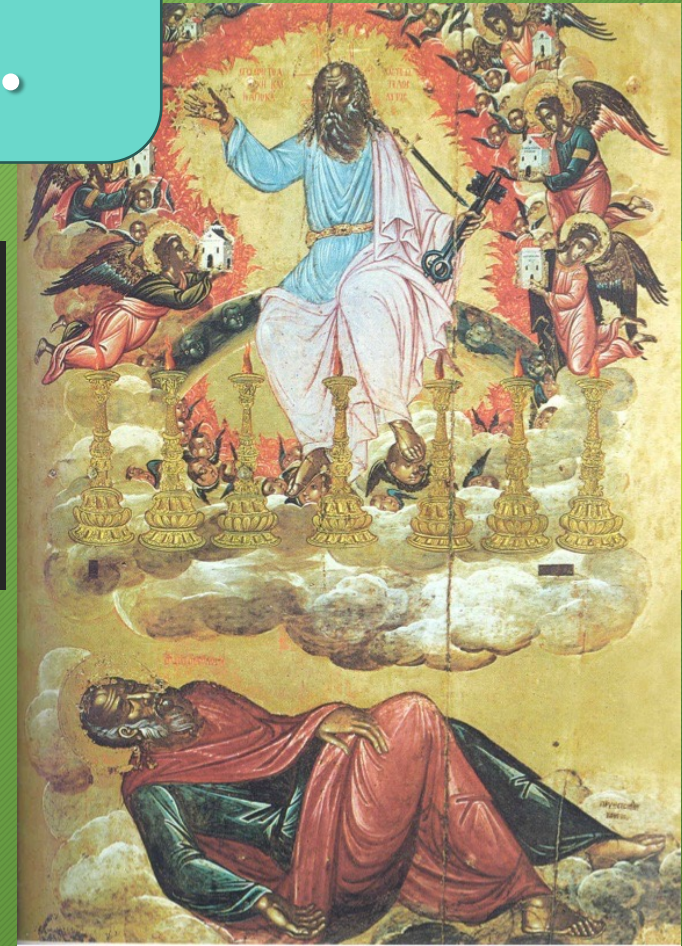


Revelation is meant to (1) be a BLESSING
and (2) it should be KEPT (or obeyed).

God's Revelation to John

*...from Jesus Christ, which God gave him...
...made known by sending an angel...*



Returning to Revelation



1) The Revelation is a BLESSING [1:1-3] (7x!)

Blessed... are those who keep (or obey in NET/NLT).

...are

Keep the original audience in mind:

Bles

No need to be dogmatic over debatable details.

...are

There are clear details from the 7 Churches of Asia. (19:9)

...is

Let the prophecy *edify* as intended. 1 Cor 14:1-12

Blessed is the one who obeys this prophecy. (22:7) (22:14)

...are those who wash their robes so they may enter heaven.

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2) The Revelation Should Be Obeyed

What does obeying Ch 1 look like? Be a holy priesthood!
Remember Jesus' example & patiently endure.

What does obeying Ch 2-3 look like? Overcome with Jesus.
Churches can be good, bad, & often include both.
We need to conquer our unique temptations.

What about obeying Ch 4-5? Worship with enthusiasm!
How excited are we about The Father & The Son?

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3) Why Does John Write This Way?

He's using OT language to write about NT realities.
+800 allusions in 404 verses. 28 of 39 OT books.

The Gospels are also known in NT books.

John's language sounds like Mt 24, Mk 13, Lk 21.

It's an artistic depiction of [2 Tim 3:10-17].

Let this prophetic letter bless our view of the world.

And may God help us to obey this victorious prophecy!