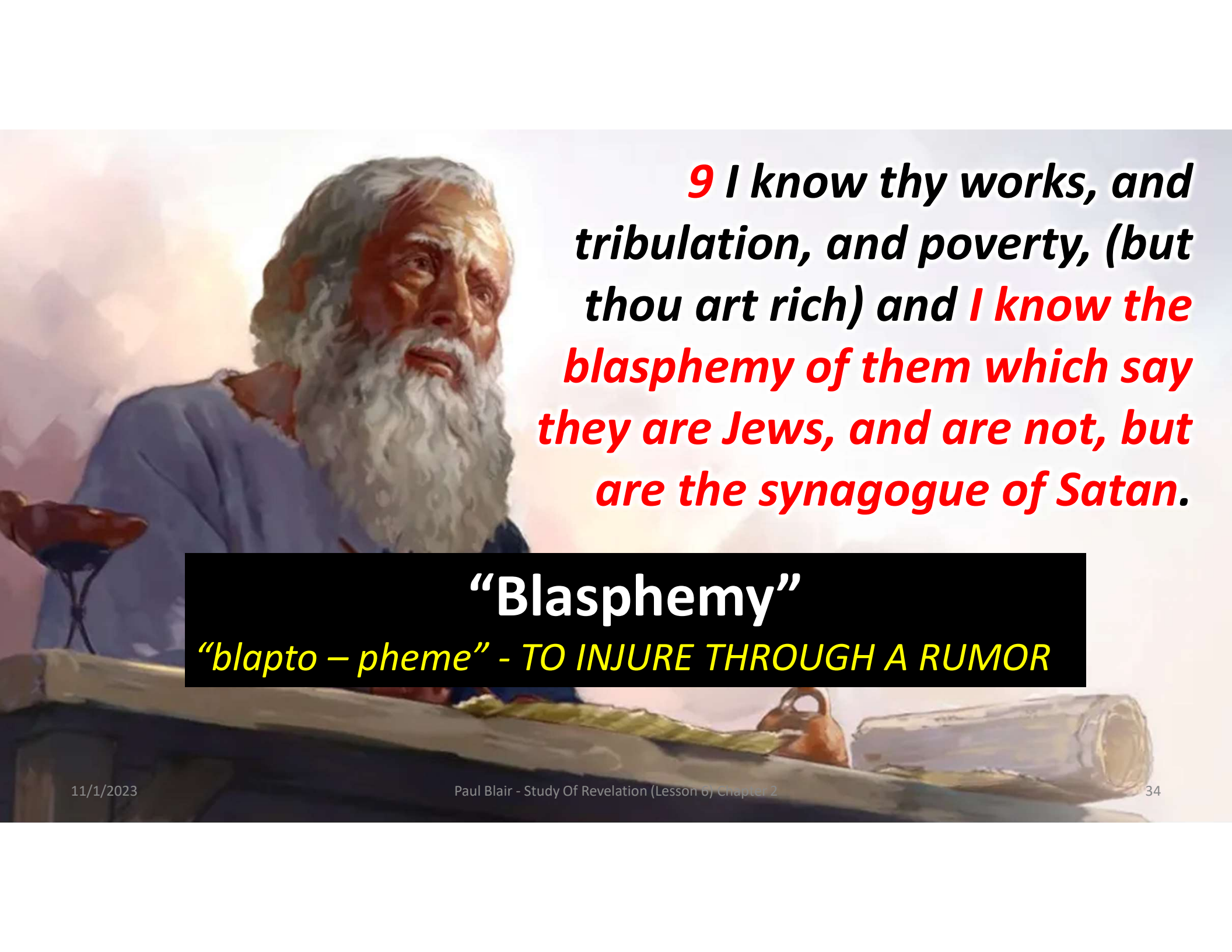
³⁴ **A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**

³⁵ **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

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 G2347 - *thlipsis*
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9 I know thy **works**, and **tribulation**, and **poverty**, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say **not, but Satan.**


“Smyrna was an important center of the Roman imperial cult, and anyone refusing to acknowledge Caesar as Lord would certainly be excluded from the guilds. This would mean unemployment and poverty.” - Warren Wiersbe



9 *I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and **I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.***

“Blasphemy”

“blapto – pheme” - TO INJURE THROUGH A RUMOR



True or False
“Cowboys are bad!”





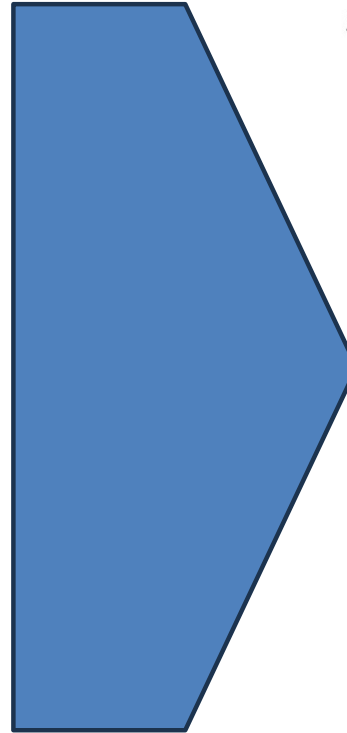
They are all Cowboys!!

John 10:31

Then the ***Jews***
took up stones
again to stone
him.

- Jesus was a Jew.
- The Twelve were Jews.
- At Pentecost, the Church was 100% Jewish.
- Beginning with the second century, the Church became more Greek, Asian or European and less Jewish.
- Marcion, Justin Martyr, Jerome, Eusebius, Constantine, Augustine, etc., villainized the Jews promoted replacement theology.

This has been
the traditional
Catholic and
Protestant
explanation for
***“Synagogue of
Satan.”***



reader to use later (anachronistic) categories while reading first-century texts. The traditional theory goes something like this:

1. The Christian Church of Smyrna suffered at the hands of the Jews.
2. These Jews thought they were the people of God but were, in reality, representatives of Satan.
3. Christians were now the people of God just as the Jews once were.
4. These Jews were not considered Jews because they were Jews by race and religion only. They were not spiritual children of Abraham. Paul made the point in his writings that “A man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit” (Rom.2:29).
5. The Christian Church was now the Israel of God, the “true circumcision” and “the true Jews,” who worshiped God through Christ Jesus.

Outline of Biblical Usage:

- I. a bringing together, gathering (as of fruits), a contracting
- II. in the NT, an assembling together of men, an assembly of men
- III. a synagogue
 - A. an assembly of Jews formally gathered together to offer prayers and listen to the reading and expositions of the scriptures; assemblies of that sort were held every sabbath and feast day, afterwards also on the second and fifth days of every week; name transferred to an assembly of Christians formally gathered together for religious purposes
 - B. the buildings where those solemn Jewish assemblies are held. Synagogues seem to date their origin from the Babylonian exile. In the times of Jesus and the apostles every town, not only in Palestine, but also among the Gentiles if it contained a considerable number of Jewish inhabitants, had at least one synagogue, the larger towns several or even many. These were also used for trials and inflicting punishment.

Rev 2:9

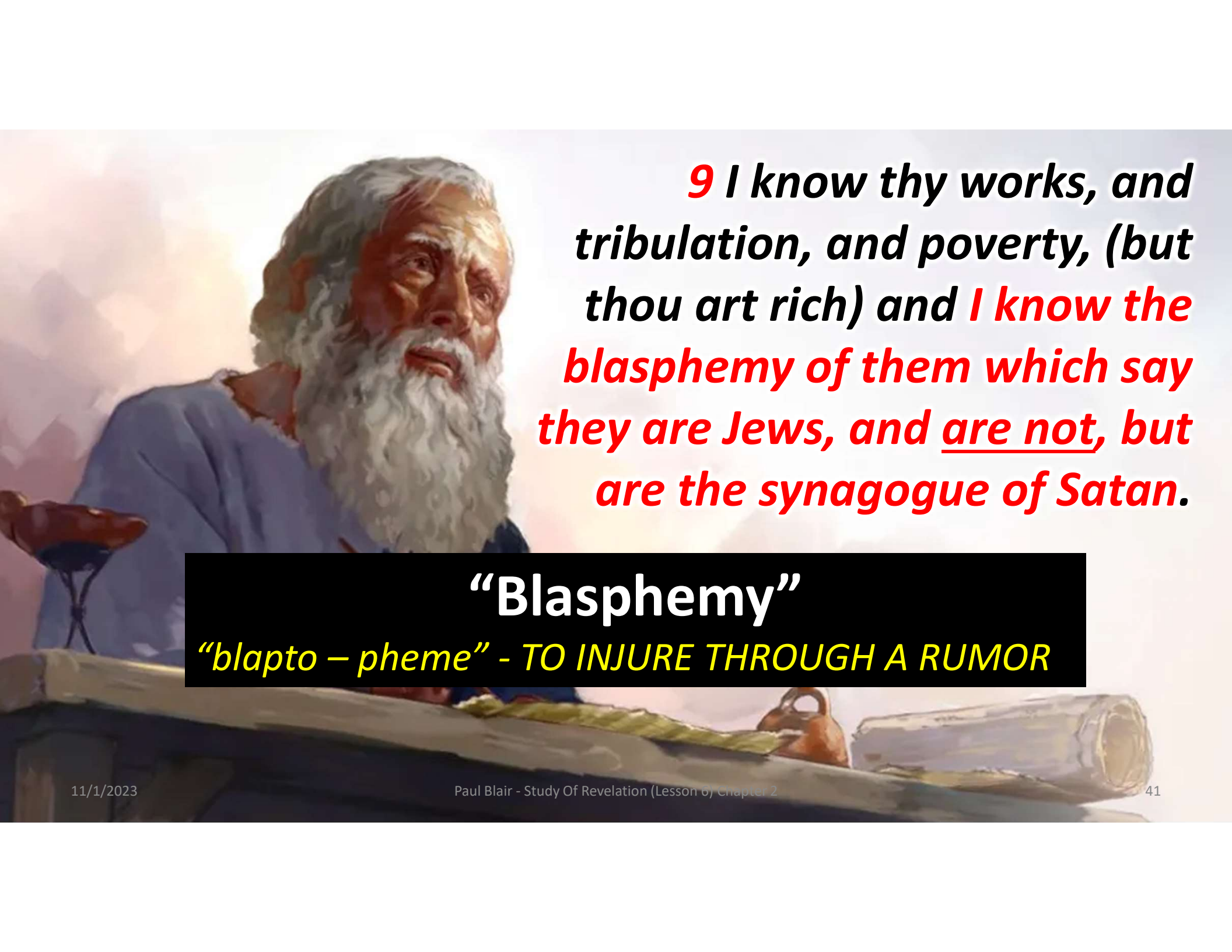
I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the **synagogue** of Satan.

Acts 13:42-43

And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Now when the **congregation** was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

James 2:2

For if there come unto your **assembly** a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;



9 *I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and **I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.***

“Blasphemy”

“blapto – pheme” - TO INJURE THROUGH A RUMOR

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Located in western Anatolia at the edge of the Aegean Sea, Izmir is home to a very ancient and historic Jewish community, dating back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries C.E., when the Greeks called it Smyrna.

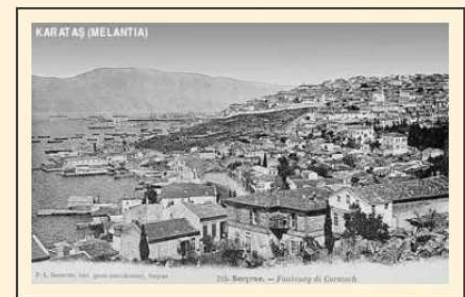
[Early History](#)
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criptions from this time show that a Jewish community flourished in the old

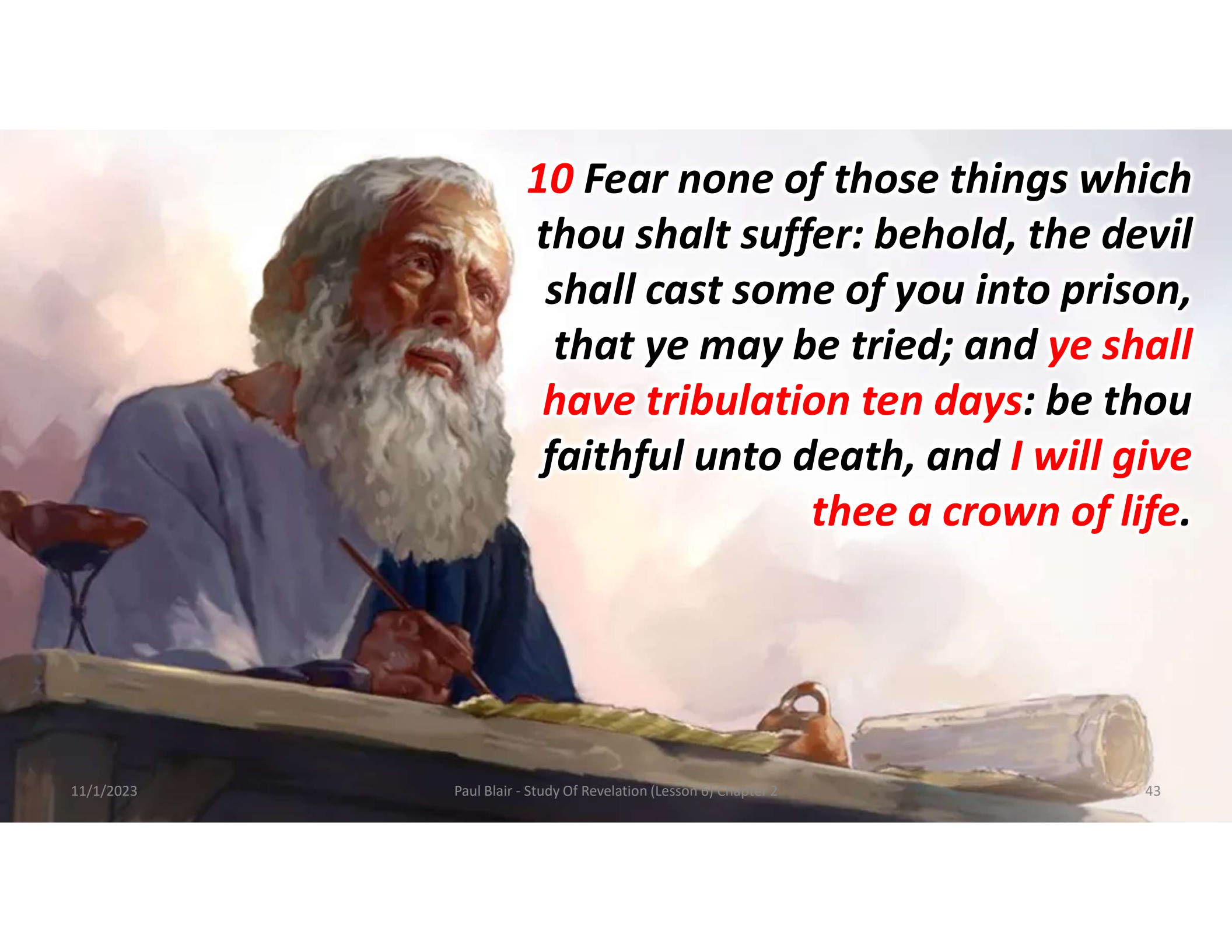
many Jews began settling vs persecuted in Western id-15th century and from rem settled in places like of the 16th century, Jews

ing centers in the Levant, Jewish community began



Karatas, Izmir's ancient Jewish quarter

By the beginning of the 17th century, Jews had set up their own synagogues, established their own leadership institutions, and had made contact with other Jewish communities of the Ottoman Empire. The first rabbi of Izmir was Rabbi Isaac HaLevi Davan, who came from Istanbul, and settled there in 1609. Other rabbis played a role in



10 *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and **ye shall have tribulation ten days**: be thou faithful unto death, and **I will give thee a crown of life.***

“Ten Days” - Two meanings:

- **First** was the direct application to Smyrna. The expression “ten days”, according to Henry Morris, is taken from Daniel Chapter 1 and represents a time of temporary testing.
 - **Daniel 1:12** *Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.*
- **Second**, is the prophetical application (Day is a period of time). We know that the Tribulation is referred to as the “Day of Jehovah” or the “Great and Terrible Day of the Lord”.
 - Foxe records ten specific “Days” of persecution implemented by Roman Caesars.
 - Nero – 54
 - Domitian – 81
 - Trajan – 98
 - Antoninus – 117
 - Severus – 195
 - Maximim – 235
 - Decius – 249
 - Valerian – 254
 - Aurelian – 270
 - Diocletian – 284

...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

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Pronunciation: stef'-an-os

Part of Speech: masculine

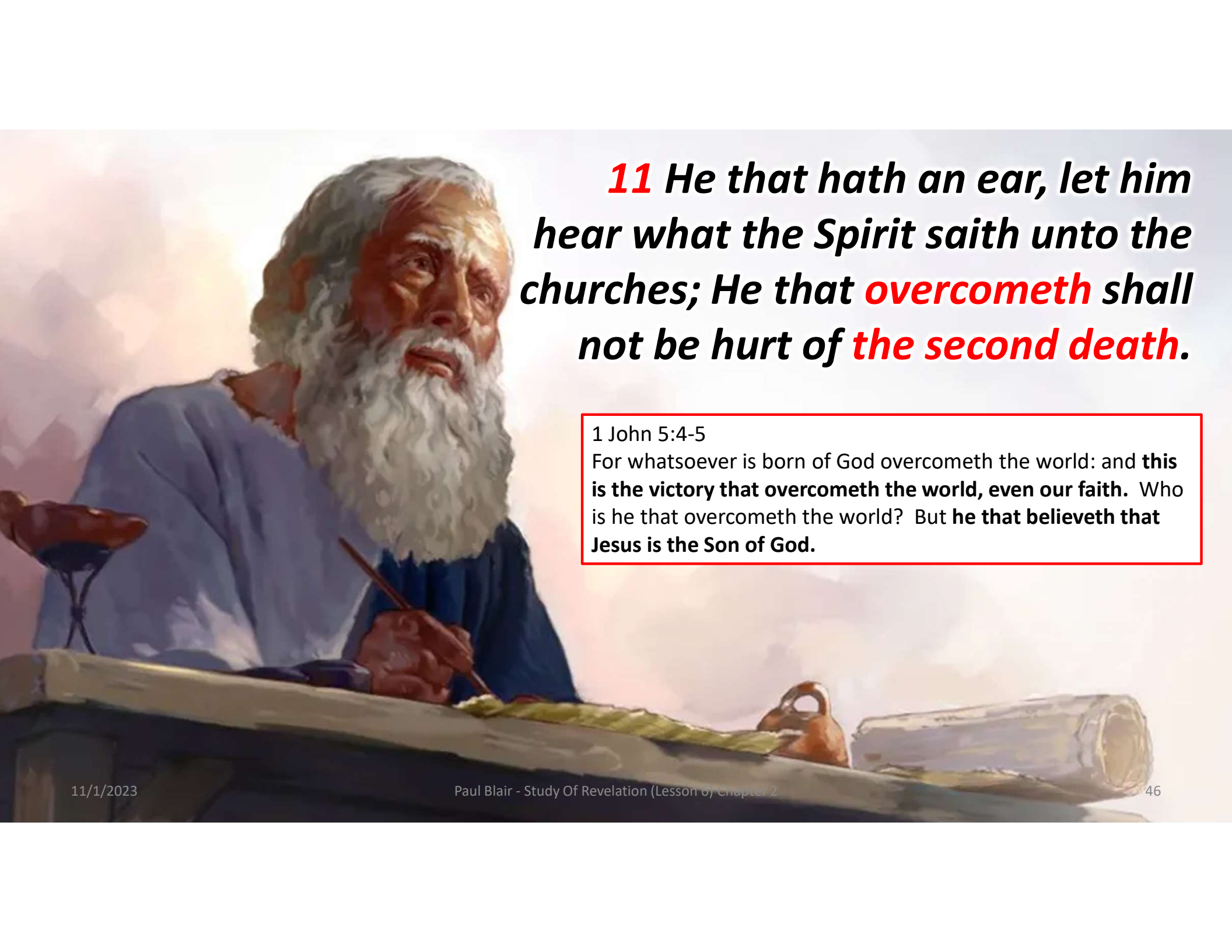
Root Word (Etymology):
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TDNT Reference: 7:615,

Outline of Biblical Usage

- I. a crown
 - A. a mark of royal rank
 - i. the wreath o
given as a p
games





11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that **overcometh** shall not be hurt of **the second death**.

1 John 5:4-5

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.** Who is he that overcometh the world? But **he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.**

Revelation 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**



Report Card



1. **Assembly:** *Smyrna – “Bitter, Crushed, Death”*
2. **Author:** *the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;*
3. **Awareness:** *I know thy works...*
4. **Approval:** *tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.*
5. **Admonition:**
6. **Appeal:** *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*
7. **Assurance:** *He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*



The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ

Next week: Pergamos

Lesson 5: Chapter 2