

Revelation 1:9-18

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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Discussion questions

? what struck you most in this talk/ passage? What's the main thing you're going to take away?

? how do you feel knowing that one day you will die?

? why is Jesus the one we should entrust with our death?

? how do we know Jesus really has the keys of death?

FREEDOM Set free from death Revelation 1:17-18

Jesus has the keys of DEATH

- keys signify power

- only one keyholder

Jesus is the Lord of LIFE

- died and alive

- first and last

- living one

➔ don't be afraid