

*Old Apostles
Never Die*

Revelation 1:9-20
Sunday 01-28-2024



An Astonishing Confrontation

Revelation 1:9-11

Vision of the Son of Man

- ⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,
- ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Map of Asia Minor



The 7 Churches of Asia

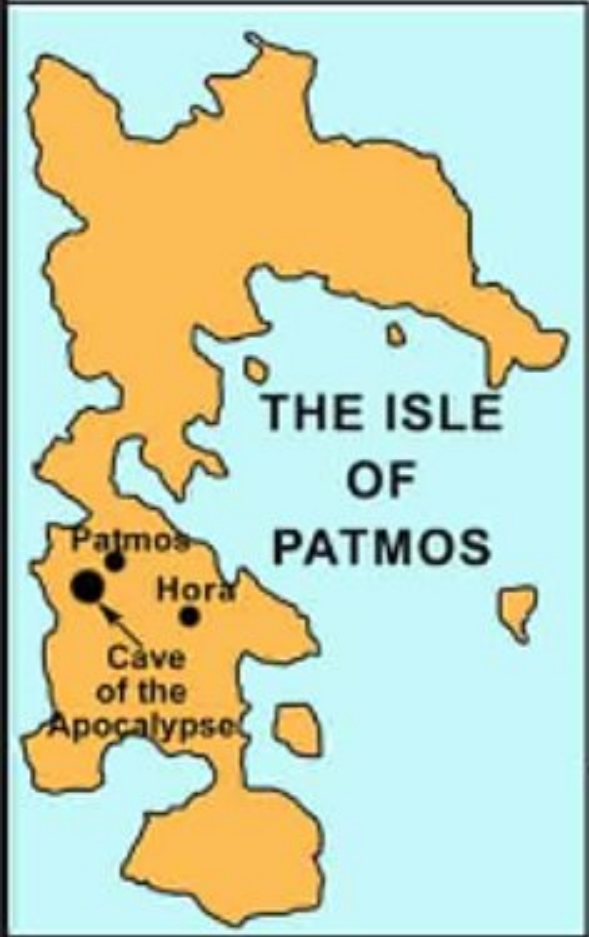
Pergamos

• Thyatira

• Sardis

Smyrna • Philadelphia

Ephesus • Laodicea



Patmos

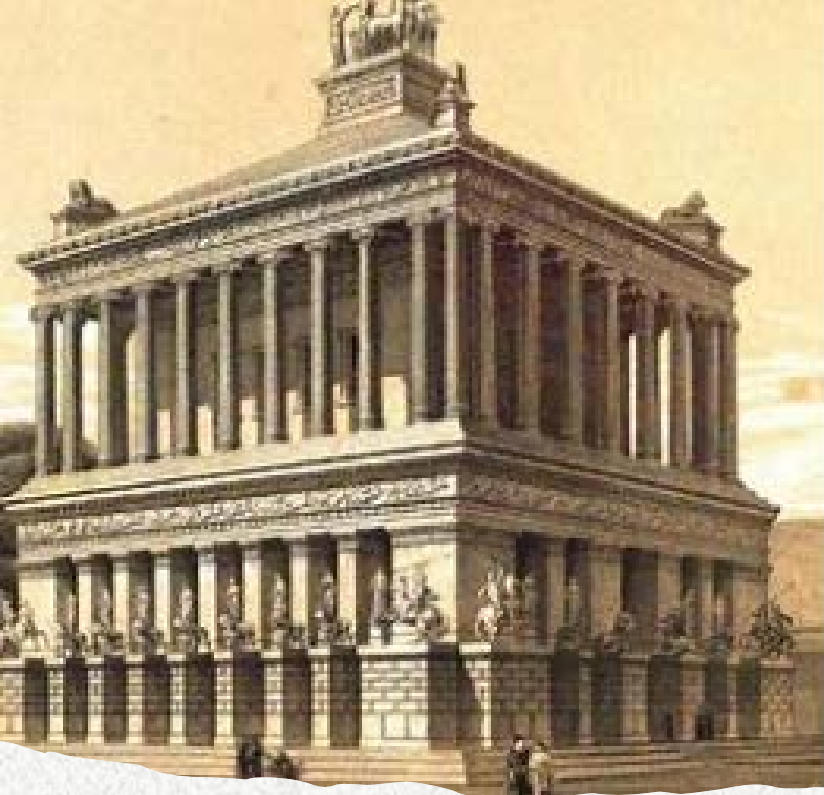






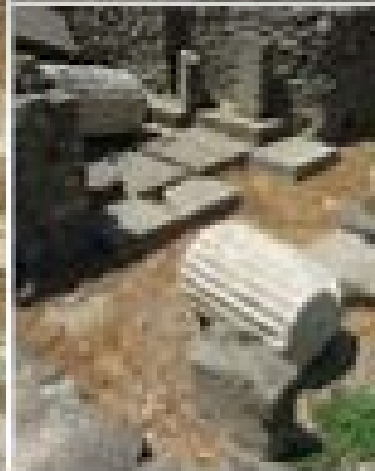
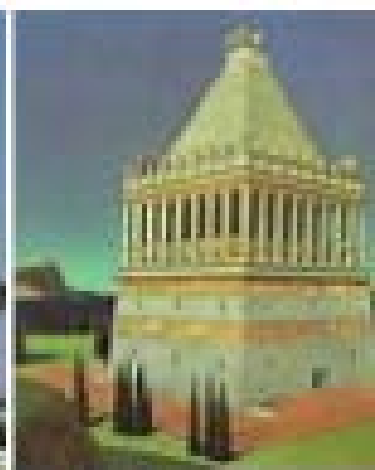


The Cave of the Apocalypse



*Tomb of
Halicarnassus*

The Ruins of the Tomb





Revelation
1:9-11

Write in A Book

Greek



βιβλίον



Biblion



Or Scroll

Why These Seven Churches?

7 Churches of Asia

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- 1 Pergamos
 - 2 Thyatira
 - 3 Sardis
 - 4 Smyrna
 - 5 Philadelphia
 - 6 Ephesus
 - 7 Laodicea

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1. According to Dr. Criswell, these are representative of each age of the Church
2. Seven is complete number – Represents all churches of all ages
3. Seven actual congregations with whom John was associated





Vision of
Glorified Christ
Revelation 1:12-13


- 12** Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
- 13** and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.



Vision of Glorified Christ *Revelation 1:14-16*

- 14** His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;
- 15** His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;
- 16** He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength.

Vision of Glorified Christ
Revelation 1:17-20

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- 17** And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.
- 18** I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.
- 19** Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.
- 20** The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.



• Lampstand



Description of the Lord

❖ Hair white like wool-

➤ *Antiquity*

➤ *Holiness*

❖ Eyes a flaming fire-

➤ *Penetrating Judgment*

❖ Feet like bronze-

➤ *Invincible*

❖ Voice as sound of waterfall-

➤ *Irresistible*

❖ Seven stars in right hand-

❖ Mouth-

➤ *A sharp two-edged sword*

❖ Countenance like the Sun-