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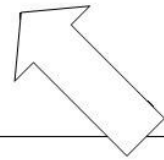
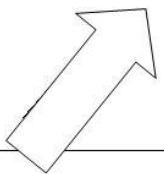


UNVEIL

YESHUA

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT



REVELATION

- *Apokalypsus* = destructive ending OR unveil a mystery
- Firm connection needed between OT and NT to understand Revelation
- 1Cor. 10:1 – 12
- *Acharit ha'yamim* = end of the age or End Times
- Paul believed he was living in the End Times
- End Times is the fulfillment of OT prophecy

***“Revelation makes known what we cannot know...”* Apringius**



- Many viewpoints on how to interpret Revelation
- Gibberish
- Confusing
- Firm and inflexible
- Why so many interpretations? A blind eye by Christian academics towards the Old Testament
- Too many as yet unrealized prophecies to be too rigid in our views

REVELATION CHAPTER 1: DIVINELY INSPIRED or DIVINELY GIVEN?

INSPIRED



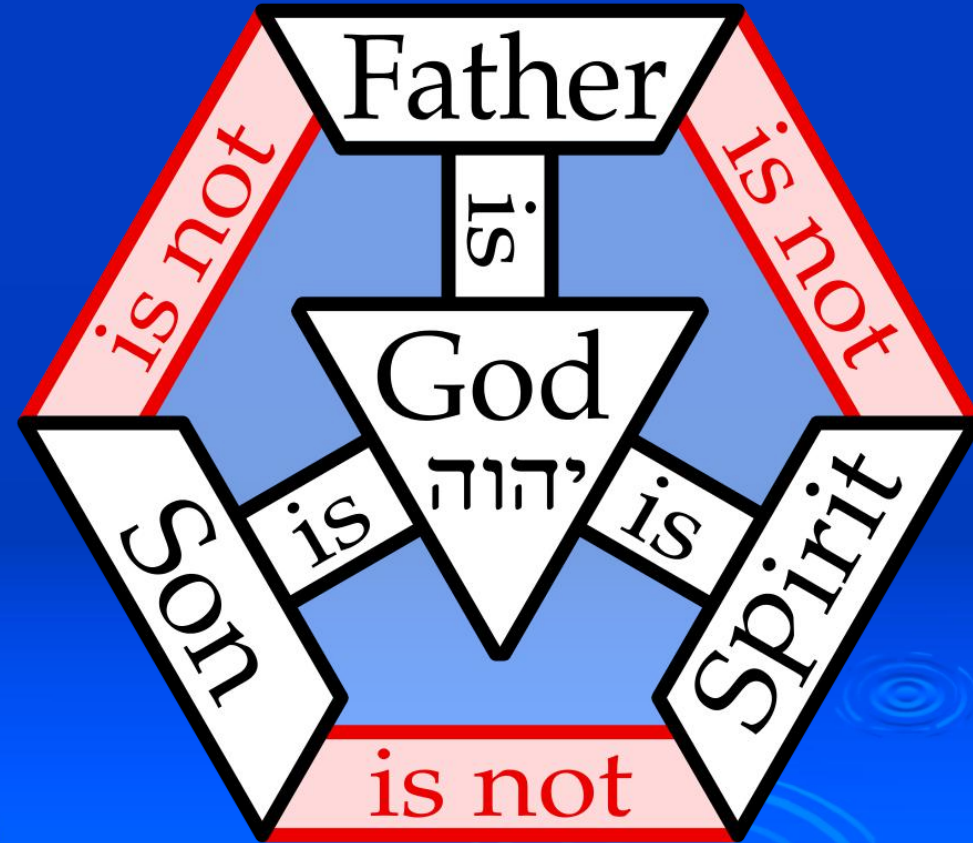
GIVEN



- “Divinely inspired” is a class of authority
- Human thoughts divinely led or influenced
- Christ’s words are a higher level of authority
- Divine words and instructions without human mediation (oracles and visions) a higher level
- Revelation given to John by God, as with OT Prophets

JOHN'S VIEW OF THE GODHEAD

- GOD gave this vision to Yeshua !
- Did God pass along the vision to Himself?
- Yeshua is 2nd in a chain of 5 steps
- In the Bible “God” is used to refer to: 1) God the Father (Yehoveh) and/or 2) The Godhead
- The “throne vision” of the Father on His throne and Yeshua to His right hand indicates a “senior” and “junior” position of authority
- God’s actual/complete nature and substance are unknowable to humans



THE BLESSING OF THE REVELATION

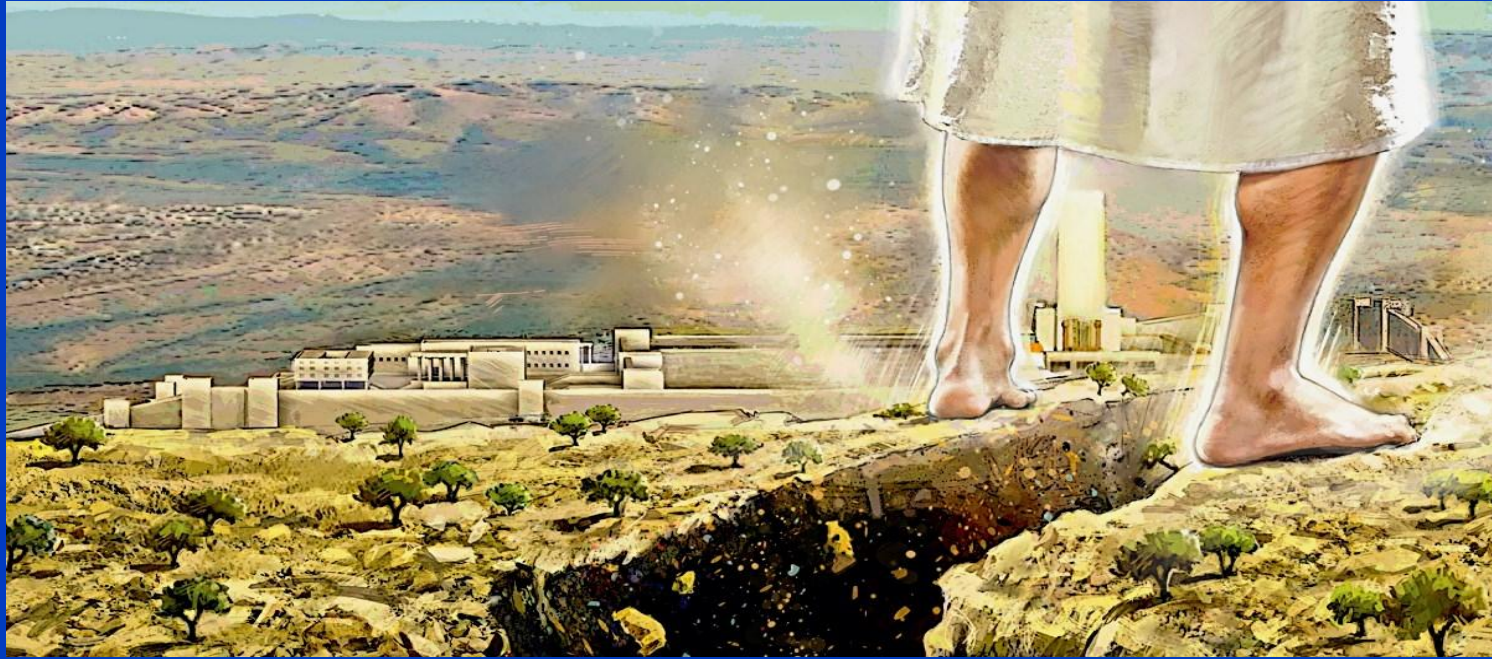
REVELATION 1:3

- The nature of the promised blessing is not explained
- BUT.....it is conditional on our obedience to what is written in Revelation
- If we do not understand, or refuse to obey, we cannot receive the blessing
- 7 blessings in Revelation: chapters 1, 14, 16, 19, 20 and 2 blessings in chapter 22
- ***Shema*** = hear and obey!
- Obedience is God's love language

SEVEN LETTERS REVELATION 2-3

- 7 congregations in Asia
- NOT the 7 “churches”; “church” is not there
- *Ekklesia* = a gathering of citizens called out from their homes to some public space; an assembly
- The nature of the 7 letters is hotly debated
- Some say the letters are purely symbolic
- The 7 letters are to 7 actual congregations to address actual conditions present in those congregations

WHO IS “COMING”?



- Greetings on behalf of 3 “entities”: 1) One who is, was, and is coming 2) Sevenfold Spirit 3) Yeshua
- Zechariah 14:1 – 9
- Everywhere in Zechariah 14 that English Bibles say Lord or Adonai, in Hebrew it says YHWH !! YHWH is The Father
- A true mystery because John and Zechariah say that YHWH is “coming”

WHAT IS THE SEVEN-FOLD SPIRIT?

- Can also be translated as 7 spirits
- Judaism says that there are 7 Archangels
- Holy Spirit probably better fits the context
- Yeshua: faithful witness and firstborn from dead
- He witnessed to God's saving grace
- Firstborn is an office and a status; does not mean He was the first to be resurrected



BELIEVERS AS “PRIESTS”



- Doctrine is that gentile Believer “priests” will replace Levite priesthood
- Due to belief Church has replaced Israel
- Levites not part of Israel since the Exodus
- Ezekiel 44:10 – 16
- The Millennial Temple
- Descendants of Tzadok, an heir of Aaron
- Priest is a person set apart for service to God
- In that sense, all Believers are priests