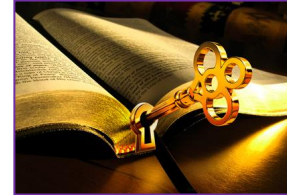




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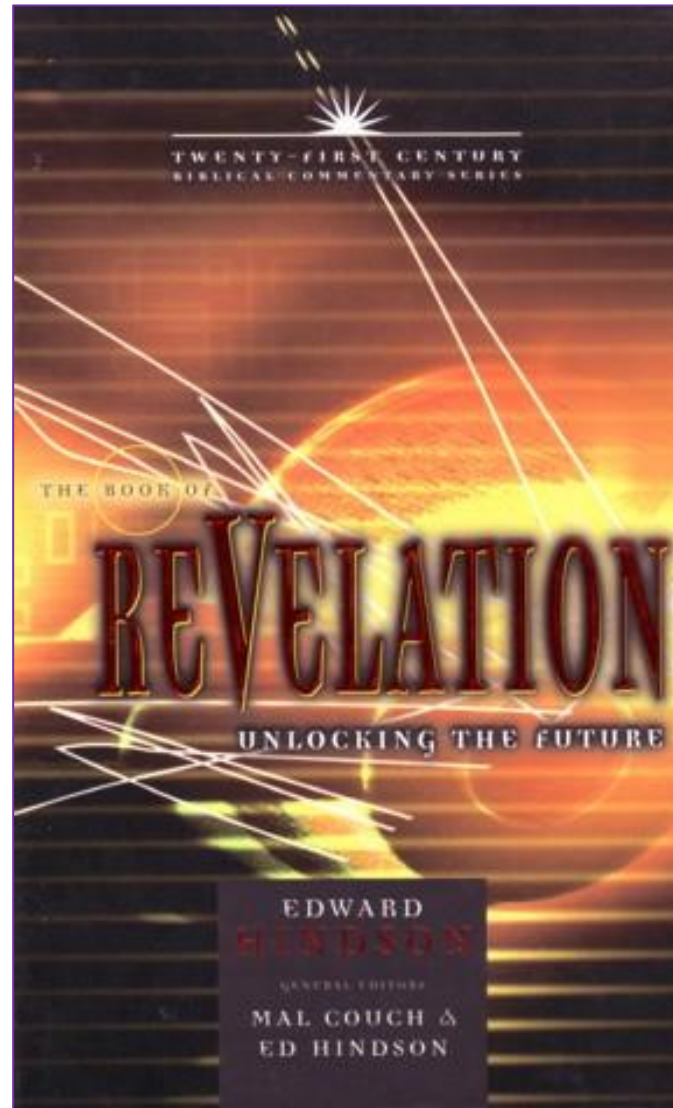
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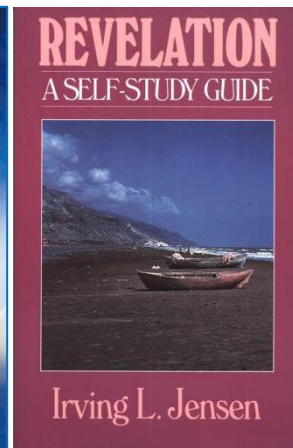
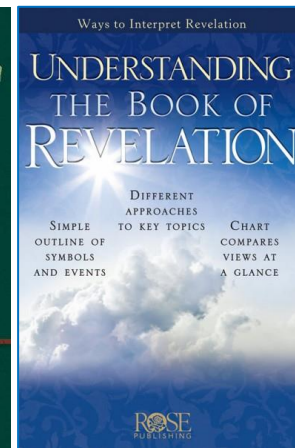
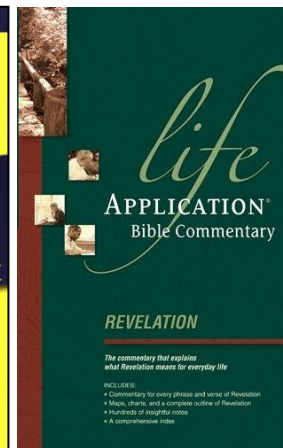
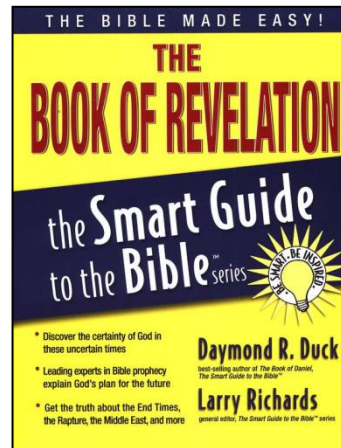
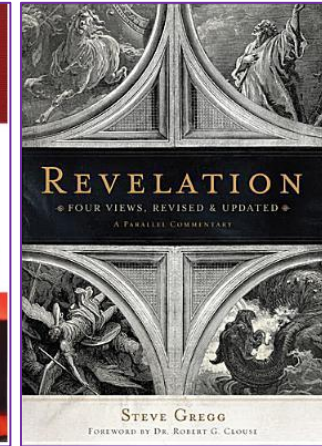
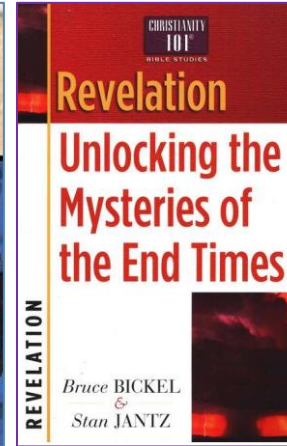
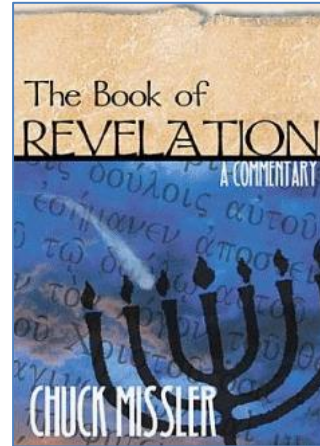
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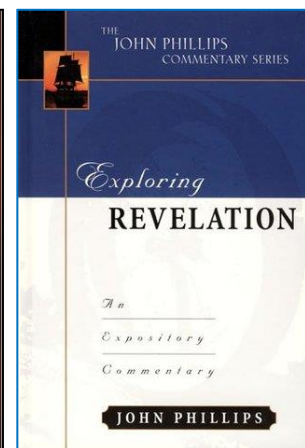
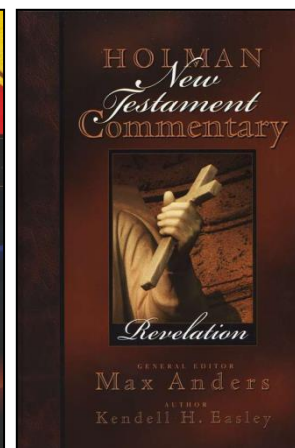
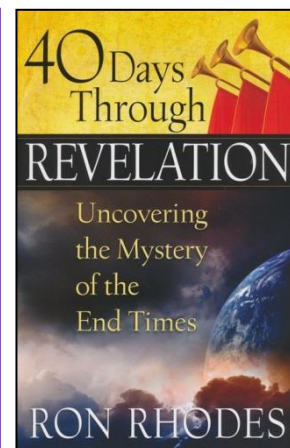
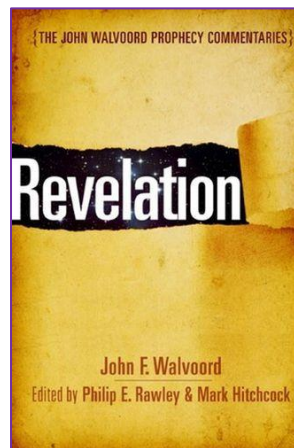
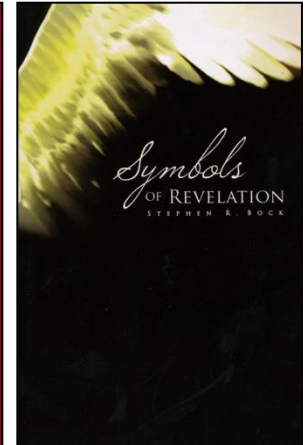
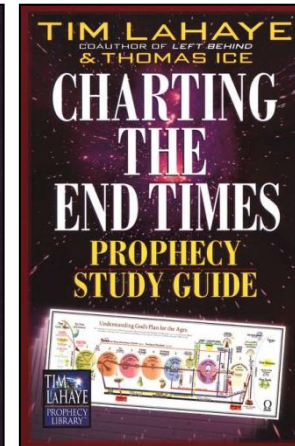
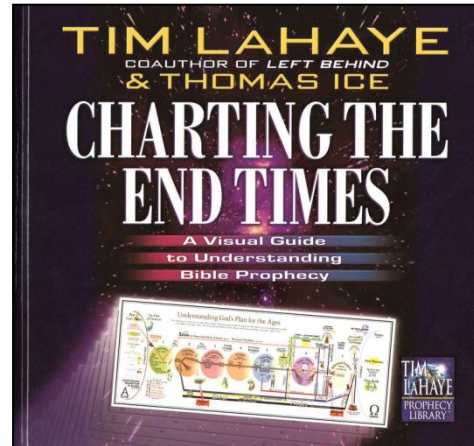


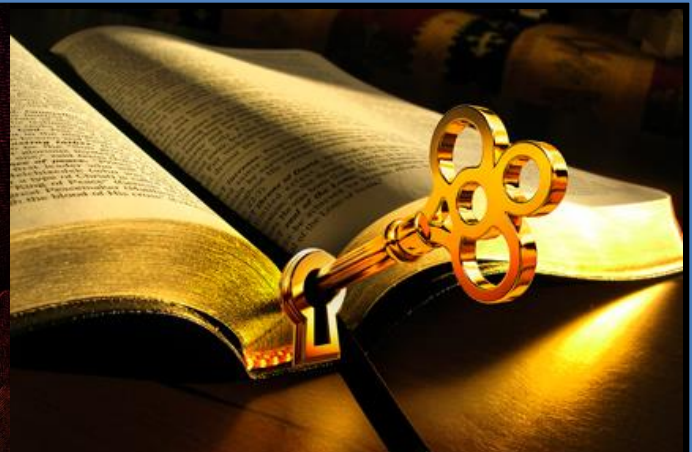
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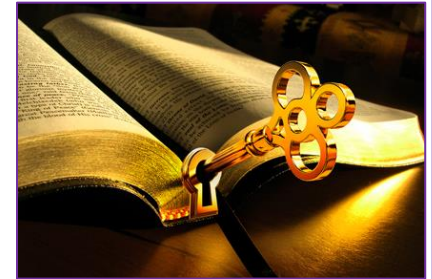
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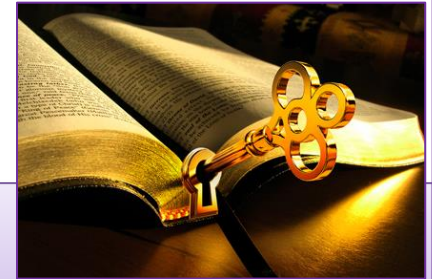
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Chapter Preview - INTRODUCTION

• Preview

The final expression of the wrath of God is contained in the bowl judgments. They are called the “seven last plagues.” Before they are poured out upon the earth, the saved martyrs of the Great Tribulation appear singing the songs of deliverance and redemption. Then seven angels proceed out of the heavenly temple with seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God.



In Revelation 15, John describes the beginning of the second “great spectacle” that he saw. This drama explains how the consummation comes to pass—the period beginning with the harvest and ending with the vintage. In the first scene, the saints whom Christ has gathered sing victoriously—as the victorious Israelites in the wilderness did. In the second the heavenly tabernacle fills with smoke—as the earthly tabernacle in the wilderness had been filled.

Chapter Preview - INTRODUCTION

■ Where are we?



- Judgments
 - ✓ The Seven Seals result in the Seven Trumpets.
 - ✓ The Seven Trumpets result in the Seven Bowls.

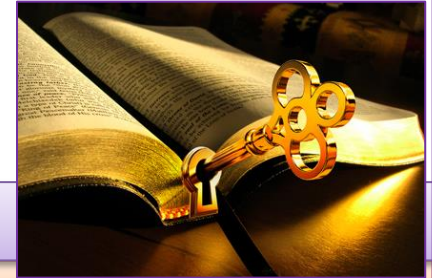
- Chapters 15 and 16 bring to consummation the chronologically ordered events leading up to the second coming of Christ (chap 19).

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Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:1 - OBSERVATIONS

• Another Sign - In Heaven

- Another refers to the two previous signs
 - 1) Chapter 12:1 The woman who appeared in heaven
 - 2) Chapter 12:3 The great red dragon signifying the empires of the beast under Satan's control

• What is the third sign?

- Seven Angels having the seven last plagues
- In these seven plagues the wrath of God is complete.
- This will be the final judgment on the earth.
- This will be the most severe of all the judgments.
- At the conclusion of these judgments,
 - Christ will defeat the armies of Satan
 - Christ will set up the His Millennial Kingdom
 - Christ will deal with Evil forever

110 The LORD said to my Lord,
 "Sit at My right hand,
 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
 --- Psalm 110:1 ... NKJV
 [Announcement of the Messiah's Reign]

Angelic Evil
 (Satan)
 Revelation 20:7-10

Human Evil
 (Great White Throne Judgment)
 Revelation 20:11-15

15 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.
² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

--- Revelation 15:1-2 ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:1 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Wrath of God** - In the plagues
 - What is about to transpire on the earth is God's wrath in the form of seven plagues.
 - God is in complete control of the events that are about to explode on the earth.
 - These are not the result of man
 - These are not the result of Satan and his minions
 - When these plagues are complete, God will have finished dealing with evil.
 - For us these events are still future
 - To God they have already happened/ are happening
 - To God all time is the present

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--- Revelation 15:1-2 ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:2 - OBSERVATIONS

• Sea of Glass - Mingled with Fire

- An allusion to the Sea of Glass in front of God's Throne in heaven (4:6)

⁶ Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. --- Revelation 4:6 ... NKJV [The Throne Room of Heaven]

- The Sea of Glass this time is mingled with fire
 - Fire symbolizes judgment

• Who are standing on the sea of glass?

- Those who have victory ...
 - Over the beast
 - Over his image
 - Over the number of his name
- Notice they have God's harps

Tribulation
Saints

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--- Revelation 15:1-2 ... NKJV

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Referred to as the Sea (2 Chronicles 4:1-6), it was used by the priests for washing. We are told we are washed by the Word (Ephesians 5:26).

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:3 - OBSERVATIONS

• Songs - Moses and the Lamb

- Two songs are sung by the saints

- 1) The Song of Moses
- 2) The Song of the Lamb

- Which song of Moses is in view here?

- Exodus 15:1-21

- Song of victory over Pharaoh
- Song celebrates the Red Sea Miracle

Traditional
Interpretation

- Deuteronomy 32:1-43

More closely
relates to
what's
happening in
Chapter 15.

- Comprehensive picture of God's faithfulness to Israel and His ultimate purpose to defeat their enemies.
- This is Moses' last song.
- That very day Moses is instructed to climb Mount Nebo to view the promise land (Canaan) ... verses 48-52.

- Song of the Lamb ... Revelation 5:9-10, 12

³ They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are Your ways,
O King of the saints!

⁴ Who shall not fear You,
O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.
For all nations shall come
and worship before You,
For Your judgments have
been manifested."

--- Revelation 15:3-4 ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:3 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Songs** - Moses and the Lamb
 - **Song of the Lamb** ... Revelation 5:9-12

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:
 "You are worthy to take the scroll,
 And to open its seals;
 For You were slain,
 And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
 Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God;
 And we shall reign on the earth."
¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around
 the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number
 of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands
 of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice:
 "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 To receive power and riches and wisdom,
 And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"
 --- Revelation 5:9-12 ... NKJV [Worthy Is the Lamb]

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Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:4 - OBSERVATIONS

• Fear of the Lord - Reasons Given

- The compound question is asked ...

- Who shall not fear you?
- Who shall not glorify your name?

Two-Parts.
Framed in the
Negative.

- Why should the LORD be Feared and His Name Glorified?

- Because

- 1) The LORD alone is Holy.
- 2) All the nations shall come and worship before the LORD.
- 3) The LORD'S judgments have been manifested.

- The 1st reason above is undeniable.
- The 2nd reason above has yet to be realized.
 - This will happen during the Millennial reign.
- The 3rd reason above has been partially met with the Seal and Trumpet judgments, and will be fully realized after the Seven Bowl judgments. [Next Chapter]

Do we not see the lack of the fear of God and lack of the glorification of His name in our culture today?

Sad to say, even among believers.

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--- Revelation 15:3-4 ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:4 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Nations Shall Come** - Worship Before You
 - The immorality, godlessness, and injustice—even in our own country—is increasingly conspicuous

Psalm 2:8; 7:9; 11:7; 107:1, 40, 42; Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

--- Philippians 2: 9-11 ... NKJV

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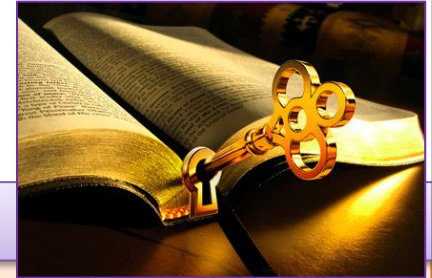
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Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:5 - OBSERVATIONS

• **Temple** - In Heaven is Opened

- John sees the temple in heaven was opened.
- The Temple is mentioned **15** times in the book of Revelation, but not until **Chapter 4**, when the Church is removed. From then on, God is dealing with a people who have had a temple—a replica of things in heaven. -- **Exodus 25:40; Hebrews 9:23**

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

--- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ... NKJV**

5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. **6** And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. **7** Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. **8** The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

--- **Revelation 15:5-8 ... NKJV**

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:6 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Out Of The Temple** - Seven Angels
 - John sees the **seven angels** come out of the heavenly temple ...
 - They have the **seven plagues**
 - They are clothed in pure bright “**linen**”
 - They have their chest wrapped with **golden bands**
 - **Seven** is the number of **completeness/perfection**
 - When the **seven plagues** are unleashed on the earth the judgments of God will be complete
 - Some manuscripts have “**precious stones**” instead of “**linen**”
 - These **seven angels** are **emissaries** of God.
 - They are the means for God’s final judgment

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--- Revelation 15:5-8 ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:7 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Seven Gold Bowl** - Filled with the Wrath of God
 - One of the Living Creatures - *we are not told which one* - gives the seven angels seven golden “bowls” full of the Wrath of Eternal God.
 - Some translations use “vials” instead of “bowls”
 - Actually a censer ([Revelation 5:8](#))
 - Flat saucers used in worship

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

--- [Revelation 5:8](#) ... NKJV



- Aaron, on the Day of Atonement, was to carry the censer of coals so that he would not die.

[Leviticus 16:12-13](#)

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--- [Revelation 15:5-8](#) ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:7 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Seven Gold Bowl** - Filled with the Wrath of God
 - The reminder that God lives forever gives a solemn finality to the wrath that is to be poured out - inflicted forever.



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--- Revelation 15:5-8 ... NKJV

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:8 - OBSERVATIONS

• Temple - Filled with Smoke

- The temple in heaven is now filled with smoke
 - It will remain filled with smoke until the final judgment is complete.
 - No one is permitted to enter the temple
- The Smoke is from the Shekinah glory of God.
 - A physical manifestation of the glory of God.
 - Isaiah's calling ... [Isaiah 6:1-4](#)
 - Cloud filled the tabernacle. ... [Exodus 40:34-35](#)
- Notice even the redeemed are denied access.
 - God suffers alone for the horror of sin.
- These seven angels with these seven bowls make it clear that these judgments proceed from God, not man's mistakes or Satan's enmity. **[God is in Control]**
- Beware the Wrath of the Lamb.

An ominous sign of impending doom for the Earth-dwellers who persist in their disregard of the sovereignty and holiness of God.

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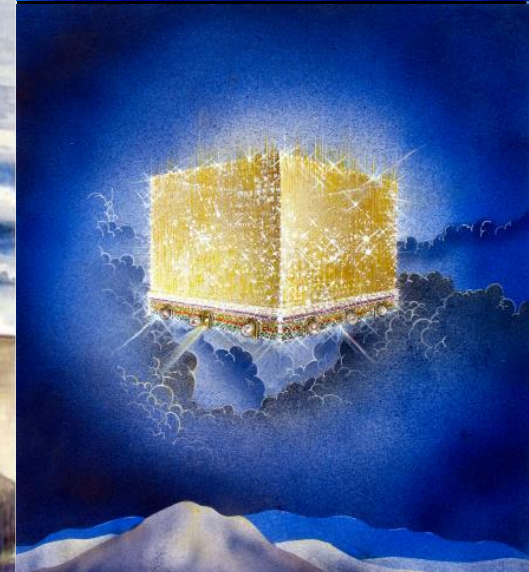
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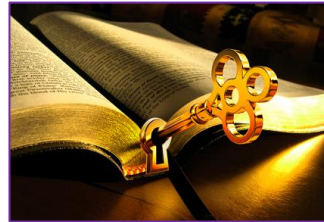
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Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. **Rev. 1:3 NKJV**



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