



Rev: 1:3 CEV. God will bless everyone who reads this prophecy to others and He will bless everyone who hears and obeys it. The time is almost here'

(Prophecy must have a moral content)

The first thing John sees when he looks to see who is speaking is 7 lamp stands.
(Symbol of Israel)

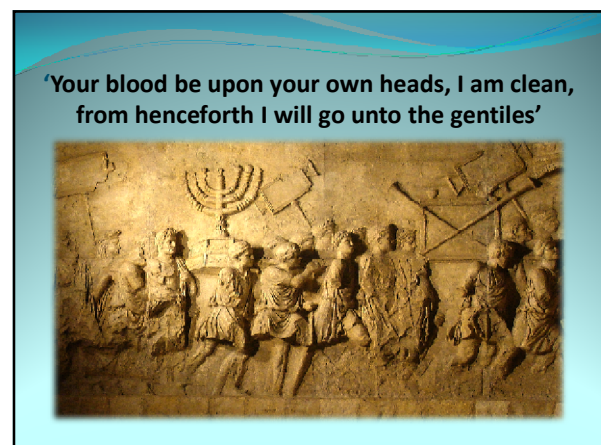
John is seeing the seven churches/ecclesias who are in Asia Minor.
(Gods people in Asia – Not Jerusalem)



Modern Israel's Coat of Arms



The symbol is Jewish - the location is Gentile



THE LAMP STAND

And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. (Exo 25:31-37)

A structure that has branches, buds, flowers and fruit – it's a tree.

A tree that bore almonds but was fuelled by olives !

THE LAMP STAND

A tree that contained the products of two fruit.

A tree that showed progression and growth

From a bud to a blossom.
From a blossom to a fruit.

The almond is natural - the olive infused.
Both working together to provide light in Gods house.

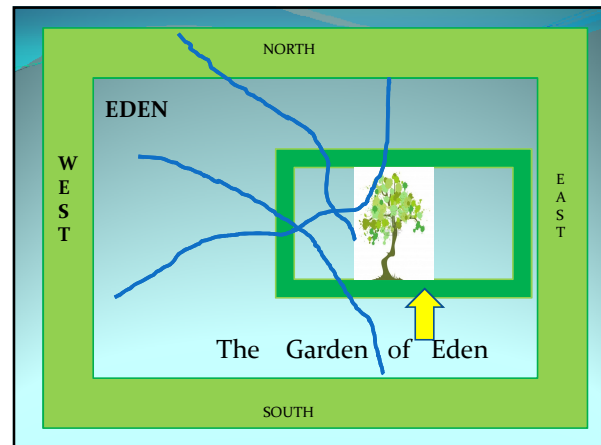
Rom 11:17 'You Gentiles are like branches of a wild olive tree that were made to be part of a cultivated olive tree. You have taken the place of some branches that were cut away from it. And because of this, you enjoy the blessings that come from being part of that cultivated tree. But don't think you are better than the branches that were cut away. Just remember that you are not supporting the roots of that tree. Its roots are supporting you.'



GOD'S MISSION STATEMENT

And God said, 'Let us make man in our **image**, after our likeness: and let them have dominion

So God created man in his own **image**, in the **image** of God created he him; male and female created he them.




GOD DWELLING WITH HIS CHILDREN IN EDEN

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Before Expulsion




Something innocent died.

Eden stained by blood

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

The Way Back

'... drove out the man, and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to protect the way of the tree of life.'

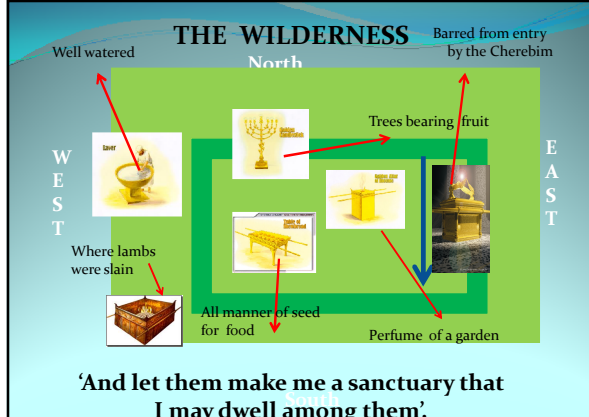


THE GARDEN OF EDEN

THE REST IS HISTORY

THE WILDERNESS

Barred from entry by the Cherebim



'And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.'

A tree that brought forth life



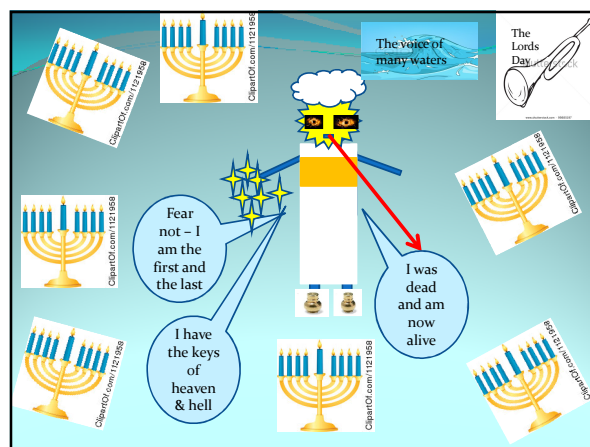
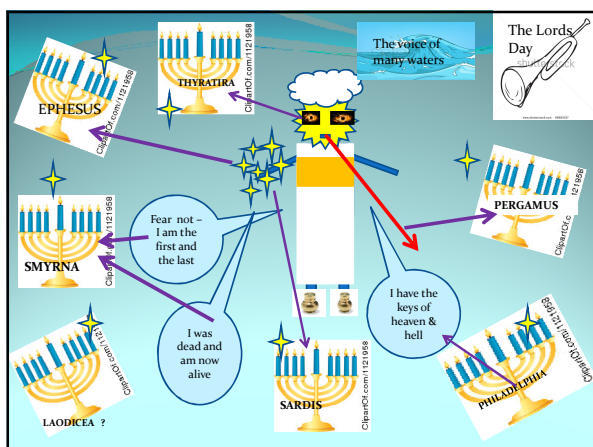
Protected by the Cherubim
No-one allowed access except the high priest once a year.

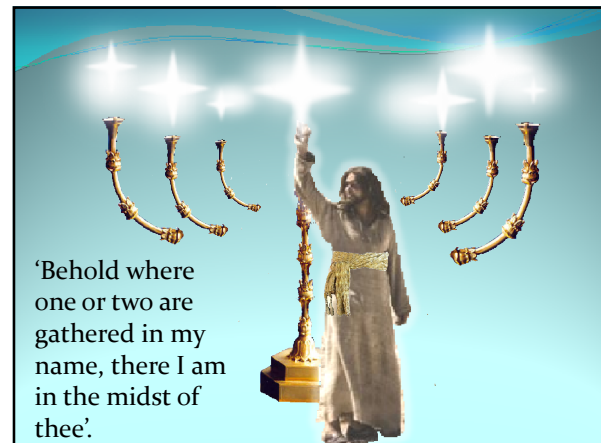
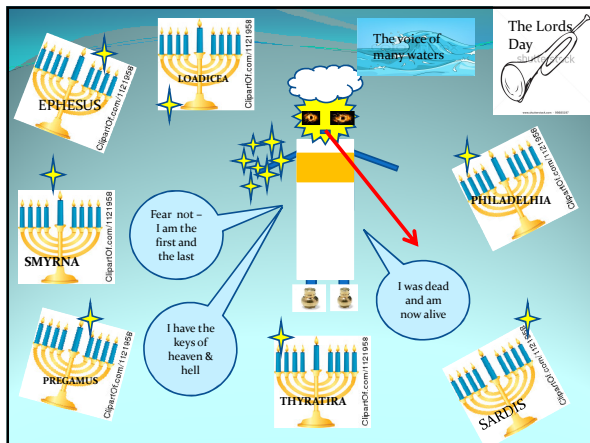
Solomon's Temple



Note the two pillars

The criteria
for entry
into the
tabernacle
was to be
like a priest





'Behold where one or two are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of thee'.

Philadelphia

Established in BC 189 by Attulus II, king of Pergamus, in honour of and for the love of his older brother, Eumenes II, king of Lydia.

Hence the name 'Philadelphos' meaning literally 'for the love of his brother'.

'EUMENES. was thought to be slain by a conspiracy of Perseus. That report being brought to Pergamum, Attalus his brother put on the crown, married his wife, and took upon him the kingdom. Hearing afterwards his brother was alive and upon the way, he met him, as he used to do, with his life-guard, and a spear in his hand. Eumenes embraced him kindly, and whispered in his ear: - "If a widow you will wed, Wait till you're sure her husband's dead." - But he never afterwards did or spoke any thing that showed any suspicion all his lifetime; but when he died, bequeathed to him his queen and kingdom. In requital of which, his brother bred up none of his own children, although he had many; but when the son of Eumenes was grown up, he bestowed the kingdom on him in his own lifetime'

Plutarch: Sayings of kings and commanders.

PHILADELPHIA

Originally a gateway to the east.

Subject to frequent earthquakes – geographically a very unstable area.

It became part of the Roman Empire in 133BC and it was about this time that Jewish people began to live there.

It is thought there was quite a large Jewish population living in Philadelphia in the 1st century.

The Romans forfeited taxes to allow the citizens to finance the rebuilding of the city after In BC 17 when it was almost fully destroyed by an earthquake.

It was included in the Decapolis as of the 10 cities.

Modern day city of 'Allashehir' - Beautiful city of God.

Isa 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Isa 22:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah:
 Isa 22:21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
 Isa 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.
 Isa 22:23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.
 Isa 22:24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.
 Isa 22:25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

The ruins of Philadelphia



The prophecy will soon come to pass – in our lives.

Jesus finds the whole spectrum of ecclesial behaviour amongst his people and we need constantly to examine ourselves to see where we stand ecclesially and individually in this prophecy.

He that has an ear, let him hear
 what the spirit says unto the churches.

We can be Philadelphians or Laodiceans.
 We can be gentiles or Jews.

The choice is ours.

Israel – Light to the World



ECCLESIA	IMAGERY /JESUS	COMMENDATIONS	COMPLAINTS	CONSEQUENCES	REMEDY	OUTCOME
Ephesus	Jesus with 7 stars amidst the lamp stand. Lampstand = temple	Patient. Cannot bear evil. Discerned true apostles from false. Laboured and not fainted Hated the Nicolaitan teaching	Left first love.		Repent and do 1 st works Remember where you have fallen	Given to eat of the tree of life. Genesis
SMYRNA	Jesus the 1 st and last who was dead and is alive	You are rich despite tribulation and poverty. Jesus aware of the blasphemy of false Jews / synagogue of Satan.	None	Do not fear what you will suffer even though some will be thrown into prison		Be faithful and you will get crown of life. Priests mitre
PERGAMUS	Jesus with a sharp two edged sword	Have not denied the faith even to being martyred (Antipas) despite living in Satan's power base	Teachings of Balaam causing people to eat things sacrificed to idols and commit fornication. Some supported Nicolaitan teaching	Jesus will come quickly and fight them with the sword of his mouth	Repent	Given hidden manna and a white stone with a new name who no man knows but him.
THYATIRA	Son of God with eyes like a flame of fire and feet like burnished metal	Love, service, faith, patience and works	Allows Jezebel to teach and cause servants to go astray and commit fornicating and eat idol sacrifices.	Jezebel and her supporters and those that commit adultery will be thrown into great affliction and her children will be killed	Do not embrace Jezebels doctrine or Satan's teaching. Hold fast with truth until Jesus returns	Jesus will give power to his people over all nations. They will receive the morning star.

ECCLESIA	IMAGERY OF JESUS	COMMENDATIONS	COMPLAINTS	CONSEQUENCES	REMEDY	OUTCOME
SARDIS	Jesus with the 7 spirits of God and 7 stars	None	You look alive but you are dead. Your works are found wanting	Jesus will come as a thief in the night	Repent and hold fast. Be watchful. Strengthen the things that are dying.	The few faithful will walk in white clothes and their names will not be blotted out of the book of life but will be confessed before God and his angels.
PHILADELPHIA	Jesus who is Holy and true and holds the key to David's kingdom and opens and shuts the doors	Little strength. Kept the word and not denied Jesus. Kept the word and were patient	None	Given an open door that no one can shut. The enemy shall worship them and know that they are loved of God. Kept from temptation		Given the crown. Pillar in the temple of God. God's name written on them and the name of New Jerusalem which comes from heaven.
LAODICEA	Jesus the faithful, true witness, the head of the creation of God	None	Neither warm nor cold. Rich with many goods but unaware that you are miserable, poor, naked and blind	They will be spewed out of the mouth of Jesus	Repent Buy gold tried with fire so that you may be rich and clothed in white. Anoint your eyes and cover your nakedness	Jesus will come in and dine with them and they will sit at the throne of Jesus.