I leave my keys in the car’s ignition so it won’t be difficult to find them when they’re missing.”

Matthew, Mark, and Luke record Jesus’ sermon on the mount (mini apocalypses) but John did not because Jesus wanted him to write the Book of Revelation, the major Apocalypse.

**THE WRITINGS OF JOHN**

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The GOSPEL
Testified to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus

Letters to the 7 Churches

Rev. 1:2 What was
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“the 7 churches in Asia”
“what must take place after”

God’s Saving Act in Christ

The Fall
(assured)

The First Advent
(accomplished)

The Second Advent
(actualized)

(awaited)  (announced)

3 Books of Consummation

1. Song of Songs (A king receives his bride to consummate their marriage imagery of Christ and His Church)
2. Acts (The Bride of Christ, the Church, is born at Pentecost and sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise)
3. Revelation (Christ receives His Bride the Church to consummate redemption history)

* Marriage Metaphors (Revelation 19:7; 21:2; 22:17)

A chiastic structure conveys parallel ideas diagrammed like the left side of the letter X, which is Chi in the Greek alphabet. Thus, the term Chiasm.
4 Types of Chiastic Correspondence

1. **Verbal** (identical or closely related words)
2. **Thematic** (same theme but different words)
3. **Synonymous** (different words for the same thing)
4. **Antonymous** (related but opposite words)

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**CHIASM OF REDEMPTION**

- **Verbal**
- **Thematic**
- **Antonymous**
- **Synonymous**

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**The Chiasm of the History of Redemption**

- God creates the heavens and earth.
- Man sins and is exiled to the garden of Eden.
- Judgment by the flood comes in the days of Noah, but a remnant is preserved.
- Israel is taken into the desert, and there is a new covenant.
- Judas Betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus.
- The Lord Jesus rose from the dead, and is exalted in glory.
- New covenant begins - Christ rules with all authority.
- New earth is promised. God is with his people, and the church is the temple.
- The city is called New Jerusalem, and the church is the bride of Christ.
- God creates a new heaven and earth.
Thematic Chiasm of Revelation

1. Jesus and His Church Part I
   1:1 – 3:22
2. The Judgment Part I
   4:1 – 8:1
3. The War Against Error Part I
   8:2 – 11:18
4. His church prevails against the dragon
   11:19-15:4
5. The War Against Error Part II
   15:5 – 17:18
6. The Judgment Part II
   18:1-20:15
7. Jesus defeats Satan; His church prevails against the dragon
   21:1 – 22:21

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God’s Three Promptings of John

_WRITE_

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus,

~Revelation 1:9a

I was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

~Revelation 1:9b

I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

~Revelation 1:10
**Suffering, Salvation and Stamina**

saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches

~Revelation 1:11

**Suffering Tribulation**

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him...

~Philippians 1:29~

**Salvation Kingdom of God**

“but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.”

~Matthew 12:48

**The Two Ages in Scripture**

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This Age

Messiah

The Age to Come

“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews.”
~John 18:36

“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”
~Matthew 12:48

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed...For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.”
~Luke 17:20-21
“Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” ~Matthew 24:3

The Two Ages in Scripture

First Coming

Second Coming

This Age

God’s Three Promptings of John

Stamina

Patient Endurance

Write

Wonder
Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ~Revelation 1:12

and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ~Revelation 1:13

I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ~Daniel 10:5

His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. ~Daniel 10:6
Chiasm of John's Vision of Christ

HEAD  A his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow. *(v. 14a)*

FACE  B his eyes were like a flame of fire. *(v. 14b)*

LIMBS  C his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace. *(v. 15a)*

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Intercession

and in the midst of the lampstands ~Revelation 1:13a
“But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”
~Exodus 33:20

“For our God is a consuming fire.”
~Hebrews 12:29

And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.
~Exodus 25:8

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”
~John 1:14

I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.
~Matthew 12:6
For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses. ~Hebrews 4:16

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ~Hebrews 7:25

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ~Revelation 1:18
23 chromosomes from your dad and 23 from your mom merged into 3 billion base pairs of DNA sequenced by God to form you in His image.

One DNA (human genome, 4 nucleotides with 3 billion characters) will take 96 years to read if read 1 character per second.

A single strand of human DNA would fill a thousand-volume encyclopedia comprising 600,000 pages with 500 words on each page.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

~Psalm 139:13
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. ~Psalm 139:14

“As insignificantly small as we are compared to the universe, it's more incredible that we are ‘marked with majesty’ for we have been made in the image of God.”

“I know your works… ~Revelation 2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15

“with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ~Daniel 7:13

Exaltation
And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. ~Daniel 7:14a

his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. ~Daniel 7:14b

“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”
~Matthew 26:29 NAS

...who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
~1 Peter 1:5
There are over 300 New Testament references to the Second Coming of Christ.

1 in 15 New Testament verses mention the Second Coming of Christ.

And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

~Revelation 22:12

“He will come with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don’t know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.”

~2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

The names of the past, proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone. But the name of this Man multiplies more and more.
Though time has spread two thousand years between the people of this generation and the mockers at His crucifixion, He still lives. His enemies could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the risen, incomparable Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ~Revelation 1:14

His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ~Revelation 1:15

Eternality
A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him. ~Daniel 7:9b-10a

“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool.” ~Daniel 7:9a

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.” ~John 1:1-3

“To whom then will you liken God? ...Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.” ~Isaiah 40:26
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

~Isaiah 55:9

The sun can fit 960,000 earths

Diameter of the Solar System

700 light-minutes (8 billion miles)
If the distance between the earth and the sun (93 million miles) was reduced to a sheet of paper, the distance between the earth and the nearest star would be a stack of paper 70 feet high.

The diameter (100,000 light years) of our galaxy would be a stack of paper 310 miles high.

“Sin has a way of shrinking God and puffing us up... but just a glance at the universe resizes everything... The God to be worshiped is unrivaled, uncontested---of all kinds of might and glory and power and awe.”

~Louie Giglio

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

~John 8:58
“All things were created THROUGH HIM and FOR HIM. And he is before all things, and IN HIM all things hold together.”
~Colossians 1:16, 17

He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.
~Psalms 147:4

“We are but a speck in an unfathomably large universe. The more we gain insight into its mysterious forces, cosmic and atomic, the more humility becomes an imperative.”
~Albert Einstein

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,” ~Revelation 5:11
In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and this face was like the sun shining in full strength. ~Revelation 1:16

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ~Daniel 12:3

He made my mouth like a sharp sword ~Isaiah 49:2

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands. ~Psalm 149:6

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ~Ephesians 6:17
For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow and discerning (judging) the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ~Hebrews 4:12

“Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth and the sea and springs of water.” ~Revelation 14:7

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son. ~John 5:22
God’s Three Promptings of John

- Write
- Wonder
- Worship

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying,

~Revelation 1:17a

Contrition

When I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground

~Daniel 10:9

For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

~Isaiah 43:11
He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. —Ephesians 1:4-5

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.” —Revelation 4:8

WE WERE MADE TO WORSHIP everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. —Isaiah 43:7

Certainty

“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 1:17b-18
Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ~Daniel 10:12

In Hellenistic mythology the keys of Hades were often thought to be in the possession of Hekate, who controlled the revelatory traffic between the other world and this one. ~David Aune, ‘The Apocalypse of John’

Let us be filled with gratitude, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. For our God is a consuming fire. ~Hebrews 12:28-29

“Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ~Exodus 3:14
Communion

“Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.”
~Revelation 1:19

...the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches. "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He... who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:
~Revelation 1:20-2:1

7 Steps to the Sending of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia. ~Revelation 1:4a
"I am the Alpha and the Omega"
~Revelation 1:8; 21:6; 22:13

“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me.”
~Matthew 15:8-9

Surrender is not a battle of the wills. It is an act of worship.
~T. J. Tison

“A man is what he is on his knees before God, and nothing more.”
~Robert Murray McCheyne