

*The*  
**Revelation**  
*of Jesus Christ*



CHAPTER 2:8-11



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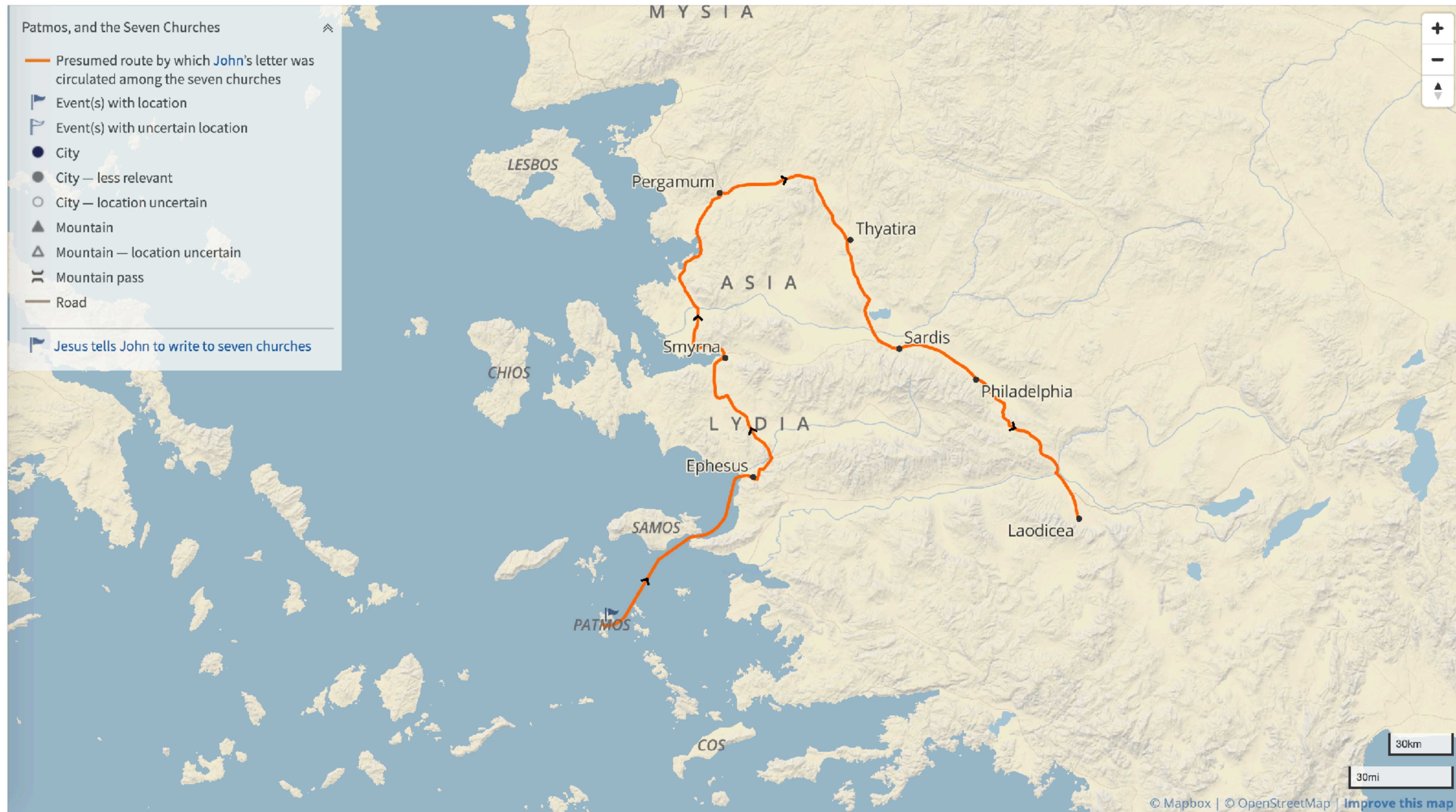
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# Jesus' Message to the Church in Smyrna in Revelation 2:8-11

- *Rev. 2:8, "...These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and who came to life again."*





*Rev. 1:17b-18, ““Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.””*



**Jesus is  
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- *Rev. 2:9a, “I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich!”*





*2 Cor. 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”*



**Christians  
are rich  
because of  
their faith in  
Jesus Christ.**





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- *Rev. 2:10b, "...I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days."*



*Ephesians 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*

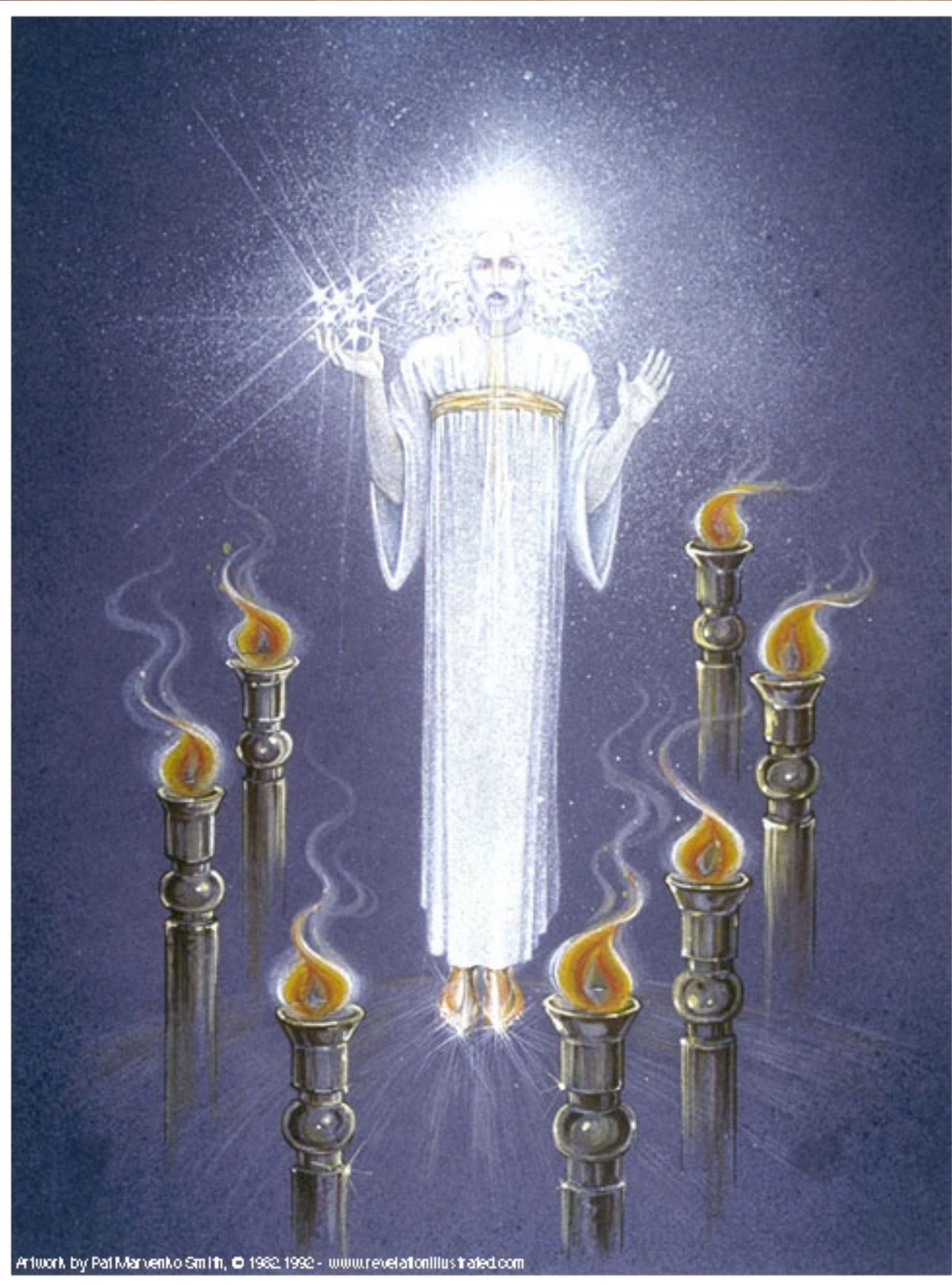


**We have an enemy that wishes to see us fail the test of faithfulness.**





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- *Rev. 2:9-11, “I know your afflictions and your poverty...I know the slander...you are about to suffer...you will suffer persecution...even to the point of death...”*



*James 1:2-4, “Consider it pure joy,  
my brothers and sisters, whenever  
you face trials of many kinds,  
because you know that the testing of  
your faith produces perseverance.  
Let perseverance finish its work so  
that you may be mature and  
complete, not lacking anything.”*



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- *Rev. 2:10b-11, “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.”*



*John 5:24-29, “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.”*

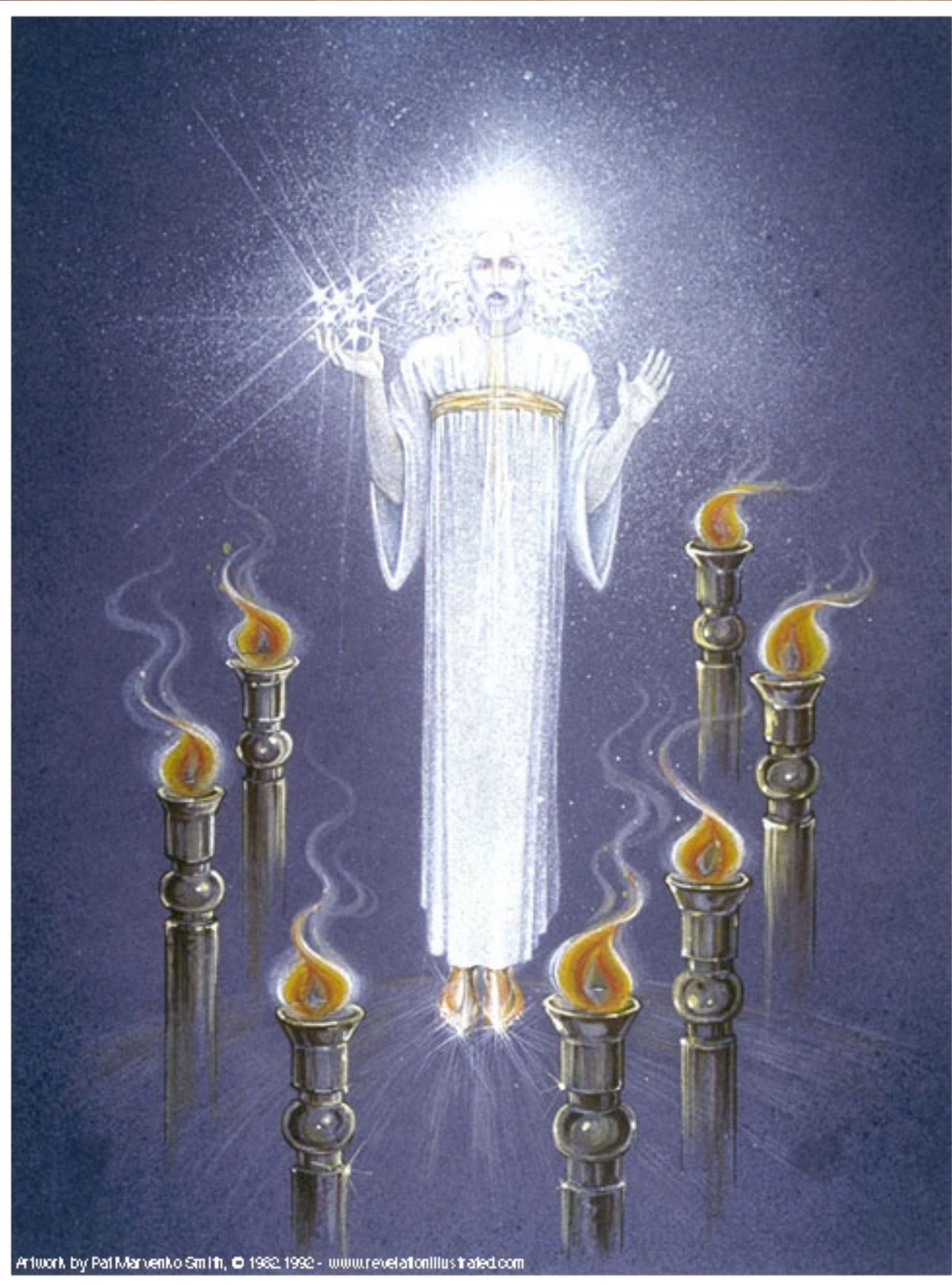


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- **Jesus is sovereign over history and is in charge of eternity.**
- **We are rich in Christ.**
- **Our battle is against the devil.**
- **Our suffering, afflictions, poverty, persecution, etc. is a test and when we faithfully pass the test we will be rewarded by Jesus.**
- **What awaits us at the end of our journey is eternal life.**