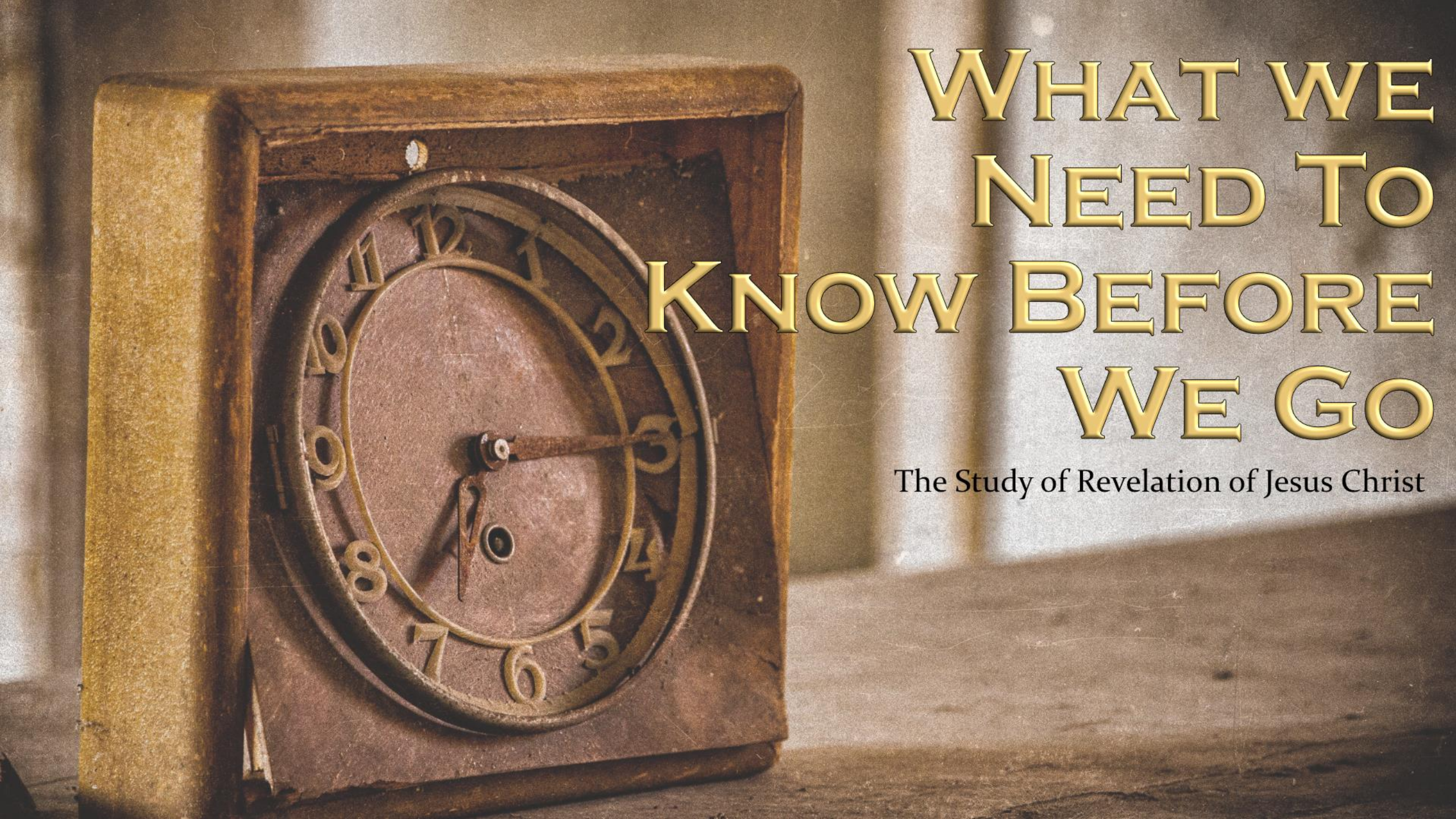

What we Need To Know Before We Go

The Study of Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Book of Revelation

Revelation Bible Study

Seven Churches

Philadelphia

The Book of Revelation **Review**

To understand the revelation of Jesus Christ so we can prepare ourselves to partake in its fulfillment as part of the bride of Christ & increase our understanding of who God is and intensify our urgency in ministering the gospel in these last days.

The Book of Revelation **Review**

- History: Vision of Jesus Christ given to John as he was transported to the future. Written from Ephesus some time after his release from the Isle of Patmos in 96 AD.
- Structure: Pattern of Sevens. Written to the seven churches in Asia
- Blessings: To those who read, hear and keep.
- Easy book to understand, hard to believe.
- Jesus reveals himself to his church in this epistle.
- Chapter 2 opens with the church at Ephesus. The name Ephesus means "Fully Purposed". This church had "good works" they started with a good foundation. Nevertheless there was somewhat against them. They "left their first love."

The Book of Revelation **Review**

- Next we saw Smyrna. Smyrna means "bitterness and death". The saints in Smyrna had to choose between the diadem (crown) of paganism and the crown of life. They faced opposition from within (synagogue of Satan) and without. They picture for us the church from 200-325 A.D.
- Then we saw the church at Pergamum named Pergamos. Her name means "Much Marriage". The Holy Spirit manifest the marriage of Satan's Seat as well as the doctrine (not deeds) of the Nicolaitanes (which God hates).

The Book of Revelation **Review**

- Thyatira. Odor of affliction a time when the church is controlled by a woman likened to Jezebel. She was pretty, had forceful speech and was deadly. Jezebel is no doubt a reference to the adulterous practices of the church with pagan gods during the age of 500-1000 A.D. the Pagan Roman gods influenced the believing church and defiled her purity before the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is jealous of his bride! He does not want her to play the harlot!

The Relevance of Revelation **Review**

- Last week we looked at Sardis. Sardis, "The Red Ones" were named fro the red Sardonyx stones found in their area. This church was a dead church! Nothing was happening in Sardis. The Protestantism that came forth from this erea from 100-1500 ended up being every bit as dead as the church they protested. Nevertheless we saw tremendous men of God who kept their garments pure and stood unto death and are worthy to walk in white with the Lord Jesus Christ because like Christ, they suffered unto death for the faith.
- Tonight we will look at the church of Philadelphia.

Seven Church Ages of Church History

Church	Meaning of Name	Prophetic Church Age
Ephesus	"Fully Purposed"	33-200
Smyrna	"Bitterness & Death"	200-325
Pergamos	"Much Marriage"	325-500
Thyatira	"Odor of Affliction"	500-1000
Sardis	**"**The Red Ones**"**	1000-1500
Philadelphia	"**Brotherly <u>Love</u>"**	1500-1900
Laodicean	"Rights of the People"	1900-Harvest (Rapture)

The Philadelphian Church

I. The Heart of <u>God</u>

Revelation 3:7, Romans 12:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:9, Hebrews 13:1, 1 Peter 1:22, 2 Peter 1:7, Hebrews 13:1, Revelation 1:18

A. This church lives up to her <u>name</u>.

B. Christ has the <u>key</u> of David.

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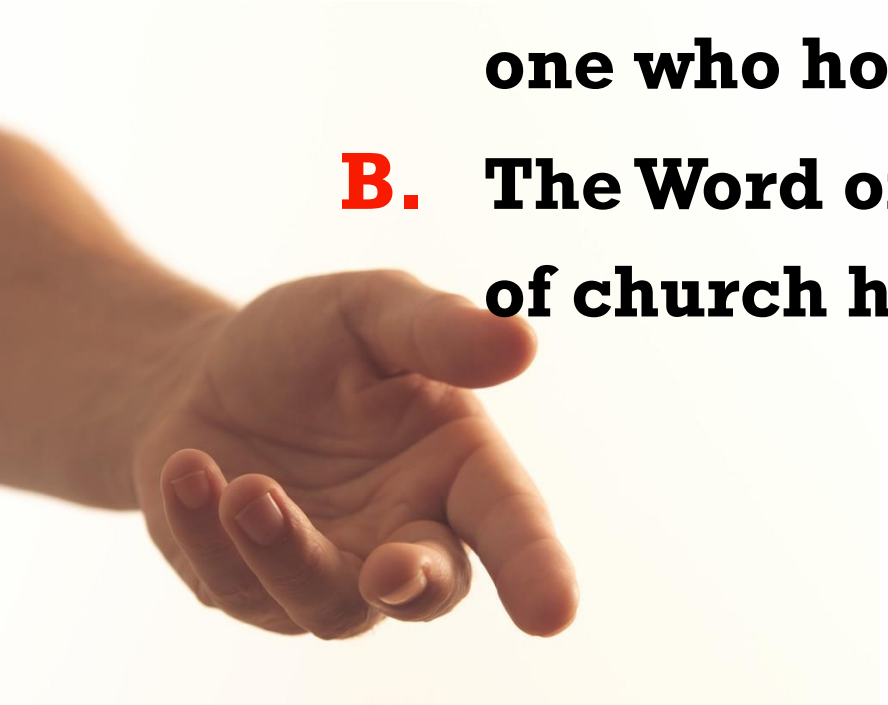
II. **The Helpless <u>Church</u>** ***Revelation 3:8, Romans 8:31, Acts 13:22, Isaiah 22:22, Ezra 9:8, 2 Kings 18:18, 2 Kings 19:1-7, 14, 34-35, Luke 1:32, Galatians 2:16***

A. **The helpless church receives an <u>open</u> door form the one who holds the keys!**

B. **The Word of God was <u>preserved</u> during this period of church history.**



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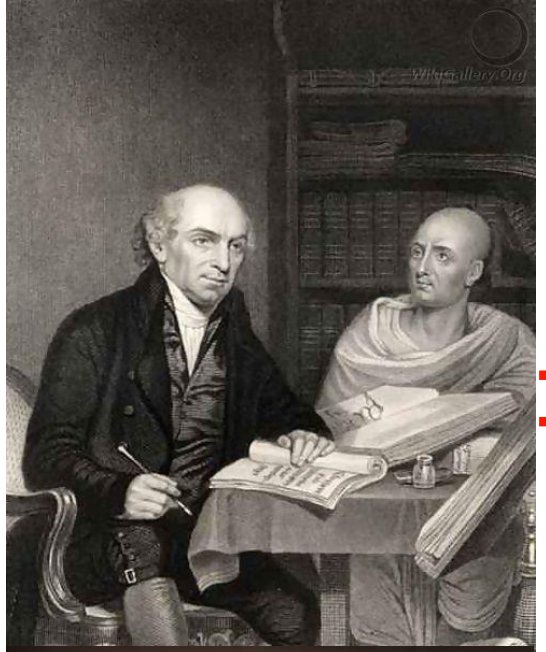

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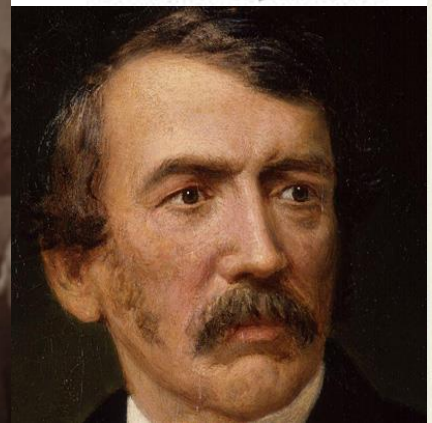

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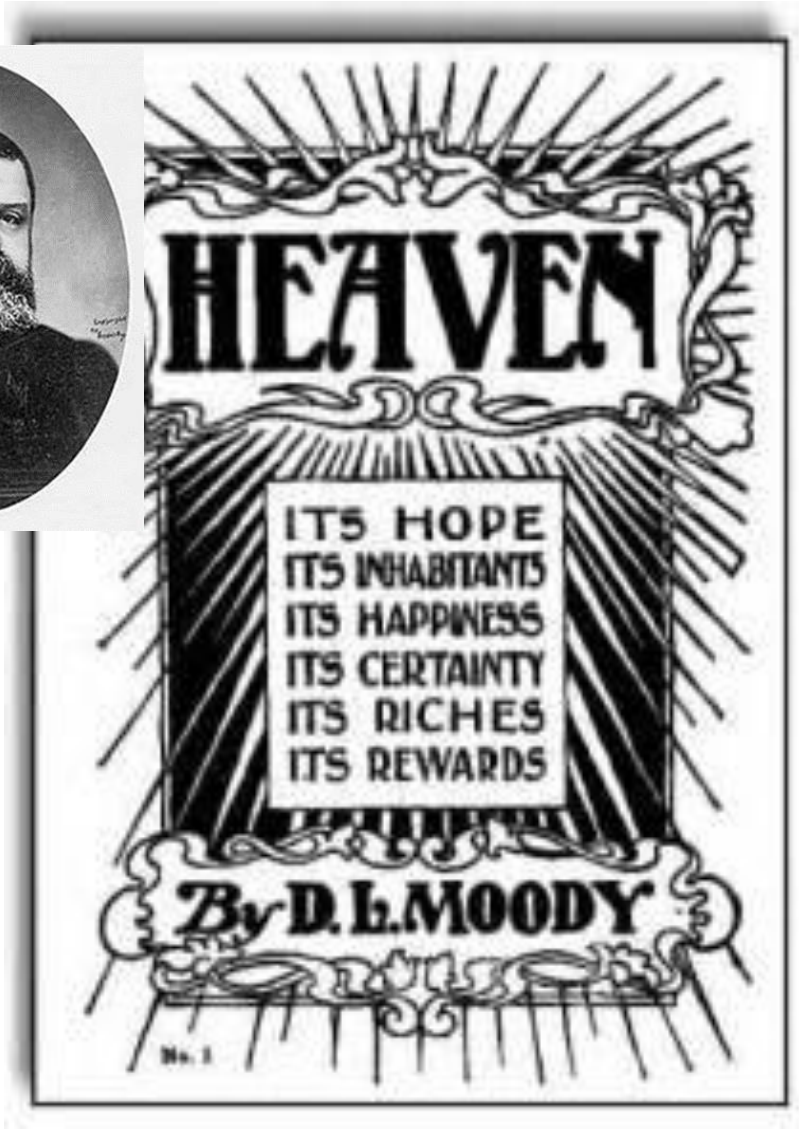
III. The Power of <u>Love</u>

Revelation 3:9

A. The synagogue of Satan <u>worshipped</u> at the feet of the Philadelphian church.

B. Where <u>we</u> live today!



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IV. The Promise of <u>Protection</u>

Revelation 3:10

A. A word of <u>patience</u>

Revelation 1:9

B. Kept from the hour of <u>temptation</u> that shall come upon the whole world.

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V. The Potential <u>Problem</u>

Revelation 3:11

A. Behold I come <u>quickly</u>!

B. The <u>crown</u> is at risk!

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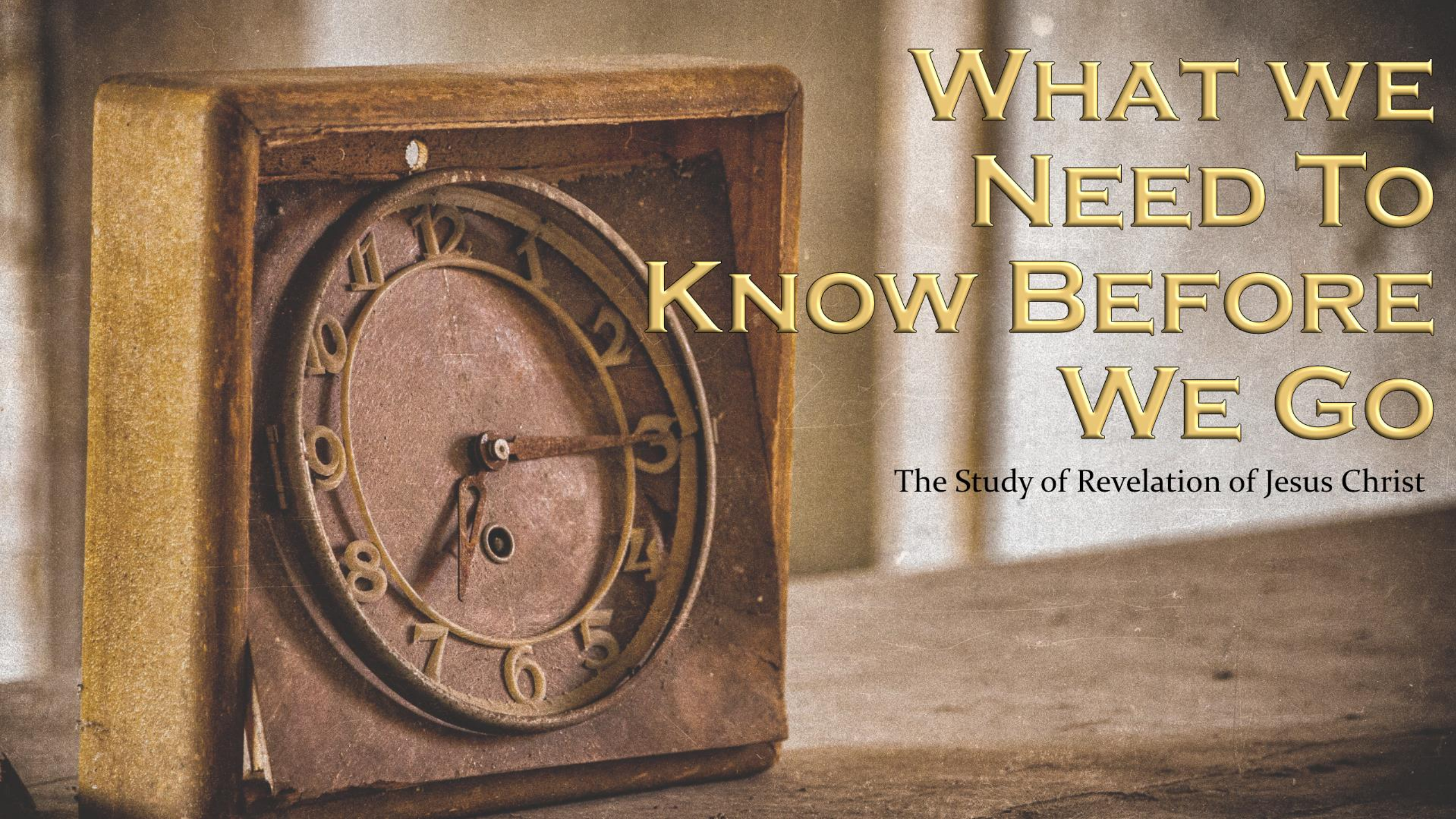
VI. The Potential <u>Pillar</u>

Revelation 3:12-13

A. Jerusalem <u>above</u> is the mother of us all!

B. This church is <u>free</u> from the church that claims to be the mother of us all.



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