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2017 MESSAGE SERIES

38 ESSENTIAL PASSAGES IN UNDERSTANDING GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY, & YOUR STORY.



LAST WORDS...

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are important to us,

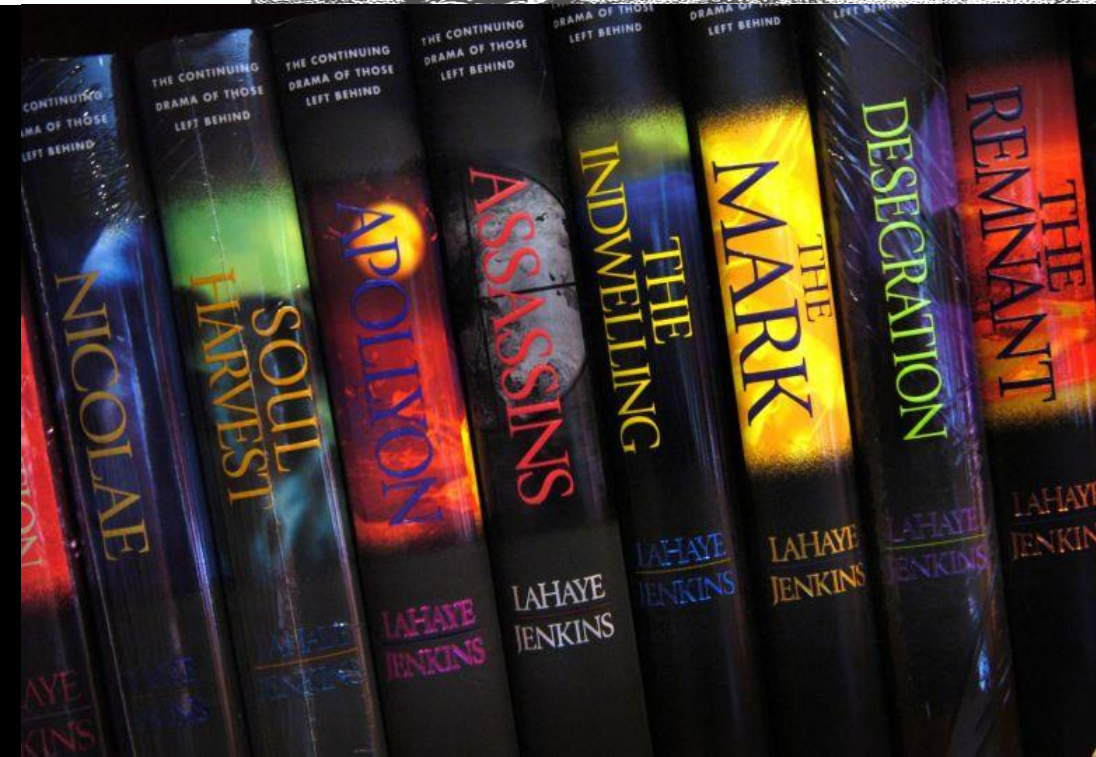
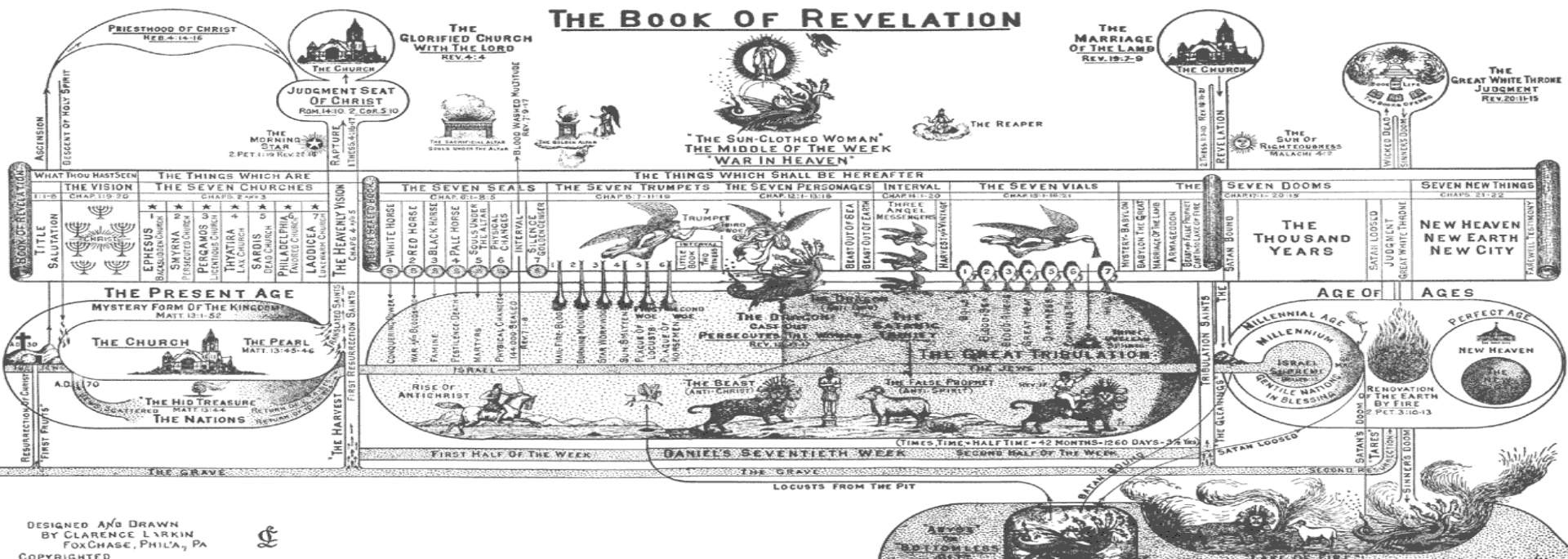
shape us.

If God were to give us
His **LAST WORDS**, what
would they be?



The Big Idea:

Because Jesus is coming back,
you can **always** find the
strength to keep going!



“Revelation is not a crystal ball revealing esoteric secrets that enable one to escape the harsh realities of life on earth, but a down-to-earth manual on how to be a disciple of Jesus facing the harsh realities of life on the earth.”

Darrel Johnson

Revelation = *“To Pull Back”*

The Person:

“The revelation from Jesus Christ...”

Rev. 1:1



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The Picture:

“The throne of God and of the Lamb.”

Rev. 22:1

“The Throne is the dominant image in the book of Revelation always letting us know there is a place of Supreme authority, a controlling power to the universe. When the emotion of fear grips the heart of the disciples of Jesus, John is saying, ‘look to the Throne and to the one who occupies it.’”

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The Purpose:

“To the one who Overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I Overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

Rev. 3:21

“Revelation has one basic burden: to enable the followers of Jesus to ‘overcome’. To overcome the Beast, seductive wealth and pleasures of the world system and the fear that holds people captive by the fear of death... Revelation enables the followers of Jesus to overcome by painting a Glorious vision of God and the victorious Lamb.”

Darrel Johnson

So what are God's
LAST WORDS?



Jesus- *“I am coming soon!”*

*God knows we need
Hope and Urgency!*

“Hope is the opposite of despair, and so much more than wishful thinking. Hope understood is a ‘sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.’ Hope is the conviction that despite what we may see and experience life is not meaningless. Because of God, there is order amid the chaos; there is a Divine story driving all things to culmination.”

Sky Jethani

Because Jesus is coming back...

*We will never regret a
life of deep devotion to
the church of Jesus Christ!*

The church is:

The Spiritual light of the World

God's army against spiritual evil

Messengers of hope to the world!





Question:

*What is the next step
that God is asking you to
take in the local church?*

Because Jesus is coming back...

*We can worship as God
created us to worship!*

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“God created us as continual worshipers. The question is not if we worship, but what we are worshiping—what we are giving our hearts to. Being a worshiper is a core human **identity** before it ever expresses itself in **activity.**”

Paul Tripp

Question:

*What is the ultimate
controlling factor of your
life? (...because that is
what you worship.)*

Because Jesus is coming back...

*We must take God's
commands for holiness
very seriously!*

“Holiness is something the Christian through the new birth has an instinct for, but needs to learn through experience...Christians learn holiness from their battles for purity of heart and a righteous life.”

J.I. Packer

Because Jesus is coming back...

*We must learn to
discern God's will from
his Word.*

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve (discern) what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” Rom. 12:2

*We don't get ready for
Jesus' return in a day,
but we get ready daily!*