



REVELATION

A Vision & Commission / Revelation 1:17-19

*Call
to the
Word*

Rev 1:17-19



And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

Call to the Word - Rev 1:17-19

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.
Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

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"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."

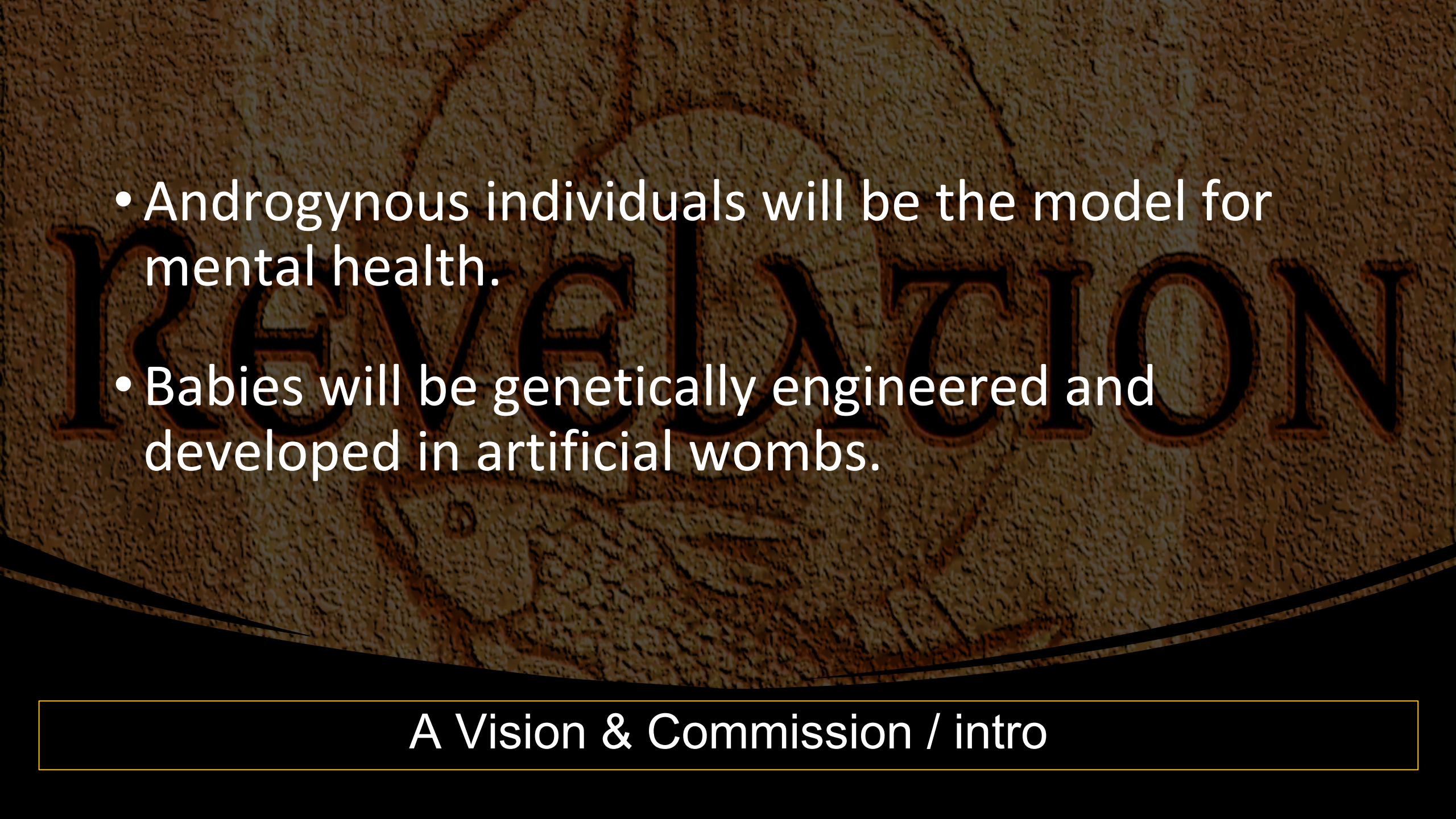
– John Wayne

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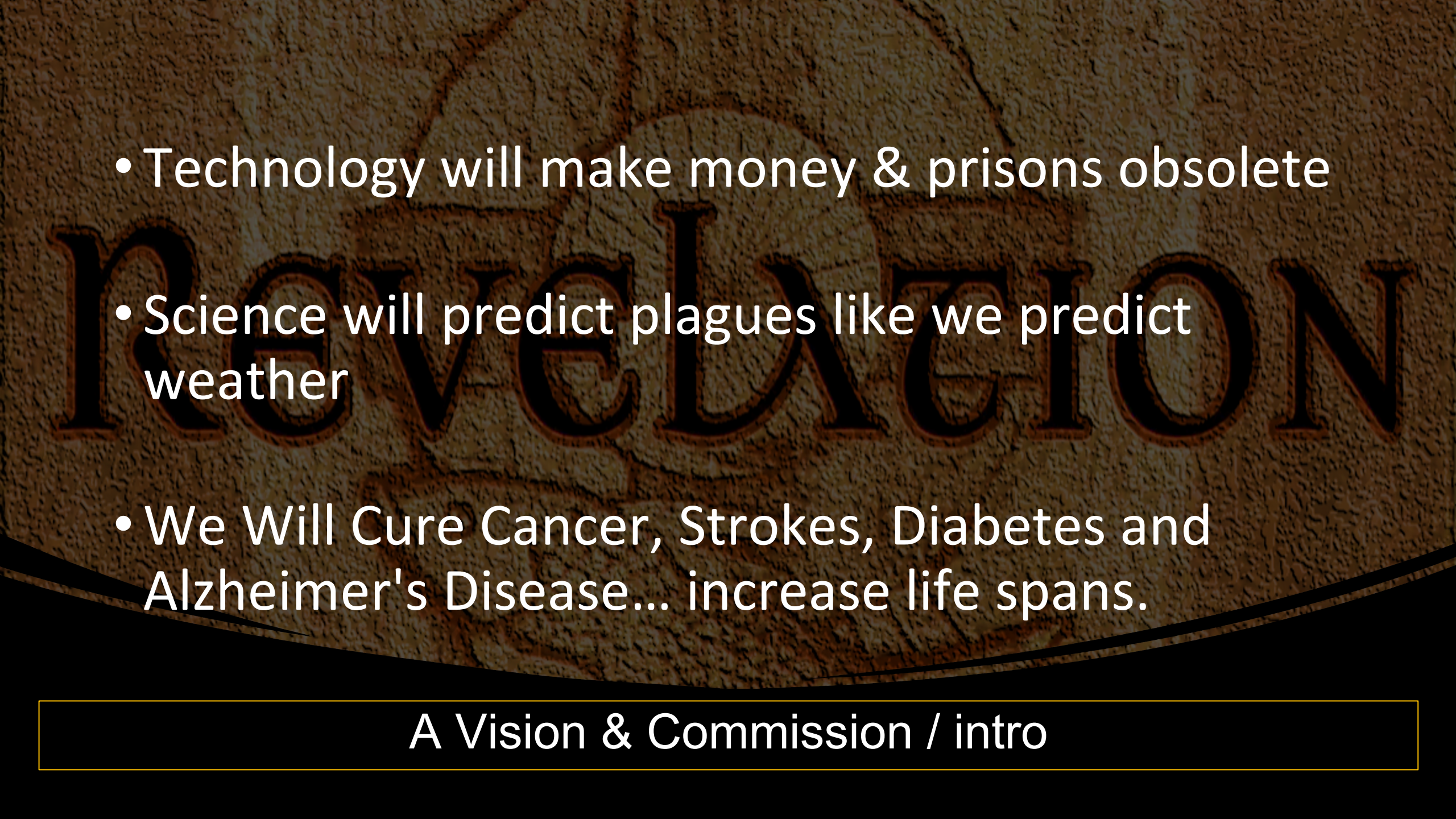
"The future will soon be a thing of the past."

~ George Carlin

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- Androgynous individuals will be the model for mental health.
 - Babies will be genetically engineered and developed in artificial wombs.

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- Technology will make money & prisons obsolete
 - Science will predict plagues like we predict weather
 - We Will Cure Cancer, Strokes, Diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease... increase life spans.

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*“Here is the last great chapter in human history
written before it ever happened.”*

(MacArthur)

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History Timeline

future

past

You are here!



background

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Rev 1:17-19



*60 years after the
crucifixion & resurrection of Jesus*

17 years of persecution under Domitian

*The Church could have been well on the brink of
losing all hope. (MacArthur)*

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Jesus is coming, and He's coming not to be scoffed at and mocked and killed again; He's coming in full glory. He comes to deliver the world - the universe from the wicked, from sin, from demons, from Satan, and from death."

(MacArthur)

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The Fear

Rev 1:17



Fell at His feet as dead

Collapsing, being overcome by terror or
astonishment

Fear... Rev 1:17

God's presence is an overwhelming, overpowering,
inescapable power

Dan 10:7 – 9

Eze 1:28; 3:23

Eze 43:2-3

Fear... Rev 1:17

*“... he (John) is looking at the Ancient of Days.
He’s looking at God, whose countenance shines
like the sun.
He’s looking into the eyes of the judge of all the
earth,
eyes that burn and flame like fire.”*

Fear... Rev 1:17

*“(Just as an) insect would not be expected
to live in the furnace of the sun,
no sinful mortal can look into the face of God;
no man’s ear can hear the voice of the Almighty
...because of his own destruction, because of his sin.
He fell like a dead man at the feet of Christ.”*

(unknown)

Fear... Rev 1:17

Rev 6:16-17

And they called to the mountains and the rocks,
Fall (**before**) us and hide us from the face of Him
Who sits on the throne and from the deep-seated
indignation *and* wrath of the Lamb For the great
day of His wrath (**vengeance, retribution,
indignation**) has come, and who is able to stand
before it? (AMP)

Fear... Rev 1:17

Mat 17:-6

Greatly Afraid: most translations render that phrase: “terrified”

It’s the normal reaction of someone who has really seen the resurrected, ascended, glorified Christ: awesome fear, holy fright.

Fear... Rev 1:17

The Assurance

Rev 1:17



He laid His right hand on me

“The right hand being ever contemplated in Scripture as the hand of power ... it is only fit that with the right hand of the Lord that (John) should be strengthened and revived.” (Spurgeon)

Ps 17:7, 20:6, 63:8; Isa 41:10, 13

Assurance... Rev 1:17

He laid His right hand on me

“We know, when he touches us, that he is man as well as God; and the familiar touch, which brings him so consciously near our spirit, makes us glad and joyous, and we become strong again.”

(Spurgeon)

Assurance... Rev 1:17

...do not be afraid...

LIT: *“Stop fearing, stop being afraid.”*

I AM: *“ego eimi”*

*the Self-Existing, Omnipotent, Omniscient,
Omnipresent God*

Assurance... Rev 1:17c

...I AM alive forevermore...

He is the God of all *eternity*, Lord of *eternity* past and eternity future. He has the credentials of resurrection, and lives to *never* die again.

Assurance... Rev 1:18

...I have the keys of Hades and of Death...

The One with the keys has the authority

“The keys of hell and death are not to lock people up but to set people free.”

Assurance... Rev 1:18

“The Lord holds the keys to that which is imprisoning you, gang. Let this One with the eyes of a warm fire set you free. He has the credentials of resurrection, and lives to never die again. The victory that Jesus won over sin and death was a permanent victory. He didn’t rise from the dead just to die again.” (Courson)

Assurance... Rev 1:18

The Commission

Rev 1:19



Write the things... “provide an outline”

- *The things you have seen...* Chapter 1
- *The things which are...* Chapters 2-3
- *The things which will take place after this...*
Chapters 4 - 22

The Commission... Rev 1:19



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reflections

Come, take Your Commission

“Anyone who has the opportunity to experience God, to see God, to fear God, and to be assured by God has the duty to pass it on.”

Come to Your Senses

The deepest longing of your heart should be to know and enjoy the glory of God.

You were made for this.

reflections

Come to the table

“Don’t be afraid; I am the First and the Last.”

Rev 1:17

reflections

Come to the Living One

*His holy fingers made the bough
That grew the thorns that pierced His brow;
The nails that pierced His hands were mined
In secret places He designed.
He made the forest whence there sprung
The tree on which His body hung;
He died upon a cross of wood,
Yet made the hill on which it stood.*

Come to the Living One

*The throne on which He now appears
Was His from everlasting years -
But a new crown adorns His brow,
And every knee to Him shall bow.
(F. W. Pitt, *Maker of the Universe*)*



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