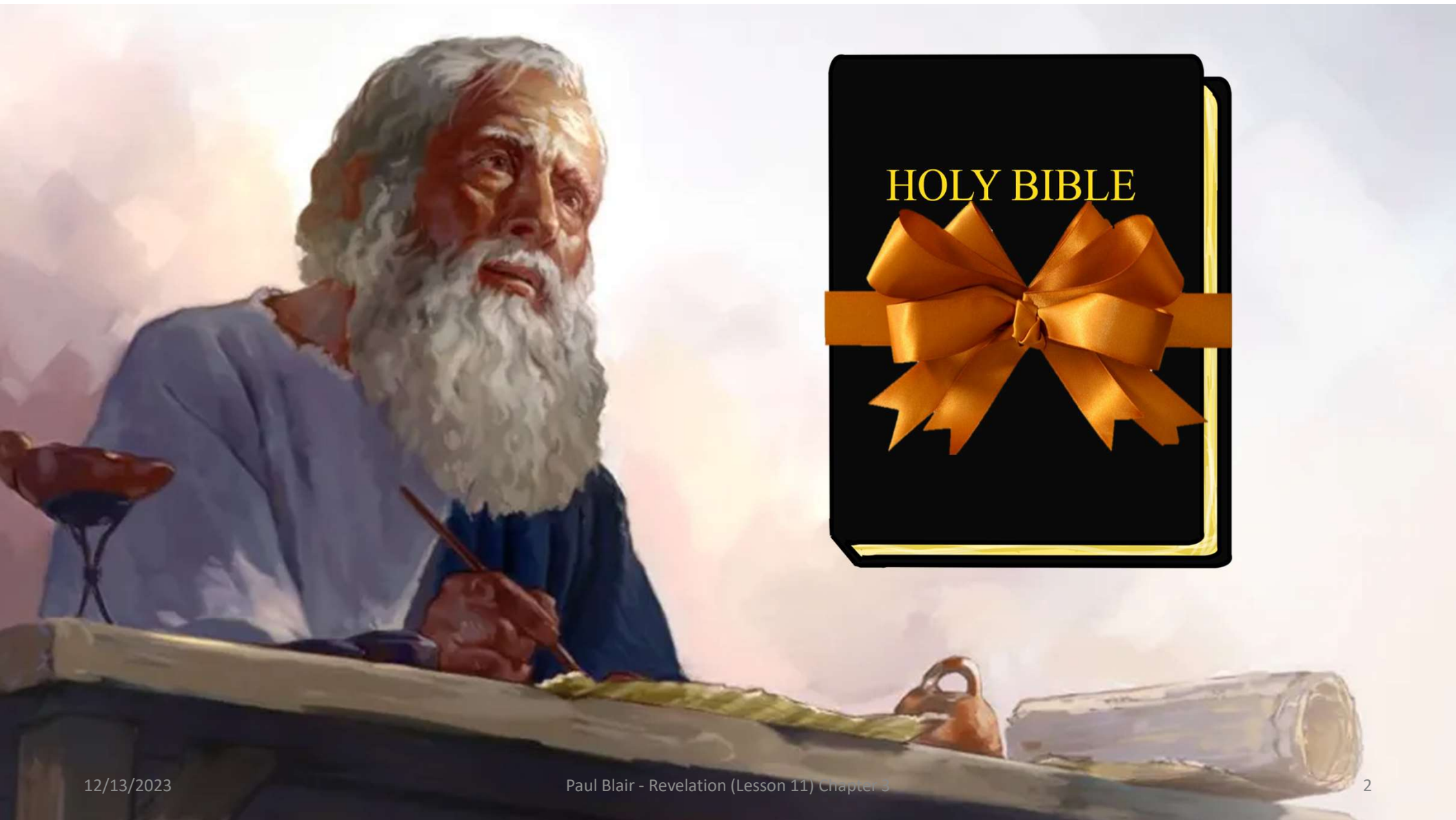


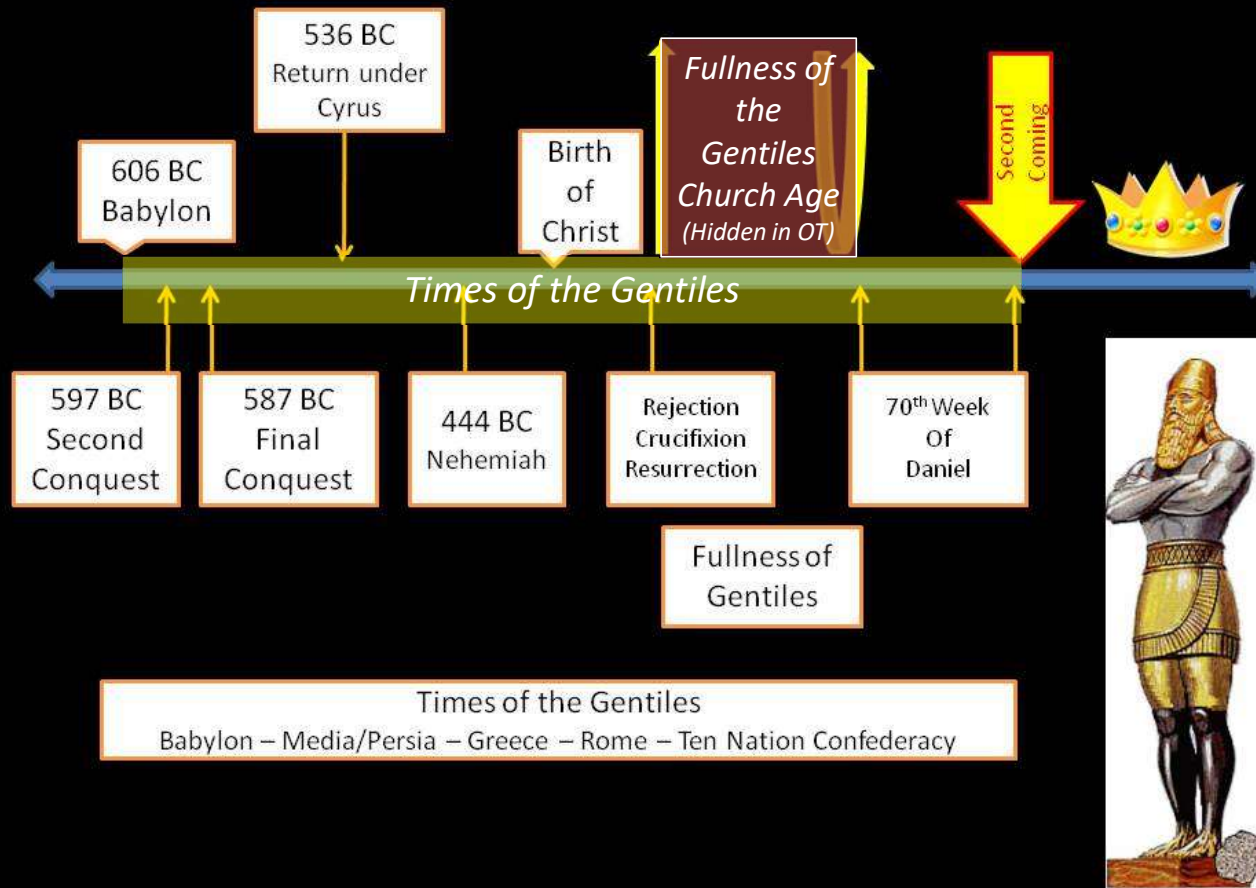


The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ

Laodicea Lesson 11: Chapter 3



Times of the Gentiles v Fullness of the Gentiles

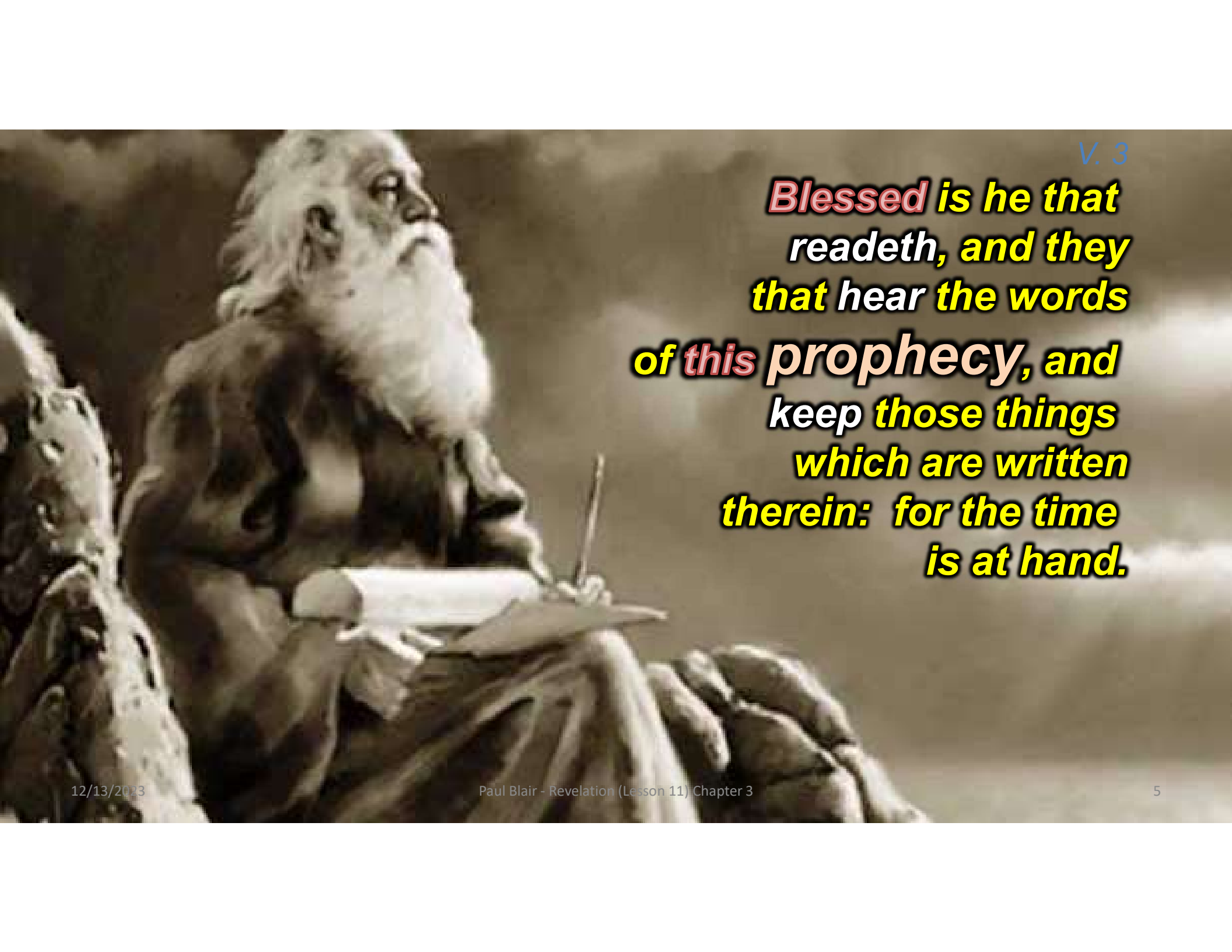




*I was in the Spirit
on the Lord's day ...*

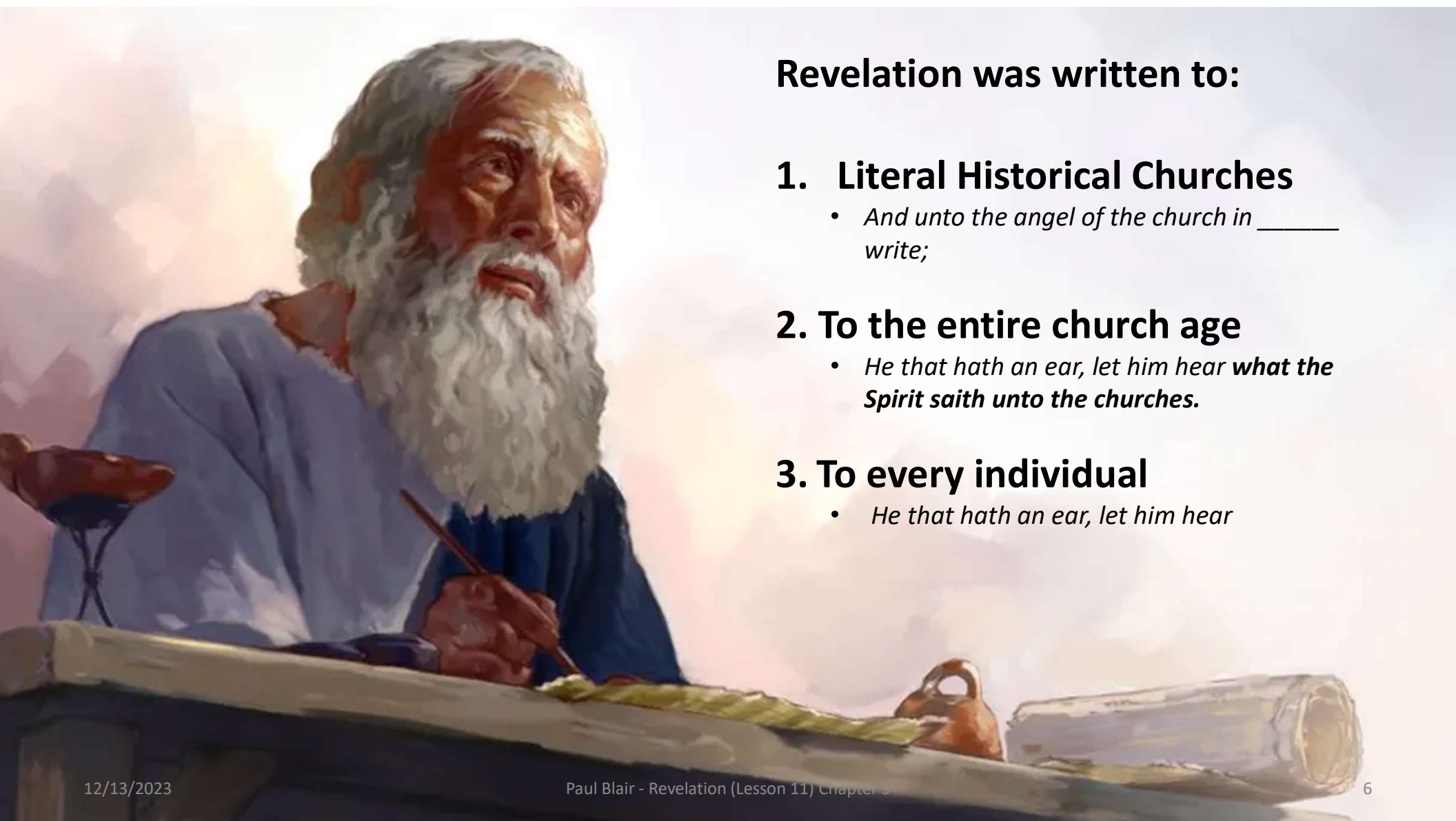
**“I came to be, in the
Spirit, on the Day of
the Lord”**

Complete Jewish Version



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.***



Revelation was written to:

1. Literal Historical Churches

- *And unto the angel of the church in _____ write;*

2. To the entire church age

- *He that hath an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit saith unto the churches.***

3. To every individual

- *He that hath an ear, let him hear*

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;

1. Hast seen – Chapter 1 (*Vision of Christ*)

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2. Which Are – Chapters 2-3 (*The Church*)

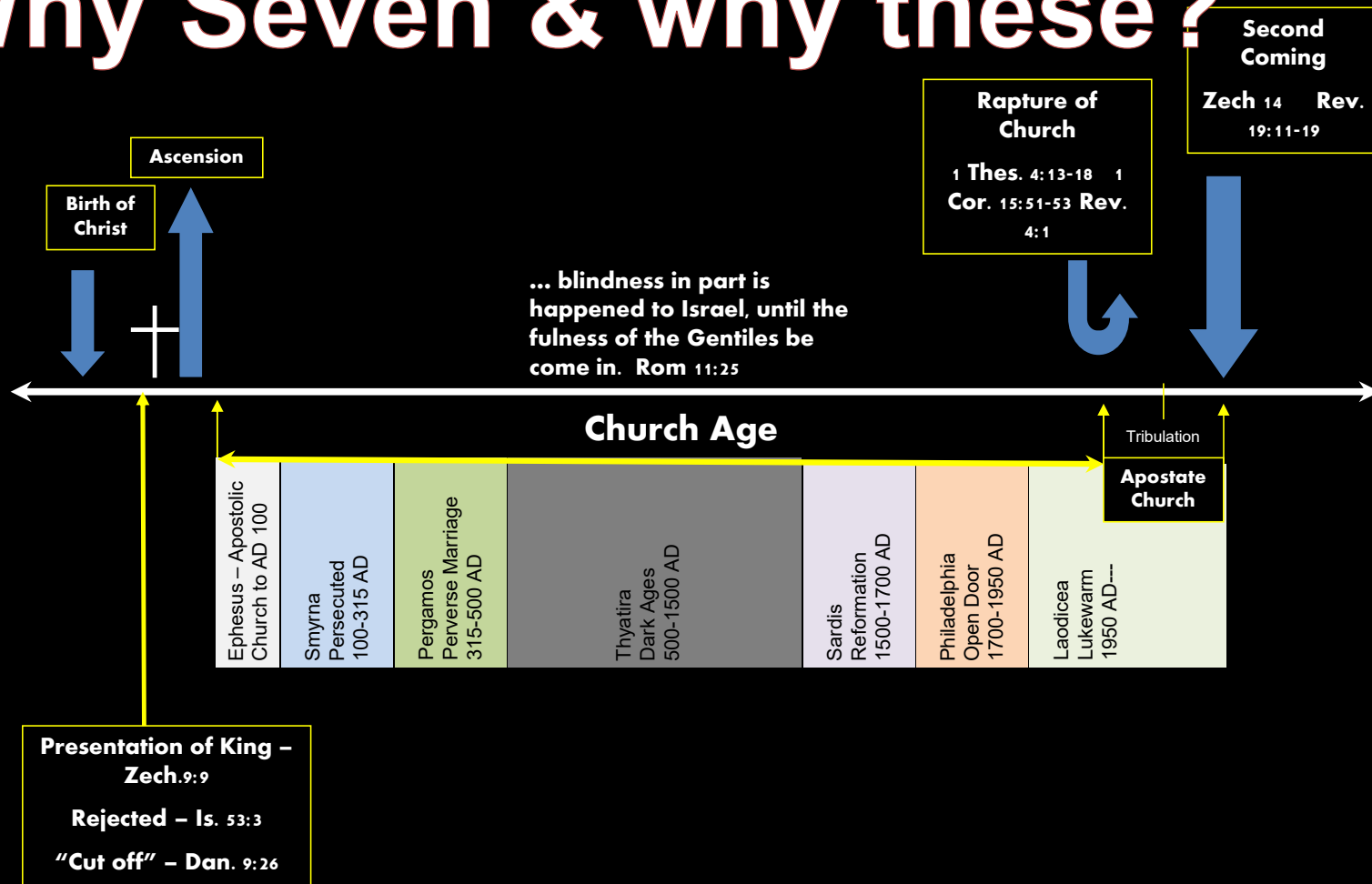
2. Which Are – Chapters 2-3 *(The Church)*

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?



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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 shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Laodicea

Laos Dike

"People Rule/judge"







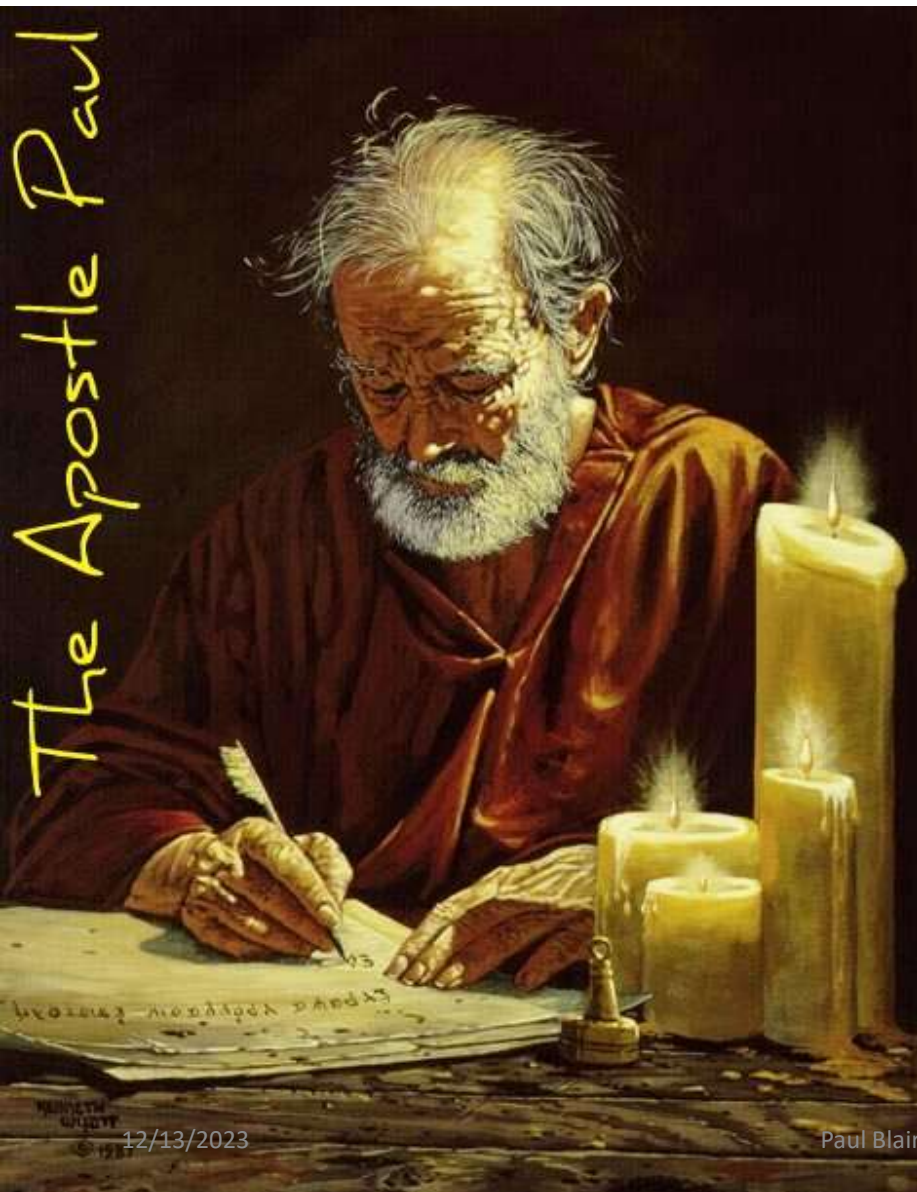
Col 4:12-13

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

The city was known commercially for three things:

1. It was a strong financial center with quite a banking industry
2. It had a strong textile manufacturing business particularly with black wool what came from a particular breed of sheep there in the Lycos Valley.
3. School of Medicine with an emphasis on ophthalmology.
They produced an eye salve made from mixing oil and collyrium powder.



In the letter to Colossae (with explicit reference to Laodicea), Christian doctrine was under attack by philosophies of men - in particular, doubting the eternal nature of Christ and the concept of Jesus being God incarnate.

14 And unto the angel of the church of the
Laodiceans write; These things saith the **Amen**, the
faithful and true witness, the beginning of the
creation of God;



“Amen – truly, true”

- *Deut 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the **faithful God**, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;*
- *Isa 65:16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the **God of truth**; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.*
- Truly, Truly – 25x in John
 - ***Verily Verily I say unto you you, whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life. (John 6:47)***



“faithful and true witness”

Jer 42:5

**The Lord be a true and
faithful witness between us**

“faithful and true witness”

Isa 55:1-4

Every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

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Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the
faithful and true witness, the **beginning of the
creation of God;**



“the beginning of creation”

- **John 1:3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- **Col 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.

The Messiah

Isa 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

(Immanuel – “God with us”)

The Messiah

Micah 5:2

But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah**, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet **out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

The Messiah

Dan 9:25

Know therefore and understand, that
**from the going forth of the commandment
to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the
Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks,
and threescore and two weeks:**

The Messiah

Num 24:17

I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: **there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre (King/Ruler) shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.**

The Messiah

Isa 9:6-7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

The Man

Messiah the KING

Jeremiah 23:5

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

The Man

Messiah the SUFFERING SERVANT

Zechariah 3:8

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, **I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.**

The Man

Messiah the MAN

Zechariah 6:12

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, **BEHOLD THE MAN whose name is The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

The Man

Messiah the LORD

Isaiah 4:2

In that day shall the **Branch of the LORD** be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

The Messiah

- A KING
- A SUFFERING SERVANT
- A MAN
- DEITY

The Messiah

Zechariah 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.

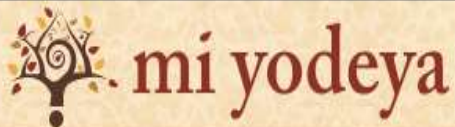
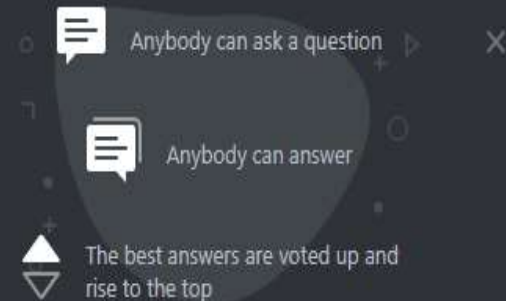
The Age of the Church

Zechariah 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.

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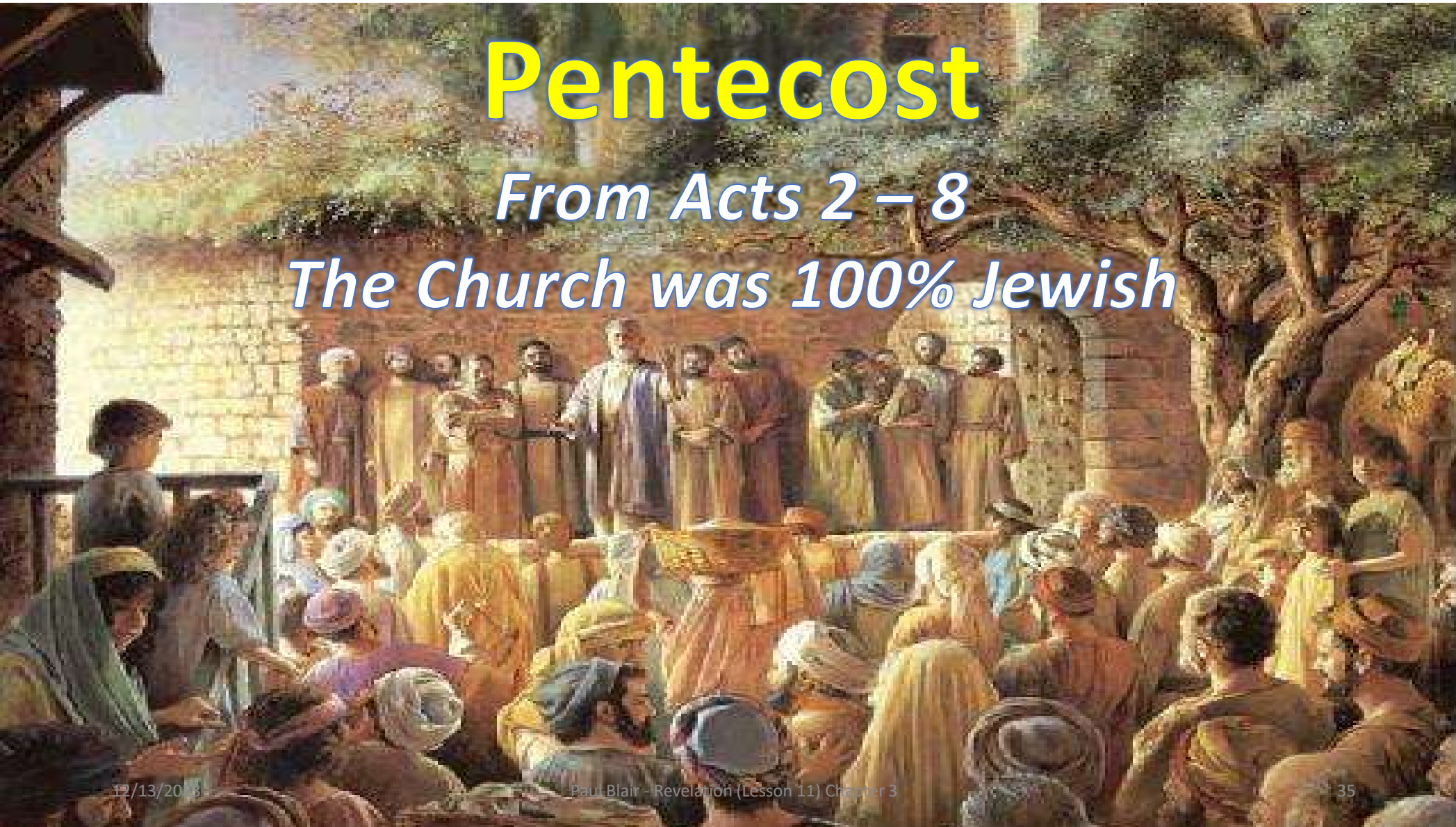
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Pentecost

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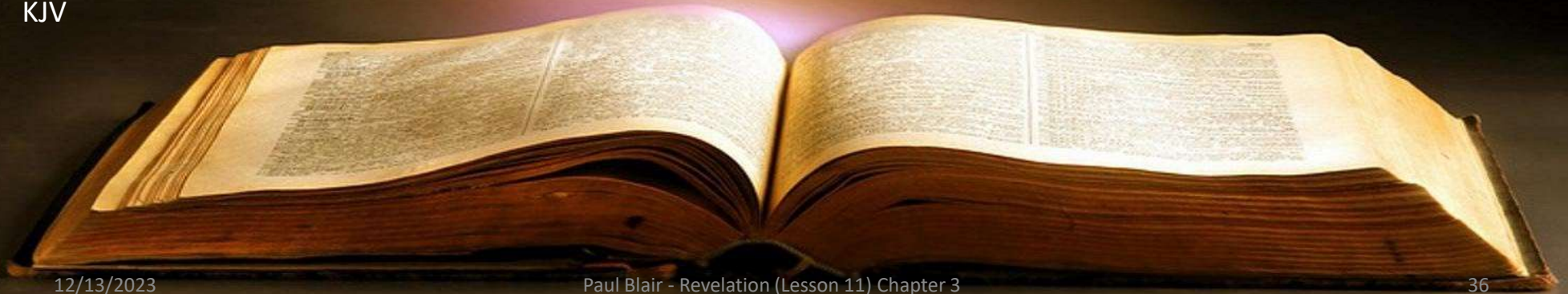
The Church was 100% Jewish



Acts 24:5-6

For we have found this man a pestilent fellow,
and a mover of sedition **among all the Jews**
throughout the world, and a ringleader **of the**
sect of the Nazarenes: Who also hath gone
about to profane the temple: whom we took,
and would have judged according to our law.

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Luke 21:20-22

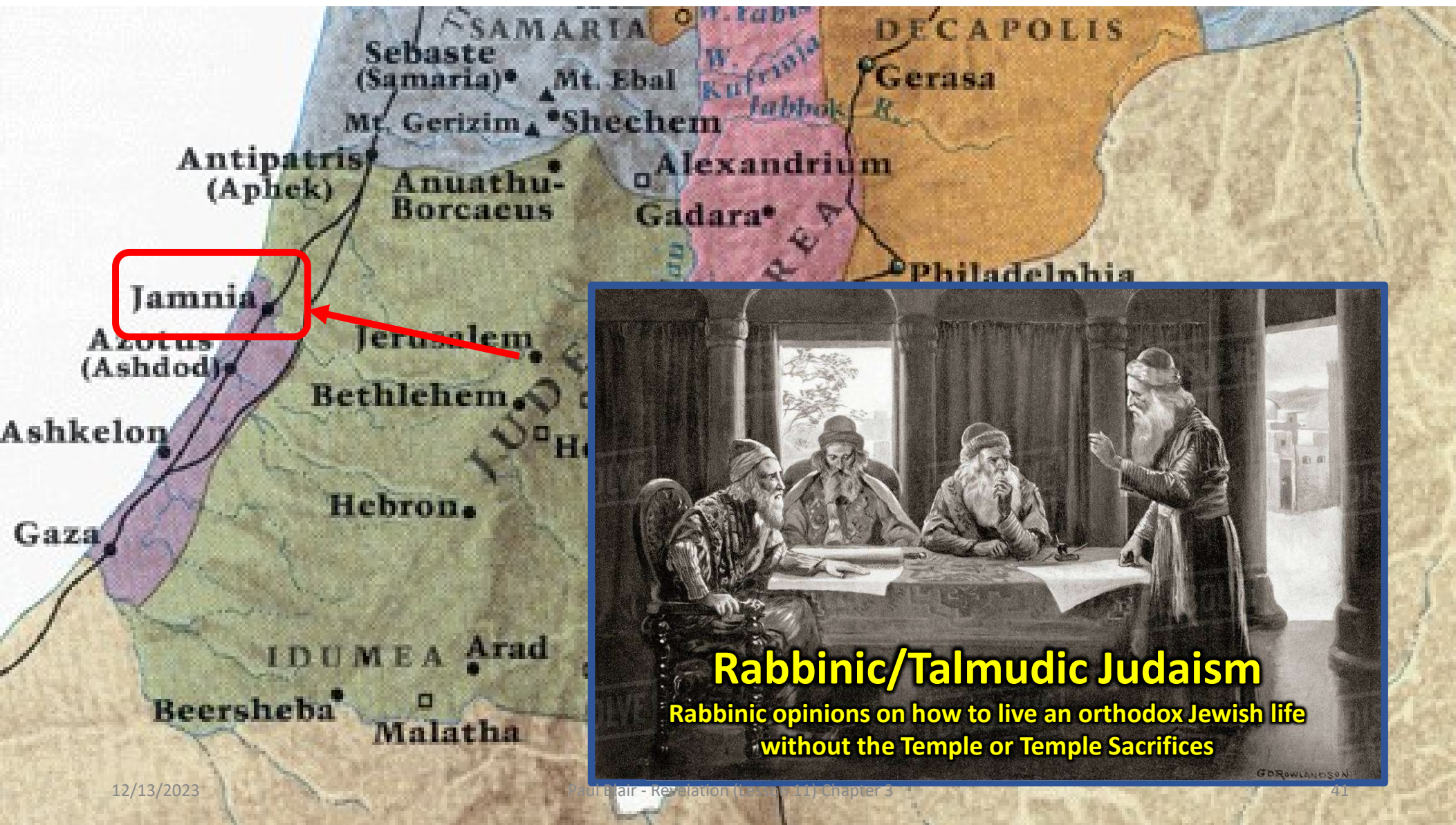
And **when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains;** and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

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Jewish Logos Theology and Two Powers in Heaven



COURSE: The Jewish Background of the New Testament

Son of Man in Daniel

13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.** He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 **He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.** His dominion is an everlasting dominion that **will not pass away**, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)



Bible illustration by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 19th century.

Son of Man and Ancient of Days are clearly distinct. Son of Man receives authority, power, glory, kingdom and is worshipped. Son of Man is eternal, his kingdom is eternal.

Ps 110

*The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou
at my right hand, until I make thine
enemies thy footstool*

Heb 1:3 ...when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Ps 45:6-7

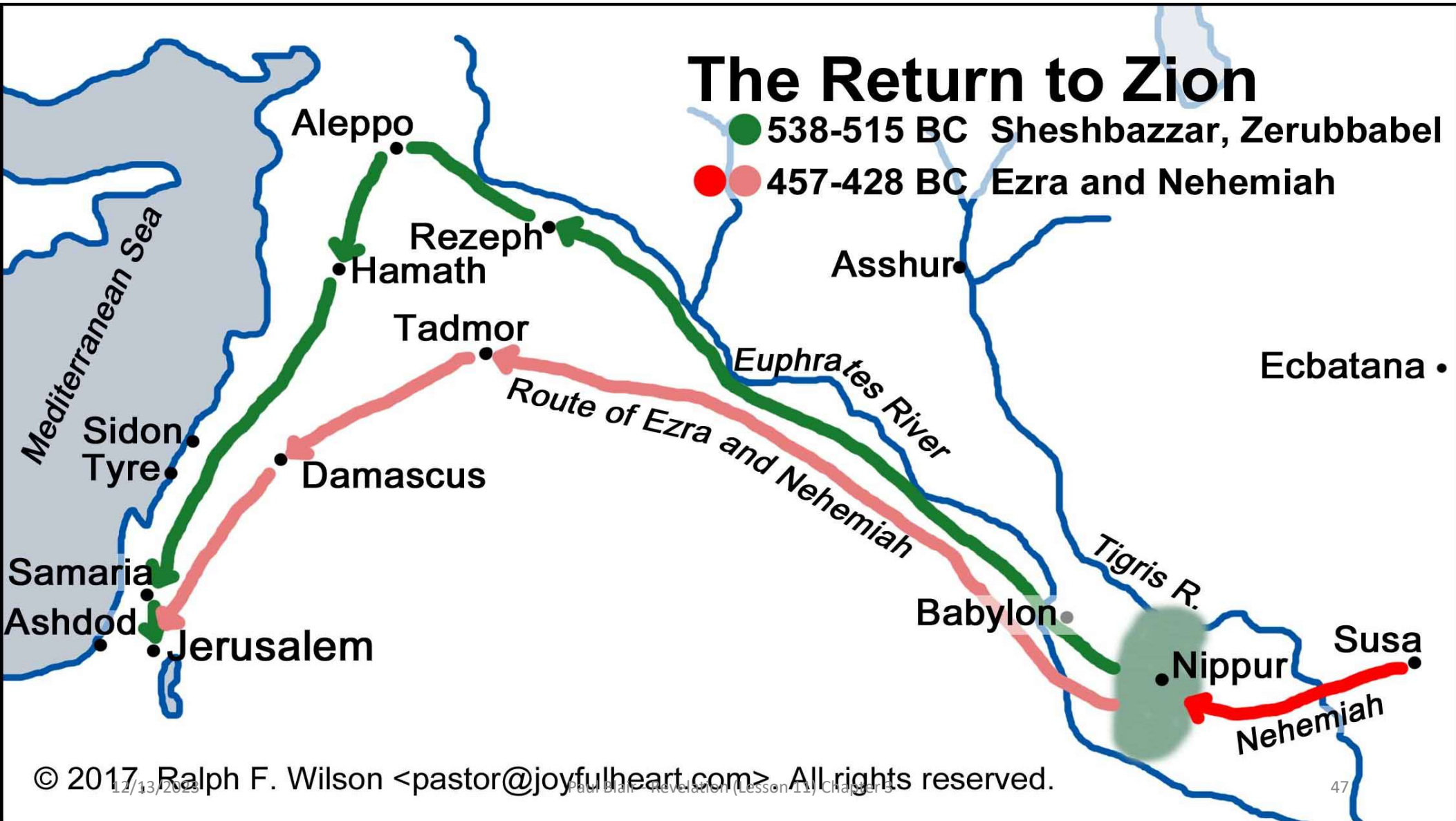
*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the
sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.*

*Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest
wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath
anoointed thee with the oil of gladness above
thy fellows.*

Heb 1:8 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and
ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

The Return to Zion

- 538-515 BC Sheshbazzar, Zerubbabel
- 457-428 BC Ezra and Nehemiah





John 4:24

God is a Spirit:

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

JACOB

- Gen 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for *I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*

MOSES

- Exo 33:20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall *no man see me, and live.*

GIDEON

- Judges 6:22-23 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, *Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.*

ISAIAH

- Isa 6:5 Then said I, *Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*

Jewish Logos Concept?

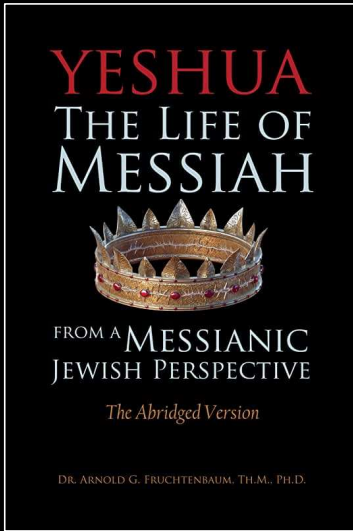
Λόγος
logos

דָּבָר
davar

מִימְרָא
meimra

word, utterance, account, matter,
principle, revelation, absolute...

In John, LXX and in Philo *Logos* is an agent and an instrument of God's creation. *Logos* is both divine and created. That matches the Greek thought. However Philo also shows *Logos* in personal terms (just like Meimra and God in the Bible), as a ruler, heir, revealer, ambassador. He walks and talks, he has a will, he becomes flesh in John. This does not line up with Greek thought at all.



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“The memra was sometimes the same as God, but sometimes it was distinct from God. The rabbis never tried to explain away the obvious paradox: How was it possible for the memra on one hand to be the same as God, but on the other hand be distinct from God? They simply taught both statements as being true and left it there.”

Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum



John 1:1-3

In the beginning was **the Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. *(nothing controversial to this point from first century Judaism)*

¹⁴ And the **Word was made flesh, and dwelt** *(shekinah/skeinei)* **among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:18

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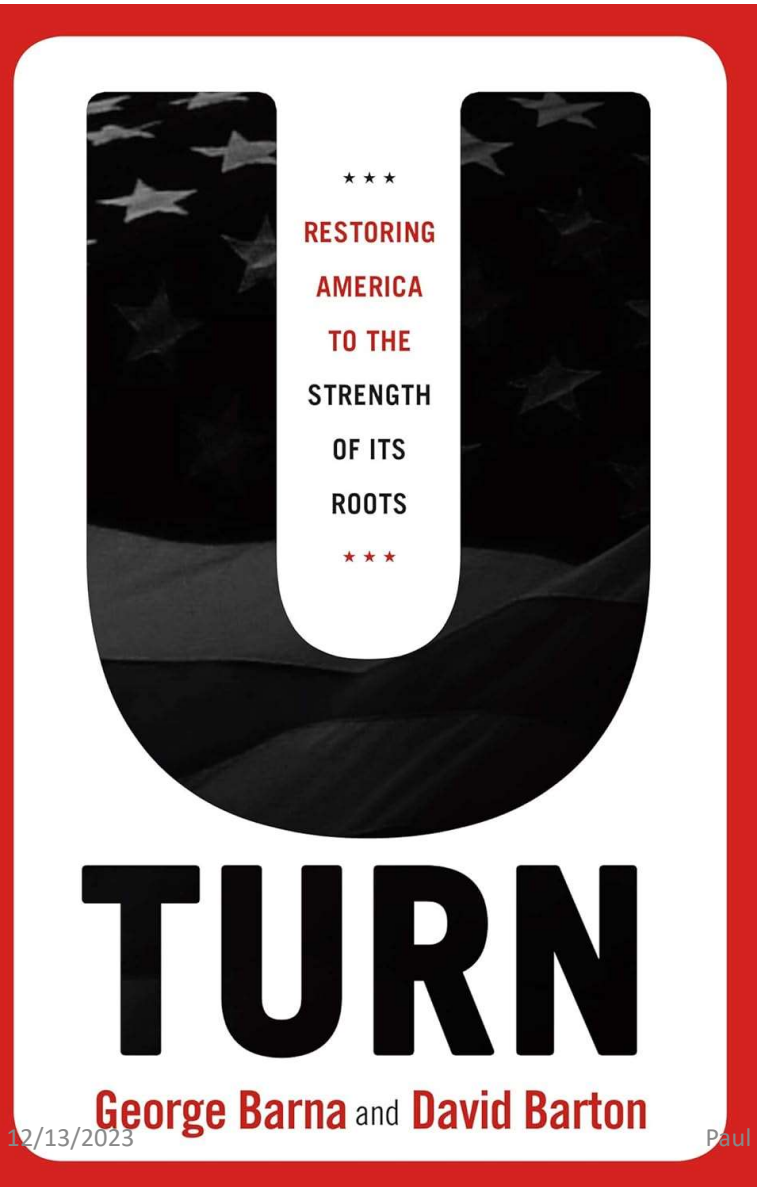
I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.



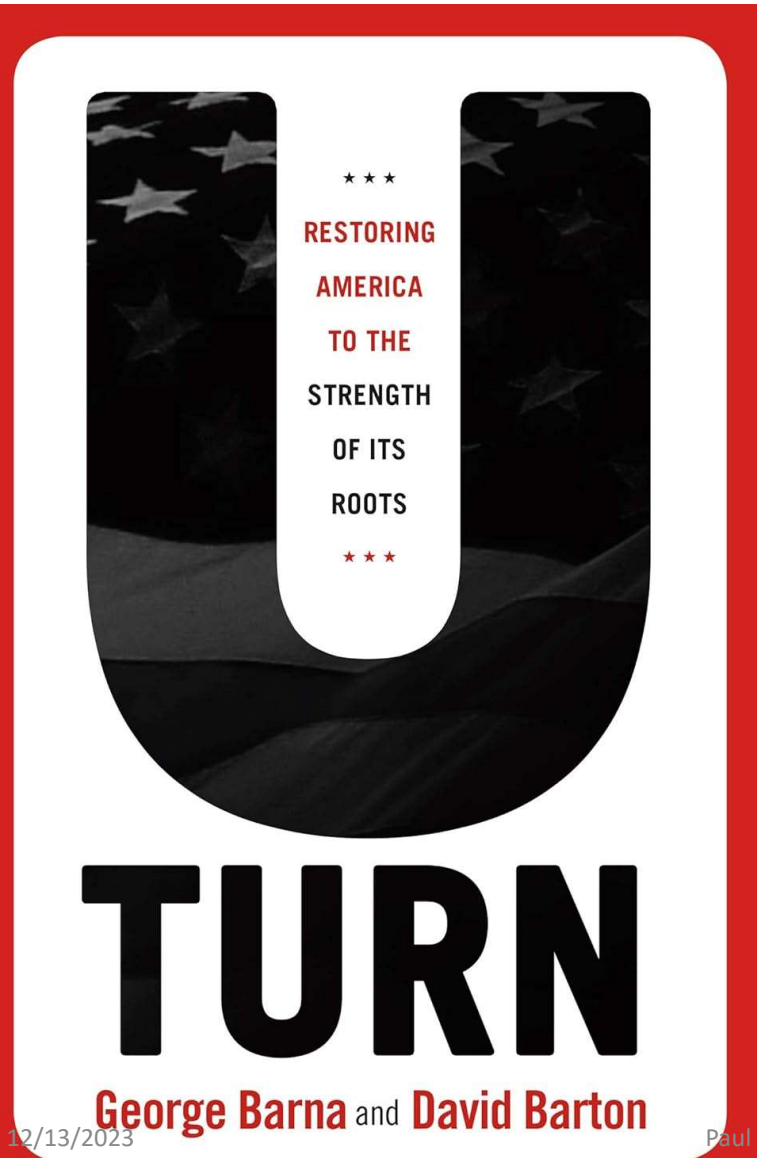




John 15:18 *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.*



Does the Bible
speak about issues
of our day?



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- 1.Attendance
- 2.Tithing
- 3.Number of programs
- 4.Number of staff
- 5.Square footage of their facilities.

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*Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased
with goods, and have need of nothing; and
knowest not that thou art wretched, and
miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*



I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire,



Black Wool or White Robes?

- **Rev 4:4** *And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.*
- **Rev 6:11** *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*
- **Rev 7:14** *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*
- **Rev 19:8** *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.



Meals Between Jews and Gentiles



There is a general understanding from various historical sources that Jews and Gentiles did not share meals in antiquity. Meals for ancient people were reserved for those of their inner circle.

Many pagan writers noted that Jews usually do not eat with anyone but with other Jews. Jews also routinely rejected non-Jewish food, especially if it could be associated with pagan worship and, apparently this has been a long-standing practice, at least since the days of Babylonian exile.

Eating Together?



Satyr – a companion of Dionysius, the god of the grape harvest.

Sharing food and drink and even casual association with pagans was problematic for Jews who sought to be faithful to the Torah. Because there was no “secular” sphere in the ancient world, everything Gentiles and Jews did in life had to do with their respective worship.

Associating with non-Jews meant associating with their lifestyle and their deities. This would introduce defilement and sin, so Jews of that era chose to stay away from Gentiles entirely and would not even enter their houses.

Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.



*To him that o
throne, even*

*Who 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?*

1 John 5:4

*th me in my
down with*

Jesus Current Throne

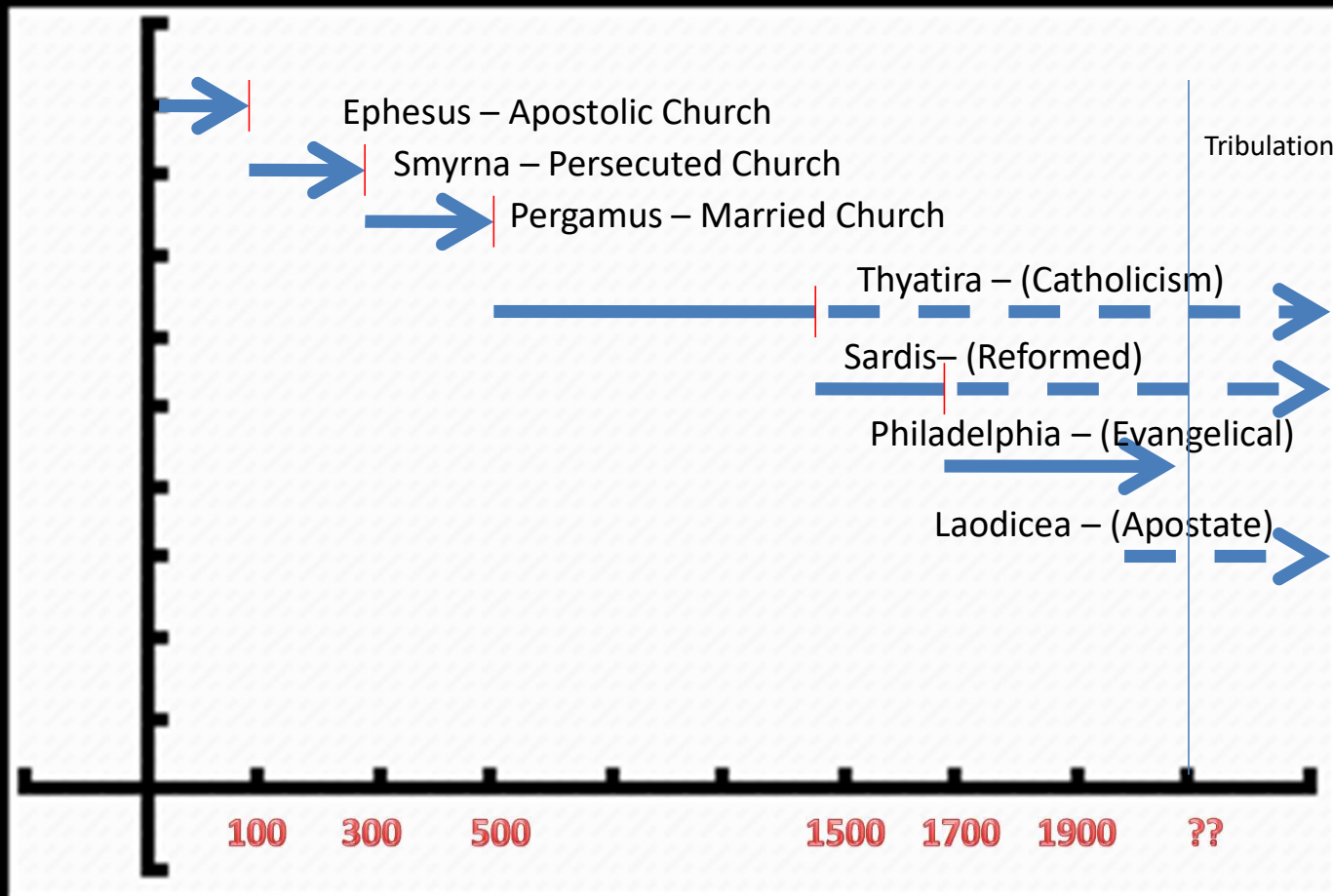
- **Hebrews 1:3** *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;***
- **Heb 12:2** *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and **is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***
- **John 17:5** *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

We will Rule and Reign with Him on His Millennial Throne

- **Lk 1:32-33** *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*
- **Rv 20:4** *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Eternal Throne

- Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.



Report Card



1. Assembly: Laodicea – “people rule”
2. Author: the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
3. Awareness: I know thy works...
4. Approval:
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