

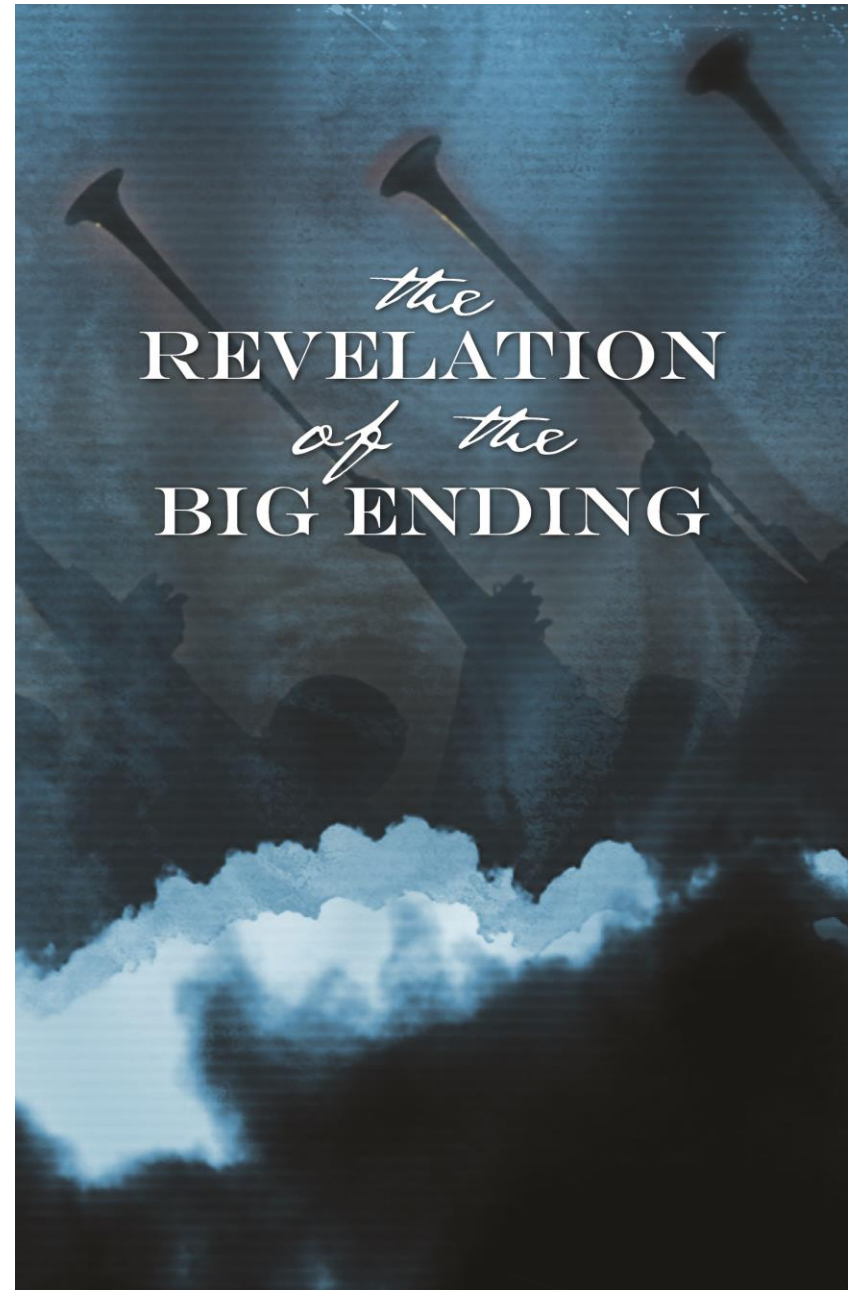
6. Christ's call to the church

- "I still love you... repent to me"
- "I still desire fellowship with you... respond to me"

7. Christ's challenge to the church

- "Overcome and Reign with me"
- "Open your ears, hear and obey the Spirit's voice"

**Personal Application**



***"The Revelation of the Big Ending"***

**Lesson 5**

**September 18, 2019**

## ***Review:***

- ~ The 7 churches were historical churches
- ~ The 7 churches represent all churches in every place/age
- ~ We learn from the Lord's messages to these 7 churches:
  - The importance of the local churches in Christ's plan
  - The awareness of Christ regarding the spiritual condition and ministry activities of every church
  - The present and personal relationship Christ has with each church
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- ~ What are some of the characteristics of the following churches?
  - Ephesus (2:1-7)
  - Smyrna (2:8-11)
  - Pergamum (2: 13-17)

- Thyatira (2: 18-29)
- Sardis (3: 1-6)
- Philadelphia (3: 7-13)

## ***Tonight: The Message to the Church of Laodicea (3: 14-22)***

1. The city of Laodicea and its culture
2. Christ's character before the church (v. 14)
3. Christ's commendation of the church
4. Christ's condemnation of the church ( v. 15-17)
  - Spiritually detached (v. 15)
  - Spiritually disgusting (v. 16)
  - Spiritually deceived (v. 17)
5. Christ's correction of the church (vs. 18)
  - "Gold" ... live for true riches
  - "White garments" ... live for true beauty
  - "Eye salve" ... live with true wisdom