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Building the Foundation

Part One—Chapters 1-5

Chapter 1—Message from God through,
Jesus, our Redeemer, delivered by an angel.

Chapters 2/3 —Seven letters to the seven churches
about utilizing the seven spirits of God.

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through whom the seven spirits come.

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Message From God

1:1a—To Jesus for the Body of Christ

1:1b-2—Delivered by the Angel of the Lord

***1:3—Promises blessings for all who read, hear and keep
the prophecy***

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The Body of Christ

1:4a—Typified by the seven churches of Asia-Minor

1:4b-5a—Message from God, seven spirits, and Jesus Christ

1:5b-8—The Gospel message

Released from sin by His blood

A kingdom of priests

He is coming on a cloud

1:9—The Apostle John

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The Angel of the Lord

The delivering angel appears and sounds like our Redeemer, Jesus.

1:10-11—Voice like a trumpet says, “Write to the seven churches...”

The sound of a trumpet signifies the presence of God (1Thess. 4:16; Exod. 19:16, 19)

1:12-13a—Like the Son of Man by the seven lampstands—seven churches (Rev. 1:20) note: each lamp stand has seven candles signifying the seven spirits of God within the churches.

1:13b—Wearing golden belt, signifying righteousness (Is. 11:5)

1:14a—Hair like white wool, signifying wisdom and authority to judge (Is. 11:4; Dan. 7:14)

1:14b—Eyes of fire, signifying he is the light of the world, intolerance of unfaithfulness, and God’s wrath to come.

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1:15a—Feet of bronze, signifying holiness and endurance of the Redeemer.

1:15b—Voice like the sound of many waters, signifying the glory of God (Ezek. 43:2)

1:16—Seven stars in His right hand—angels of the seven churches (Rev. 1:20)

Two edged sword from His mouth (Deut. 32:41; Is. 49:1,2; Is. 11:4; Eph. 6:17).

Face like the sun, (Psalm 80:19; John 3:16).

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1:17, 18a—First and Last (Is. 44:6; Psalm 45:6,7; Rom. 1:18b).

1:18b—The keys of death and Hades

Death and Hades is the final judgment and place

where those of the second resurrection will be cast into. (Rev. 20:13-15)

The door is Jesus (Jn. 10:9)

The key to the door is faith (Rom. 10:8-10)

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John's Commission

1:19—Write things seen—signifies all things shown to him by God

Things which are—signifies unchangeable facts of God

Things to come—visions shown to him

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The Seven Letters and the Seven Spirits of God

Key points of the letters

- 1. Each is addressed to the angel of the church**
- 2. Each is about one of the seven spirits**
- 3. Each begins with “I know”**
- 4. Each close addresses listening to the Spirit of God**
- 5. Each describes a reward for overcoming**
- 6. Each describes the consequences of disobedience**
- 7. Each letter is timeless and for the whole Body from beginning to end.**

Note: The work of the Holy Spirit is to edify, teach, and reprove the Body of Christ with the seven spirits of God, the spirits of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord.

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The Letter to Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7)

Theme: Sealed Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God.

Choice: Under the spirit of God or the spirit of antichrist?

- 1. Jesus is the Head of the church government**
He is present among the churches by the Spirit of God.
He holds the seven stars in his right hand
- 2. Cannot endure false teaching**
The church tests what they hear by the truth
- 3. The church fell from its first love**
Admonished to repent or lose the church
Yet they do hate the Nicolaitans
- 4. Hear what the Spirit says and obey**
Rewarded with the Tree of Life in Paradise

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The Letter to Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11)

Theme: Christ is the power and wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:22-24)

Choice: Under the spirit of wisdom or the spirit of folly?

- 1. The resurrected Christ speaks***
- 2. The church is blasphemed by Jews who, themselves, do not live by the Law***
- 3. Admonished to be faithful***
- 4. Will be rewarded with the crown of life***
- 5. Hear what the Spirit says and you will not be hurt by the second death (Rev. 20:14, 15)***

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The Letter to Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17)

Theme: Discerning good and evil

Choice: Under the spirit of understanding or the spirit of error?

- 1. The one who has the sharp two-edged sword speaks***
- 2. The church is among idol worshippers***
- 3. Some are causing stumbling blocks by eating food sacrificed to other gods***
- 4. Warned to repent or suffer the sword of His mouth***
- 5. Hear the Spirit of God and he will feed you and give you a new name.***

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The Letter to Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29)

Theme: Administration of the government of God

Choice: Under the spirit of counsel or the spirit of deceit?

- 1. The Son of God with eyes like flames and feet of bronze speaks***
- 2. He knows their love, faith and service in perseverance***
- 3. There is one among them that teaches lies***
This one and all who listen to the lies will be killed
- 4. Each person will be rewarded according to what they believe and do.***
- 5. Hold fast to truth until the end***
- 6. Reward is to have authority over the nations as He also received authority from His father.***

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The Letter to Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6)

Theme: Administration of the mystery of God

Choice: Under the spirit of strength or the spirit of pride?

- 1. The one who has the seven spirits of God and seven stars speaks***
- 2. This church has the name of being alive but in the eyes of God is dead***
- 3. Admonished to repent and remember the truth they heard and to keep it***
- 4. Or He will come as a thief in the night and they will not know what hour***
- 5. There are a few who have not fallen into the trap***
- 6. Hear what the Spirit says, the one who overcomes with wear white and not be erased from the book of life***

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The Letter to Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13)

Theme: A kingdom of priests

Choice: Under the spirit of knowledge or the spirit of ignorance?

- 1. The one who is holy, true, has the key of David, who opens and shuts speaks***
- 2. He opens the door that cannot be closed***
- 3. They keep His word and will be kept from the hour of testing to be brought on the whole world***
- 4. Hold fast so no one can take your crown***
- 5. Hear what the Spirit says, he who overcomes will be a pillar in the temple of God and bear the name of God***

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The Letter to Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22)

Theme: You shall have no other gods before Me

Choice: Under the spirit of the fear of the Lord or the spirit of idolatry?

- 1. The faithful and true witness and beginning of creation speaks***
- 2. You are neither hot nor cold***
- 3. Think they are rich and need nothing but are poor and wretched***
- 4. Admonished to repent***
- 5. Those He loves he will reprove and discipline***
- 6. Hear what the Spirit says—I stand at the door and knock and will enter to those who hear my voice***
- 7. Those who overcome will be granted to sit with Him on His throne***

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The Glorification of Jesus Christ **(Rev. chapters 4 and 5)**

- 1. In Acts 1:9, Luke describes Jesus' ascension into heaven. In Rev. 4 and 5, John describes His glorification.**
- 2. This is the coronation and glorification of the Son of God.**
- 3. Before Jesus was crucified He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. This prayer is worthy to be read before viewing what John saw in heaven.**

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Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane

John 17

Jesus Prays for Himself

¹ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

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Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

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Jesus Prays for His Disciples continued

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

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Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

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THE THINGS JOHN SAW IN HEAVEN

1. The throne of God

Around the throne

Thrones of the twenty-four elders: heads of the twelve tribes and twelve apostles.

Seven lamps of fire which are the seven spirits of God

The sea of glass which is the same as the priests laver of washing in the temple

The four living creatures who represent the four aspects of Jesus life—lion of Judah, last sacrifice, Son of Man, and the eagle represents the protection of the Holy Spirit (Deut. 32:10-11)

2. God is worshipped by all

God has the scroll with seven seals in His right hand

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THE THINGS JOHN SAW IN HEAVEN

1. Who is worthy to open the scroll?

This question is asked by a strong angel

No one in heaven or earth was worthy to open the scroll

John wept because no one was worthy

One of the elders told John to stop weeping

2. The Lamb of God is introduced

As the Lion of Judah

As the Root of David

He has overcome so as to open the seals

Stood between the throne with the four living creatures and the elders

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THE THINGS JOHN SAW IN HEAVEN

3. The appearance of the Lamb

The lamb was slain—last sacrifice

Had seven horns—king of all kings

Had seven eyes that are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth

4. The Lamb of God received the scroll from God

Passing of authority

5. Jesus is glorified

By the twenty-four elders

By all the angels of heaven

By all of God's creation

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Chapters one through five are complete

Building the Foundation will be continued in chapters six and seven—the first six seals on the scroll with seven seals.....