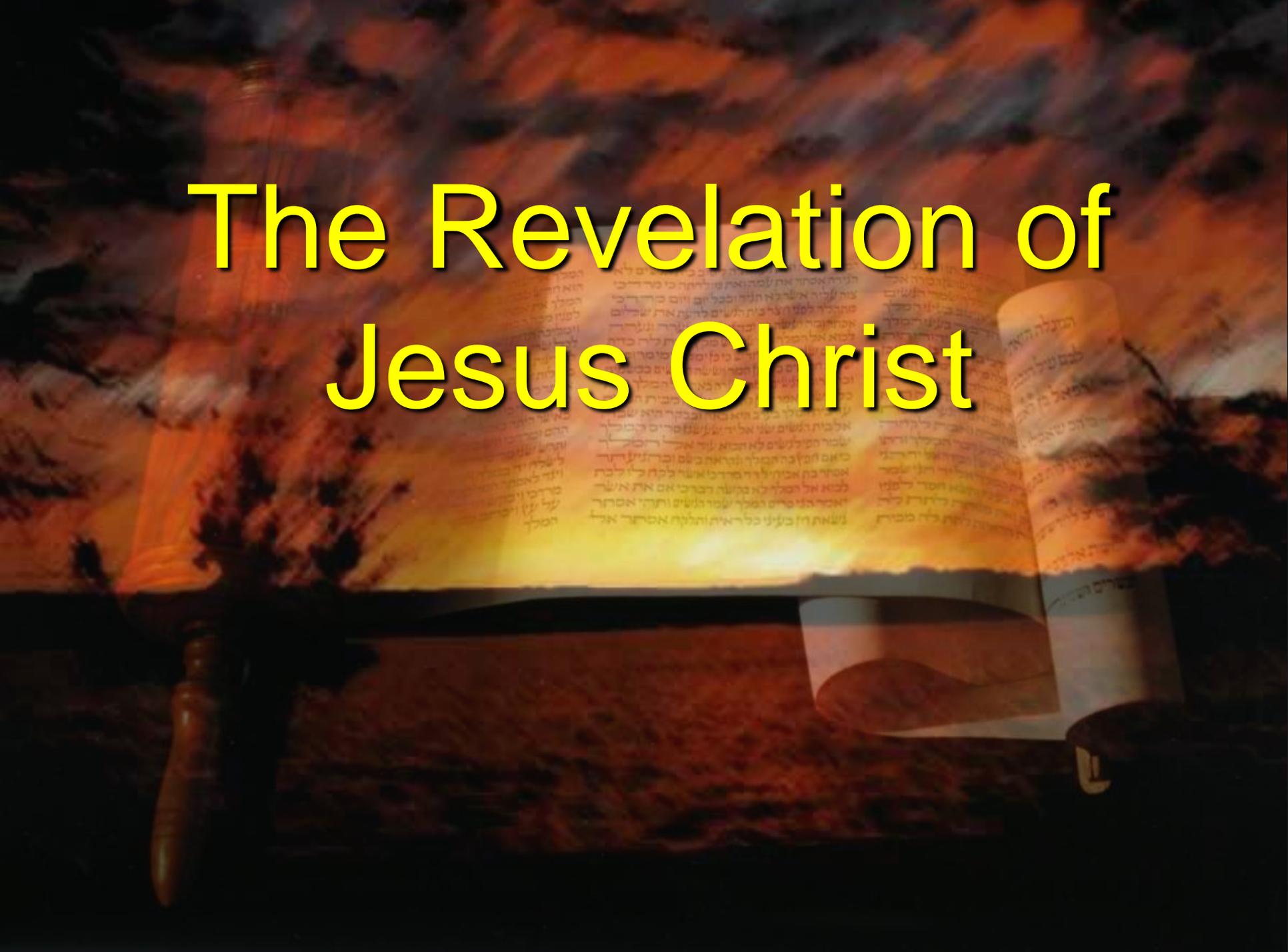


The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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The Book of Revelation

- The book is the Revelation of Jesus.
- It 'unveils' Jesus in all His glory and majesty.
- Without this book the Bible would not be complete.
- As Genesis is the book of beginnings, so Revelation is the book of endings.
- It foretells the end of this order of things – i.e. the way the world is at present.
- The only book in the Bible that promises a blessing for reading it.

The Book of Revelation

- It foretells:
 - the end of Satan's rule on planet earth
 - the end of the world's false religious systems
 - the end of the world's political systems
- It clearly shows:
 - the destiny of the Church,
 - the destiny of the nation of Israel
 - the destiny of all unbelievers

The Book of Revelation

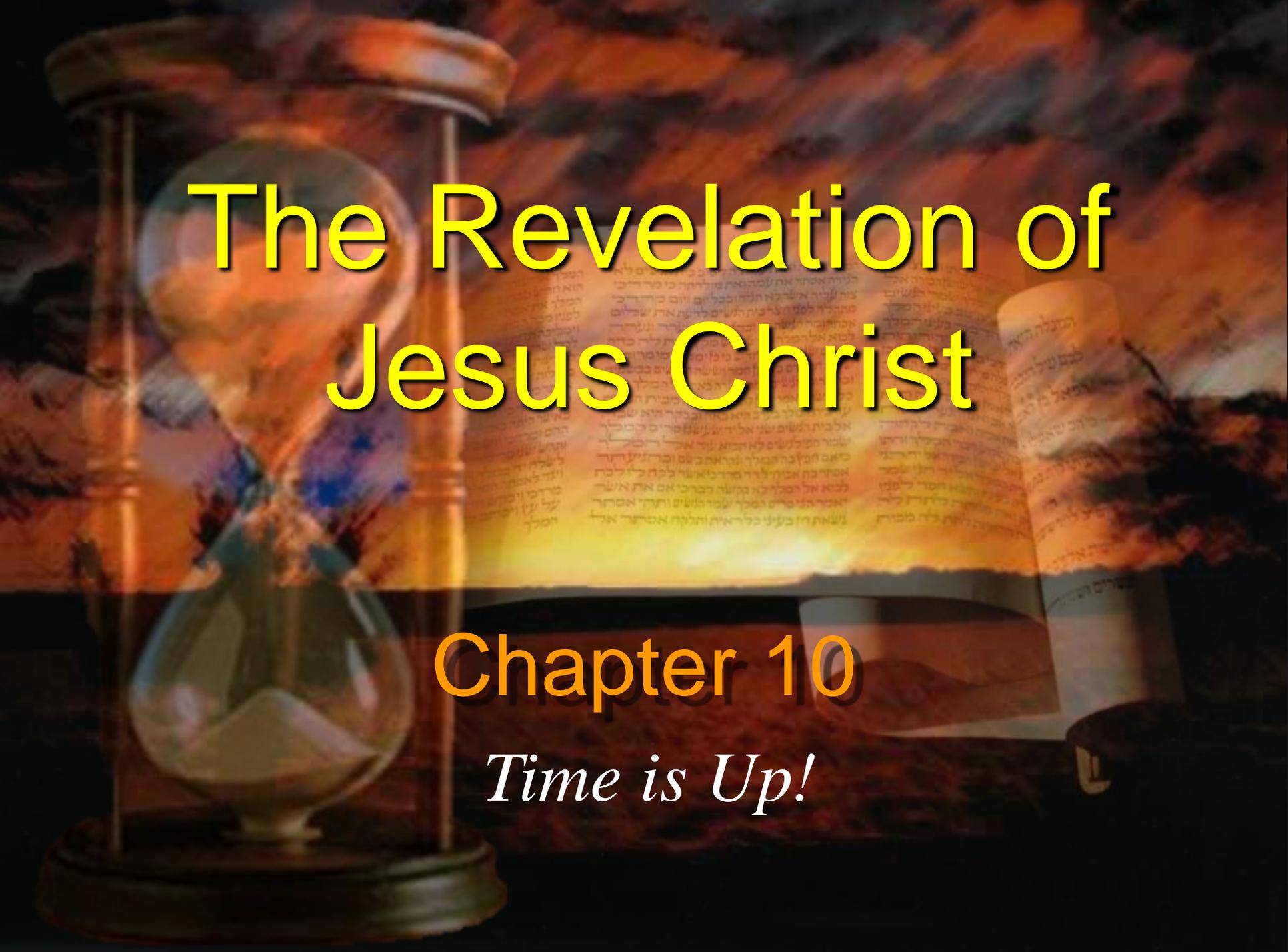
- It ties together all the Old & New Testament prophecies
 - There are 800 allusions to the Old Testament in the 404 verses of this book
- The book leads us into an eternity with Jesus enthroned as the universal KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Book of Revelation

- The word 'as' appears 65 times
 - to describe something for example 'as dead'
- John said 'I saw' 35 times
 - lots of imagery (things being seen).
- 'Behold' is found 26 times
 - 'this is important so look, or listen!'
- 'Great' appears 72 times
 - the magnitude, overwhelming experience.

Chapter Overview

- Introduction / John's vision of Jesus 1
- Letters to the 7 Churches 2, 3
- The throne room – the 'title deed' 4, 5
- *The Beginning of Sorrows (first 3¹/₂ years)* -
- The 7 seals are opened 6
- The 144,000 sealed / 'great multitude' 7
- The 7 trumpets 8, 9
- Time is up! 10

The background features a sunset with warm orange and red tones. On the left, a brass hourglass is shown with sand falling from the top bulb to the bottom bulb. On the right, a scroll of parchment with Hebrew text is unrolled, resting on a wooden surface. The overall scene is symbolic of time and revelation.

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Chapter 10

Time is Up!

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- In chapter 10 we reach a crescendo that has been building from chapters 6 to 9.
- All that we have seen in ch 6-9 is the fulfillment of that which Jesus referred to in Mathew 24:8 as the 'beginning of sorrows',
 - This will occur during the first three and a half years of the Tribulation.

The Tribulation

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Second
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The Beginning of Sorrows

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3 ½ Years

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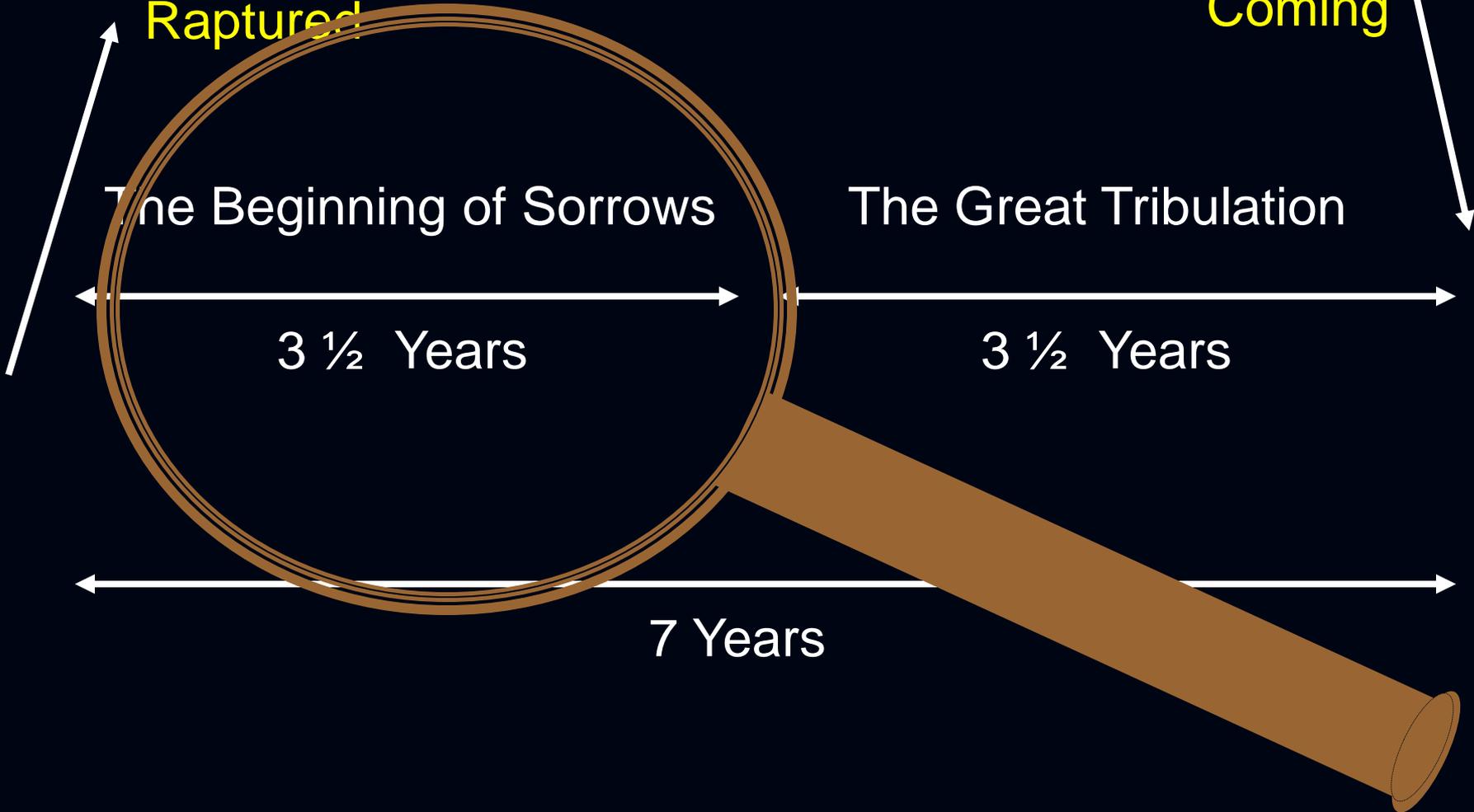
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The Beginning of Sorrows

One in the place of Christ (false peace)	Matt 24:5	Rev 6:2
Wars & rumors of wars (nation vs nation,	Matt 24:6	Rev 6:4
Famine	Matt 24:7	Rev 6:5-6
Pestilence / beasts of the earth	Matt 24:7	Rev 6:7-8
Unprecedented earthquakes	Matt 24:7	Rev 6:12
The Gospel of the Kingdom preached to all nations, as a witness	Matt 24:14	Rev ch7

...and then shall the end come. **Matt 24:14**

Chapter 10

- The warning signs have been given...
- The 'Great Tribulation' is about to begin
- God will now dispossess the usurpers from the Earth and reclaim the title to the Earth

- 1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
- 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

Revelation 10:1-2

- The last time we saw a 'mighty angel' and a book was in chapter 5

The Angel & the Book

- *“This little book, if it is the same as the seven-sealed book, was originally in the hands of the Father in heaven (see Rev. 5:1). It should be noted how it is first transferred to the nail-pierced hands of God the Son. It was given to the Lord Jesus who was the only One who could open it. The breaking of the seven seals opened the book; and the seven trumpets, six of which have already been blown, are still part of what is in the book. After He removes the seals, the Lord Jesus Christ in turn transfers the book to the angel, who gives it finally to John to eat. This is the book of the title deed of the earth, and it contains the judgments of the Great Tribulation by which the Lord Jesus is coming to power. The book is now open, and the judgments are on display. This book is the angel’s authority for claiming both the sea and the earth for Christ.”*

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Revelation 10:1-2

- Isn't this angel actually Jesus? (see ch1)

The Identity of the Angel

- Those who claim this angel is Christ say:
 - he is clothed in a cloud,
 - has a rainbow on his head,
 - a face like the sun,
 - feet as pillars of fire;
 - he roars like a lion (verse 2).
- All of these are characteristic of Jesus as He appears in the scriptures.

The Identity of the Angel

- In Exodus 34:5 / Numbers 11:25 / 2 Chronicles 5:14 / Isaiah 19:1 / Luke 21:27 and Acts 1:19 The Lord is seen clothed in a cloud.
- In Rev 4:3 we see a rainbow around the Throne.
- In Rev 1:16 John said that Jesus' face was like the sun in its strength;
- In Rev 1:15 John tells us that Jesus' feet were *'like unto brass, as if they burned in a furnace'*.

The Identity of the Angel

- *“The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him”*

Proverbs 18:17

The Identity of the Angel

- The key word is ‘another’ Gr. *Allos*
 - ‘another of the same kind’
- *Either:* the same as the mighty angel in 5:2...
- *Or:* as the angel who ‘came down from heaven’ with the key to the bottomless pit
- Either way, this is an angel on a ‘mission of state’ clothed in royal apparel
 - Gen 41:40-44 / Esther 6:8-11

- 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
- 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

Revelation 10:3-4

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be **time no longer:**

Revelation 10:5-6

- The inhabitants of the earth are now out of time!
- Time is up!

Time is Up!

¹¹ And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joel 2:11

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Revelation 10:7

- We are almost there!
- ...but what a long way around!
- Just as Israel could have arrived in the Promised Land in a matter of months!
- So it has taken 6000 years of human history to get us from Eden to here!

The Mystery of God's Will

- 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 1:9-10

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

Revelation 10:8

- There must have been a certain amount of trepidation in John's heart at this command!

9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

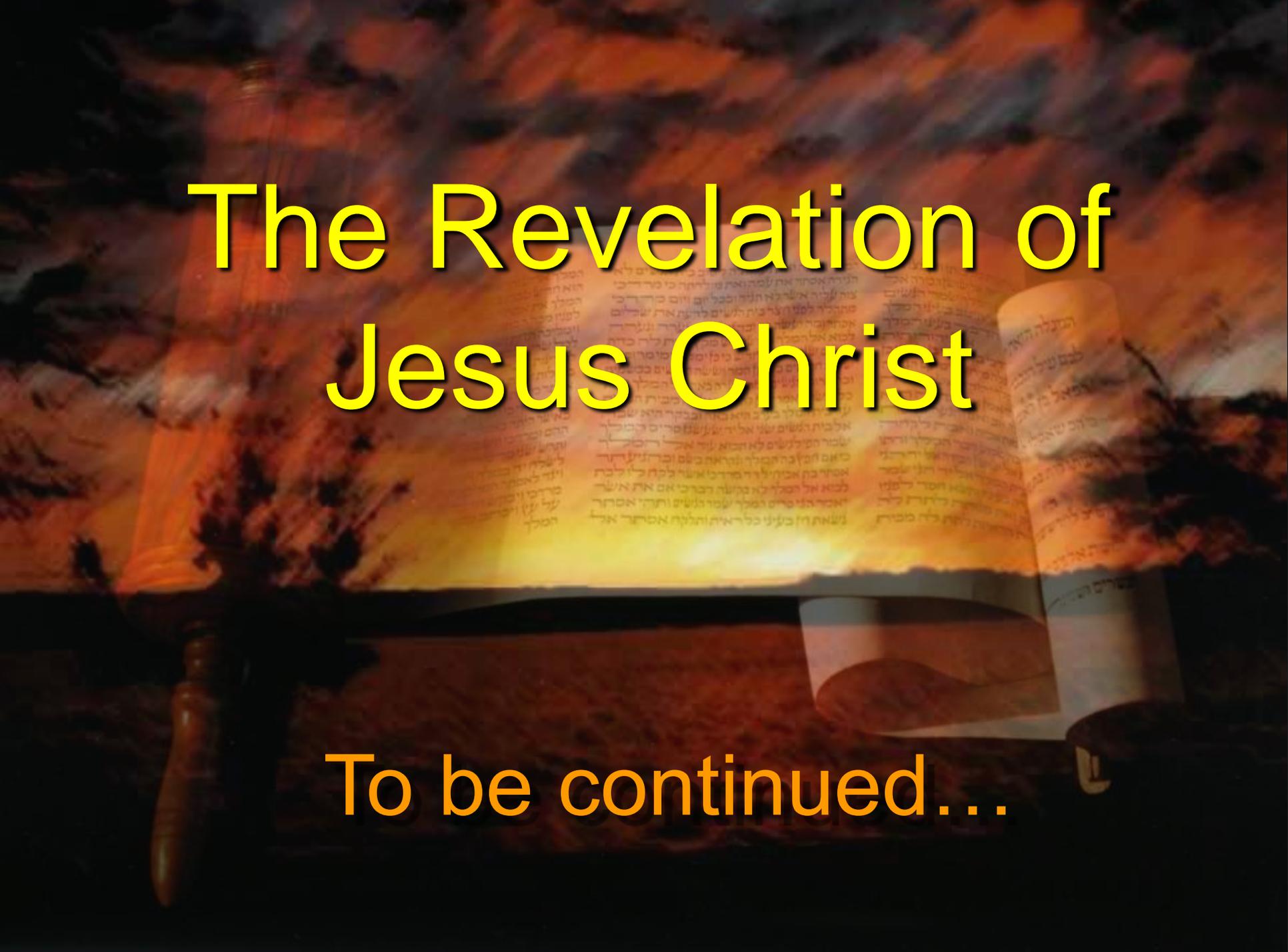
10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

Revelation 10:9-10

- Ref Ezekiel 2:3-3:14

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Revelation 10:1

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To be continued...