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¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
² who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, whatever he saw.

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

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⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the affliction, kingdom, and endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

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The Cabot Times

Who: John the Disciple (v.4)

What: Prophetic Letter of Encouragement (v.3)

When: About 60 years after Jesus' Death

Where: The Island of Patmos (v.9)

Why: Because of his witness (v.9)

How: Vision (v.10)



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¹² Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me. When I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was one like the Son of Man,, dressed in a robe and with a golden sash wrapped around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair of his head was white as wool — white as snow — and his eyes like a fiery flame.

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¹⁵ His feet were like fine bronze as it is fired in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of cascading waters. ¹⁶ He had seven stars in his right hand; a sharp double-edged sword came from his mouth, and his face was shining like the sun at full strength.

Daniel 7

⁹ “As I kept watching, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was white like snow, and the hair of his head like whitest wool. His throne was flaming fire; its wheels were blazing fire.



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¹¹ “I watched, then, because of the sound of the arrogant words the horn was speaking. As I continued watching, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to the burning fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was removed, but an extension of life was granted to them for a certain period of time.

Daniel 7

¹³ I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him.



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¹⁴ He was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom; so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

THE SYMBOLISM OF JOHN'S VISION

- ROBE OF A KING/JUDGE - SIGNIFIES POWER
- WHITE HAIR SIGNIFIES ETERNITY
- BLAZING EYES SIGNIFY THE ABILITY TO SEE ALL
- BRONZE FEET SIGNIFIES JUDGEMENT (ALTER)

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- VOICE LIKE RUSHING WATER SIGNIFIES SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY & POWER
- SEVEN STARS IN HIS HAND SIGNIFIES PROTECTION
- TWO-EDGED SWORD REPRESENTS HIS HOLY WORD
- SHINING FACES SIGNIFIES BLESSING AND JUDGEMENT

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John 13

²³ One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining close beside Jesus.

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¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me and said, “Don’t be afraid. I am the First and the Last,” ¹⁸ and the Living One. I was dead, but look — I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Matthew 16

¹⁷ Jesus responded, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah,, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Matthew 16

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.”

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¹⁹ Therefore write what you have seen, what is, and what will take place after this.

²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

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