

# REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## CHAPTER ONE



# **LAST WEEK'S REVIEW**

# WHO WROTE REVELATION?

**The Disciple whom Jesus Loved**

**The only Disciple who witnessed the crucifixion**

- John the Apostle.
- What else do we know about John?

**The writer of the Gospel of John,  
The three Epistles of John,  
Revelation**

# Where was Revelation written?

- The Island of Patmos



# Who were the three women in Revelation?

The Wife of Jehovah (Israel)

The Bride of Jesus (the church)

The Harlot (the false prophets)

# True or False

## Revelation questions:

1. The book of Revelation is sealed and not to be understood in our lifetimes.

**FALSE!**

**REVELATION 22:10**

# **True or False**

## **Revelation questions:**

**The two Incentives of Revelation are:  
To Endure,  
To Overcome.**

**TRUE!**

# **True or False**

## **Revelation questions:**

**The word “Revelation” in Hebrew means:  
To Overcome.**

**FALSE!**

**The word Revelation is the Hebrew translation of the  
word Apocalypse**





*The Revelation*  
*of*  
*JESUS CHRIST*

**Chapter 1**

**1** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

**2** Who bare record of **the word of God**, and of the **testimony of Jesus Christ**, and of all things that **he saw**.

**3** **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear** the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

**Four things this scripture teaches us about what John wrote;**

- 1. The Word of God**
- 2. Direct Testimony of Christ**
- 3. What he saw in his vision**
- 4. There is a blessing in reading, hearing, and keeping the words of this book.**

**4** John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

**5** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**6** And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

There were more than 7 churches in Asia. These churches were selected because they represented what is, what was and that which would come.

There are seven powers mentioned in scripture which are from the spirit of God.

MAP OF THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION (ASIA MINOR)



## Isaiah 11:2, NKJV

- <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
1. The Spirit of wisdom and
  2. understanding,
  3. The Spirit of counsel and
  4. might,
  5. The Spirit of knowledge and of the
  6. fear of the LORD.

## THE SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION:

- . Blessed is he that reads this prophecy (1:3)
  - . Blessed are the dead who die in the lord (14:13)
  - . Blessed is he that watches and is prepared for the lords coming (16:15)
  - . Blessed are those bidden to the lamb's marriage supper (19:9).
  - . Blessed is he that has part in the first resurrection (20:6)
  - . Blessed is he that keeps the words of this book (22:7)
  - . Blessed are they that wash their robes (KJV) "do his commandments") (22:14).
- SEE NOTE SESSION

Verses 5 & 6 establish the authorship of Christ, not only on the book but on the epistles to the churches as well.

Christ is given three titles in verse five.

**“The Faithful Witness”,**

**“The First Begotten of the Dead”,**

**and the “Prince of the Kings of the Earth”.**

Because of these titles Christ is able to give us the title of

**“Kings and Priests unto God his father”.**

Because of his death burial and resurrection he has glory and dominion forever.

Amen closes the segment of the scripture.



**7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.**

**8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**9** I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

These two verses identify Christ as the beginning and the end, book marking time, as well as repeating the theme of Christ representing the past, the present and the future, with all power in his hand.

Verse 9 gives the readers the location of the writer John, and his assertion that Jesus was the one giving John the testimony.

**10** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

**11** Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Again the phrase Alpha and Omega are repeated.

Christ is establishing/repeating his claim to eternity and everlasting power.

His words are to be recorded and shared with the 7 chosen churches of Asia Minor.

Verse 11 shuts down the thought that Revelation cannot be understood. Why would Christ tell John to send letters to churches that could not be understood?



# **The Description of Christ**

## **Revelation 1:12-16**

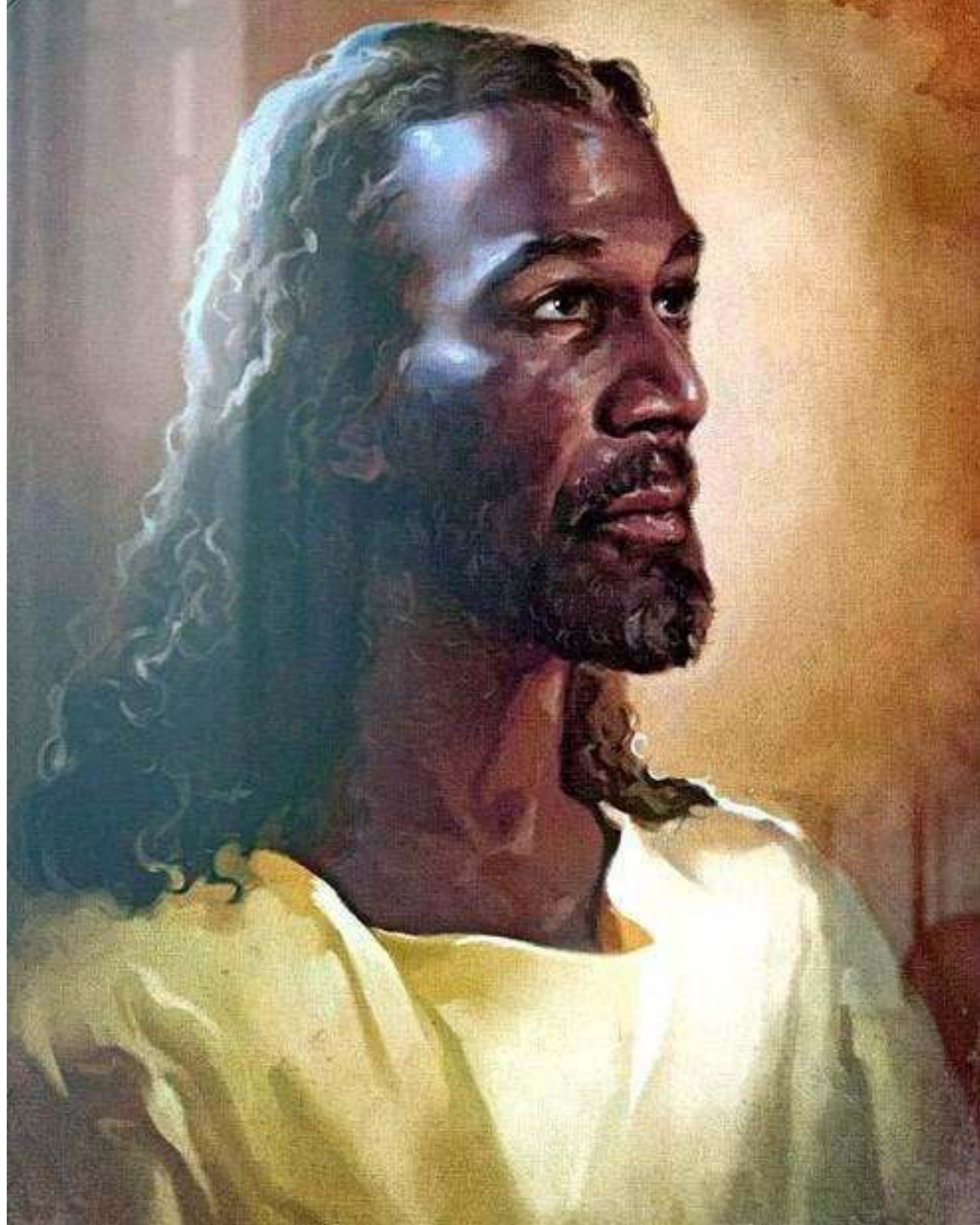
**12** And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

**13** And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

**14** His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

**15** And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

**16** And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.



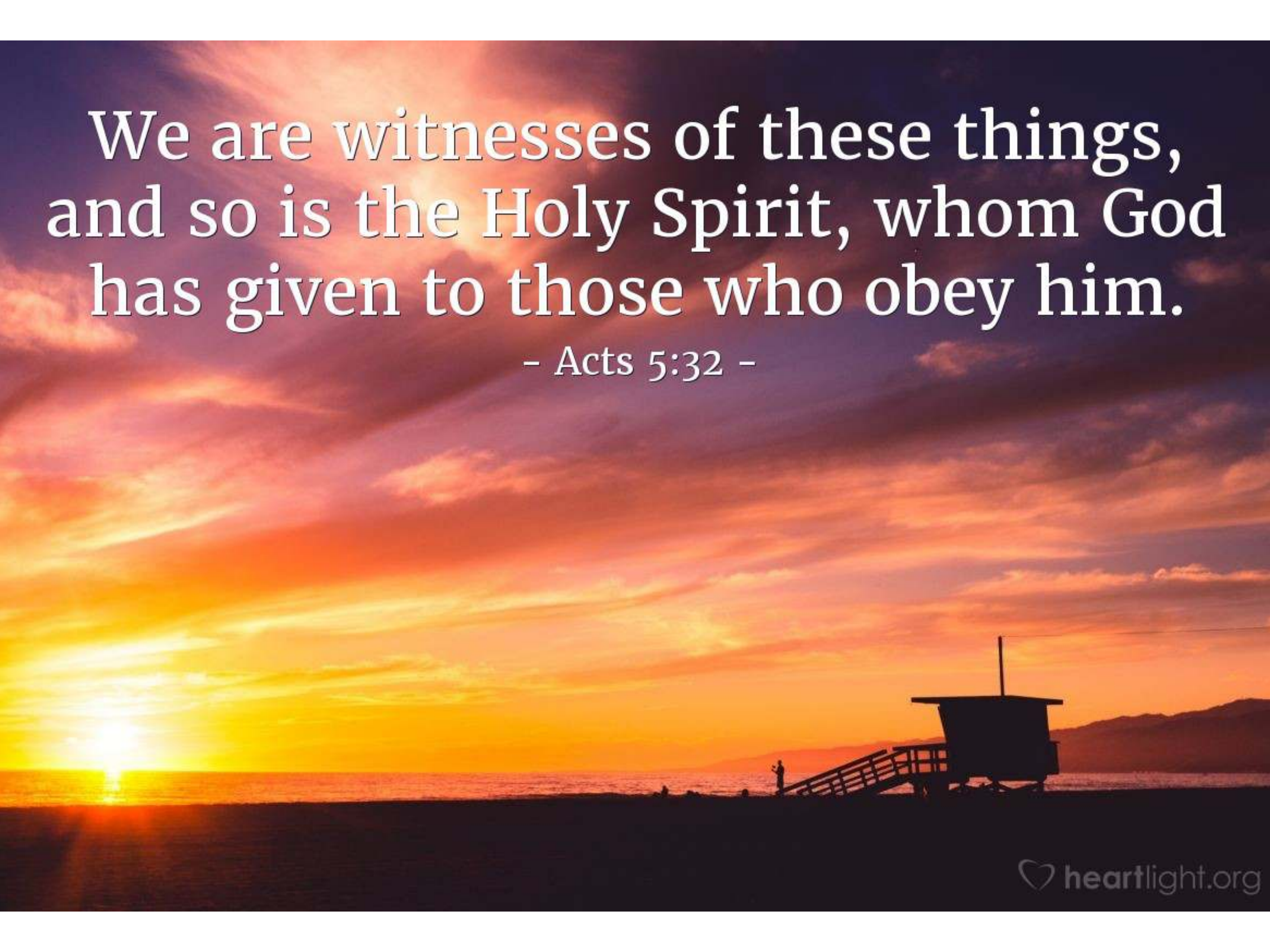
# John's Reaction and Christ's Instruction

**17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not;** I am the first and the last:

**18** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; **and have the keys of hell and of death.**

**19** Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

**20** The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

A sunset over the ocean with a lifeguard stand silhouette. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a lifeguard stand with a ramp and a person standing nearby is visible against the bright background.

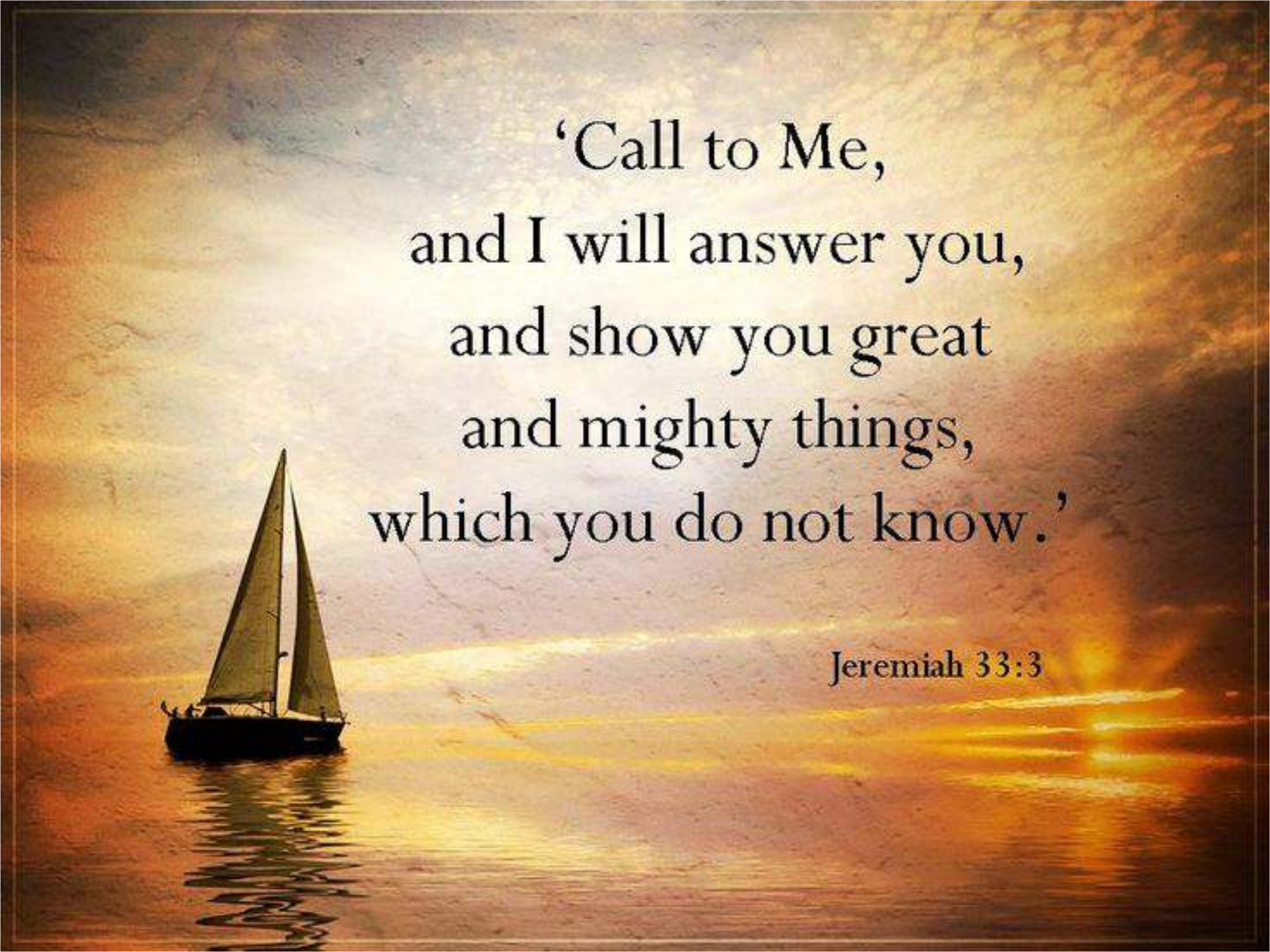
We are witnesses of these things,  
and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God  
has given to those who obey him.

- Acts 5:32 -

A scenic view of a coastline with a lighthouse on a hill. The lighthouse is white with a blue roof and is situated on a grassy hill overlooking the ocean. The sky is a soft, hazy blue, suggesting dawn or dusk. The foreground is dominated by tall, dry grasses and a path leading towards the lighthouse. The ocean is visible on the left side of the image, with waves crashing against the rocks.

when he,  
*the Spirit of truth,*  
is come,  
he will guide you  
*into all truth*

JOHN 16:13

A sailboat with two sails is on the water, silhouetted against a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

‘Call to Me,  
and I will answer you,  
and show you great  
and mighty things,  
which you do not know.’

Jeremiah 33:3