



The Revealing

**Of Blessings to Seven Churches
(For our Benefit)**

Introduction

Today -

- I am the first and the last' the living One; and I was dead.
- Behold, I am alive forevermore.
- Seven Stars, Seven Lampstands.
- Letters to the Churches:
 - Ephesus
 - Smyrna
 - Pergamum
 - Thyatira



Jesus Christ



In Revelation Chapter 1, Jesus Christ is portrayed:

- I am the first and the last (!!!)
- ...the living One; and I was dead.
- behold, I am alive forevermore.
- and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Son of Man / Son of God



The One who holds the
seven stars in His right
hand, the One who walks
among the seven golden
lampstands, says this:



[Revelation 2: 1 NASB]



The Seven Church Cities of Revelation

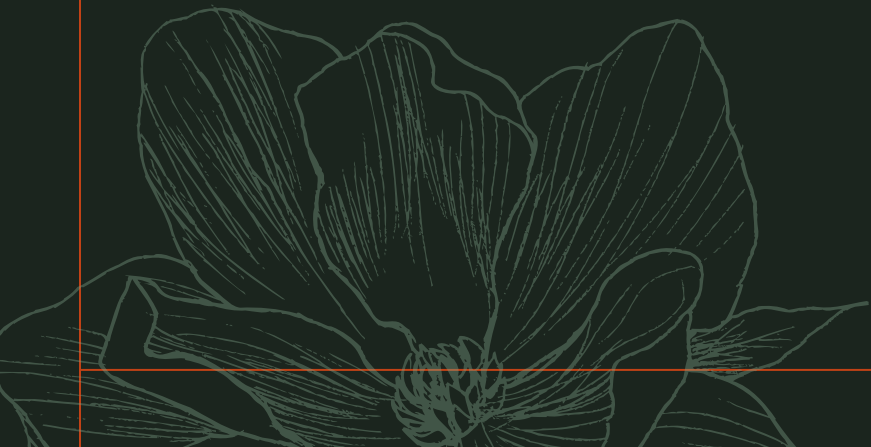
The Island of Patmos was designated by Roman authorities to be where the Apostle John was to be kept. He was not permitted to leave the Island.

The seven churches communicated with John and provided for John by bringing food and other needed items. Messengers from each of seven churches participated. In turn, John would send back messages to the churches via the messengers.

This scroll "The Revealing" from John was a great work that Jesus provided.

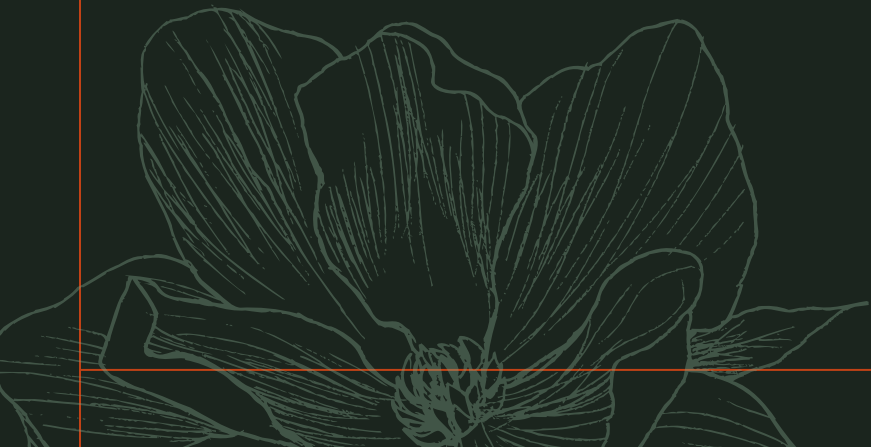
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Ephesus



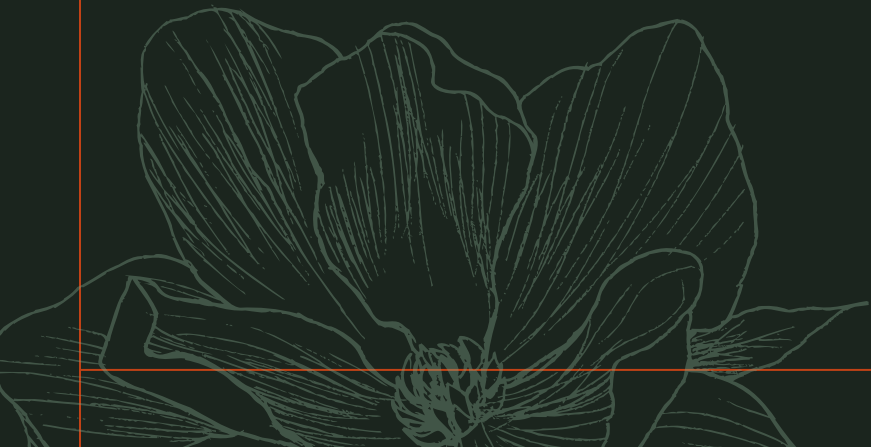
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Smyrna



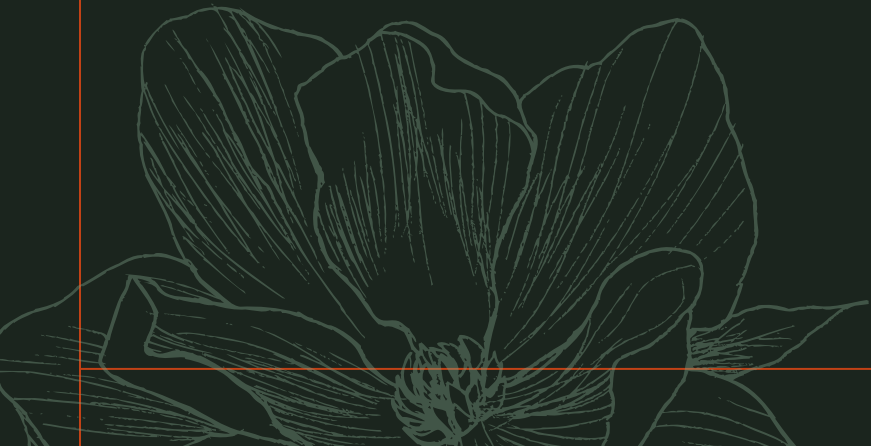
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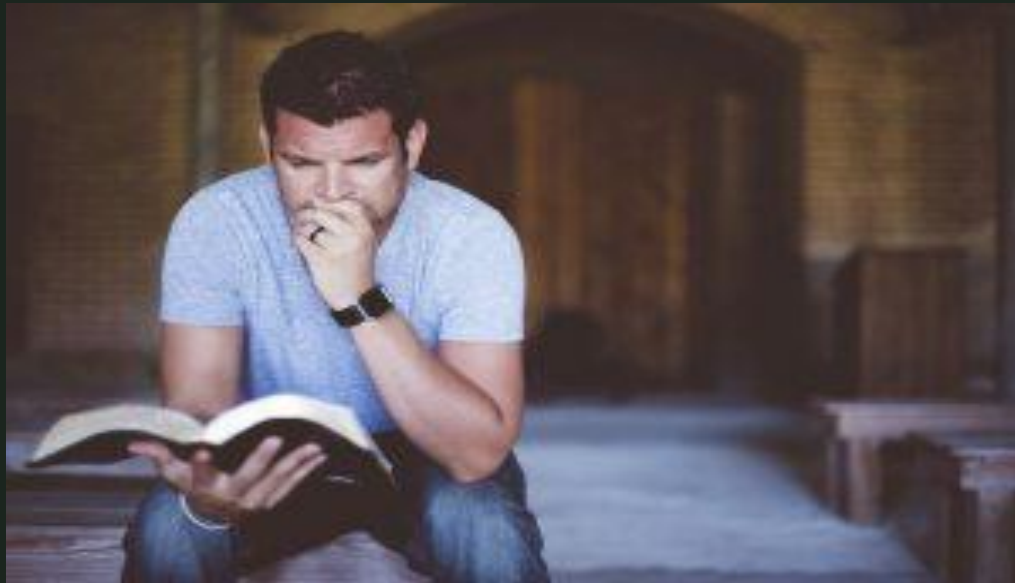
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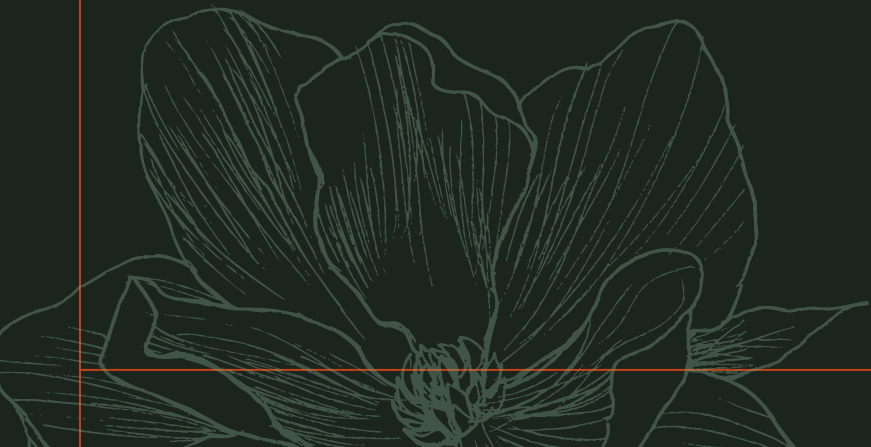
The First Blessing -

Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near. [Revelation 1:3]

Do Not Be Afraid

“... Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

Revelation 1:17-18



Thank you

Deeper Digs for Next Week:

- 1. Read Revelation Chapter 3**
- 2. Read through once – Who are the churches?**
- 3. What does Jesus say is positive about these churches.**
- 4. What does Jesus say is lacking in these churches.**

