

The Glorified Christ of Revelation 1

Western Turkey

Region of the Seven Churches



The Churches of Revelation Mentioned in the New Testament:

- Thyatira: Acts 16.14
- Ephesus: Ephesians; Acts 18.20; 1 Corinthians 15.32; 1 Timothy 1.3
- Laodicea: Colossians 4.16

The Textual Portrait Of Jesus In The Revelation

INSTRUCTIONS: Write down attributes of Jesus Christ as you find them in the Revelation. Note down the Revelation reference(s) for each attribute. If you are able, write down corroborating cross-references from other books of the Bible for each attribute.

Attribute Of Christ	Revelation	Cross Reference
<i>Faithful Witness</i>	1.5	<i>John 8.14</i>
<i>Death Owner</i>	1.5, 18	<i>Col. 1.15, 18</i>
<i>King Ruler</i>	1.5	<i>John 18.37</i>
<i>Lover of Our Souls</i>	1.5	<i>John 13.1</i>
<i>Liberator</i>	1.5	<i>John 8.36</i>

Attribute Of Christ

Revelation

Cross Reference

What The Spirit Says To The Churches

INSTRUCTIONS:

For each of the seven letters, write down: (1) The name of the city; (2) how Christ characterizes Himself; (3) the command(s) Christ gives to the church; (4) the promise(s) that Christ makes to the overcomer.

City	Characterization of Christ	Command(s)	Promise(s)

What The Spirit Says To The Churches

City

Characterization of Christ

Command(s)

Promises

The Symbols Of The Revelation

INSTRUCTIONS: Write down symbols or symbolically named entities as you find them in the Revelation. Note down the interpretation or identification of each item, and the reference(s) in the Revelation where it is found.

Symbol or Entity	Interpretation or Identification	References
• <i>Spirits, The Seven</i>	<i>Archangels</i>	1.4; 3.1; 8.2
• <i>Robe</i>	<i>High-priestly office</i>	1.13; Ex 28.4
• <i>Sash, Golden</i>	<i>High-priestly office</i>	1.13; Ex 28.4
• <i>Eyes Like Fire</i>	<i>Omniscience</i>	1.14; 2.18,19
• <i>Hair, White as Wool</i>	<i>Ancient of Days, Eternity</i>	1.14; Dan 7.9
• <i>Feet Like Glowing Bronze</i>	<i>Strength, judgment, pure walk</i>	1.15; Dan 7.19
• <i>Sword, Two-edged</i>	<i>Word of the Lord</i>	1.16; Eph 6.17
• <i>Lamps/Lampstands</i>	<i>Local church bodies</i>	1.20
• <i>Stars, The Seven</i>	<i>Heaven guided leaders of the churches</i>	1.20
• <i>Nicolaitans</i>	<i>Compromisers with pagan religion</i>	2.6
• <i>Crown of Life</i>	<i>Victory in the spiritual contest</i>	2.10
• <i>Throne, Satan's</i>	<i>Temple of Aesculapius?</i>	2.13
• <i>Manna, Hidden</i>	<i>Jesus Christ</i>	2.17; Jn 6.48
• <i>Stone, White</i>	<i>Identity, acquittal, acceptance, Jesus!</i>	2.17
• <i>Star, The Morning</i>	<i>Jesus Christ</i>	2.28; 22.16
• <i>Robes, White</i>	<i>Overcoming, cleansing by blood of Lamb</i>	3.4,5; 7.9,13
• <i>Key of David</i>	<i>Authority & ongoing rule over Israel</i>	3.7; Is. 22.22

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The Commands Of The Revelation

INSTRUCTIONS: List all the commands that apply to us in the Revelation. Include the chapter and verse reference for each one.

Rev. 1.3
Blessed is he who reads
and those who hear the
words of the prophecy,

Rev. 22.7
and heed the things
which are written in it;
for the time is near.

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Taking Our Spiritual Temperature

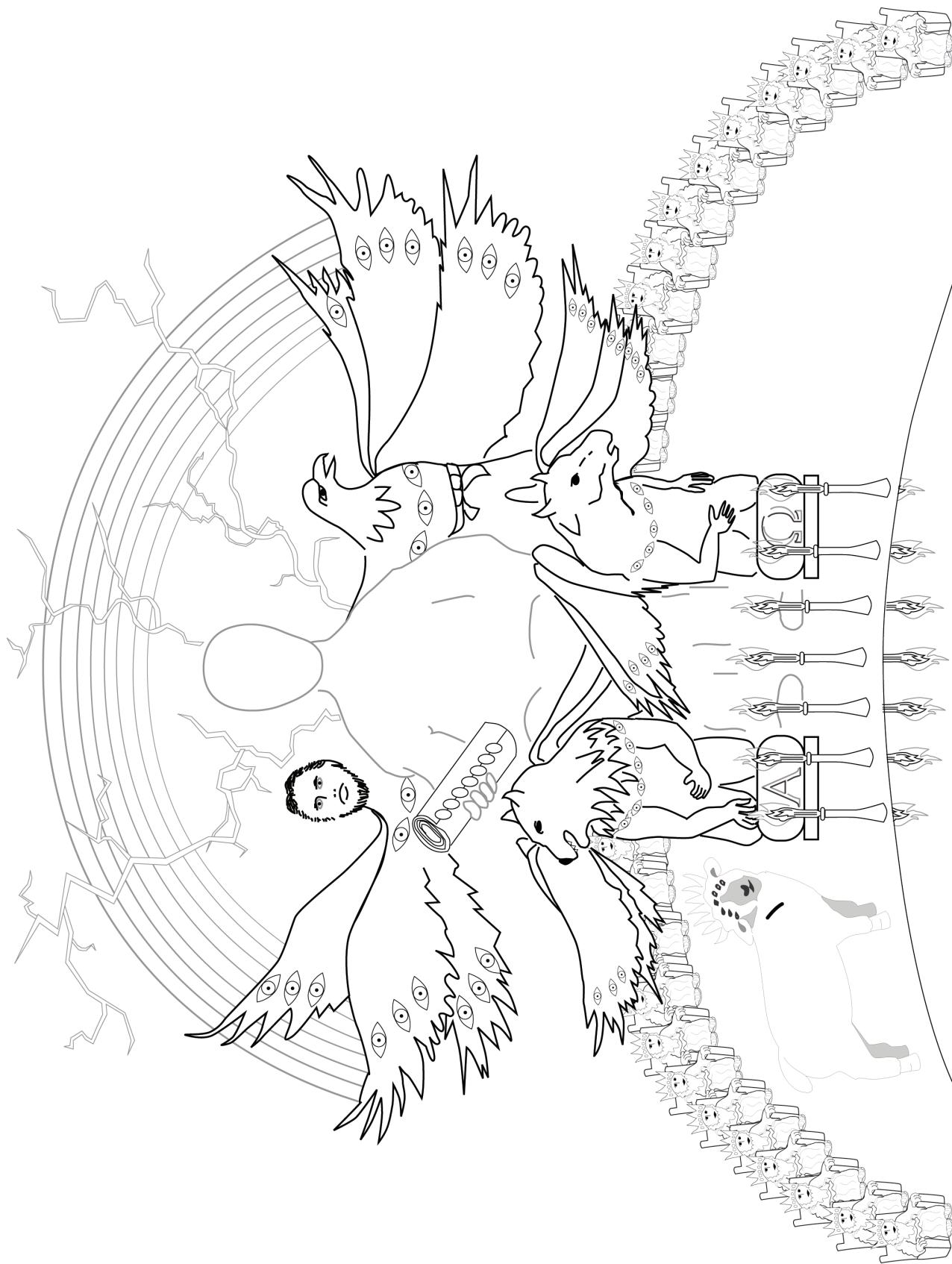
	<u>Are you overcome?</u>	<u>Or an overcomer?</u>
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PERGAMUM	<input type="checkbox"/> COMPROMISED	<input type="checkbox"/> PURE
THYATIRA	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMORAL	<input type="checkbox"/> DISCIPLINED
SARDIS	<input type="checkbox"/> IN RETREAT	<input type="checkbox"/> FRONT-LINER
PHILADELPHIA	<input type="checkbox"/> QUITTER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINISHER
LAODICEA	<input type="checkbox"/> SELF-SUFFICIENT	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR IN SPIRIT

The good news for those of us who are overcome is that Christ commands us to repent!

Why is this good news? Because the command to repent brings with it *the grace and opportunity* to repent (Revelation 2.21; 1 Kings 18.37).

A review of Christ's letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor reminds us of how relevant they are for **individual** Christians in our prosperous and independently-minded American culture. We are so concerned about money and reputation that we tend to put work (even church work) before people. We so enjoy our prosperity that we have become very self-protective of ourselves and our stuff, counting on the rapture to happen before we ever have to suffer persecution. At the same time, we are experiencing the greatest barrage of temptations in the history of the world! Many Christians have compromised their faith by addiction to pornography, and (stung by their consciences) have retreated from the front lines of ministry. Ironically, the more we fall short of God's glory and Christ's character, the more we think of ourselves as self-sufficient, and in need of nothing.

In the light of these things, our Lord Jesus is so *gracious* to stand at the door of our lives and knock.



**Notes On
John's Vision of the Heavenly Throne
In Revelation 4 & 5**

Narrative Parallels

The Exodus

1. The Lord commissions exiled Moses from burning bush (Exo 3).
2. God strikes Egypt (Exo 3.20).
3. God redeems 12 tribes of Israel by great judgments (Exo 6.6).
4. God pours plagues upon Egyptian oppressors (Exo 7-12).
5. Water turned to blood (Exo 7).
6. Plague of frogs sign of God's power (Ex 8.1-15).
7. Plague of hail and fire strikes Egypt (Exo 9; cf. Jos 10.11).
8. Plague of locusts (Exo 10).
9. Darkness over land of Egypt (Ex 10.21).
10. Israelites told to be clothed and ready (Exo 12.11).
11. Israelites slay the Passover lamb (Exo 12).
12. God comes to the Israelites in a pillar of cloud (Exo 13).
13. Israelites must cross sea to serve God (Exo 14).

The Revelation

1. The Lord commissions exiled John from burning lampstands (Rev 1).
2. God chastens spiritual Egypt (Rev 11.8).
3. Lamb purchases people from every tribe and nation (Rev 5.9).
4. God pours plagues upon kingdom of the Beast (Rev 16.10).
5. Waters turned to blood (Rev 8 & 11).
6. Frog-like spirits perform signs (Rev 16.13-14).
7. Hail with fire cast to the earth upon blasphemers (Rev 8.7; 16.21).
8. Locust-like creatures torment the ungodly (Rev 9).
9. Darkness over kingdom of Beast (Rev 16.10).
10. Jesus tells His people to be clothed and ready (Rev 16.15).
11. John sees the Lamb who had been slain (Rev 5).
12. Jesus comes with the clouds (Rev 1.7; 10.1; 14.14-16).
13. John must cross crystal sea to approach God's throne (Rev 4).
14. Antichrist, army fight against the Lamb at the Red Sea (Exo 14).

Narrative Parallels

The Revelation

15. Oppressor Pharaoh goes into the Sea (Exo 14).

16. Victorious Israelites sing the song of Moses (Exo 15).

17. Bitter waters sweetened for the Israelites (Exo 15.23-25).

18. God feeds Israel in the wilderness (Exo 16).

19. God brings Israel to Himself on eagle's wings (Exo 19.4).

20. Israelites wash clothes to appear before God (Exo 19.10-14

21. God appears amidst thunder and lightning (Exo 19).

22. Mountain of God quaked violently (Ex 19.18).

23. God "marries" Israel by covenant (Isa 54.5; Jer 31.14,32; Eze 16; Hos).

24. God chooses Israel to be a kingdom of priests (Exo 19.6).

25. God's tabernacle among the Israelites (Exo 25-39).

26. Ark of covenant made for sanctuary (Exo 25.8-10).

27. Those who sinned will be blotted out of God's book (Ex 32.32-33).

28. Moses' face shines with divine light (Exo 34.30-35).

15. Oppressive beast comes up out of the sea (Rev 13).

16. Those victorious over the Beast sing song of Moses (Rev 15.3).

17. Ungodly die from bitter waters (Rev 8.10-11).

18. The woman Israel ministered to in the wilderness (Rev 12.6,14).

19. God carries woman Israel to safety on eagle's wings (Rev 12.14).

20. Redeemed wash their robes to enter the City (Rev 7.14; 22.14).

21. John sees God enthroned amidst thunder and lightning (Rev 4).

22. Seismic quake emanates from God's temple (Rev 11.19).

23. Marriage of the Lamb (Rev 19.7-9).

24. The redeemed made a kingdom and priests (Rev 5.10; 20.6).

25. God's tabernacle "among men" (Rev 21.3).

26. Ark of covenant seen in open temple of heaven (Rev 11.19).

27. Overcomers will not be blotted out from the book of life (Rev 3.5).

28. Face of divine Redeemer shines like sun (Rev 1.16).

Narrative Parallels

The Exodus

29. God's name inscribed on front of priest's turban (Exo 39.27-31).

30. Golden altar of incense put with the ark in the tabernacle (Ex 40.5).

31. Moses unable to enter Tabernacle filled with God's glory (Ex 40.35).

32. Israelite warriors from each tribe numbered (Num 26.2 ff.).

33. Blessing on those who keep the commandments (Deu 7.11-15).

34. Israelites burn idolatrous cities (Num 31.10; Deu 13.12-16; Jos 6.24; 8.19).

35. Two spies sent to Jericho, rise from "burial" under flax (Jos 2.1-6).

36. Jordan river backs up so Israelites cross on dry land (Jos 3).

37. Joshua falls down before Lord who appears with sword (Jos 5.13-15).

38. Seven trumpets of judgment (Jos 6.4).

39. Joshua destroys Jericho, Babylonian wealth (Jos 6.19; 7.21).

40. Harlot Rahab saved out of city of Jericho (Jos 6.25).

41. Israelites enter the promised land (Jos 3-4).

42. God will dwell among the sons of Israel (Ex 29.45-46).

The Revelation

29. God's name on foreheads of the redeemed (Rev 7.3; 22.4).

30. Prayers of the saints rise from the golden altar before God (Rev 8.3-5).

31. No one able to enter temple filled with God's glory (Rev 15.8).

32. End-time "warriors" from each tribe numbered and sealed (Rev 7).

33. Blessing on those who keep the words of the prophecy (Rev 1.3; 22.7).

34. Mystery Babylon, mother of harlots, burned (Rev 17.16-18; 18.15-18).

35. Two witnesses sent to spiritual Egypt, rise from death (Rev 11.3-12).

36. Earth drinks up river to help woman Israel (Rev 12.15-16).

37. John falls down before Lord who appears with sword (Rev 1.16-17).

38. Seven trumpets of judgment (Rev 8.2 ff.).

39. God destroys commercial capital, Mystery Babylon, (Rev 16.17 - 19.6).

40. God's people called out the city of the great harlot (Rev 17.18; 18.4).

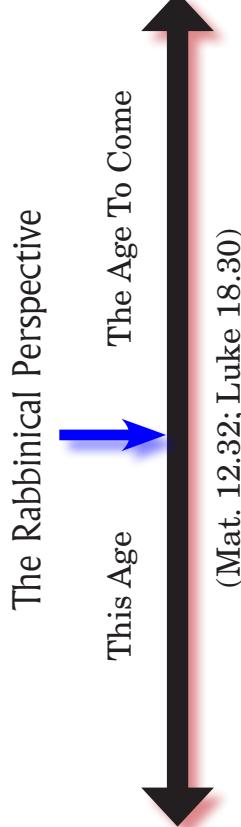
41. Redeemed enter the Holy City (Rev 22.14).

42. God will dwell with [all] men (Rev 21.3).

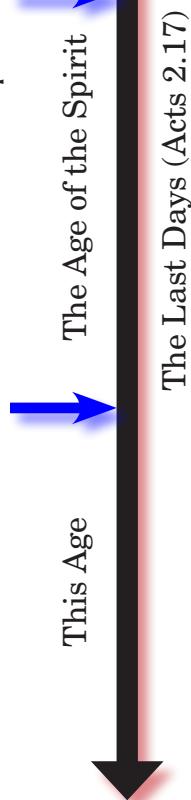
The Expanding Eschatological Time Line of Progressive Revelation

Understanding The Millennium Is Important

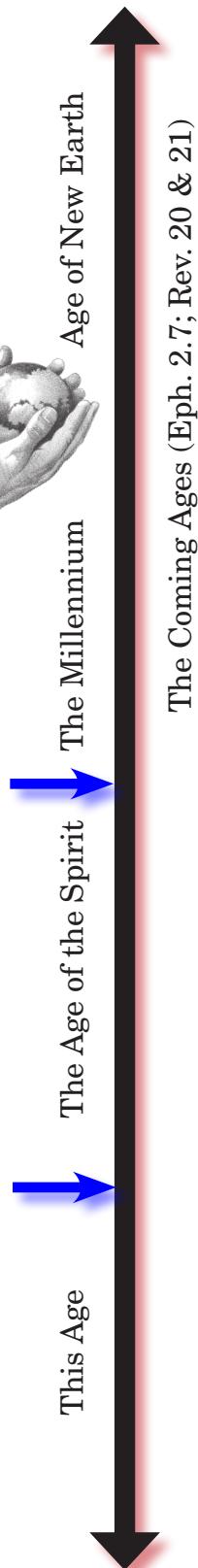
- The Millennium is the Age during which God will keep important promises to Israel (Genesis 15:18-21; 2 Samuel 7:10) and to the Overcomer (Revelation 2:26-27).
- The Millennium is the Age in which God will finish dealing with national entities (Isaiah 66: 18-24; Zechariah 14:16-19).



The Pentecost Surprise



The New Testament Clarification

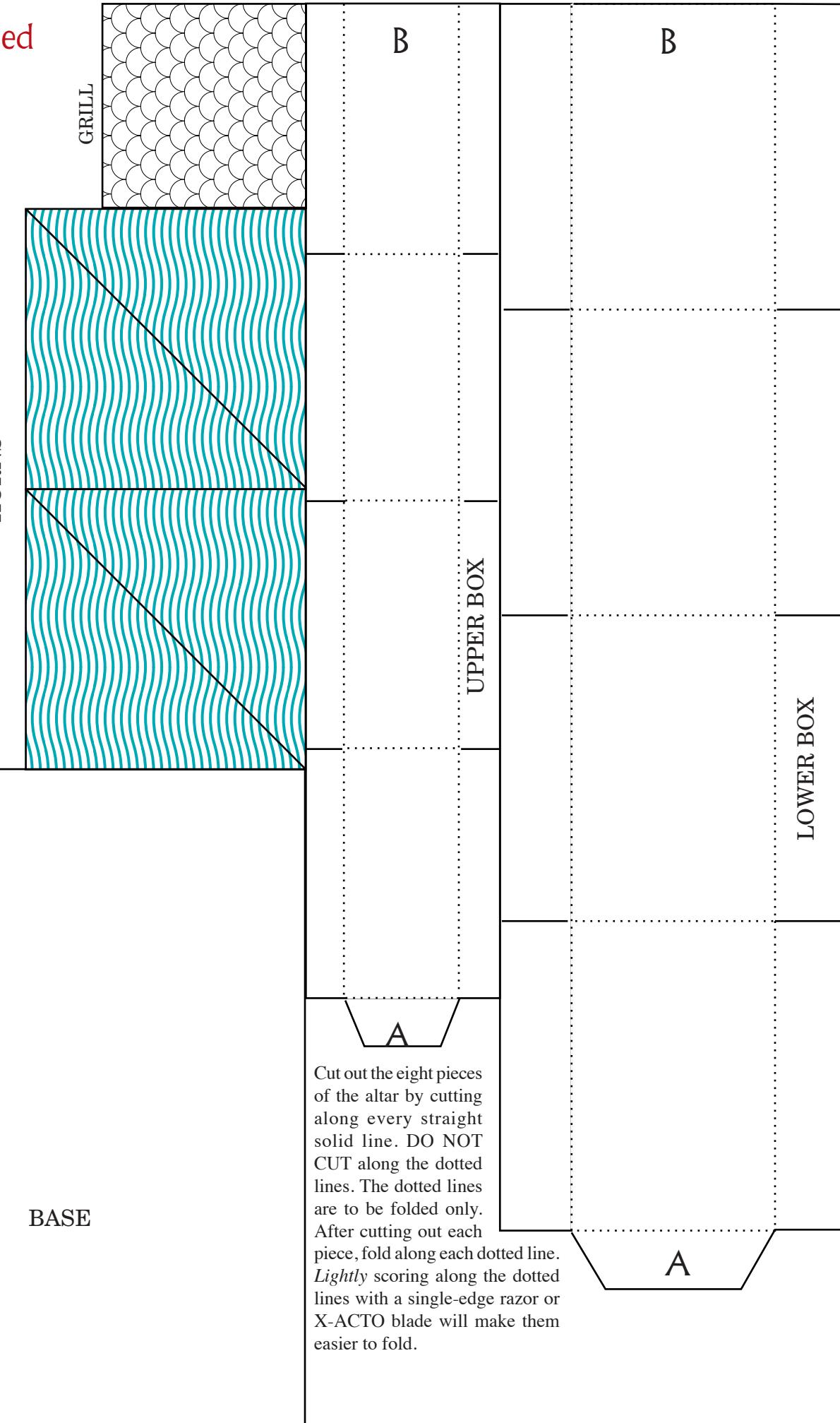




Notes On
John's Vision of the Four Horsemen
In Revelation 6

The Horned Golden Altar Craft Project

See instructions on the following page.



The Horned Golden Altar Craft Project

Instructions & Soul Cut-outs

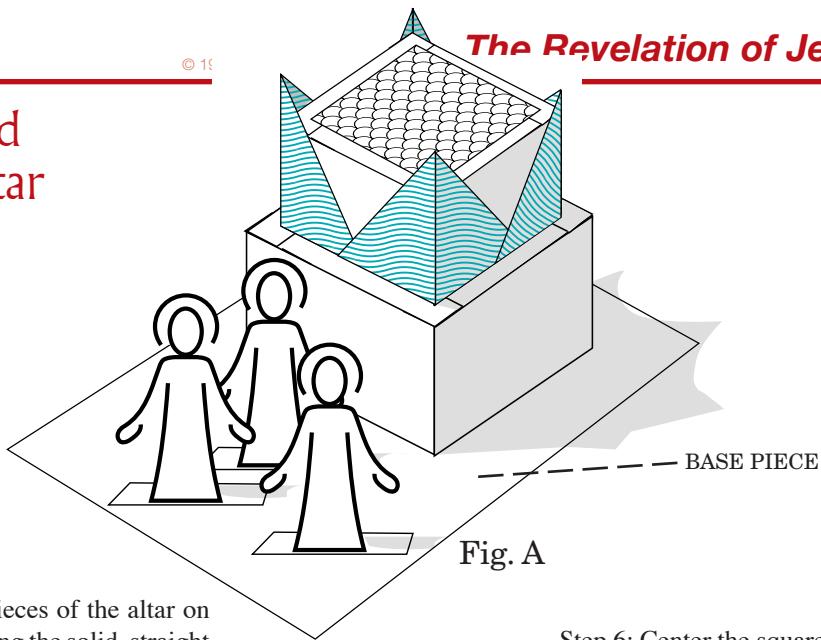


Fig. A

Step 1: Cut out the 8 pieces of the altar on page D-21. Cut only along the solid, straight lines.

Step 2: *Lightly score* and fold along the dotted lines of the "Upper Box" panel so as to form a square box with square openings at top and bottom. Tape or paste tab "A" to surface "B".

Step 3: Repeat step 2 above with "Lower Box" panel.

Step 4: Center the smaller "Upper Box" on the larger "Lower Box" and tape or paste the two boxes together.

Step 5: Fold each of the four triangular "Horns" pieces in half, and fit each one to a corner of the "Upper Box," pasting or taping it in place.

Step 6: Center the square "Grill" piece over the top of the "Upper Box" and paste or tape it in place.

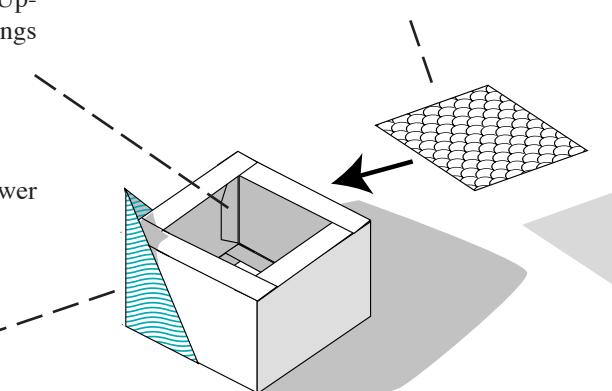


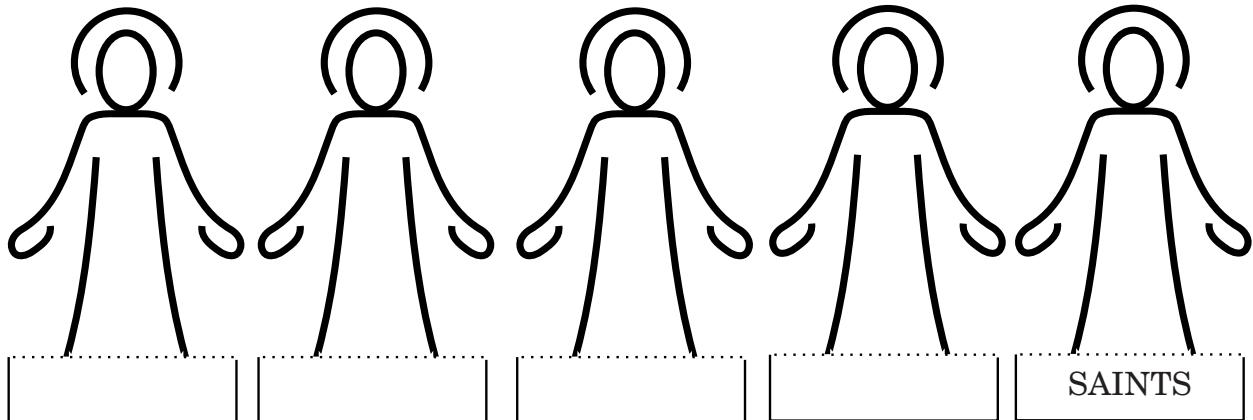
Fig. B

Step 7: Paste or tape the completed "Horned Golden Altar" assembly to the rectangular "Base" piece.

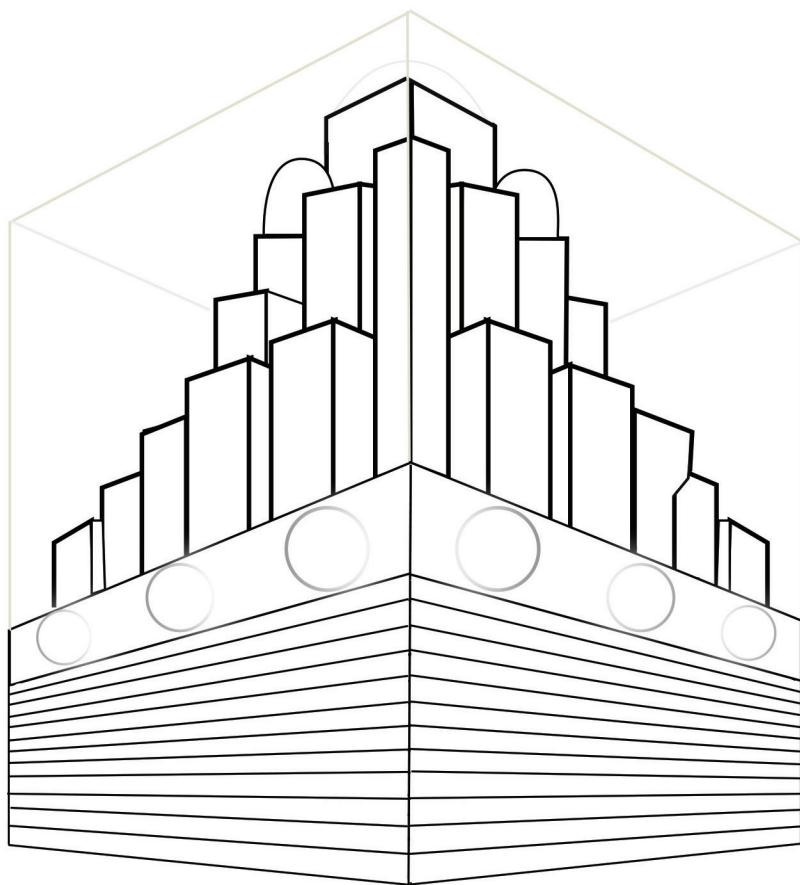
Step 8: Cut out the 5 "Saints" figures below by cutting along the straight, solid base lines BUT cutting *outside* of the curved figure lines.

Step 9: Fold along the dotted line at the bottom of each "Saints" figure to form a base for the figure.

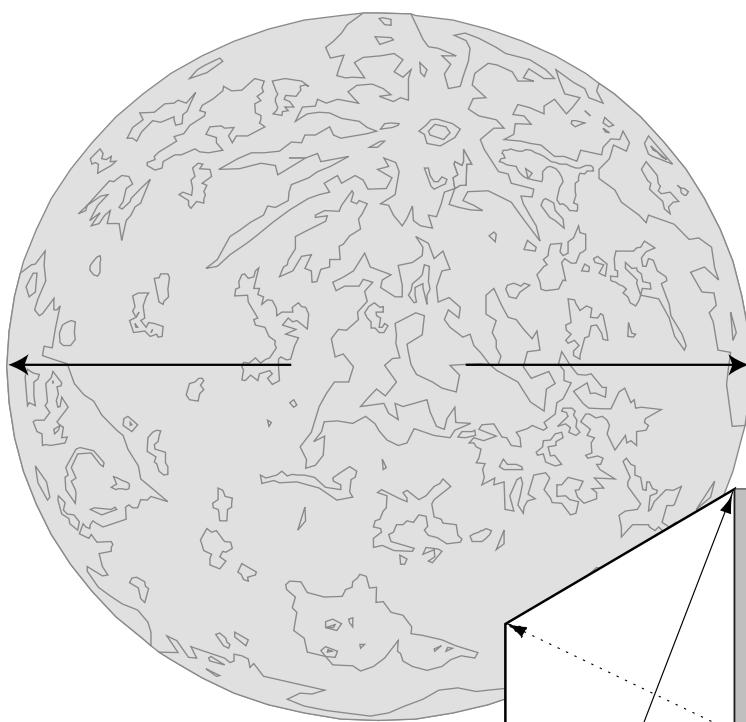
Step 10: Tape or paste the bases of the "Saints" figures to the "Base" piece of the altar to form a completed assembly similar to fig. A.



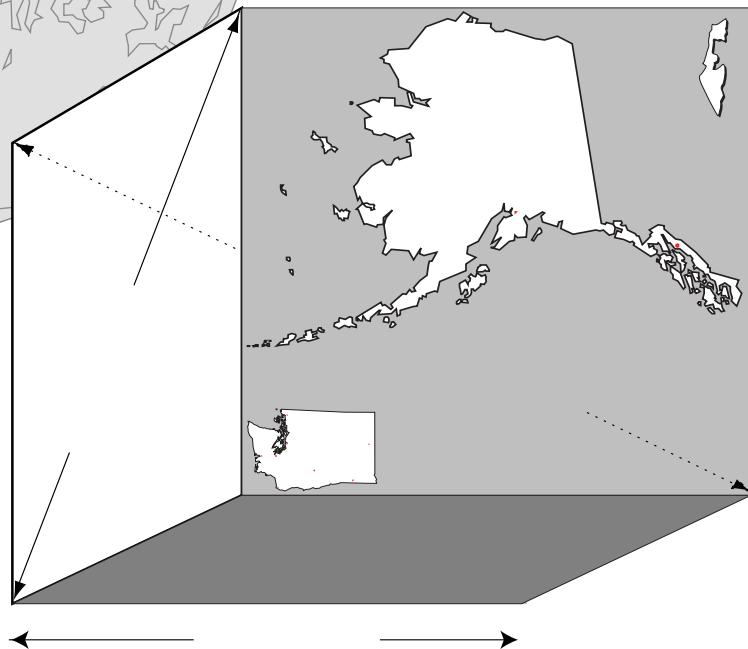
New Jerusalem Suspended Above the Earth, Revelation 21



Notes On
John's Vision of the New Jerusalem
In Revelation 21



*The Moon &
a Cube the Dimensions of
the New Jerusalem,
approximately to scale*



The surface area of the earth

= 197,272,000 sq. miles.

The land area of the earth

= 49,318,000 sq. miles.

Surface area of a cube-shaped New Jerusalem =

13,500,000 sq. miles.

If the city were divided into floors,

with the ceiling of each floor 1 mile high,

= 3,375,000,000 sq. miles,

New Jerusalem's floor space would

or 68 times the land area of the earth.



Michael Fights the Dragon, Revelation 12

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The Woman Clothed in the Sun, Revelation 12

Notes On
John's Vision of The Woman Clothed in the Sun
Revelation 12