

SERMON:

Revelation 22:6-21

I Am Coming, So Come!

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Revelation of John is a Christocentric book that shows us the pattern of this world from Christ's first coming to His second coming.

John wants us to see the spiritual realities around us, to recognize the dangers that face us, and to know that God is going to win.

Revelation calls us, then, to wisdom, to perseverance, and to worship.

OUTLINE OF REVELATION

Prologue (1)

1. The Seven Churches (2-3)

The Throne Room of Heaven (4-5)

2. The Seven Seals (6)

144,000 Sealed and a Great Multitude (7)

3. The Seven Trumpets (8-9)

The Two Witnesses (10-11)

4. The Sevenfold Saga of the Woman and the Dragon (12-14)

The Saints Beside the Sea (15)

5. The Seven Bowls (16)

Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the Great (17-18)

6. Seven Scenes of Victory (19-20)

7. New Heavens and a New Earth (21:1-22:5)

Conclusion (22:6-21)

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²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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- B. The Immanence of Christ's Return
- C. The Importance of this Prophecy
- D. The Recipients of this Prophecy
- E. The Response to this Prophecy

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHRIST

Jesus' Word Will Never Fail and He Will Be Victorious

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ISAIAH 11:10

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COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities---all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be

preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to

dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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DANIEL 8:26

²⁶The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

DANIEL 12:8-9

⁸I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" ⁹He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

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REVELATION 19:9

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THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS PROPHECY

This prophecy was given to the church
militant to aid her in her war

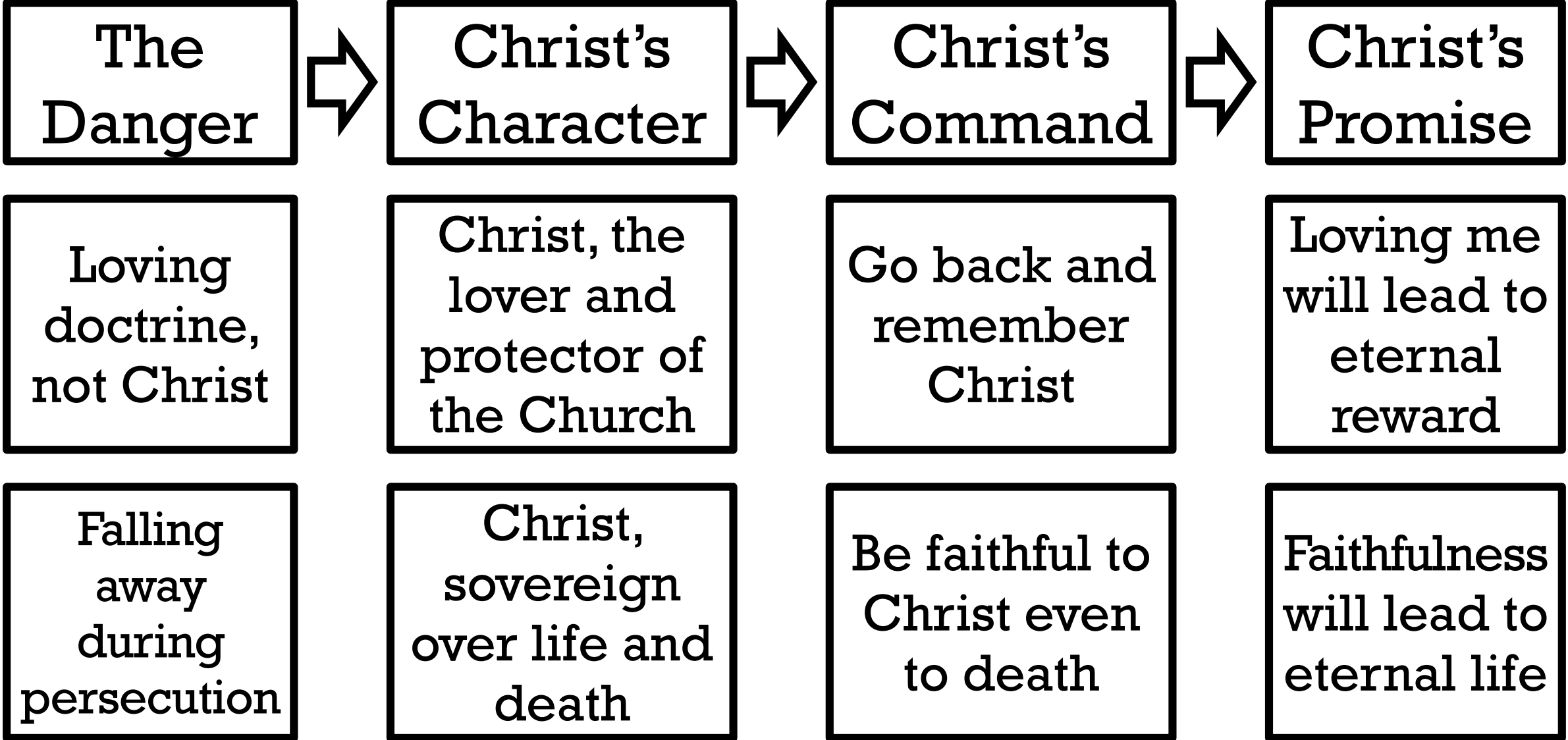
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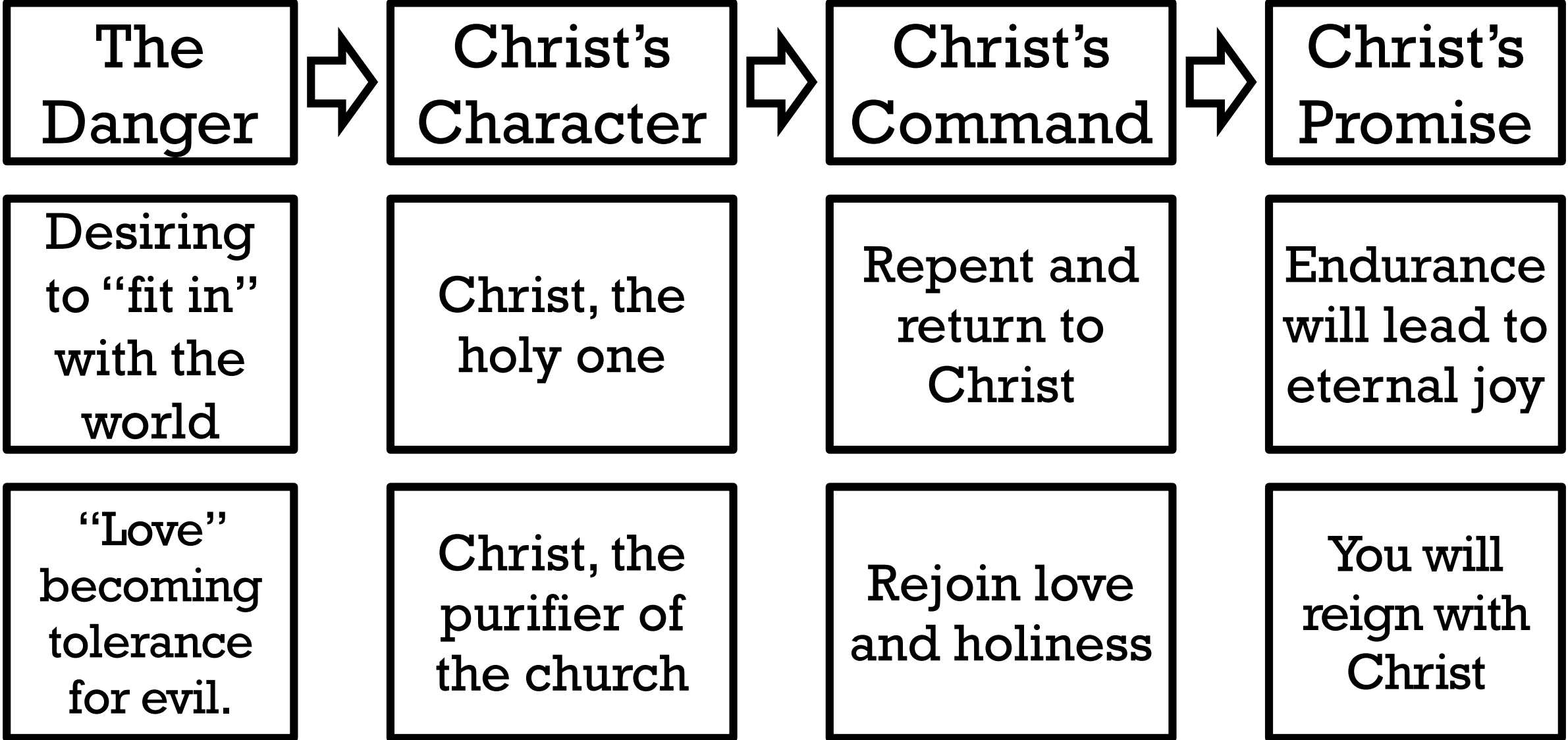
REVELATION 1:10-11

¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "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."

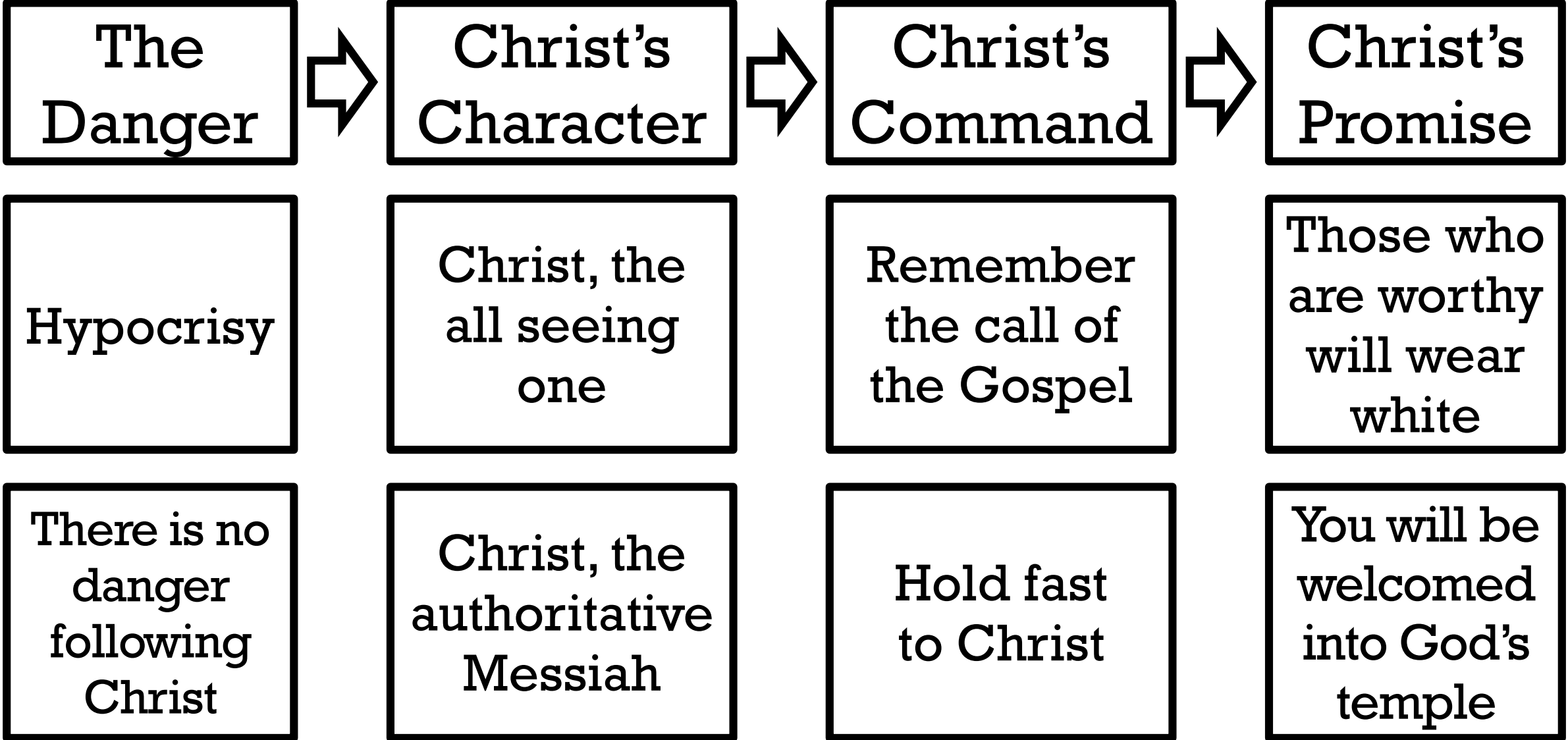
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The Danger



Christ's Character



Christ's Command



Christ's Promise

Laodicea

Loving the wealth of this world excluded love for Christ

Jesus is the ultimate good, nothing else is worthy of His position

Turn away from the world and rejoice in Christ again

If you come back to me, I will be your joy

THE MAIN POINT OF THE SEVEN LETTERS

Thyatira underemphasize doctrine



Ephesus overemphasize doctrine



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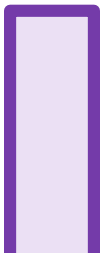
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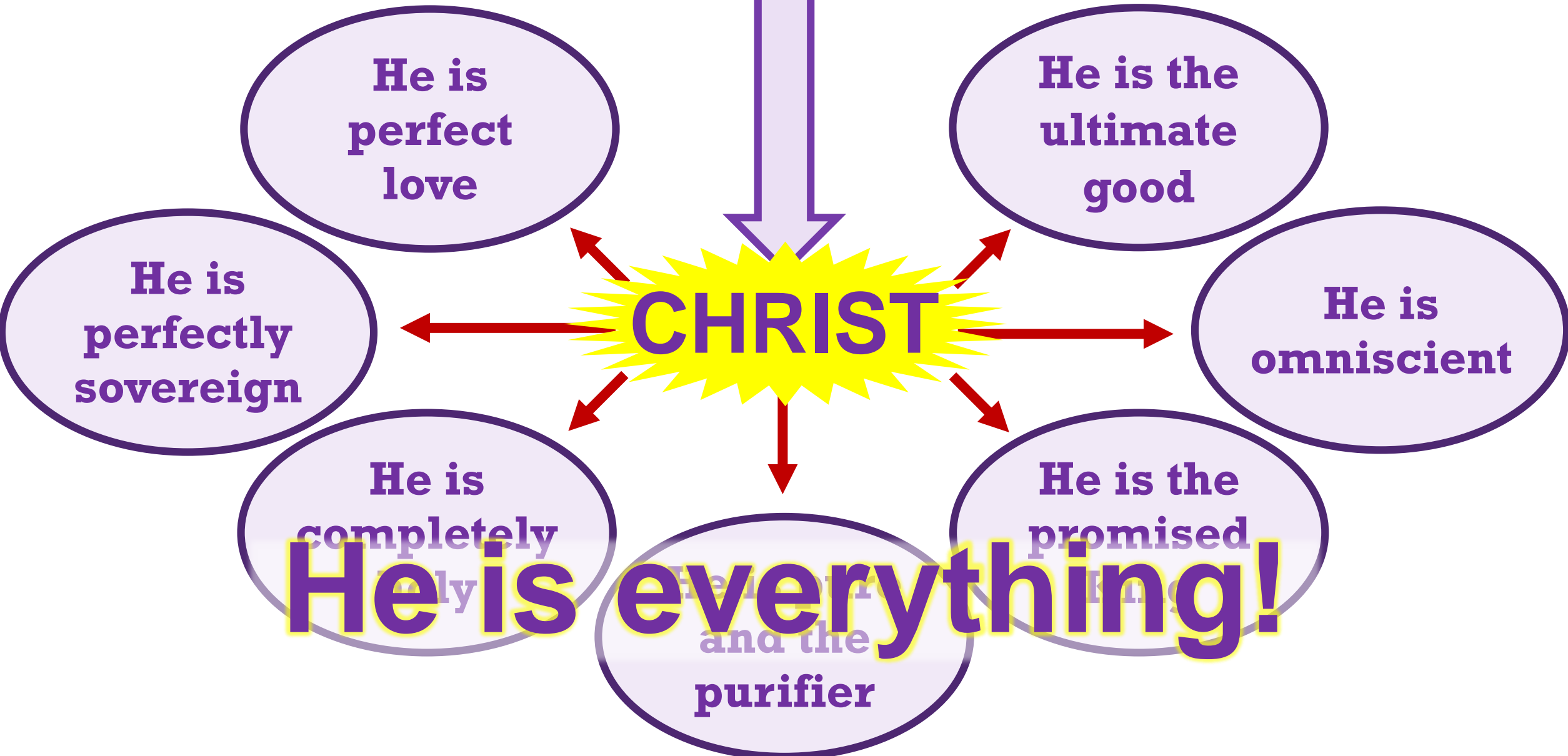


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THE RESPONSE TO THIS PROPHECY

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Wisdom, Faith, and Endurance

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REVELATION 13:18

This calls for wisdom

REVELATION 17:19

This calls for a mind with wisdom

REVELATION 13:10

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

REVELATION 14:12

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

REVELATION 16:15

“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”

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REVELATION 4:9-10

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.

REVELATION 5:4

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

REVELATION 7:11

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God

REVELATION 11:16

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God

REVELATION 14:7

And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

REVELATION 15:4

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

REVELATION 19:4-5

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

REVELATION 22:3

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

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KIDS' QUESTION:

WHAT COMES NEXT?

Jesus will return to reward all
who follow Him and to destroy
all who rejoice in the world.

KIDS' QUESTION:

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

We should worship Christ,
waiting for that day.