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# The Revelation Of Jesus Christ

## Introduction

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is one of the most fascinating sections of Scripture you will ever read. Studying this LIFE-PAC® will help you to understand to a greater degree the truths that are unveiled by the Lord in this book. Although much of Revelation is still a mystery to many minds, Jesus said to His disciples (Luke 8:10), "...Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God...." The Holy Spirit has been given to believers (John 16:13) to "guide you into all truth" and to "shew you things to come."

Anyone who studies the book of Revelation will encounter a complex and difficult challenge. This book includes many analogies, figures, and symbols. Both the language and the specific visions make agreement on interpretation difficult, if not almost impossible. Every serious student of God's Word will in one way or another see this book differently. Four different approaches have been used by conservative scholars to interpret the message of Revelation. (1) The *preterist* approach. Those who hold this point of view maintain that the recorded events have taken place by the end of the first century. (2) The historical approach. Scholars holding this point of view believe the book of Revelation presents an entire outline of the history of the church from Christ's Ascension to His return. (3) The futuristic approach. Adherents to this point of view perceive the events recorded between chapters 4 and 22 as being a prophecy for a time in the future. (4) The nonliteral or allegorical approach. From this point of view, scholars assume that the visions of Revelation are entirely figurative. They do not attempt to make any literal application from the text.

Each view contains certain guidelines that are helpful in understanding the book of Revelation. In this LIFE-PAC an attempt has been made to respect each viewpoint in dealing with the text itself and to leave the assigning of the prophecies to specific events up to the student. You should direct questions about Revelation to your family, church leaders and pastor, and teacher. Try to learn as much as you can about this great book in God's precious Word.

You will note that the Revelation was received from God the Father by the Son and was shown unto His servants by an angel through the apostle John (Revelation 1:1). Thus, Revelation is for all believers; and they will receive a blessing if they read, hear, and keep those things that are written in this book (Revelation 1:3). In this LIFE-PAC you will get a glimpse of the glorious Christ and His people. Then you will study the victorious Christ and His enemy. Finally, you will turn your attention to the triumphant Christ and His bride.

## Objectives

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFE-PAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFE-PAC, you should be able to:

1. List the names of Jesus given in the book of Revelation.
2. Explain the relationship between Christ and His people.
3. List the names of the seven churches to whom Revelation was sent and the details concerning their spiritual condition.
4. Tell about the seven seals and what they signify.
5. Tell about the seven trumpets and what they signify.
6. List the names of Satan used in Revelation and details concerning his kingdom.
7. Tell about the seven signs and seven plagues and what they signify.
8. Tell about the seven judgments and the seven wonders in Revelation and what they signify.

# 1. THE GLORIOUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

In 1 John 1:1, John said that he had heard Jesus Christ, had seen Him with his eyes, had looked upon Him, and had handled Him with his hands both before and after His Resurrection. In the vision in Revelation, however, John fell at His feet as dead. Though the beloved disciple had seen the Lord transfigured before him on the

mount, when His face shone as the sun and His raiment was white as the light, he had never seen Christ in the glorious way in which He was revealed on the island of Patmos. In this section you will study the glorious Christ and His people in relation to the seven churches in Asia Minor, and the seven seals.

## SECTION OBJECTIVES

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. List the names of Jesus given in the book of Revelation.
2. Explain the relationship between Christ and His people.
3. List the names of the seven churches to whom Revelation was sent and the details concerning their spiritual condition.
4. Tell about the seven seals and what they signify.

## VOCABULARY

**Study these words to enhance your learning success in this section.**

**appellation** (ap u lā' shun) The word by which a person, thing, or class is called and known; a title.

**cataclysmic** (kat u kliz' mik) Caused by an extraordinary and violent change.

**degradation** (deg ru dā' shun) The state of being reduced from a higher or more honorable station to a lower one.

**emanate** (em' u nat) To send forth; to emit.

**exemplify** (eg zem' plu fi) To show or illustrate by example.

**innumerable** (i nü' mur u bul) Countless, without number.

**sustenance** (sus' tu nuns) Support; maintenance.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, Īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /ʃh/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

## THE SEVEN CHURCHES

In this portion of your study, you will learn much about the names of the Lord Jesus Christ and His relationship to the seven churches in Asia Minor to whom the Revelation was addressed.

In the first chapter of the Revelation, the Lord reveals Himself through names which have been given to Him and which **exemplify** His character and work. In verse 5 He is known as "...the faithful witness...the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth..." Another **appellation** is given in verse 8, "Alpha and Omega," which means *the beginning and*

### Read Revelation Chapters 1-3.



*the ending, or the first and the last.* These meanings are designated by the first (alpha) and last (omega) letters of the Greek alphabet—the language in which the New Testament was written. The name Alpha and Omega speaks of the eternal nature of Jesus Christ. He reminds us in verse 18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore..." This teaching of the eternity of Christ harmonizes with what is recorded in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." The Lord further emphasizes this eternity in Revelation 1:8 by stating He is the One "...which is, and which was, and which is to



| Seven Churches of Asia Minor

come..." He also calls Himself the Almighty (Revelation 1:8), a name that speaks of His authority and power. In Revelation 1:13-16, John saw Jesus as the Son of man and gave a glorious description of the exalted Lord. Clothed with a long garment and a golden girdle, Christ's head and hair were white as snow, or wool, indicating the brilliant light that surrounded Him and **emanated** from Him. His eyes were as a flame of fire and had bright, piercing qualities. His feet shone like burnished brass; and His voice

was rich and full, sounding like many waters. Our Lord's countenance, or face, was also as brilliant as the sun in all its strength. In His hand were seven stars, representing the messengers, or angels, of the seven churches. He walked in the midst of the seven candlesticks, symbolizing the seven churches themselves. The two-edged sword was in His mouth. No wonder John fell at His feet as dead, struck with awe as He viewed this wonderful vision of His risen Lord and Savior (Revelation 1:17).



### Complete these activities.

**1.1** Give six names of the Lord Jesus Christ used in Revelation chapter 1.

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| a. _____ | b. _____ |
| c. _____ | d. _____ |
| e. _____ | f. _____ |

**1.2** Give John's description of the glorified Lord he saw in the vision.

- a. clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- b. head and hair \_\_\_\_\_
- c. countenance \_\_\_\_\_
- d. eyes \_\_\_\_\_
- e. feet \_\_\_\_\_
- f. voice \_\_\_\_\_

**1.3** State the meaning of these symbolic items in the vision.

- a. seven stars \_\_\_\_\_
- b. seven candlesticks \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord instructed John to write in a book what he saw and send it to the seven churches in Asia Minor. John had been the overseer of these churches before being exiled by the Roman emperor to the island of Patmos. The names of the churches are specified: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The Lord had individual messages for each of these seven churches.

**The church in Ephesus.** The special message to the church in Ephesus came from the One who holds the seven messengers, or angels, perhaps the pastors of these churches, in His right hand and walks in the midst of them. This identification showed His close relationship with those individuals and His careful concern for the churches and their leaders. Christ was aware of their works, their labor, and their

patience in Ephesus. He knew that they had tried the evil apostles and had rejected them as liars. Ephesus was a strong church in the realm of labors, patience, and discerning of spirits; but the Lord somewhat sadly stated that they had a most grievous fault. Their error was that they had left their first love. He indicated that they had fallen and were in need of repentance. They must be willing to return to their first love. The penalty for not repenting of this spiritual digression would be the removal of their church from its place. The Lord viewed as very serious their fallen condition; and, even though they hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans,

who taught the people false doctrines, this attitude did not make up for their lack of a fresh, vibrant obedience to Him. The promise to those who would overcome this spiritual problem was that they might eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Remember that no amount of work done for the Lord will ever replace the obedience He expects toward His Word. He desires above all else that we love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our strength, and with all of our mind. We demonstrate our love by knowing His Word and by being obedient to Him as our Lord.



**Complete these statements.**

- 1.4 The church at Ephesus was strong in the realm of a. \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.5 The church at Ephesus was weak in that they had a. \_\_\_\_\_  
their first b. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.6 The remedy for the Ephesian church’s problem was that they \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.7 The penalty if the Ephesians did not respond to the remedy was that their church would be completely \_\_\_\_\_ from its place.
- 1.8 Those who were a. \_\_\_\_\_ were given the promise that they would eat of  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of c. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The church of Smyrna.** The special salutation to the church in Smyrna let them know that Jesus is the first and the last and that He is alive from the dead (Revelation 2:8). The Lord knew their works, their tribulation, and their poverty; and He told them that in spite of outward appearance, they were rich. He also was aware of their enemies, the unbelieving Jews who claimed to be Abraham’s seed but never saw the day of Jesus Christ, as Abraham did, with gladness. The message of Jesus was that those views were the synagogue of Satan. This message is similar to His statement to the Jews during His Incarnation, to whom He said

(John 8:44), “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is not truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” These Jews in Smyrna may have been physical descendants of Abraham, but they were certainly not his spiritual seed since they would not believe in Jesus and persecuted His followers.

The Lord foresaw the suffering that shortly awaited them and told them not to fear that

trial and tribulation. Though some of them would be cast into prison, the trial was to be limited in duration; and the reward for their faithfulness unto death would be a crown of life. Since Christ Himself had died to take away the sting of death and to rob the grave of its victory (1 Corinthians 15:55-56), He could

strengthen them and assure them that their reward would be greater than their suffering. The important thing for these overcomers was that they should not experience the second death, which would be spiritual death or separation from God. The only escape from this second death is knowing Christ as personal Savior.



### Answer true or false.

- 1.9** \_\_\_\_\_ The church at Smyrna was rich even though they appeared poor.
- 1.10** \_\_\_\_\_ The church at Smyrna was persecuted by unbelieving Jews.
- 1.11** \_\_\_\_\_ Christ said the church at Smyrna was a synagogue of Satan.
- 1.12** \_\_\_\_\_ The Christians in Smyrna were soon to go through suffering.
- 1.13** \_\_\_\_\_ The trials and tribulations for the church at Smyrna would be long in duration.
- 1.14** \_\_\_\_\_ The reward for death would be a crown of life.
- 1.15** \_\_\_\_\_ The overcomers in Smyrna would not experience the second death.

### Complete these activities.

**1.16** State three things that the Lord knew about the condition of the church at Smyrna.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.17** State three things that the Lord foresaw concerning their trials.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.18** Give two rewards that they were to receive if they were faithful.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**The church in Pergamos.** Jesus introduced Himself to the church in Pergamos as the One having the sharp sword with two edges. This church was in need of a greater knowledge of the Lord and His Word so that they might discern between that which was good and that which was evil. Since they dwelt where Satan’s seat was, this discernment was absolutely vital to their survival. Christ knew their works and the fact that they were holding fast His name and that they had not denied the faith even when one of their number, Antipas, had been martyred. Nevertheless, these believers had among their number the hateful Nicolaitans and those who held the doctrine of Balaam. The Lord promised to come against the offenders with the sword of His mouth if the church did not remove the heresy. The message to this church, as it had been to the others, was that they must repent, change their mind and direction, with regard to the evil they were tolerating in their midst. The Lord desires a pure church, and He will not bear to have impurity mixed with it. The reward for the overcomers



| Sword of the Spirit

would be that they might eat of the hidden manna and receive a white stone in which was a new name that only the person to whom it was given would know. This reward speaks of spiritual **sustenance** and the peculiar personal identification the believers who overcome will have with their Lord as they are with Him in glory. What wonderful things are promised to those who totally commit themselves in obedience to Jesus Christ.



**Complete these activities.**

**1.19** State four things that Christ knew about the church in Pergamos.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.20** Give the reason that the Lord had a few things against the church in Pergamos. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**1.21** State two things that the overcomers were promised.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**The church in Thyatira.** In His greeting to the church in Thyatira, the Lord is presented as the Son of God, having eyes like fire and feet like fine brass, speaking of judgment. His message is directed to the **degradation** that He sees in this church. Such error will be judged if they do not repent. Again, Christ is aware of their works, their love, their service, their faith, and their patience, noting that the church has grown steadily in the area of Christian service. The Lord's chief complaint against this church is that they are not only tolerating a false prophetess named Jezebel, but that they are giving her a prominent place in the body of believers. The doctrine which she teaches is one that Jesus refers to as "the depths of Satan." Having given her space to repent, and seeing no results, He will judge her. The judgment

will come upon the woman and upon those whom she has seduced, as well as her children. This judgment is necessary to show all the churches that Christ searches the total person and judges according to his works. The Lord urges them to hold fast to that which they have until He returns. He promises the overcomers that they will be given power over the nations, to rule them with a rod of iron, that they will also be given the bright and morning star. This thought harmonizes with Daniel 12:3 which states: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." We may be confident that eternal rewards beyond our imagination await those who keep the Lord's Word.



### Complete these activities.

**1.22** Name the two physical aspects of Christ spoken of in His salutation.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.23** State three persons or groups of people who would be judged because of the false prophetess.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

**1.24** State two rewards of the overcomers in the church at Thyatira.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**The church of Sardis.** The greeting of Christ to this church reflects that He is the perfect One. Since *seven* in Scripture is the number of perfection, Christ has the seven Spirits, and is qualified to have, as a possession, the pastors of these churches, symbolized by the seven

stars. The church in Sardis had a name that sounds as if it were alive, when in reality the church was dead. No praise is given for this church in its imperfect state. Their works in particular were not perfect before God. The Lord gave them instructions on how they could

remedy this situation: by watching, by strengthening the things which remained, by remembering what they had received and heard, by holding fast, and by repenting. Jesus could name only a few in Sardis who had not defiled their garments. This defilement indicated that moral impurity was a problem with many in this church. The overcomers are worthy to walk with Christ in white raiment. They would not have their names blotted out of the book of life,

but Christ would confess their names before His Father and the angels. The Lord keeps account of those who put their trust in Him and will make sure that those who have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord will not be confounded or ashamed in the day of Christ. Paul could say (2 Timothy 1:12), "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."



**Write true or false.**

- 1.25 \_\_\_\_\_ The church at Sardis was a healthy, thriving work.
- 1.26 \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord praised this church's works highly.
- 1.27 \_\_\_\_\_ A few in Sardis had not defiled their garments.
- 1.28 \_\_\_\_\_ The overcomers would have their names blotted out of the book of life.

**Complete these activities.**

- 1.29 State five things that Christ told the church to do to remedy its sick situation.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.30 Name three things that the overcomers in Sardis would have as rewards.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

**The church in Philadelphia.** The Lord's words to this church indicate that He was pleased with their progress. Not one negative note was struck concerning any glaring need to repent. To this church in the city of *brotherly love*, the Lord described Himself as holy and true, having the key of David, and opening the doors which no man can shut, and shutting the doors that

no one can open. The salutation itself sets the tone for the positive praise that follows. The believers in Philadelphia had a little strength, had kept His Word, and had not denied His name. The One who has the key of David set before this church an open door of opportunity. Christ made the Jews of the synagogue of Satan come and worship before the feet

## SELF TEST 1

Match these items (each answer, 2 points).

- |       |                     |   |
|-------|---------------------|---|
| 1.01  | _____ clothing      | a. victorious royalty                       |
| 1.02  | _____ feet          | b. as a flame of fire                       |
| 1.03  | _____ voice         | c. bloodshed                                |
| 1.04  | _____ eyes          | d. long garment, golden girdle              |
| 1.05  | _____ head and hair | e. brilliant as the sun in all its strength |
| 1.06  | _____ countenance   | f. full and rich, sounding like many waters |
| 1.07  | _____ white horse   | g. golden, like a sunset                    |
| 1.08  | _____ red horse     | h. famine                                   |
| 1.09  | _____ pale horse    | i. life                                     |
| 1.010 | _____ black horse   | j. shone like burnished brass               |
|       |                     | k. white as snow or wool                    |
|       |                     | l. death                                    |

Complete these statements (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.011 The church at Ephesus had left their first \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.012 Christ told the church at Smyrna they would soon go through \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.013 The church at Pergamos was tolerating some of the hateful \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.014 A false prophetess named \_\_\_\_\_ was teaching at Thyatira.
- 1.015 The church at Sardis had a name that indicated it lived, but the Lord said it was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.016 The church at Philadelphia stands out from the rest in that it had no need to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.017 The most repulsive thing to the Lord about the church at Laodicea was that it was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.018 Two items that would be scarce during famine would be wheat and \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.019 Two items that would be plentiful during famine would be wine and \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.020 A great silence was in heaven for a half hour when the \_\_\_\_\_ was opened.

**Write true or false** (each answer, 1 point).

- 1.021 \_\_\_\_\_ When seeing Jesus Christ in Revelation chapter 1, John fell at His feet.
- 1.022 \_\_\_\_\_ Christ holds the seven messengers in His right hand.
- 1.023 \_\_\_\_\_ The church at Smyrna was having no problems.
- 1.024 \_\_\_\_\_ The church at Pergamos had the synagogue of Satan.
- 1.025 \_\_\_\_\_ The church at Thyatira was promised hidden manna.
- 1.026 \_\_\_\_\_ The pastors of the seven churches are also called the seven stars.
- 1.027 \_\_\_\_\_ The church of Sardis received no praise.
- 1.028 \_\_\_\_\_ Philadelphia means city of brotherly love.
- 1.029 \_\_\_\_\_ The seventh seal begins the seven trumpets.
- 1.030 \_\_\_\_\_ Only the earth is affected after the sixth seal is opened.

**Complete these activities** (each answer, 3 points).

1.031 Give five names of the Lord Jesus revealed in Revelation chapter 1.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

1.032 State five things that Christ told the church at Sardis to do to remedy its sick situation.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

**Write this verse from memory** (this answer, 5 points).

1.033 Revelation 5:12 (the song sung to the Lamb) \_\_\_\_\_

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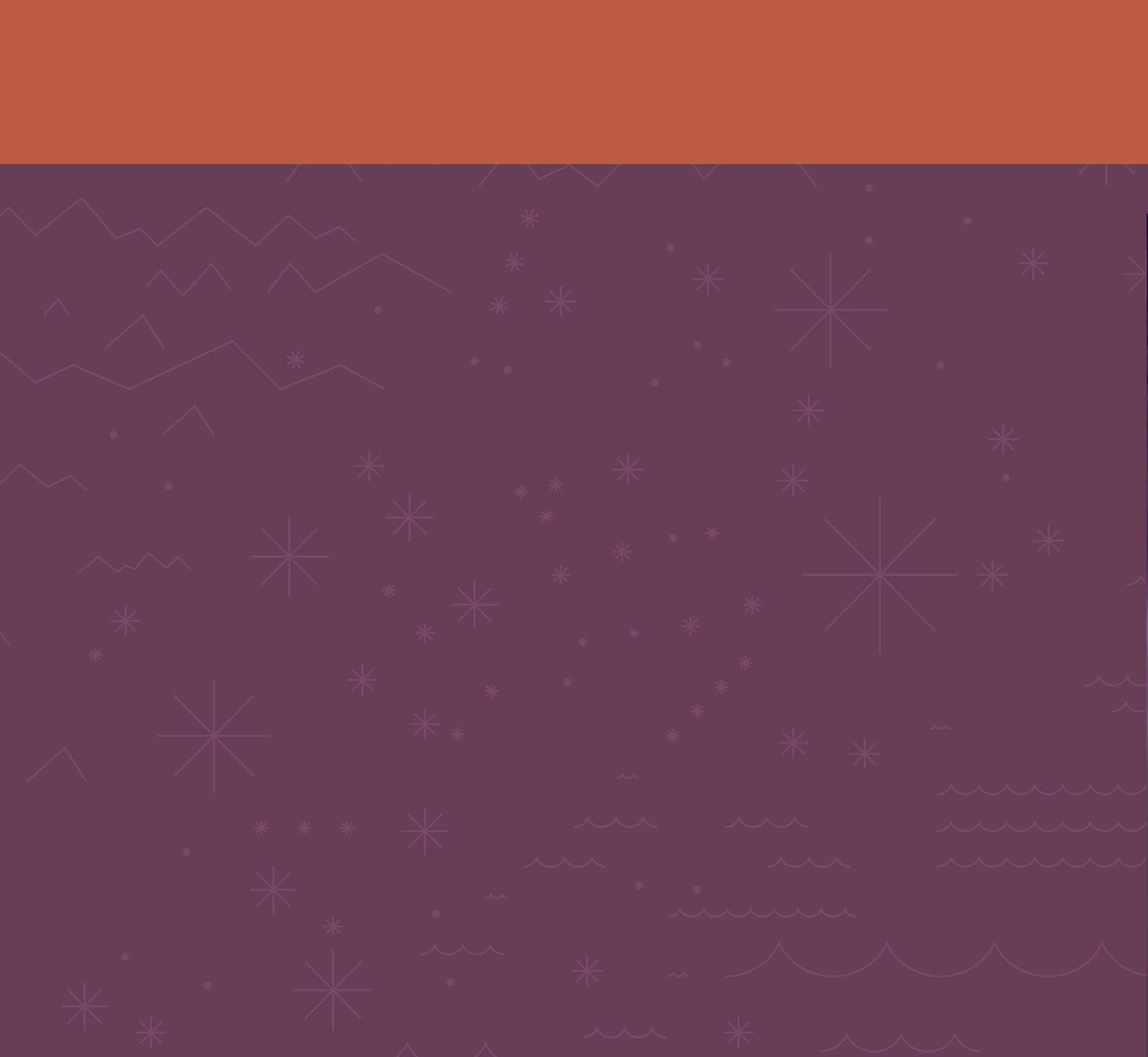
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