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Divine Outline (Revelation 1:19)

- What you have seen (Ch. 1)
- Those that are (Chs. 2-3)
- Those that are to take place **after this** (Chs. 4-22)—Grk. "meta tauta"

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All future events that have yet to take place are under the sovereign rule and reign of our Lord.

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- “...***on*** *the throne*...”
 - God is seated upon the throne
 - Had the appearance of “jasper and carnelian”



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 - “*clothed in white garments*” (Rev. 3:5)
 - “*golden crown*” (Grk. ***stephanos***—the victors crown)
 - “*seated on a throne*” (Rev. 3:21)

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The Father is looking for true worshippers who will worship him in spirit and in truth. (Jn. 4:23)



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Over the years I have been blessed by many pastors, theologians, and commentators whose writings have brought much needed clarity to my own sermons. As a result, my sermons are somewhat of a melting pot of these ideas, put together through hours of personal study, reflection, writing, and prayer. As it's been said before, *"I milk a lot of cows, but I churn my own butter."*

I have always made it my aim to cite these sources during my messages, but any failure to do so is simply an oversight on my part.

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I pray these messages will be a blessing and source of encouragement to all who use them to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

In Christ,
Pastor Brad Beckwith

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