

# *APOCALYPSE!*

## *Session 2*

*"The Keys of Death"*

*Rev. Ch. 1-3*



**“APOCALYPSE / APOCALYPTIC”**

*REVELATION is  
NOT about the end of the world!!!!*





# **“APOCALYPSE / APOCALYPTIC”**

**1) Prepare Don't Predict**

**2) Prayerfully Persevere in Persecution!**



# 4 LAYERS AT WORK IN REVELATION

- **Past** (*what HAS happened – Historical Context*)
- **Present** (*what IS happening*)
- **Future** (*what WILL happen – Eschatological*)
- **LITURGICAL**



Part 1 of 2

# Revelation



# REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

- Faithful Witness
- Firstborn of the death
- Ruler of Kings of the Earth
- Who loves us
- Who made us into a Kingdom
- Who made us priests to God our Father
- ...Coming on clouds; one whom they pierced...
- ALPHA and OMEGA
- Who IS, who WAS, who IS TO COME
  - (3 layers; Past, Present, and Future...message for ALL those times, because Christ actively WORKING in all times)



# “COMING ON THE CLOUDS”

- *Revelation 1:7 “Behold He is coming among the clouds....”*
  - ***Luke 21:27***
  - ***Mark 13:26***



**“..THEY WILL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY  
HAVE PIERCED...”**

- John 19:37 - Jesus on the Cross
- Zechariah 12:1-9
  - *Hope and Repentance*





# FIRST VISION – *THE LORD'S DAY*

- Liturgical Context
- **7 Lampstands**
  - MENORA in Temple
  - Candles in Worship



# TWO-EDGED SWORD (...IN MOUTH???)



## **HEBREWS 4:12-13**

“Indeed, the WORD of GOD is LIVING and EFFECTIVE, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of his heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account”

## **EPHESIANS 6:17**

“...the sword of the spirit which is the word of God...”

*IMAGE will come up AGAIN in Revelation 19:15*

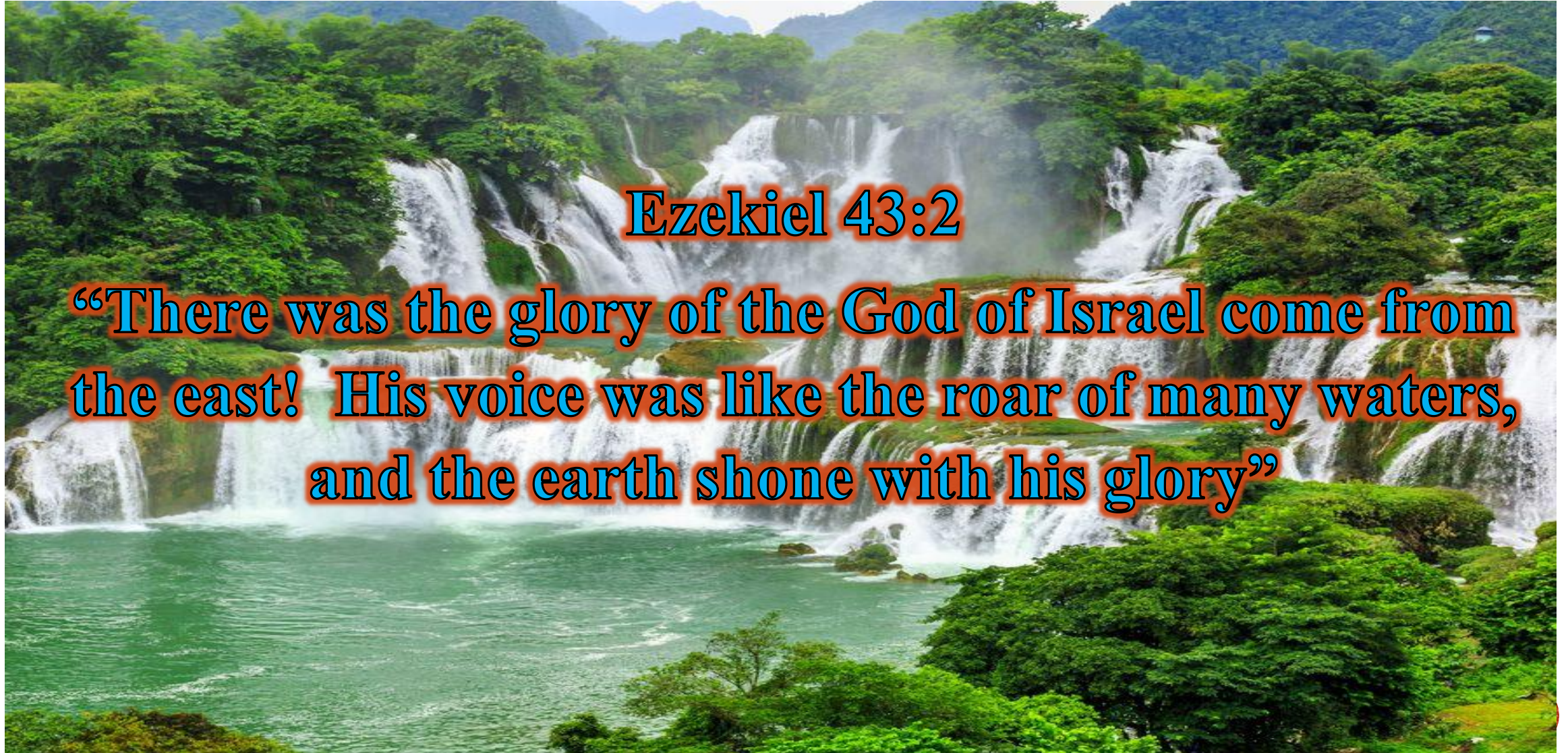




# VOICE LIKE RUSHING WATER

**Ezekiel 43:2**

**“There was the glory of the God of Israel come from the east! His voice was like the roar of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory”**



# **THE SON OF MAN**

## **Daniel 7:13-14**

“...Coming on the clouds, one like the Son of Man...”

## **Transfiguration**

Matthew 17:2

“...And [Jesus] was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light...”





# Son of Man







**“I HOLD THE KEYS TO DEATH AND THE  
NETHERWORLD”**

***-REVELATION 1:18***



# 7 LETTERS (STRUCTURE)

- “To the angel of the church of \_\_\_\_\_ write/say this...”
- “...The ONE who (Title/description of Jesus) says this...”

*...Text of letter (Encouragement and/or Call to Repent...*

- “...The VICTOR will receive \_\_\_\_\_ ....
- “...Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit has to say to the Churches!”



# 1) EPHESUS

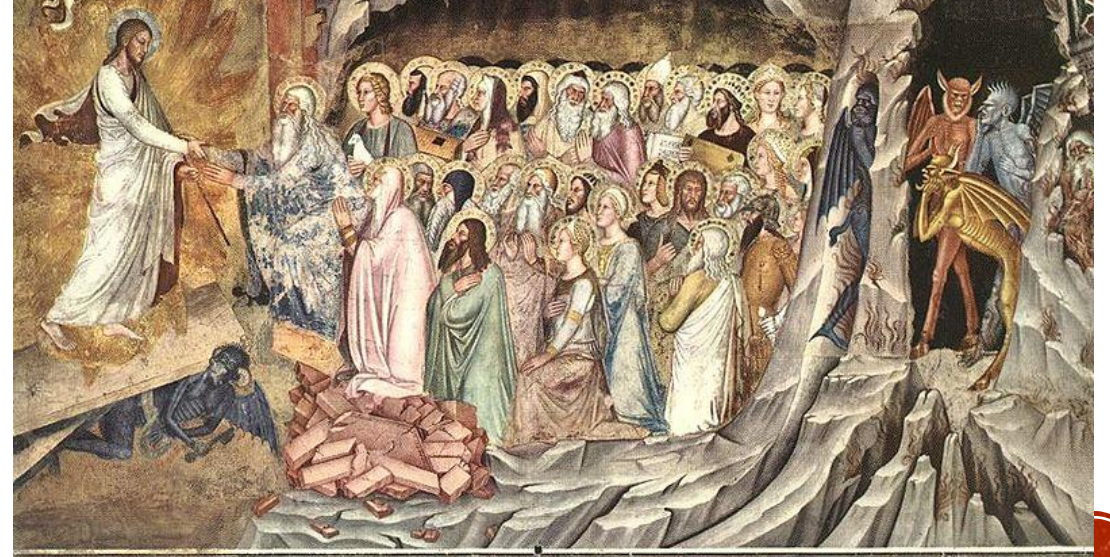
- **One who holds 7 stars and walks among 7 lampstands**
  - *Encouragement*
  - *Repent (First love lost...)*
- **Victor**
  - **Eat from the Tree of Life**





## 2) SMYRNA

- One who is **FIRST** and **LAST**; who **DIED** but **CAME TO LIFE**
  - *Encouragement*
- **Victor**
  - Shall **NOT** be harmed by **SECOND DEATH**



### 3) PERGAMUM

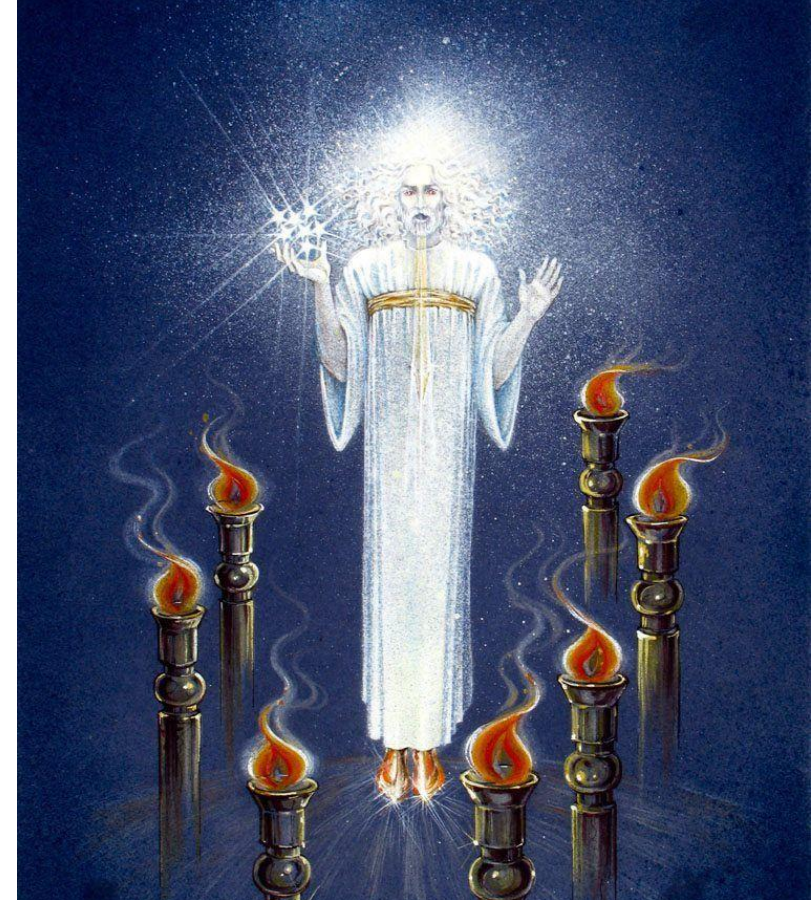
- **One w. TWO-EDGED SWORD**
  - *Encouragement*
  - *Repent (from Heresy and Idols)*
- **Victor**
  - **Hidden Manna,**
  - **White Stone/Amulet**





## 4) THYATIRA

- **One w. Eyes like Flame**
- **Feet like Brass**
  - *Encouragement*
  - *Repent (false teachings of Jezebel)*
- **Victor**
  - **Authority over Nations**
  - **Morning Star**



## 5) SARDIS

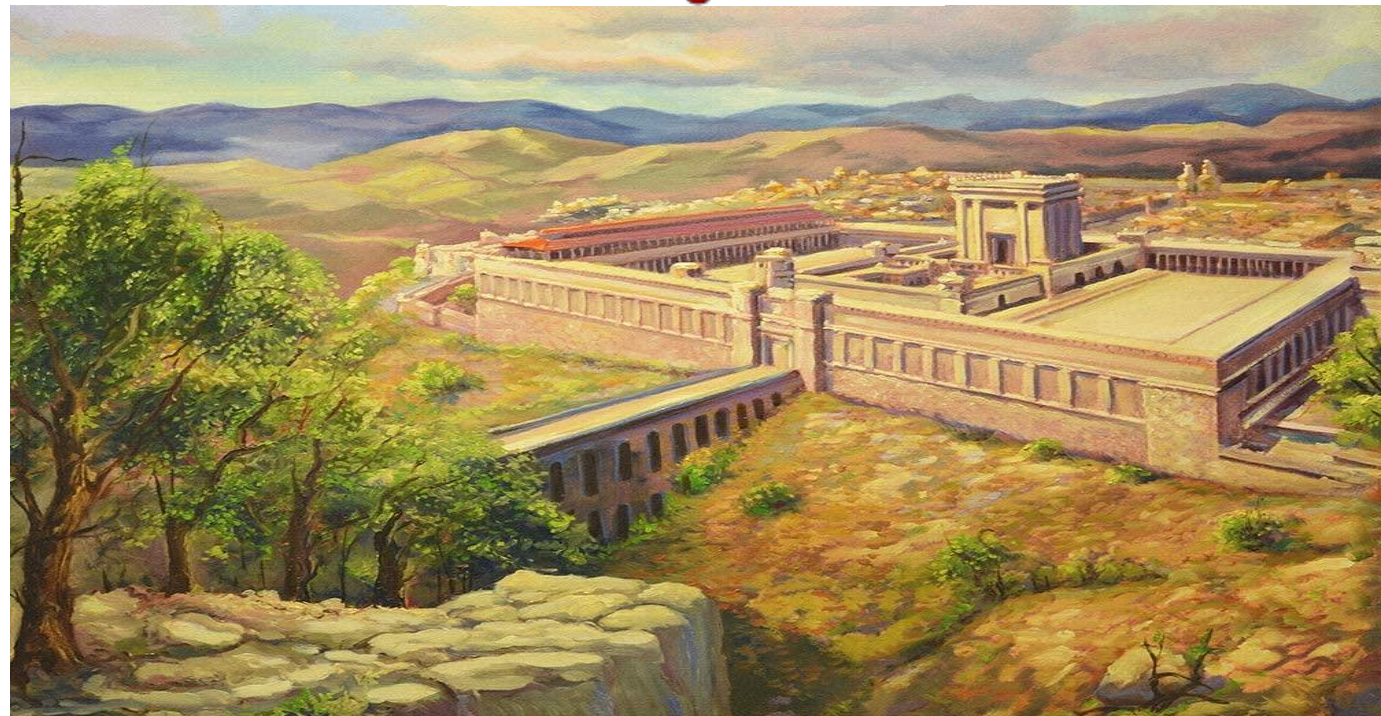
- **One with**
  - **7 spirits of God**
  - **7 Stars**
  - *Repent (Keep watch...soiled garments)*
- **Victor**
  - **White Garment**
  - **Book of Life**





## 6) PHILADELPHIA

- One who **HOLDS KEY** of **DAVID**
  - *Encouragement*
- **Victor**
  - **Pillar in Temple of God**





# 7) LAODICEA

- **“Amen,”**
  - **“Faithful and True Witness”**
  - **Source of God’s Creation**
  - *Repent! (Lukewarmness)*
- **Victor**
  - **Sit with me on the Throne**

