



REVELATION

The Prologue

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.



Call to the Word
Rev 1:1-3

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



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introduction

Eschatology: Study of Future Things

Parousia: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Apocalypse (apokalupsis): unveiling



Introduction

Old Testament - Christ in Prophecy

Gospels: Christ in History

Acts: Christ in the Church

Epistles: Christ in Experience

Revelation: Christ in Glory - Behold He Reigns



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Blessed (oh, how happy and to be envied) is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keeps those things which are written in it; for the time is near



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prologue

“Revelation” (apokalupsis): ‘unveiling’

“... which must shortly come to pass”

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Prologue - Rev 1:1

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The Author: John

- Wrote five books of the NT
- Brother of “Big” James
- “Son of Thunder”
- Fisherman



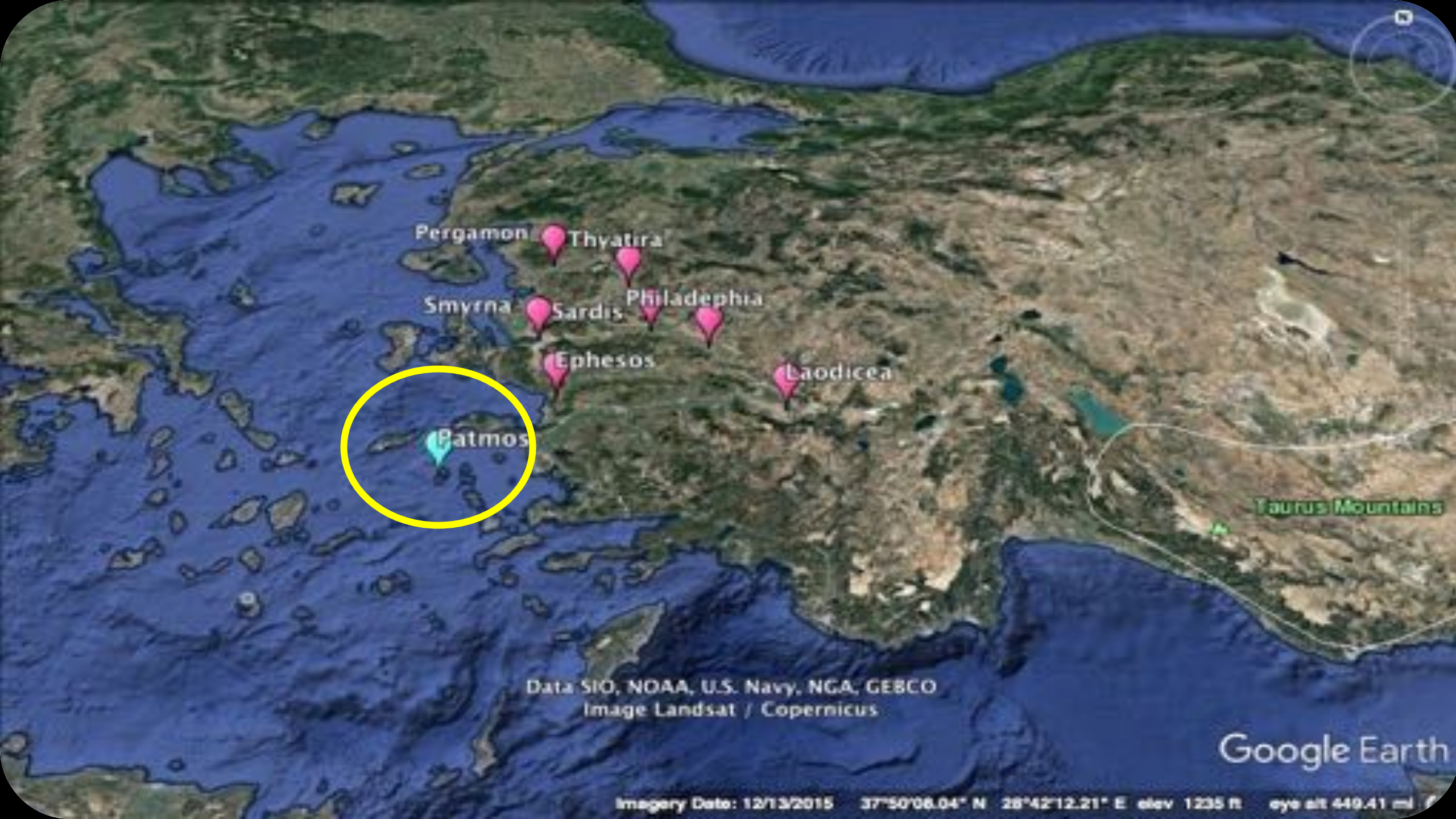
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The Author: John

- Well connected
- Part of the Inner Circle
- Faster Runner than Peter



Prologue - Rev 1:1



Pergamon Thyatira
Smyrna Sardis Philadelphia
Ephesos Laodicea

Patmos

Taurus Mountains

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
Image Landsat / Copernicus

Google Earth

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The Author: John

Exiled to Patmos by Domitian

Retired at Ephesus

Only Disciple to die a natural death



Prologue - Rev 1:1

The Record

- Catastrophic End to the present age
- Spectacular reappearance of the King of Kings in His global empire
- Internment of Satan in the Abysson



Prologue – Rev 1:2

The Record

- Millennial earth-reign of Christ
- Final insurrection and the abolition of sin
- New heaven and New Earth



Prologue – Rev 1:2

The Blessing

Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [*in the assemblies*] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [*it read*] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [*heeding them and laying them to heart*], for the time [*for them to be fulfilled*] is near

The Blessing

- The Creator becoming man and His appearance is the Central Event of all history!
- Matt 5:17-18, Rom 15:4, Act 17:11, Pro 25:2



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alternate views

Alternate Views

- Preterist – Only Applied to the 1st Century Church
- Historical – only recapping history
- Idealist (allegorical) Christ reigns in our hearts
- Futurist – prophetic
 - Rev 1:3; 22:7,10,18,19



Prologue – Rev 1:2

Alternate Views

- Avoid dogmatism!
- Rom 14:3-5



Prologue – Rev 1:2

The background is a close-up of a wooden surface with a prominent grain. In the center, there is a carved design featuring a fish at the bottom and a sunburst or fan-like shape above it. The fish is oriented horizontally, facing left. The sunburst consists of many thin, radiating lines. The entire scene is rendered in a warm, brownish-orange color palette.

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reflections

- We Have an Active Expectation

Titus 2:13

“You cannot come to any other conclusion than to say He wants us living each and every day looking for His coming.” (Courson)



reflections

- We are to Purify our Lives

1Jn 3:2-3

Ask Him to become in thee the fountain of purity! If He is thy constant study, the quality of His character will become thine.



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- We Can Endure & Persevere

Jesus Wins!

Php 2:9-11



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