

## A Closer Look at John's Revelation

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him – the revelation here represents His people. TEXTS: Eph. 3:1-10; Col. 1:26, 27; the mystery of the ages. The Father gives the Son His people, John 17:6 and Rev. 5:1, 7 and His people reveal Him to the world, John 17:7-11; 1 Cor. 3:17, 18; Phil. 2:5; 2 Cor. 3:17, 18; 5:20, 21; and John 17:26- "I IN YOU!"

REVELATION 1: Please refer to page four of the "Mystery of Christ in You" for the attributes of Christ as presented in a chart form.

REVELATION 1:1-20: The Revelation of JESUS CHRIST (GR-apokalupsis) - uncovering, a disclosure of truth. Habakkuk 2:2, 3-write revelation and make it plain, for an appointed time, speaks of end time. Hebrews 2:1-4I, pay attention, violators punished, testify by signs, work to the Holy Spirit; Luke 2:29-32 (Simeon), eyes see salvation-a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. (quotes Isa. 42:6-see also Isa. 49) (see Acts 13:47, 48)

Rom. 16:25 revelation mystery, believe and obey, Eph. 1:17, 8, 9; Eph. 3:23, 5, 6; Col. 1:25-27

### THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST:

THE GLORY OF THE FATHER IS HIS SON

THE GLORY OF THE SON IS HIS PEOPLE

CHRIST REVEALED IN/BY HIS PEOPLE

More reference texts: 1 Cor. 14:26-30; 2 Cor. 12:1; Gal. 1:12, 22; 2 Thes. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1: 7, 12; 4:13

Christ's people are no longer a favored nation nor church, but rather a BODY of individual people: TEXTS: Gal. 3:16-29; 6: 15,16; John 8:31-41; 19:14-16; Rom. 2:28, 29; 9:6-8; Eph. 3:6; Deut. 28:1, 2, 15; Matt.21: 32- 43; 23:27-38; Acts. 2:23-36; 4:28

Gen. 16:7; 22:15 Abraham and his family shown and protected by sending His Angel-show to servants

To signify-Revelation is a book of symbols which are revealed by the Holy Spirit in a concordance study of WORDS AND PHRASES-{first usage almost always thematic}

Who testifies-Job 16:9; Isa. 3:9; Hosea 5:5; 7:10; John 1:15; 2:23; 5:32; 8:18; 19:35-progressive study-testifies to self, Christ, God and by the law, by the Holy Spirit- testimony of truth and of one's heart.

WORD of God-2 Sam: 22:31; 23:2; 1 Kings 13:1-perfect, flawless, through His people by the Holy Spirit-\*2 Peter 1:19-21\*

Testimony of Jesus- Matt. 8:4; 27:13; \*John 5:31-40\*; John 21:24; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9; John 10:14-18\*

Seven spirits (SEVENFOLD SPIRITS)-Isa. 11:2; Rev. 5:12 & 7:12- Spirit of the LORD, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel. Power, Knowledge, Fear of the LORD, Wealth, Honor, Glory, Praise, Thanks, Strength,-fruit found in Gal. 5:22, 23

Attributes of Godhead which are imparted on Their people!

Blessed, Read, Hear, Keep-Deut. 29:3, 4\*; 1 Sam. 3:11; 2 Sam. 7:22; (1 Cron. 17:20)  
2 Kings 21:12; Job 13:1; Prov. 20:12; \*Isa. 6:10; 32:3; 42:20\*; Jer. 5:21; Eze. 12:2; 40:4;  
Matt. 11:15\*; 13:9\*, 15\*, 16, 43; Acts: 7:51; 28:27; Rom. 11:8

There are many PARALLELS in the Old Testament to book of Revelation:

- The Pentateuch which is a form of a chiasm
- The seven days of creation in the book of Genesis
- The depiction of the FLOOD in the book of Genesis
- The EXODUS of Israel from Egypt
- The seven parts of furniture of the Sanctuary (explained in study)
- The seven feasts of Leviticus 23
- Excerpts from all of the books of the prophets
- The expanded scope of prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 to Matthew 24 & 25 through the book of Revelation
- The parables of Matthew 13
- The gospel and epistles of John freely describe lessons on the book of Revelation. (In fact, Revelation represents the Most Holy Place, 1, 2 & 3 John represent the Holy Place and the gospel of John is the Courtyard) (Wherever possible, let Revelation explain Revelation) Matt. 13:13- Jesus teaches in parables (symbols) because only His people will understand through the Holy Spirit.

### **Literary Structures in the book of Revelation:**

Soteriology - doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ

Ecclesiology - fulfillment of the church (of Christ)

Eschatology - theology on death, judgment, and future state of the soul.

Chiastic - parallel happenings, given in sevens (as in our study)

Septenary - structures of seven as in the books of Genesis and Revelation

Prolepsis - advance answers to objections - (John states conclusions and then explains events) (cf attributes of Christ in Rev. 1:12-16 used in Rev. 2 & 3 churches) (cf Rev. 4 & 5 throne room scenes directs seven seals) (cleansing) which become the seven trumpets (judgment and separation) Relative Induction- used in this study, first usage of words & phrases.

Throne - the book of Revelation uses as its setting the Sanctuary of Israel. We shall see that this book shows that the REVELATION describes a living sanctuary with Christ and His people for an eternal dwelling place for our Father.

Washed us from our sins by His blood-our whole existence and purpose for living is based on the fact that Jesus Christ our Creator became our Savior and cleansed us from our sins (see 1 John 1:7)

Made us a kingdom of priests-Gen. 14:8; \*Ex. 19:6; Isa. 61:6; Priests of the Lord and ministers of God

Testimony of Jesus Christ-Testimony (Ark) Ex.25:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim: 1:8; proclaim, not ashamed, Rom. 1:16,17

Lord's day- Matt. 12:8; Mark 2:27, 28, as opposed to the emperor's day

A great voice like a trumpet- Ex. 15:26; listen to the voice of the Lord your God, do what is right in His eyes, pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees- He will keep you (us) from diseases (sin) Gen. 3:8,10, 17-God- "where are you?" Ex. 19:16, 19; Heb. 12:19

Faithful witness- testimony, loves us, sacrifice

First born of the dead- second death, resurrection

Ruler of kings of the earth- KING OF KINGS

I turned-Ex. 3:2-6; MOSES TURNED TO THE BURNING BUSH; Lev. 19:4 do not turn to idols; Deut. 4:30 turn to the Lord your God and be obedient to His voice; Deut. 5:32 do not turn to the right or to the left from the way your Lord commanded you; Isa. 30:21 you shall hear a word behind you, this the way, walk you in it (see Eze. 1:1-4; 3:12\*)

Candlesticks- Dan. 7:13; Isa. 60:1-3; Zech. 4:2-6; John 1:4, 5, 9; 8:12 Light of the world- Head of the church

Robe to feet with golden sash-HIGH PRIEST (gives us His robe)

#### THEME #4 Voice of many waters



#4-Voice as a sound of many waters - Rev. 1:15; Gen. 1:2 Spirit of God over the face of many waters; Gen. 1:20, 24-creation, water/clean and earth/unclean (earth in prophecy is dark and void, always). Description of God's voice as roar of many waters and crash of thunder- 1 Sam. 15:1 Ps. 29:1-11; Ezek 43:2; \*Job 37:1-5; Jer. 51:12-16; Eze. 1:24; Dan.10:6 -same as Rev. 1:15; waters represent clean people.

In the "voice of many waters" Christ is pictured as the great Majesty, not only as King of Kings, but also as the great High Priest, with awesome power and control, and the One

**who separates the people of sin from those in righteousness; that His judgment covers the face of the waters (clean) and the earth (unclean). (cf Rev. 10)**

### **#3 & 5**

#3 - Feet like fine brass-In the sanctuary, brass and bronze was used in construction and furnishings; Numbers 21:9-bronze serpent-looking to the "pole" cured poisonous snake bites; 1 Sam. 17; 5, 6, 38-armor; 2 Sam. 8:8,10-David got bronze from his enemies; Job 40:18; Ezek 1:7; Dan.10:6 ---Gen. 18:4; Ruth 3:4, 9-lord's feet.

**Holiness, purity, prize of victory, strength, cleansing, victorious over adversity (adversary), refinement, servitude.**

#5 - Seven stars in His right hand-Gen. 1:16-stars for light; Gen. 15:5 - stars without count, vs. 6-\*Abram's belief accounted for righteousness; Gen. 37:9-stars bowing down to ruler; Deut. 28:62-stars became few because of disobedience; \*Num. 24:17-a Star out of Jacob, a Scepter out of Israel; Rev. 22:16/ \*Ps.148:3/ \*Isa. 14:13/ \*Dan. 12:3/ Rev. 1:20/ Zech. 11:16,17/ Gen. 13:9-choose right hand; Gen 24:49/ Gen. 48:13/ \*Ex. 15/ Lev. 8&14/ Ps. 18:45/ \*Isa. 41:10/ \*Rom. 8:34/ 2 Cor.6:7/ Heb. 1:3 and Rev. 5:1 - The Father holds those who are sealed in His RIGHT HAND to give to the (His) Son.

**Creation, restoration, light, witness, ministry, priesthood, kingship, royalty, power, truth, righteousness, LOVE.**

3 & 5 – Christ refines His church and His ministers, His people, and make them victorious over adversity, makes restoration of His creation, through witness of His light, He gives us His ministry of kingship and royal priesthood, and the prize of victory is holiness, purity, power, truth, righteousness, witness of strength, cleansing and HIS LOVE.

### **#2 & 6**

#2 - Eyes as a flame of fire-Ex. 3:2, the Angel of the Lord appears to Moses in flame of fire, the burning bush/ Dan. 7:9, His throne a fiery flame/ Joel 1:19, fire is form of judgment/ Joel 2:3, fire devours/Rev.19:12, Christ on white horse, eyes are flame of fire/ 2 Cron. 16:9.

Eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him, Eze.7:4-9\*/\*Amos 9:8, eyes not spare the sinful kingdom.

**PRESENCE OF GOD, FATHER AND SON, THRONE OF GOD-FIRE, JUDGMENT, VICTORY, OMNIPRESENCE, ALL KNOWING, ALL SEEING, NEVER MISSING.**

#6 - A sharp two-edge sword going out from His mouth-Gen. 4:11, mouth of earth/ Gen. 29:2, 3, stone on well's mouth/ Deut. 8:3, manna, Word from the Mouth of the Lord/ John 1:1-5, the Word was Christ/ Deut. 17:6, mouth of two witnesses/ Ps. 119:7, judgment, truth/ \*Isa. 1:20, devoured by the sword, mouth of the Lord, Ps. 119:88, testimony/ \*Isa.49:2, my mouth like a two-edged sword/ Judges 3:15; Ps. 149:6; Prov 5:4; \*Heb 4:12.

**PICTURE OF CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, FOR HIS LOVE FOR US; WORD IS LIFE, BREAD, WORD OF GOD, JUDGMENT & TESTIMONY OF JESUS.**

2 & 6 – Eyes of fire and mouth with sword picture the Father and the Son as omnipresent, all knowing, all seeing, never missing from the throne room in the judgment and victory starting with the picture of Christ's death on the cross and of His resurrection because of His great love for His

people, and that His Word is the bread of life, and the testimony of Jesus is His people and their love that He has given them.

1 & 7

#1 - Head and hair white as wool and snow--Many uses in the Decalogue of white for the color of cattle and the color of a hair in leprosy judged by a priest/ Isa. 1:18-20, sin as scarlet will be white as snow, red like crimson shall be as wool/ Head is featured in Gen, 3:15 and Gen. 24:26, 28 as a form of victory, justice, worship and vindication/ Dan. 7:9, description of the ANCIENT OF DAYS/ Lev. 14:18, priest, atonement.

**PURITY, CLEANSING, MERCY, ATONEMENT, JUSTICE, WORSHIP, KINGSHIP, PRIESTHOOD**

#7 - His face shining as the sun-Gen. 4:5, Cain's face fell/ Num. 6:22-27, The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, His face shine upon you/ Judges 13:6, awesome face/ \*Ps. 89:15, walk in the light of God's face/ Matt. 28:3, His face as lightning, white as snow/Ps. 4, 31, 80, 94-face shine upon you/ Gen. 15:12, sun going down, dreadful darkness for Abram/ \*Gen. 1:29, face of earth/ Ps. 67 shine/\*Dan.9:17; \*Matt. 17:2

**EXPRESSION OF SOUL, SADNESS FOR SIN, GOD'S ASSURANCE, PICTURE AND PROMISE OF OUR LORD, COMFORT/REV. 10:1 – FACE LIKE THE SUN**

1 & 7 – Our white haired Christ, His face lighted as the sun reflecting His great atonement, His mercy, His justice, His purity, His cleansing as our King and High Priest creates in us a spirit of worship, an expression of our soul, a sadness for our sin, a reassurance of God's presence, of His forgiveness by His great acts of love and His comfort that penetrates us as the heat and the light of the sun. (cf Rev.16:8)

**SEVENFOLD SPIRITS OF THE GODHEAD**

Available to Their sealed people

	<b>Isa. 11:2</b>	<b>Rev. 5:12</b>	<b>Rev. 7:12</b>	<b>Rom. 12 1</b>	<b>1 Cor. 12</b>
1.	Spirit of the Lord	Power	Praise	Prophecy	Wisdom
2.	Wisdom	Wealth	Glory	Teaching	Knowledge
3.	Understanding	Wisdom	Wisdom	Service	Faith
4.	Counsel	Strength	Thanks	Giving	Healing
5.	Power	Honor	Honor	Leadership	Miracles
6.	Knowledge	Glory	Power	Mercy	Tongues/Spirits
7.	Fear of the Lord	Praise	Strength	Exhortation	Helps

*Let him that has ears – hear*

*Let him that has eyes – see*

*Let him that hears the Spirit – understand*

**WORSHIP HIM THAT GIVES US SPIRIT**



We shall only list the summary and statement of the churches at this time; there are pages and pages of words and phrases listed in texts researched by our concordance study. Anyone can research this or ask us for this material. Please note that all of the statements and summaries are based on these researched texts. This is perhaps the most beautiful, incredible description of the Bible and our Lord I have ever read. The words from the summary and the statement of each church are found in the original texts, be they Old Testament or New Testament. As you read these, it will be a compilation of all these concordance results in their order, presenting the full message presented. In other words, we must let the words and phrases interpret themselves in order to hold to continuity and integrity. We shall continue in the chiasmic structure, always pointing to Christ, our only hope, our Savior.

**#4 THYATIRA** - summary: our sacrificial labor to the Lord/ work of love, to worship/ God's wrath against iniquity/ the Lord makes His people clean by crushing with stones/ Son of God is our Sacrificial Lamb/ eyes of flame of fire is God's presence and judgment/ we are refined in fire/ the Lord has patience with His children of no faith-will develop fruit/ many will go to and tolerate idols and false doctrine/ seduced by pagan worshippers/ the world is the enemy of God and His people/ false prophets will seduce/ many will build and worship in high places/ do not turn to idols or molded gods/ man repented not, he turns to his own course/ they will have a denial of God/ the Son is coming, He that is the I AM that I AM/ the Lord will search and test His people/ Christ will bear our burdens/ wicked will break like potter's vessels/ wickedness will not last/ come into the ark/ THE FATHER HAS GIVEN YOU TO ME/ I will light your way and give you the land and rest, for overcomers only-they will do His will/ I will give you the morning star (Himself).

**STATEMENT: OUR SAVIOR, OUR SACRIFICIAL LAMB AND OUR LORD WILL SEARCH OUT AND TEST HIS CHURCH, AND HIS WRATH WILL BE AGAINST INIQUITY, IDOL WORSHIPPERS, FALSE PROPHETS, SEDUCING TEACHERS, PAGAN AND SEDUCING INFLUENCES, AGAINST THOSE WHO DENY GOD AND WILL NOT REPENT, AGAINST THOSE WHO TOLERATE WORLDLY CUSTOMS AND FALSE DOCTRINES, BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE OVERCOMERS, THOSE WHO DO HIS WILL, THOSE WHO LABOR FOR HIM OUT OF LOVE AND WORSHIP, THOSE WHO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE MADE CLEAN AND HOLY BY CRUSHING BY THE ROCK THAT MAKES PURE VESSELS, BY JUDGMENT, BY REFINEMENT IN THE FIRE OF THIS WORLD, THIS LIFE, THOSE WHO DO NOT TURN TO MOLDED IDOLS, WHO KNOW THAT THE SON IS COMING, THE SON WILL BEAR THEIR BURDENS, WILL ALLOW THEM TO COME INTO THE ARK BY BREAKING THEIR WILLS AND WORLDLINESS, WHO KNOW THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US TO THE SON, THESE THAT WILL PATIENTLY HOLD FAST, TO BE MADE FRUIT, THAT HE WILL LIGHT THEIR WAY, GIVE US THE NEW LAND AND REST, AND THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR – HIMSELF!**

#3 Pergamus & #5 Sardis:

#3 summary - height of purging and cleansing/ Christ will use the sharp, two-edged sword/ Satan's throne is here/ you keep My Name/ hold fast My Name/ do not deny your faith, your witness/ there are those among you who hold to the doctrine of Balaam, fornication/ do not eat food for idols or commit sexual immorality/ flesh deeds do affect your soul/ repent, fight with gospel/ I give you a white stone, and a new name for only you/ I give you hidden food to eat/ you shall be My crown of glory.

#5 summary-Song of joy about Precious Stone/ Christ holds ministers, priests in His hands/ Christ has all the attributes of the sevenfold Spirit/ strengthen what remains (cf Heb. 12:26, 27)/ be watchful, fight hypocrisy/ hold fast, even to the death/ remember what you have heard/ no one knows the hour Christ returns/ you have a FEW not defiled/ put away gods, purify yourself/ walk in my way-my laws/ overcomers will be clothed in Christ's righteousness/ I will never blot you out of the book of life/ confess me, and I will confess you before the Father.

**STATEMENT: CHRIST IS OUR SONG OF JOY, HE HOLDS HIS MINISTERS, HIS PRIESTS IN HIS HANDS, HE HAS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT TO IMPART TO HIS PEOPLE, HE WILL USE THE SWORD OF THE GOSPEL TO THE HEIGHT OF PURGING AND CLEANSING OF HIS PEOPLE, TO THOSE WHO HOLD FAST HIS NAME EVEN UNTO DEATH, TO THOSE WHO DO NOT COMPROMISE WITH IDOLS OR COMMIT SEXUAL IMMORALITY, OR USE FLESH TO SOOTH THE SOUL, SO BE WATCHFUL, FIGHT HERESY AND HYPOCRISY, REMEMBER MY LESSONS, PUT AWAY YOUR GODS, PURIFY YOURSELF, WALK IN MY WAY, MY LAWS, FOLLOW THE FEW OF YOU NOT YET DEFILED, STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS AND OVERCOMERS WILL NOT BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, WILL BE CLOTHED IN MY RIGHTEOUSNESS, WILL HAVE A PRECIOUS WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME, WILL HAVE MY HIDDEN FOOD, WILL BE MY CROWN OF GLORY AND BECAUSE YOU CONFESS ME, I WILL CONFESS YOU BEFORE MY FATHER! my wow!**

#2 Smyrna & #6 Philadelphia summary:

#2 myrrh - made from a bitter bark that becomes fragrant when crushed by rocks-used for anointing and purification and used in the presence of royalty/ mingle with other spices/ make pure for service to God/ make holy for NEW SANCTUARY/ carried by God's people for sharing with the world/ light will encompass the whole land, will become pure as gold/ a people standing on sea of gold glass/ will tell sons in last days/ warning against idolatry, adultery-will result in death, no heaven/ must enter into God's rest through His Ark to live/ His people will work out of love for the Lord through distress, tribulation/ our God will not forsake us/ put false gods and your wills away, they cannot deliver/ poor or rich, faith in God is accounted righteousness/ world will slander, speak evil of our Lord and this is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit which has no forgiveness/ let not the places of worship be controlled by the accuser, the adversary/ fear not, Christ is our shield even if one is a prisoner for the Word/ God is faithful to deliver those faithful to Him/ crown of victory is a crown of life for overcomers/ they will awake into a new creation of everlasting life - and some to the second death.

#6 summary-give brotherly love/ Christ is Holy and True/ Christ is in charge/ He holds open the doors for His people/ they have little strength/ they have kept My Word/ not denied Me/ some lie and persecute/ they are unbelievers, disobedient-teach them to worship Me/ know that I love you/ you keep My Word, My patience/ I will keep you from the hour of temptation coming to the whole world/ hold fast to what you have/ stand fast, be strong/ no man can take away your victory/ overcomers will be pillars in the temple of the Lord/ you will not leave my presence anymore/ you shall have name of God-a new name in the New Jerusalem.

**STATEMENT: CHRIST, WHO DIED FOR HIS PEOPLE AND WHO WAS THE FIRST RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD, WHO IS OUR SHIELD AND PROTECTOR EVEN IF WE ARE IMPRISONED WITH TRIBULATION, OUR LORD WHO IS HOLY AND TRUE, THE ONE IN CHARGE WHO OPENS DOORS FOR US WILL PURIFY THE OVERCOMERS IN HIS CHURCH, BY CRUSHING OUT IDOLATRY AND ADULTERY, WILL HELP US TO WORK IN HIS LOVE, TO PUT AWAY FALSE GODS AND THOSE WHO BLASPHEME, WILL ALWAYS MAKE US AWARE THAT OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN FAITH IS HIS, THAT WE WILL NOT FEAR THE ACCUSER – THE ADVERSARY, THAT WE ONLY HAVE A LITTLE STRENGTH BUT THAT WE WILL NOT DENY HIM, THAT WE WILL HOLD FAST TO WHAT WE HAVE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE KNOW THAT JESUS LOVES US AND WE WILL KEEP HIS WORD, THAT NO MAN CAN TAKE AWAY OUR VICTORY, THAT WE THAT ARE FAITHFUL TO OUR LORD KNOW THAT HE IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO HIS OWN, AND THAT HIS VICTORIOUS OVERCOMERS WILL BE PILLARS IN THE NEW JERUSALEM WITH A NEW NAME OF/FROM GOD, AND THAT THE CROWN OF VICTORY IS A CROWN OF EVERLASTING LIFE. (all this is our unmerited gift) thank you, Jesus**

#1 Ephesus & #7 Laodicea summary:

#1 summary-church desires to be with Christ our King, Our High Priest, Royalty, Creation (Creator), Power, Truth, Restoration, True Witness, Light, Faith, Righteousness and love (it is important to note that the first use of the word desire is that of the two kingdoms of Israel desirous of the enemy, KJV)/ work for the King/ unbelief makes them faint/ cannot bear evil/ found false witness liars/ seduced from first love / desires worldly customs/ repents from being with enemy/ does not bear adultery, pagan worship/ overcomers listen to Holy Spirit and enter paradise and have right to tree of life.

#7 summary-judging of people/ He will find just and righteous/ Christ is the Amen/ The One Faithful and True Witness/ He is our Creator/ churches works are lukewarm/ their love of God waxes cold/ Christ will Spirit the untrue out/ church thinks themselves rich, has need of nothing/ they know not that they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked/ Christ refines them through trial (fire)/ purge guilt, accept atonement of blood/ accept Christ's righteousness/ open their eyes by the Holy Spirit/ you are chastened, repent, open your door for Christ--overcomers will sit on the Lord's throne with Him.

**STATEMENT: CHRIST IS OUR KING, OUR HIGH PRIEST, ROYALTY, CREATION, POWER, TRUTH, RESTORATION, TRUE WITNESS, LIGHT, RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, OUR LOVE, HE WILL REFINE, PURGE, AND CHASTEN HIS PEOPLE, WILL CAUSE US TO REPENT, WILL ENTER OUR LIVES AS WE OPEN UP TO HIM, WILL HELP US THROUGH THE FIRE OF TRIBULATION, THAT OF BEING DRAWN TO THE WORLD, TO IDOLS, TO UNBELIEF, THAT OF BEING SEDUCED FROM WORKS OF LOVE TO IDLENESS OF THE LUKEWARM, OF OUR LOVE WAXING COLD, OF THE WRONG CONVICTION THAT WE ARE IN NEED OF NOTHING IN OUR POOR, WRETCHED, NAKED CONDITION OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, CHRIST WILL HELP US HATE EVIL AND FALSE TEACHERS AND TO HATE OUR FALLEN STATE, AND WILL GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO OVERCOME AND BY THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALLOW US TO ENTER INTO PARADISE AND PARTAKE OF THE TREE OF LIFE AND TO SIT WITH HIM ON HIS THRONE AND TO EAT WITH HIM!**

Now, this is a capsule of the meaning of the churches, to all people of all ages. Put the four summary statements together; post them on your doorposts, teach them in your way, put them on/in your forehead and upon your hand, teach them to your children, live them all of the days of your life. Once again, this is a direct result of a concordance study of the presentation of the words and phrases as they are laid out in their symbolic message to the seven churches. From here, we go directly to the throne room as described in Rev. 4 & 5. The Slain Lamb is our Savior who receives His people found in the scroll given to Him by the Father. This is His inheritance, His glory, His crown. The four living creatures represent the administration of the Holy Spirit

(cf Ezekiel and Zechariah) who direct the four horses of the seven seals (the "angels", messengers) heralding the gospel to the four corners of the earth (Zech. 1:11, disrupting the rest and peace of the whole world). This is done to the salvation of some and the martyrdom of others (the 5th seal). (cf Eph. 1:13 & 4:30)

From this point one can follow the work of the sealing into the work of the trumpets. The blowing of the trumpets in the Old Testament is always warnings and judgments other than on the holy festival days. Now that we know what they are, we need to know to whom they are meant for and when they are to happen. After years of study, we discovered that John uses all of the earth's elements to describe people, types of people, and to whom their worship is directed. Everyone worships someone and/or something. So, what are the keys that open the book of understanding? Primarily, John is using the creation account and the description of the created things on this earth to describe people. He also uses the mountain experience of Exodus 19 to describe the condition of worship, true or false. You do know that this is all about worship, right? John also uses the furniture of the Sanctuary - Revelation chapter one is the altar of sacrifice, the churches are directed from the candlesticks, the seven seals are directed from the table of shewbread, the seven trumpets are directed from the altar of incense, and the seven last plagues come from the ark in the Most Holy Place. Obviously, the meaning for us is connected to the meaning of these items to the nation Israel.

### **WORD MEANINGS:**

**Earth** - people dark and void, no truth, worldly

**Sea** - people gathered together by the earth-darkness

**Rivers and fountains of waters** - pure water that becomes polluted, as in Rev. 12:15, 16

**Waters** - pure, as in God's people (only IN Him)

**Hail and fire, brimstone** - as in Sodom and Gomorrah judgment, destruction

**Green grass** - live people: Trees-rulers: Withered or dried up-dead

**Sun, Moon and Stars** - Joseph's dream and experience; the experience of the entire family in great sin, trials and stress in order to be in the presence of royalty. Jesus will sanctify His people. All people, like snowflakes, are different in situations and growth. (texts: Rev. 8:12; Gen., 37:9; Mark 13:9-25; John 16:33; Luke 21:19; \*1 Cor. 15:35-49\*) John uses Paul's transcript to show how Christ slays our "old man" and resurrects a NEW CREATION.

**Sun** - to light the earth and darkness for Abram.

**Star** - ministers, priests, disciples or Satan and/or his leaders – contrasts ministers / priests.

**Mountain** - Ex. 19-both obedience and disobedience

We can go on and on with word definitions, our study group did this for over a year on the trumpets alone; but anyone who is not confined by traditional concepts can already see the correct interpretation of the churches, seals and trumpets. It is our Lord forming His body, His new sanctuary. Every ingredient of the New Jerusalem is here, and our Lord is judging, purging, refining and sanctifying His people. He is incarnating Himself in their consciousness and inclinations, and at the same time He is exposing the professed Christians, those that are Jews

that ARE NOT Jews. We can claim in complete faith and integrity that the trumpets are the CLEANSING OF HIS PEOPLE, THE SANCTUARY.

One can also follow this concept into the seven last plagues, for surely the symbols do not change, and it is devastation without mercy on the elements (people), the sore being the TZARA'ATH, spiritual leprosy. Do you notice that the sun "scorches" the "earth"? Plus, the other elements are dead, putrid. This is not to say that these judgments are only spiritual, for there is every indication that they are physical just as they were in the Exodus, only this time, it is creation in reverse.

Please understand, this article is not an exhaustive study, but only an outline from hundreds of pages of our notes. GOD BLESS YOU!