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# REVELATION

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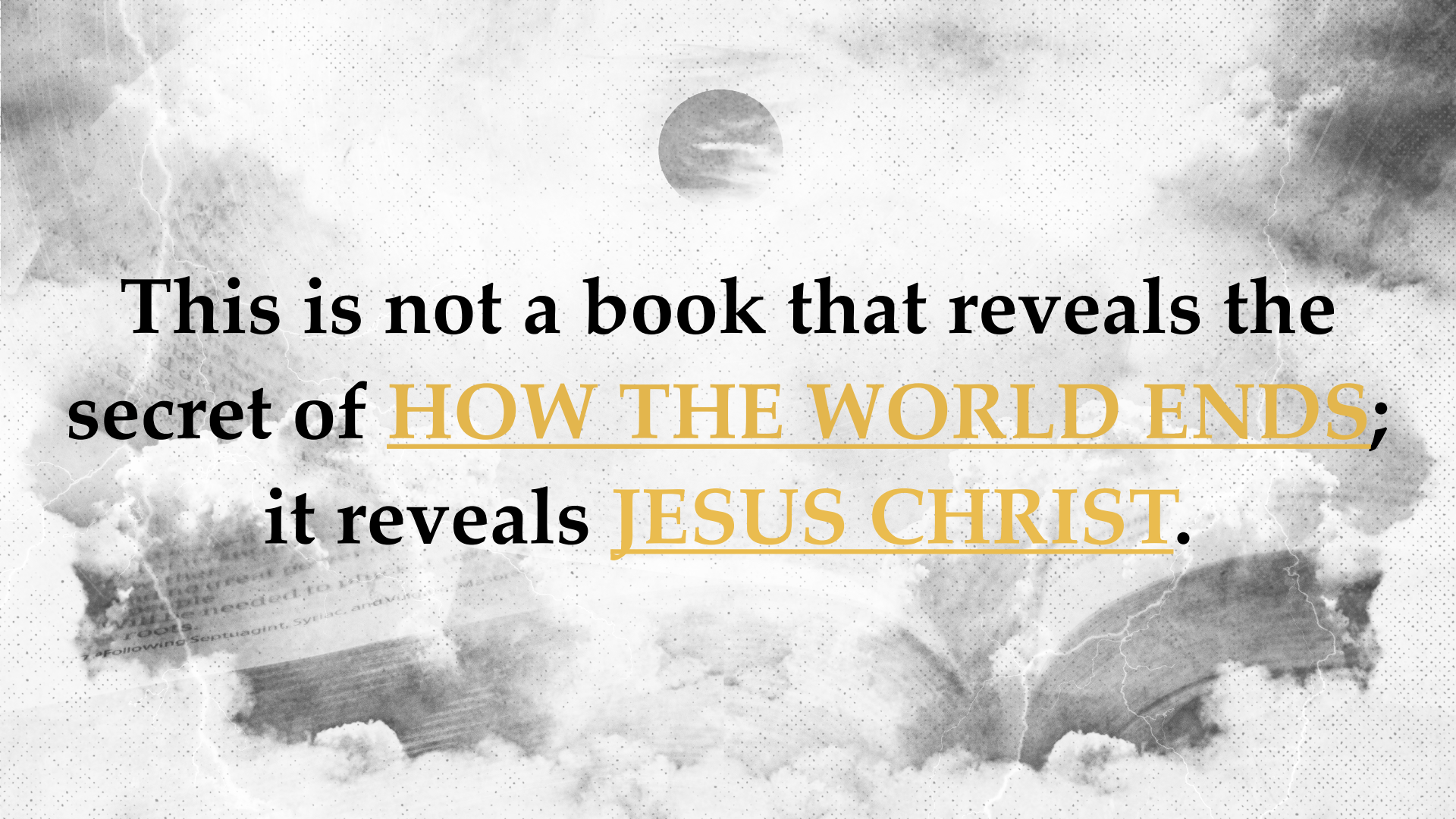
**“An Apocalypse, Oh My!”**

**Revelation 1:1-8**

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**An apocalypse PULLS BACK THE CURTAIN, unveiling what was previously hidden from our eyes; it is a gracious, heaven-sent disclosure that ENABLES US TO SEE from a divine perspective, uncovering how God is working His will on earth as He is in heaven.**



**This is not a book that reveals the  
secret of HOW THE WORLD ENDS;  
it reveals JESUS CHRIST.**

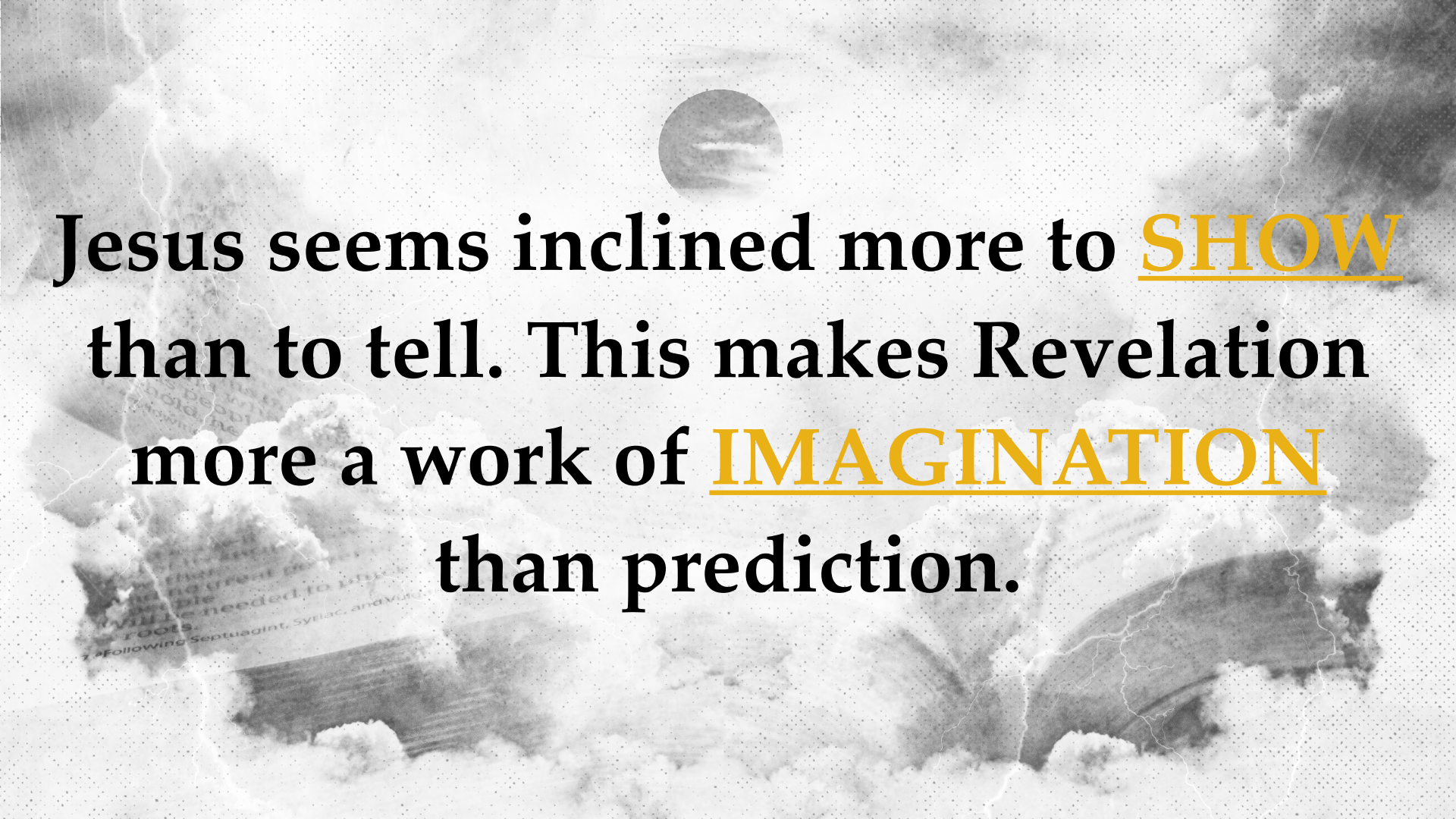
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**God → Jesus → an angel → John**  
**→ 7 churches in Asia Minor**  
**→ all Christ's servants**

**This text was written FOR us, but not  
TO us. If we want to interpret  
Revelation rightly, we must understand  
how it would have been perceived and  
received by its FIRST-CENTURY  
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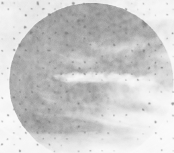


Jesus seems inclined more to SHOW  
than to tell. This makes Revelation  
more a work of IMAGINATION  
than prediction.

## **Revelation 1:3 (ESV)**

3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

- It offers us the PROMISE of salvation, justice, and future renewal.
- It discloses a PATTERN to history.
- Its aim is PREPARATION.



Events are **IMMINENT** (already in motion, certain to come to pass, but the exact timing is uncertain; nothing now impedes fulfillment).

**As we consider the “soon-ness” of Christ’s coming, know that God’s calendar is not like our calendar.**

**Know that any “slowness” we perceive on God’s behalf is in fact evidence of His grace.**

“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance... Count the patience of our Lord as salvation.”

**(2 Peter 3:8-9, 15)**

## **Revelation 1:4 (ESV)**

4 John; to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

## **Revelation 1:5-6 (ESV)**

5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father; To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

"And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD." (**Isaiah 11:2**)

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## **Revelation 1:7 (ESV)**

7 See, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

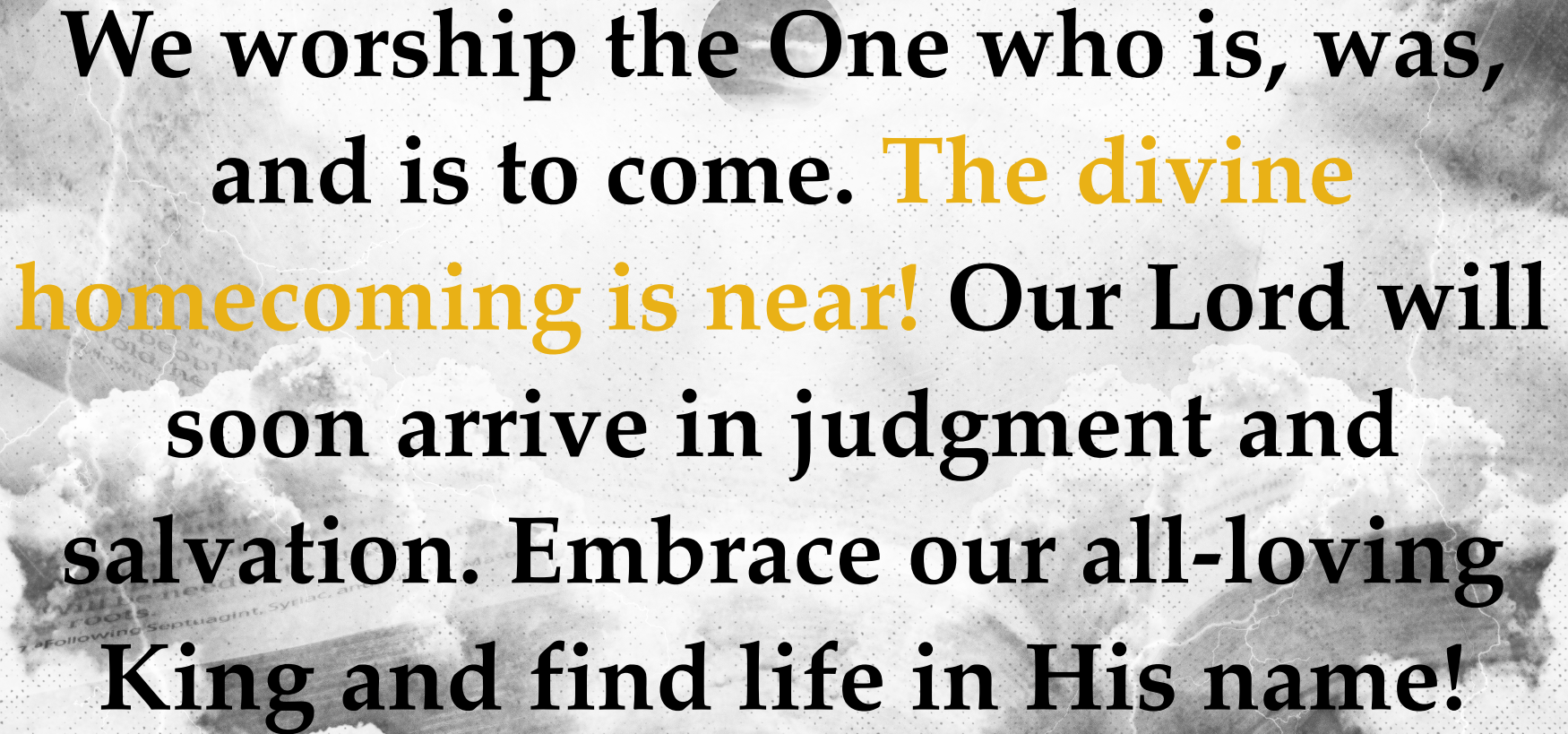
"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)

## **Revelation 1:8 (ESV)**

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

## **Revelation 21:3-5 (ESV)**

3 “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”



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