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REVELATION - *apokalypsis*

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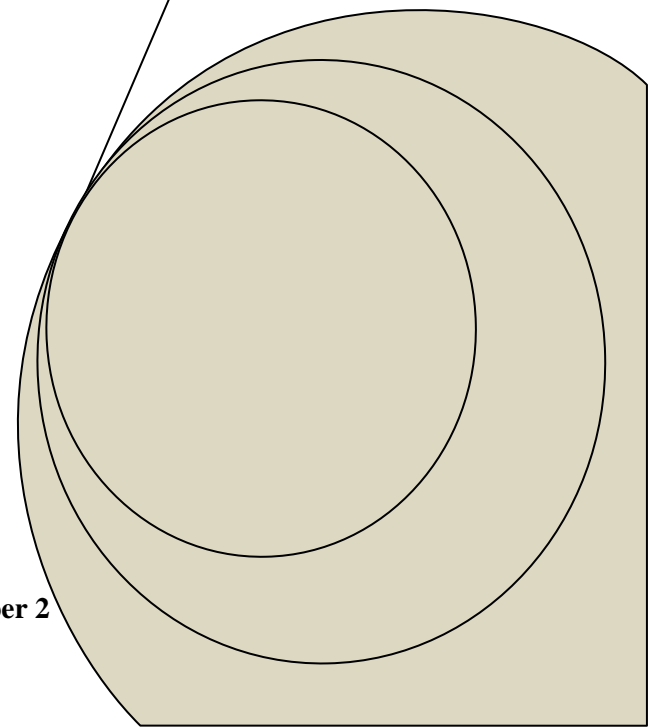
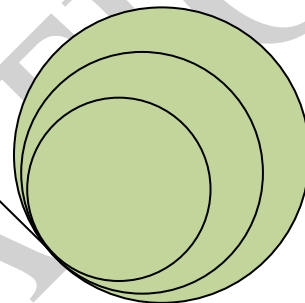
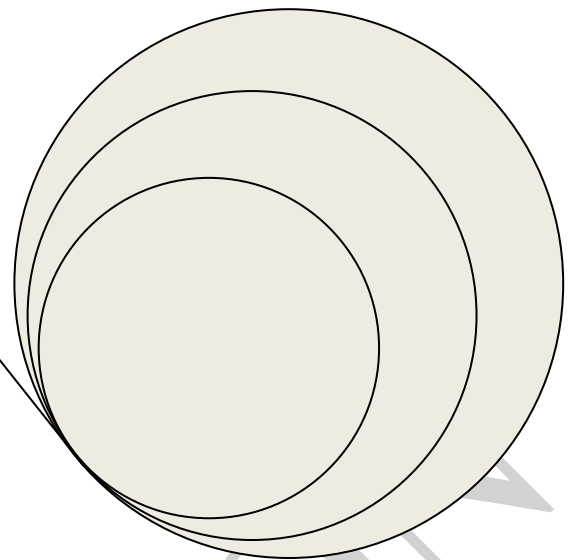
‘The Revelation of Jesus Christ. . .’

The word ‘revelation’ is a translation of the Greek word *apokalypsis*, which means ‘an unveiling’. The word means ‘to show or expose to view,’ as the unveiling of a painting is a ‘revelation’.

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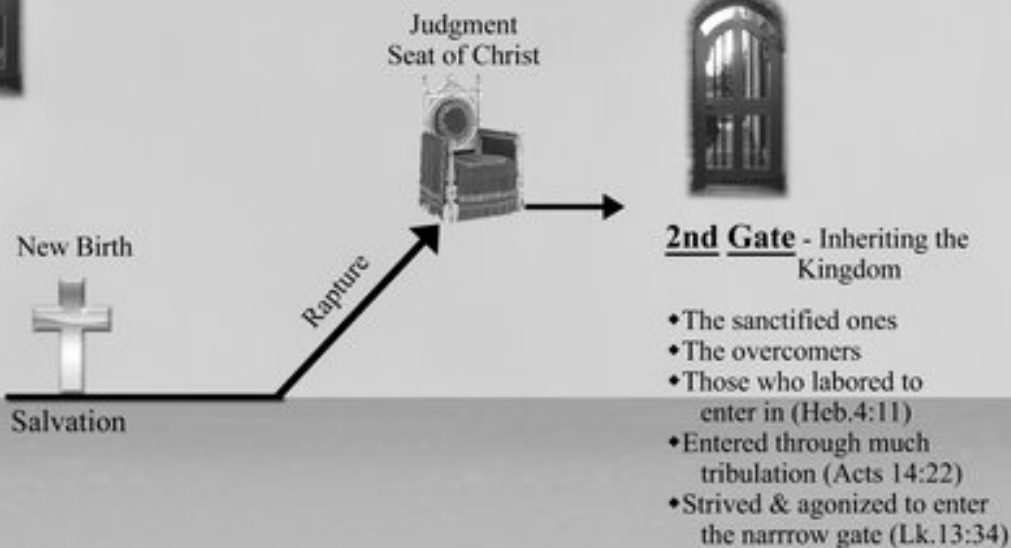
# Laboring to Enter In

## Different Gates:



### 1st Gate - Entering the Kingdom of God

- The "justified" ones

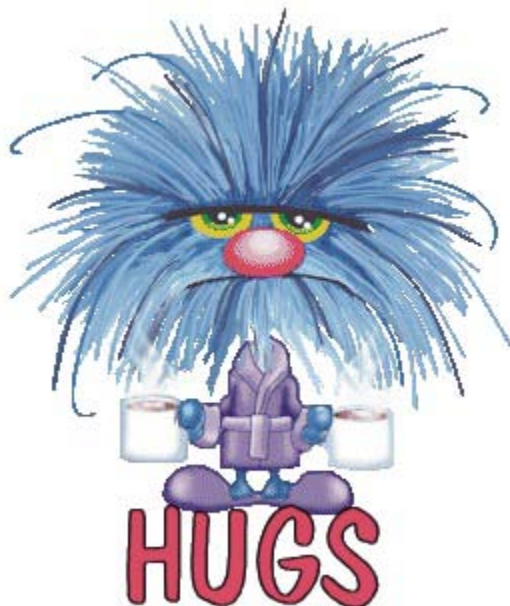


### 2nd Gate - Inheriting the Kingdom

- The sanctified ones
- The overcomers
- Those who labored to enter in (Heb.4:11)
- Entered through much tribulation (Acts 14:22)
- Strived & agonized to enter the narrow gate (Lk.13:34)

Chart 32

*The LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.'* --- Genesis 4:6-7



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## Things to Remember + Pray for:

### ❖ Tamika 310.930.8047

- ❖ Pastor Bill, his wife, and the teaching of Revelation
- ❖ Raphael: A safe trip to and from the Philippines
- ❖ Give thanks to Felipe for the room and facilities
- ❖ Jocelyn's job transfer
- ❖ Misuzu's son Mitch and his family in Tokyo. Misuzu could contact her relatives in Japan finally, they all are fine, including her son, Mitch in Tokyo. They had terrible experience but no one was injured. They had to walk a long way to their home and arrived with hurting feet. Please continue to pray for them and Pray for the salvation and a revival among the Japanese people. May the Lord's Name be lifted up high above it all!

## Will the Last Generation – the Terminal Generation lose faith?

### The Moments that Sustain Us

#### Read | Psalm 145:1-5

When life falls apart, how do you cope? All of us face circumstances that challenge our peace—and some of these situations are very painful and prolonged. Unless we have purposeful focus, joy fades and hope seems unattainable.

King David experienced extreme hardships, including the profound grief of losing a child and a best friend. And King Saul, for selfish reasons, pursued him in an attempt to take his life. Later, David's own son led a rebellion against him. As drastic as these trials are, they were just four of the many difficulties he endured. Yet even in times of deep suffering, David found hope and peace in God.

How was his soul sustained when others in similar situations would have drowned in despair? David knew how to meditate. He focused his mind and spirit on God—His character, ways, and will—in order to know the Lord better and to obey Him.

We should be following David's example. Our role during difficulty is to set our eyes on our heavenly Father and meditate on His Word. The Psalms document the depth and passion for which the shepherd and soon-to-be king delighted himself in God. By continually

pondering the attributes and ways of the Lord, he found solace in the midst of turmoil.

What subjects consume your thoughts during the day? Do you have time set aside to dwell solely on the Lord? Perhaps you can remind yourself periodically to bring your attention back to your Creator—one way is to read several of the Psalms and notice how the author refocuses on the almighty God.

#### Psalm 145:1-5 (New American Standard Bible)

##### -- The LORD Extolled for His Goodness.

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

<sup>1</sup>I will <sup>(A)</sup>extol You, <sup>(B)</sup>my God, O King, And I will <sup>(C)</sup>bless Your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless You, And I will <sup>(D)</sup>praise Your name forever and ever.

<sup>3(E)</sup>Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, And His <sup>(E)</sup>greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>One <sup>(G)</sup>generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup>On the <sup>(H)</sup>glorious splendor of Your majesty And <sup>(I)</sup>on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

#### Cross references:

A. Psalm 145:1 : Ps 30:1; 66:17

B. Psalm 145:1 : Ps 5:2

C. Psalm 145:1 : Ps 34:1

D. Psalm 145:2 : Ps 71:6

E. Psalm 145:3 : Ps 48:1; 86:10; 147:5

F. Psalm 145:3 : Job 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; Is 40:28; Rom 11:33

G. Psalm 145:4 : Ps 22:30, 31; Is 38:19

H. Psalm 145:5 : Ps 145:12

I. Psalm 145:5 : Ps 119:27

#### New American Standard Bible (NASB)

## To unveil means being 'A Berean' --- and that includes Revelation

### To Be Berean

by Skip Moen, D. Phil.

*Now the Berean's were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.* Acts 17:11 (NIV)

**To See If** – Are you Berean? Are you willing to examine the Scriptures every day to see if what you are being taught is true? Ah, there are some implicit assumptions here that must be acknowledged. First, the "Scriptures" are the words of God found in the Tanakh – the Older Testament. Believe me when I tell you that the Berean's were not reading commentaries on Romans or the gospel of . . .

. . . John. They determined the truth of Paul's claims based entirely on the material from Genesis to Malachi. Do you do that?

Second, the standard for their authority was the Tanakh. They searched the Scriptures, the Hebrew Scriptures, to determine if Paul's message aligned with the revealed word of God. They didn't run to the pastor for his view or look up the creed or the doctrine of the church or grab Geisler's systematic theology. They went to the text – the Jewish, Hebrew authoritative text for their lives – to see if what Paul was teaching found its source in their holy code. How about you? When you hear a sermon or read a new religious book or *listen to the news or read a newspaper*, are you running to the Tanakh to see if what you are hearing is in line with God's truth? Do you live by His book? Does what you hear match His words? If Paul's message to the Berean's didn't square with Scripture, then it was garbage, deception and a lie. Are you careful enough to check what you believe with the instructions from God?

Third, the Berean's received Paul's message with great eagerness. They did not take a skeptical stance. They were committed to learning, to examining, to discussing, to growing in their understanding of God's word. If Paul brought something new, great! Let's listen! Let's hear him. Then we will go to work checking it out. What about you? Are you ready, anticipating challenge, anxious to know, eager to explore? Does the careful examination of God's word *thrill* you?

And finally, the Berean's rushed to the Scriptures every day in order to see *if* (in Greek, *ei echoi tauta outos* – literally "if have these so") these things were true. "If" (*ei*) is one of the most important words in the Bible. "If" means that the truth of the claim is conditional. *You need to look at the evidence.* There are no "face-value" claims in this faith. God demonstrates His trustworthiness with real evidence. But you have to go look at it. He isn't going to show up with a neon sign or a billboard in the sky or a slap across the face. *You* have to do some work. *You* have to examine, search, press, think and compare. *You* have to become a Berean.

We might come to the faith because it is part of our culture or our upbringing, but that isn't enough to make it deep and real. Rush to examine. That's the key. Go see *if* it's true. Today!

Topical Index: see *if, ei echoi tauta outos*, Berean, Acts 17:11

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### ~ **Today's Blessing** ~

*And now may the Lord bless you, and may the Lord keep you, and may the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and may the Lord give you His peace. May the Lord help you achieve your divine destiny; may the Lord make a way for you where there seems to be no way; may God cause your enemies to scatter and you see them no more; may God give to you victory that is only explained in the fact that a supernatural God has made it possible to live with that blessing, in Jesus' name.*  
~AMEN

**Whom have you blessed today?**

The Book of Revelation emphasizes both what He is *doing* and what He *will* do. In Genesis was the beginning of sorrow and suffering; in Revelation there will be no more sorrow and no more tears. In Genesis Satan's doom was pronounced; in Revelation Satan's doom is executed. In Genesis was the marriage of the first Adam; in Revelation is the marriage of the Last Adam.

**Thanks be to God. Hallelujah ~Amen.**

**Write these things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and things which shall be hereafter.**

---Revelation 1:19 [NKJV]

