

Revelation

A Refuge for the Family

INTRODUCTION

Biblically speaking, what is Revelation about? Many questions have been raised throughout Christian history regarding the book of Revelation and its meaning. What is Revelation about, and why do so many people avoid reading this book? The book of Revelation means exactly what it is, the Revelation of the loving and merciful nature of Jesus Christ, which reveals His care, guidance and protection to each person, family and His church.

There are those who read the book and do not understand it and thus their hearts become full of fear. Also, there are many people who choose to simply not read this book and their minds become full of questions and confusion regarding the time we are living in. However, when this book is read adequately and in the order that it was meant to be read, this book shines light on one thing, hope. The book of Revelation reveals a God who can do all things and hold all things. When this book is read in an organized way, it shows that we can live each day with the hope that God is holding every aspect of our lives.

The book of Revelation is a refuge for the family because it shows that no matter the storms we face, we can be assured that God has provided and will provide a solution for each one of us. Therefore, this book should not be feared, but read and understood. How can you read this book adequately and in order? The answer is found in the word ***chiasmus***. “A *chiasmus* is a double list of related matters in which the order of the second list is opposed to the order of the first”.

With your hands, this manual and the Bible, you will be able to understand how the book of Revelation is organized, and how each of the eight visions of the book have a chiastic pattern, in other words, how each vision is connected to another vision. You will learn to connect visions, read them in order, know where they are found, and identify the structure of each.

We hope that with the study of this manual, you, your family and the church will be blessed and spiritually enriched.

CHIASTIC STUDY

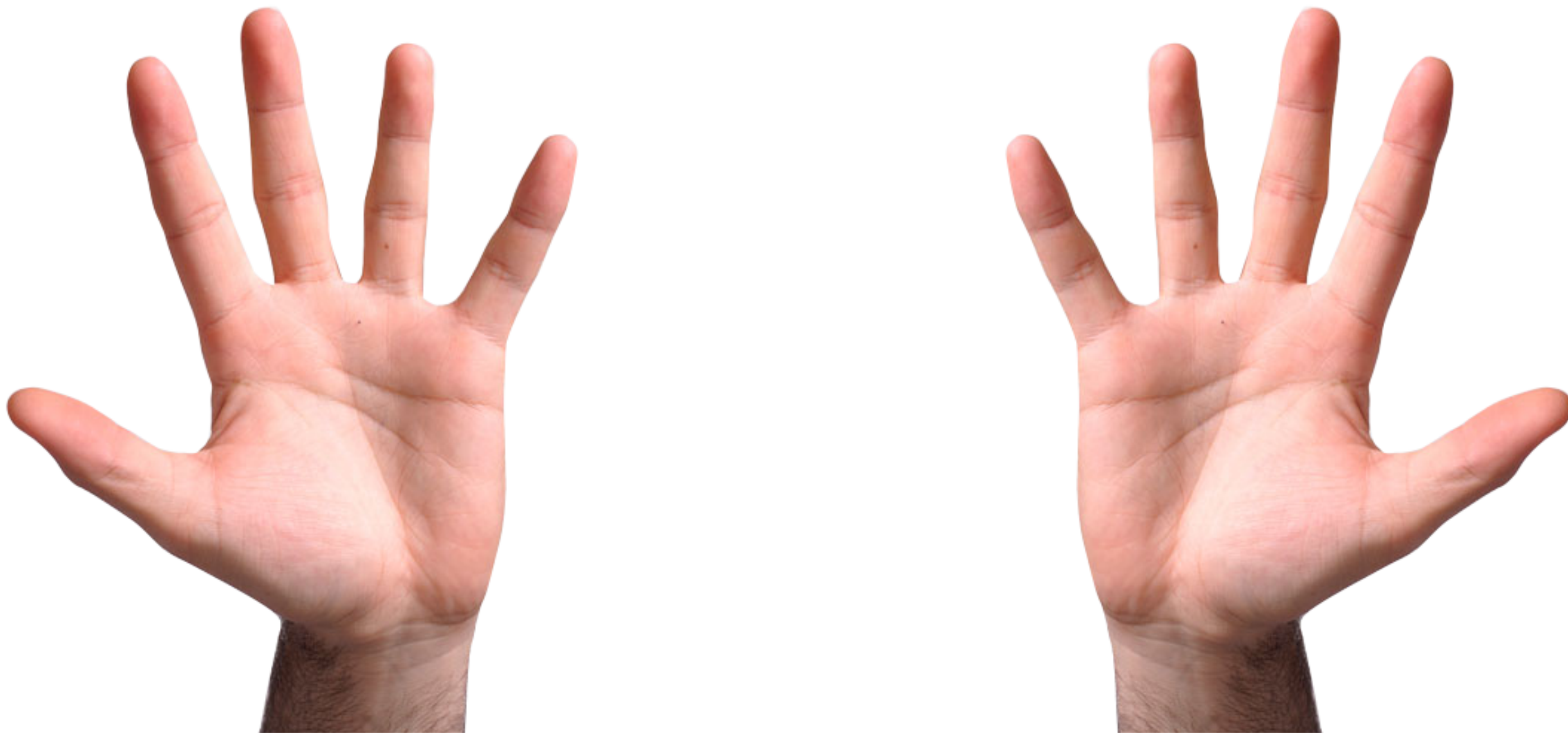
OF REVELATION

USING OPEN HANDS



CHIASMUS

A *chiasmus* is a double list of related matters, in which the order of the second list is opposed to the order of the first.



CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

Revelation is divided into two main parts:

Left hand: **HISTORICAL Part**
Revelation 1:1 to 14:20



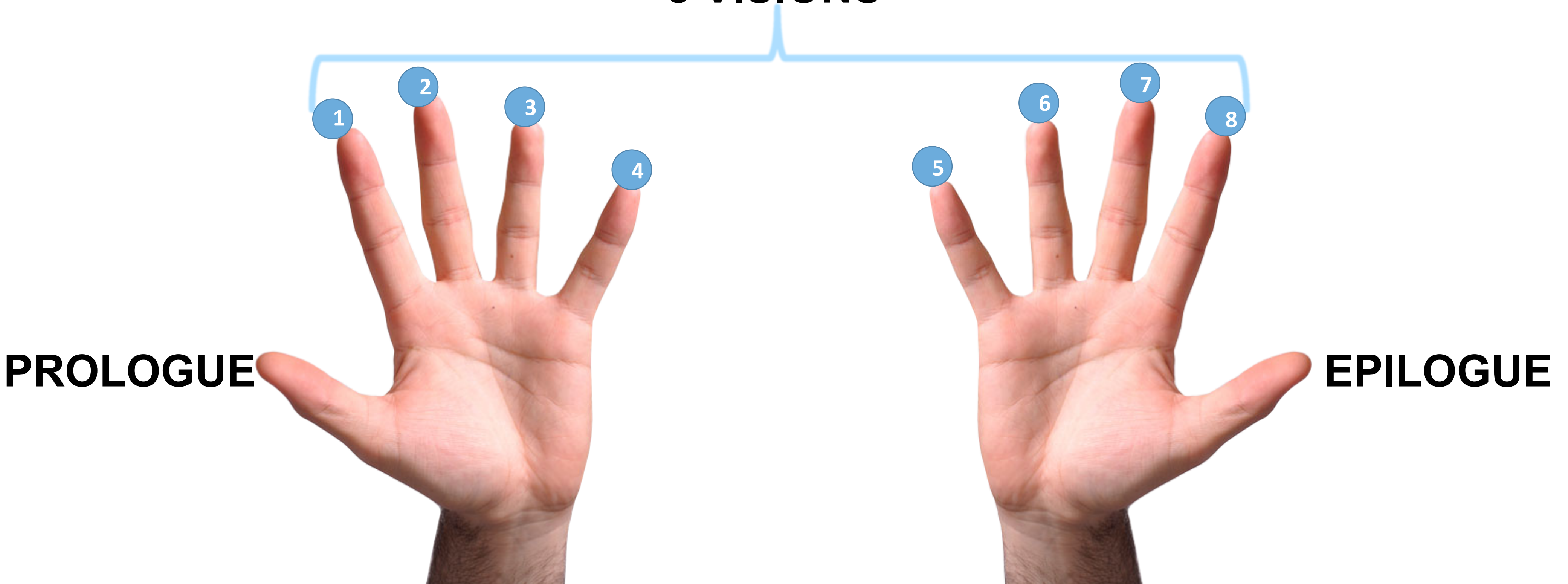
Right hand: **ESCHATOLOGICAL Part**
Revelation 15:1 to 22:21



CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

Revelation contains an introductory part called Prologue and a conclusion called Epilogue. Between the prologue and the epilogue the book contains 8 visions.

8 VISIONS

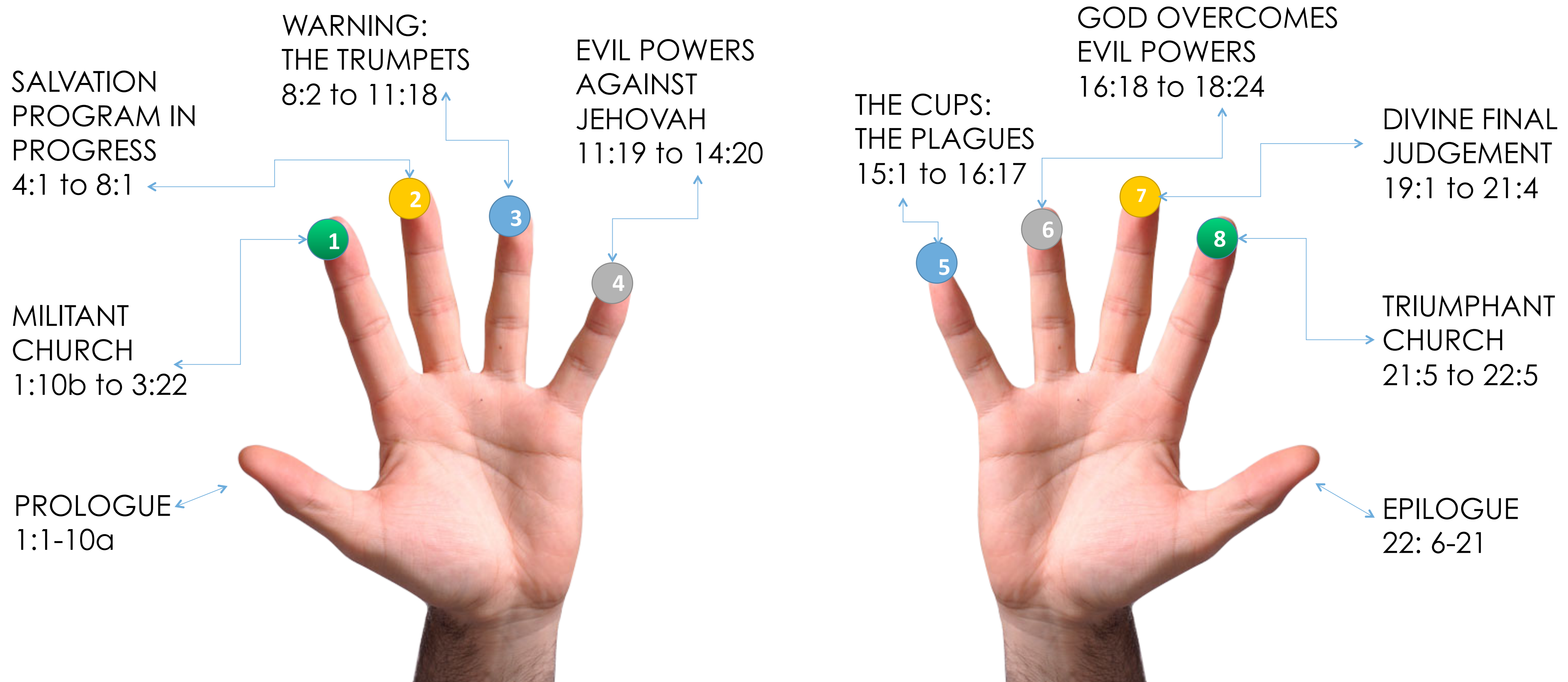


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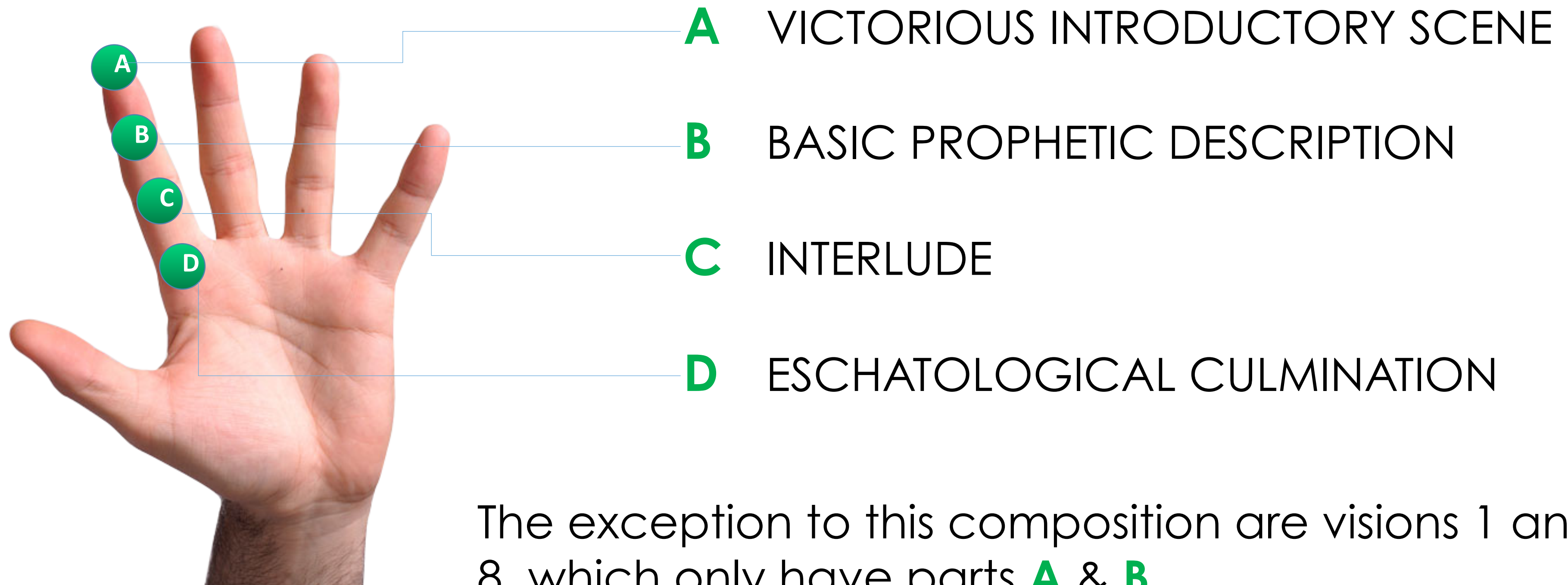
NAMES OF VISIONS



CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

Each vision is composed of four parts:



The exception to this composition are visions 1 and 8, which only have parts **A** & **B**.

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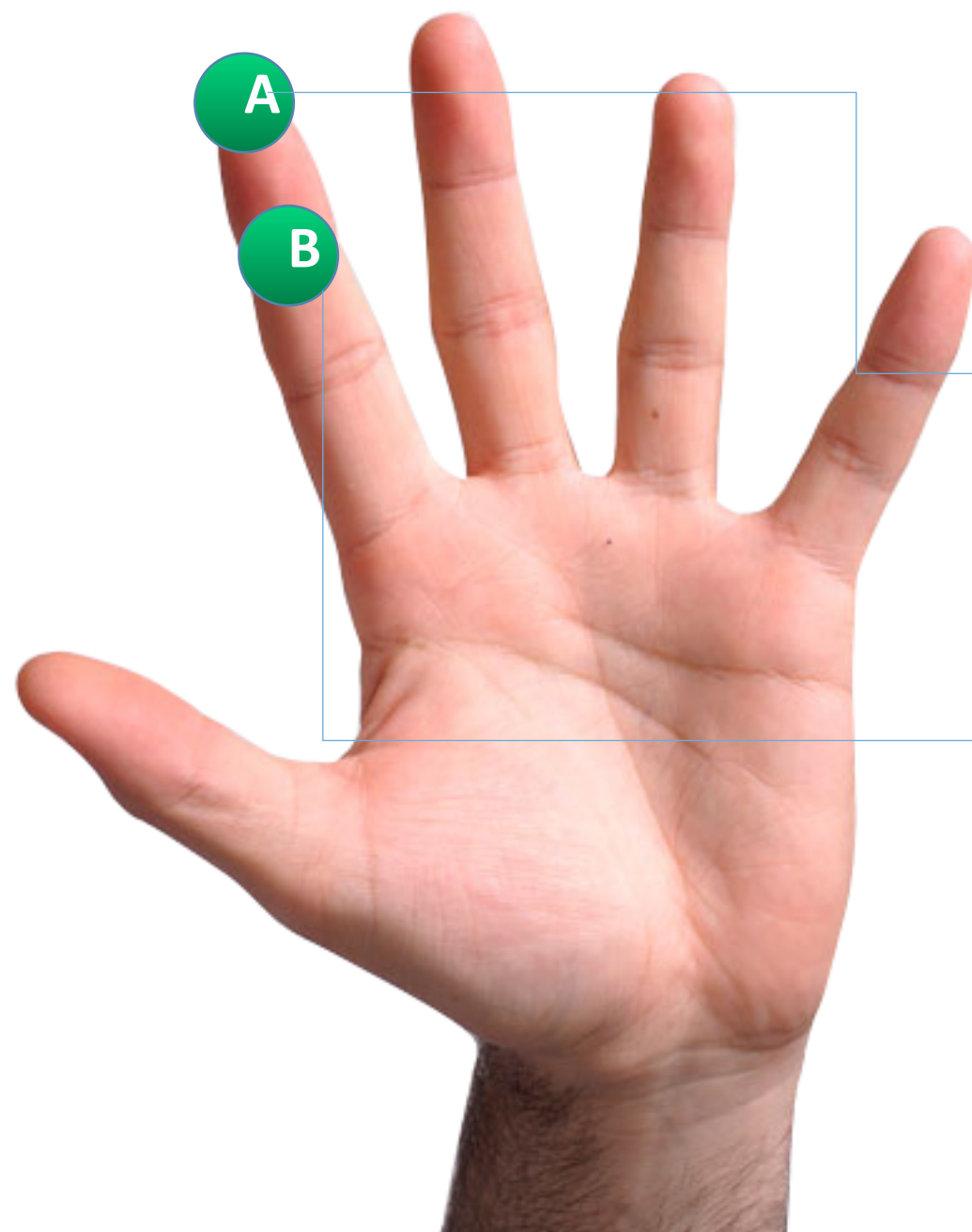
COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

VISION

1

MILITANT CHURCH

Revelation 1:10 to 3:22



A

VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE
1:10b-20

B

BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION
2:1 to 3:22

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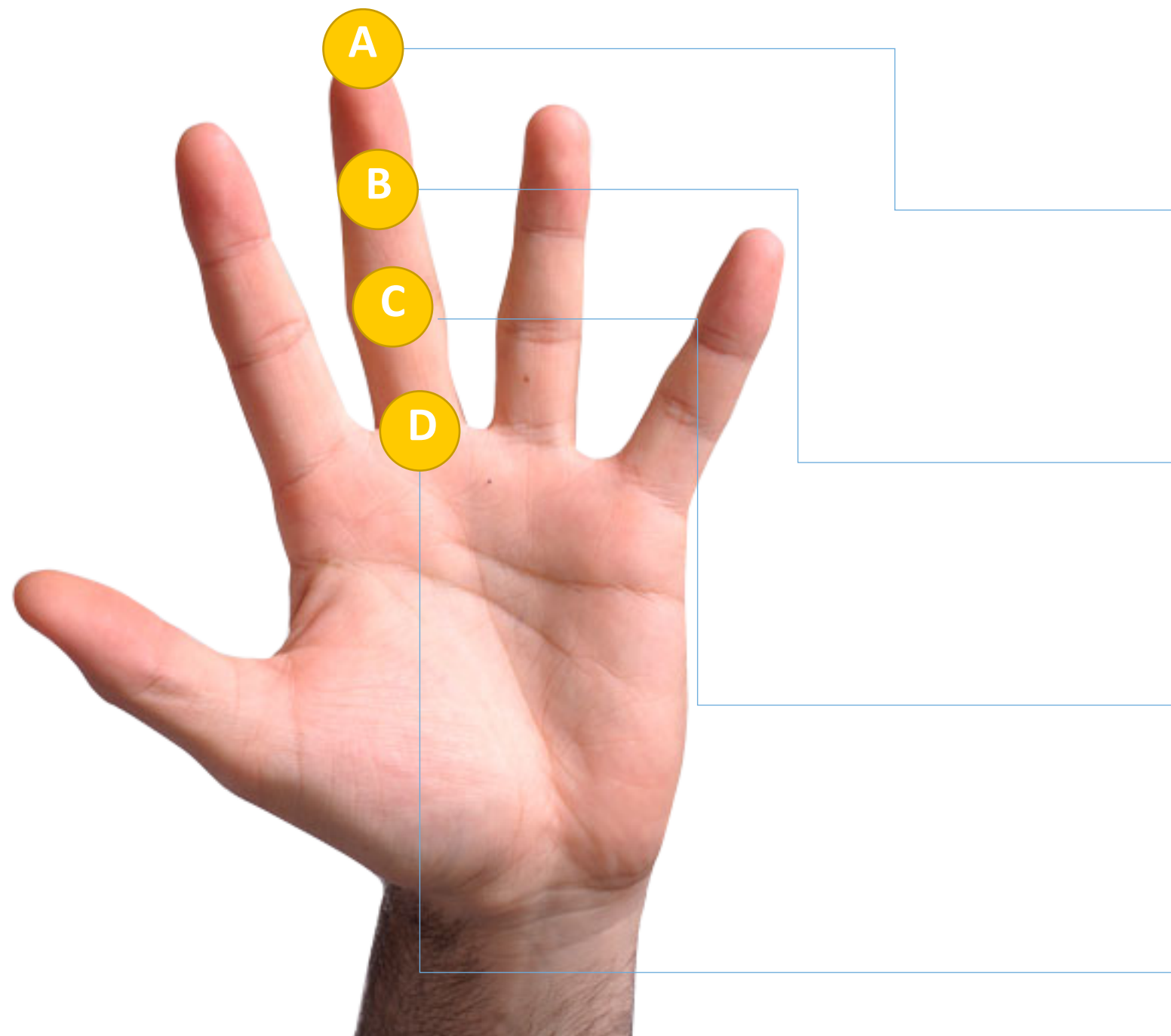
COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

VISION

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SALVATION PROGRAM IN PROGRESS

Revelation 4:1 to 8:1



A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE

Chapters 4 & 5

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION

Chapter 6

C INTERLUDE

Chapter 7

D ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION

8:1

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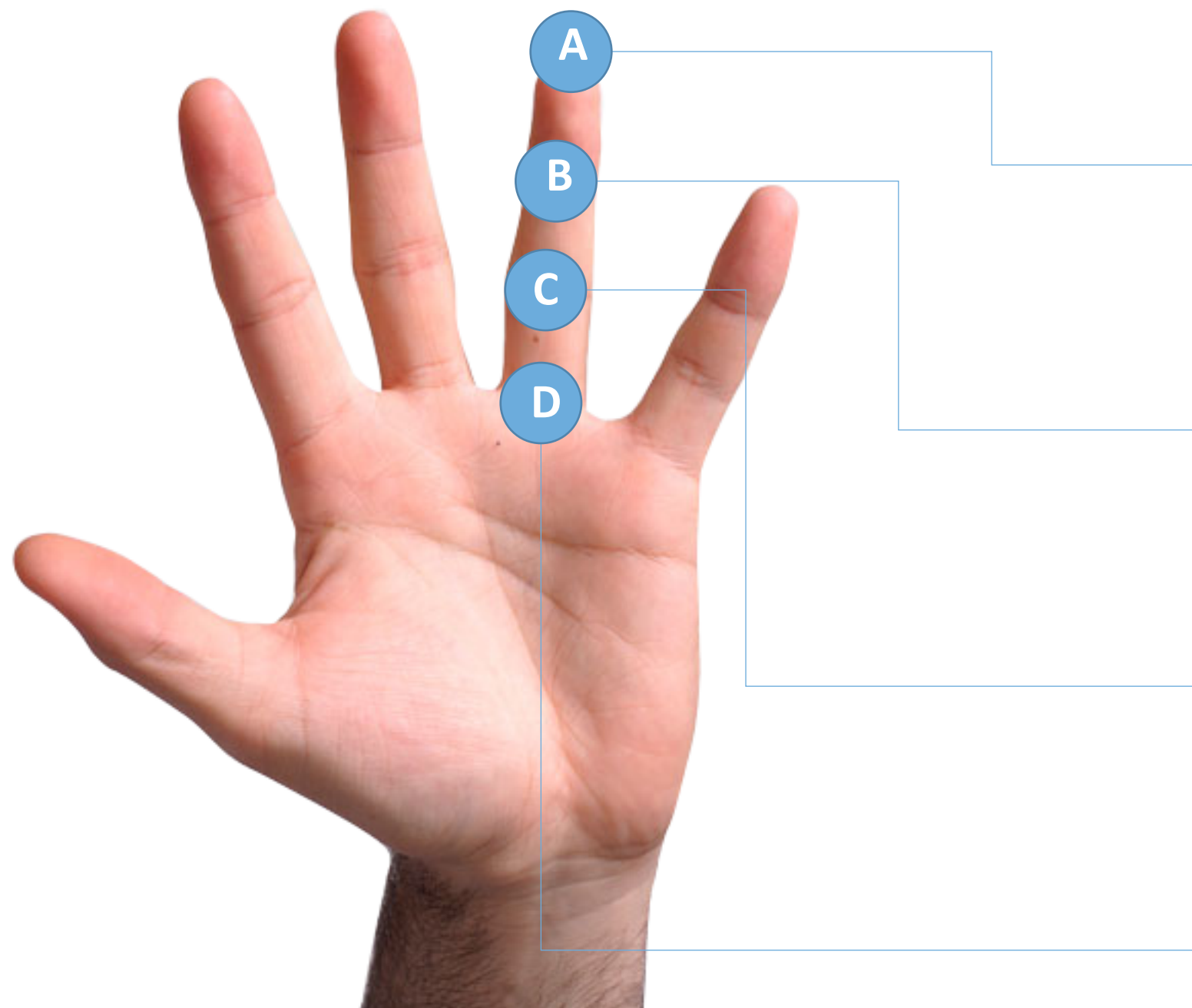
COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

VISION

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WARNING: THE TRUMPETS

Revelation 8:2 to 11:18



A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE

8:2-6

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION

8:7 to 9:21

C INTERLUDE

10:1 to 11:13

D ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION

11:14-18

CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

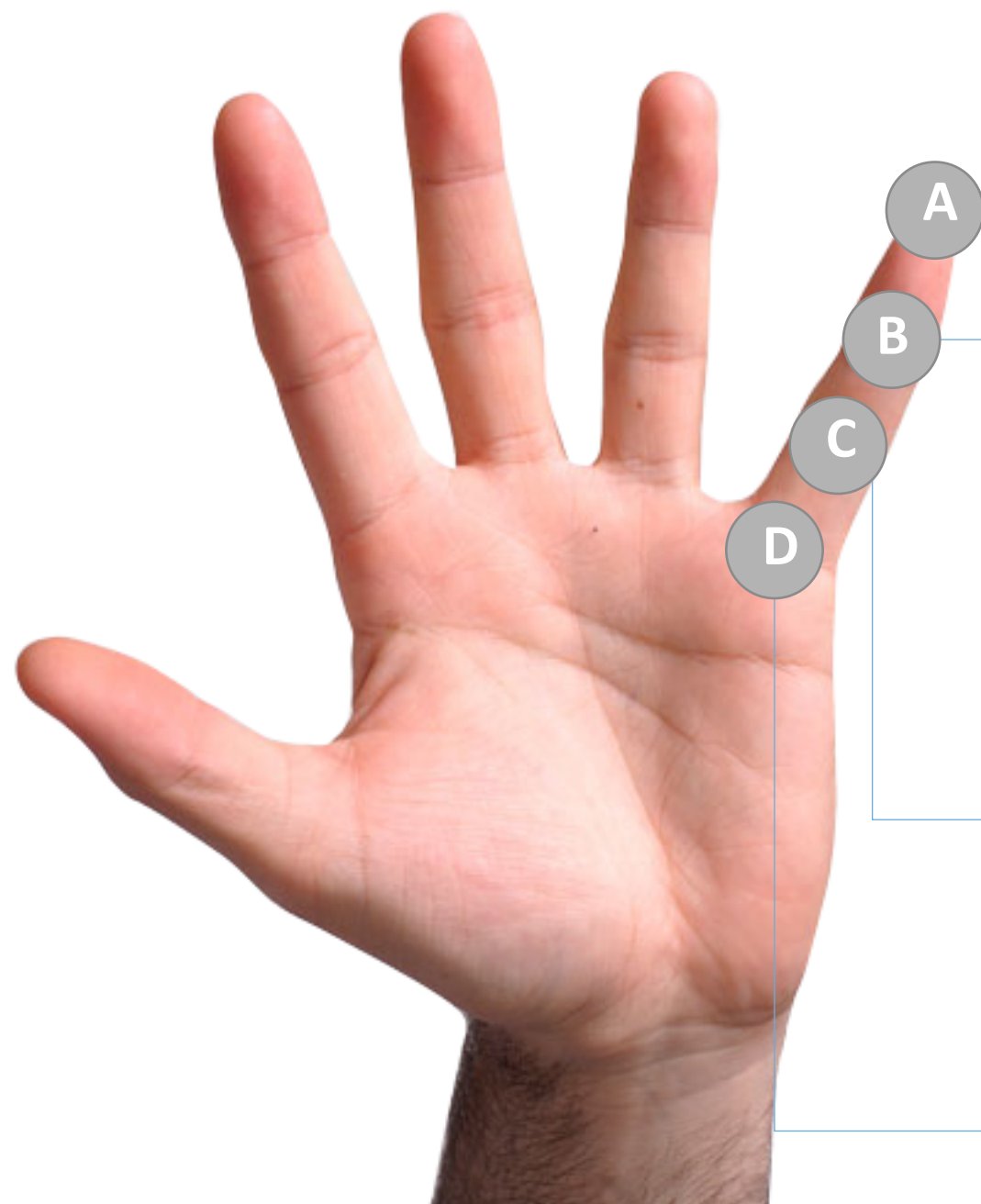
COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

VISION

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EVIL POWERS AGAINST JEHOVAH

Revelation 11:19 to 14:20



A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE

11:19

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION

Chapters 12 & 13

C INTERLUDE

14:1-13

D ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION

14:14-20

CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

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THE CUPS: THE PLAGUES

Revelation 15:1 to 16:17

A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE

15:1 to 16:1

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION

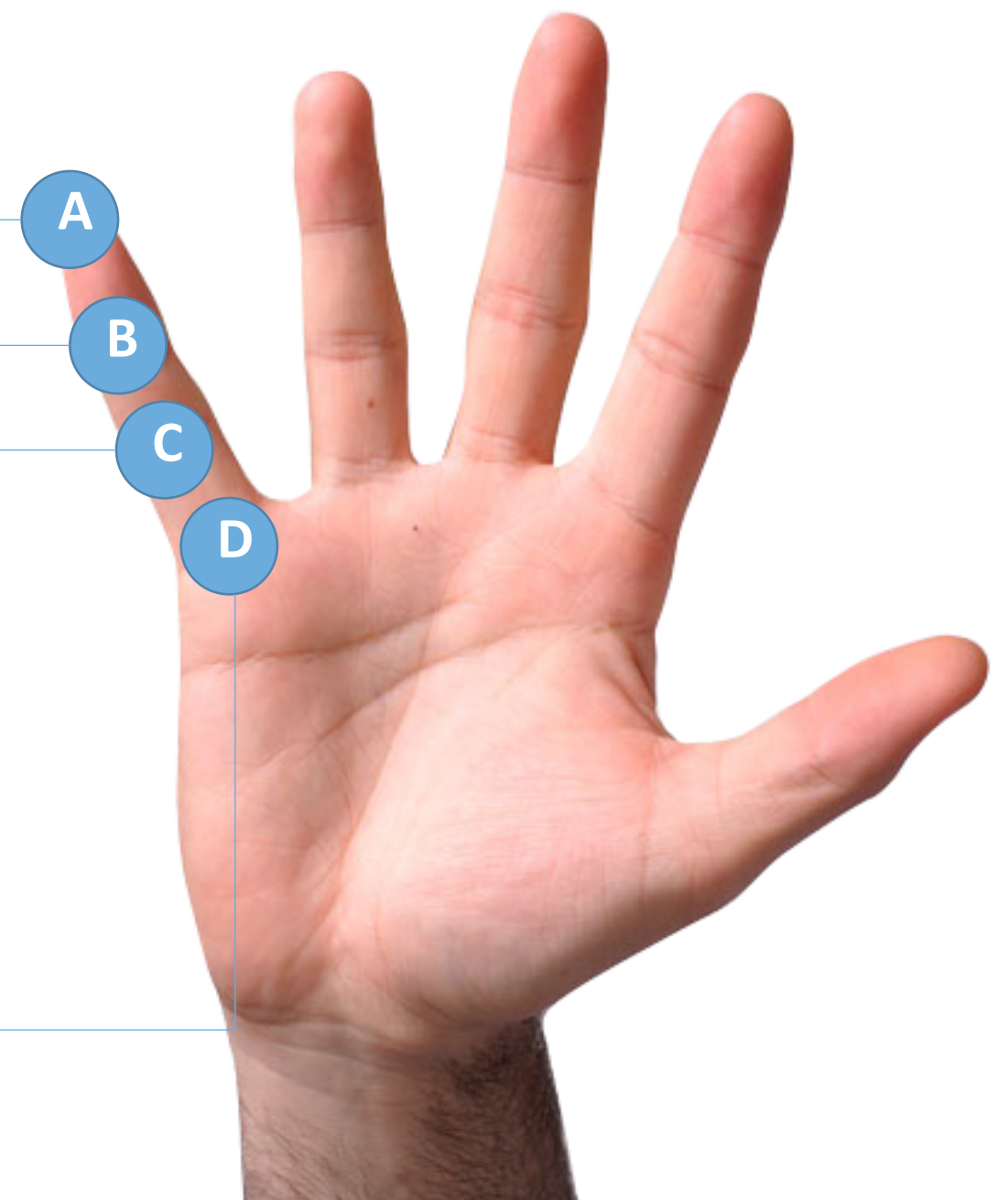
16:2-14,16

C INTERLUDE

16:15

D ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION

16:17



CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

VISION

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GOD OVERCOMES EVIL POWERS

Revelation 16:18 to 18:24

A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE

16:18 to 17:3a

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION

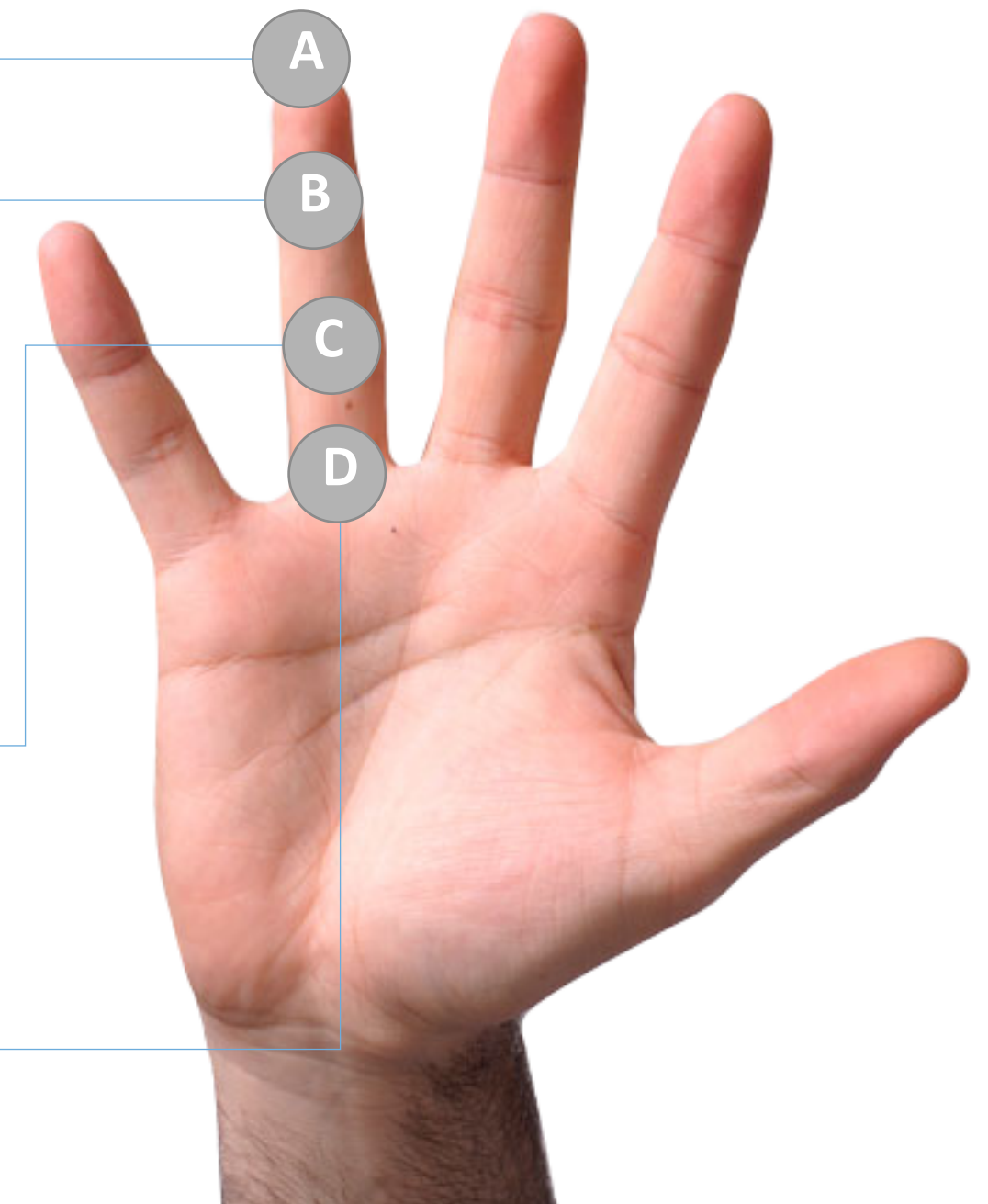
17:3b to 18:3

C INTERLUDE

18:4-8,20

D ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION

18:9-19,21-24



CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

COMPOSITION OF VISIONS

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DIVINE FINAL JUDGMENT

Revelation 19:1 to 21:4

A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE

19:1-10

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION

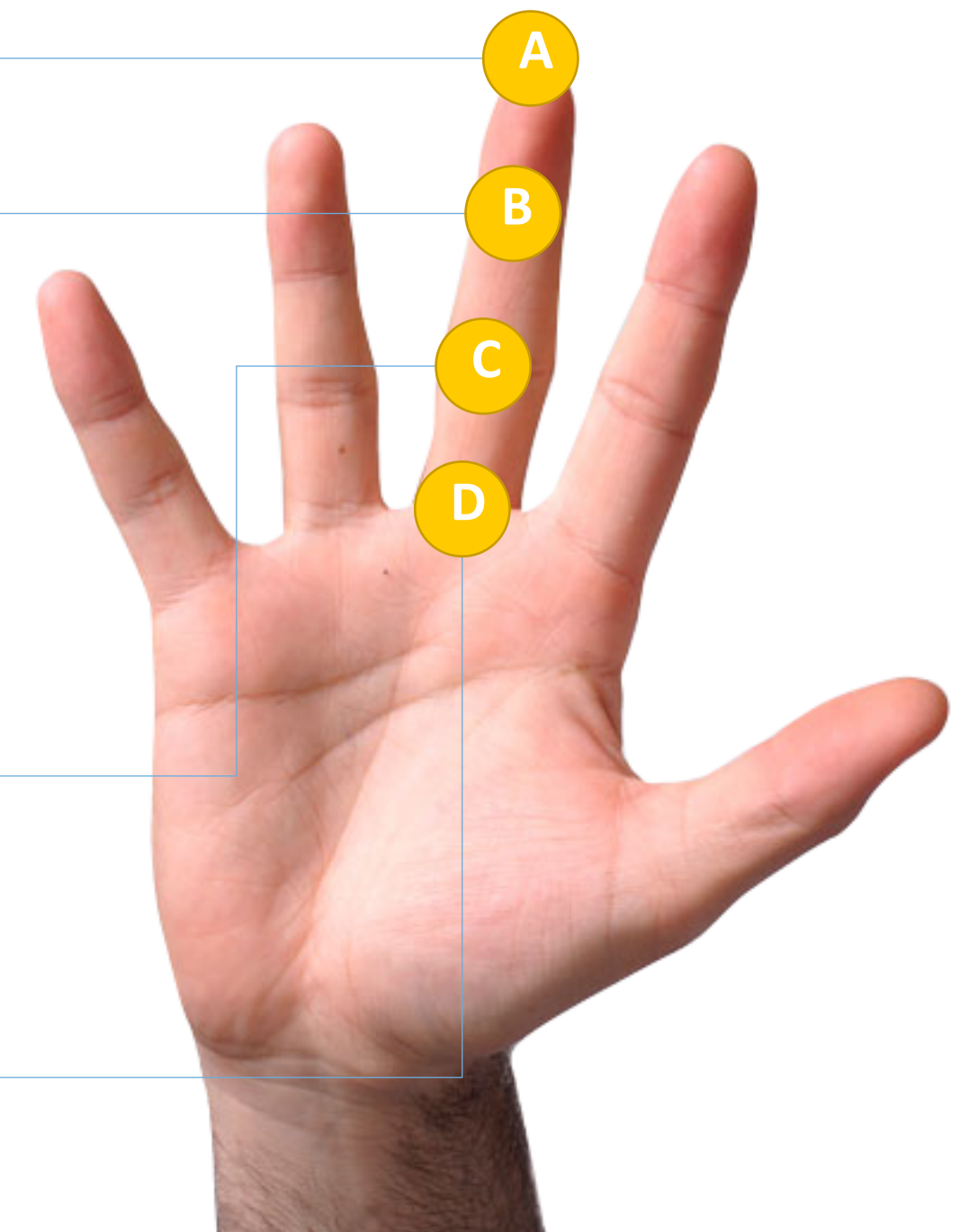
19:11 to 20:5

C INTERLUDE

20:6

D ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION

20:7 to 21:4



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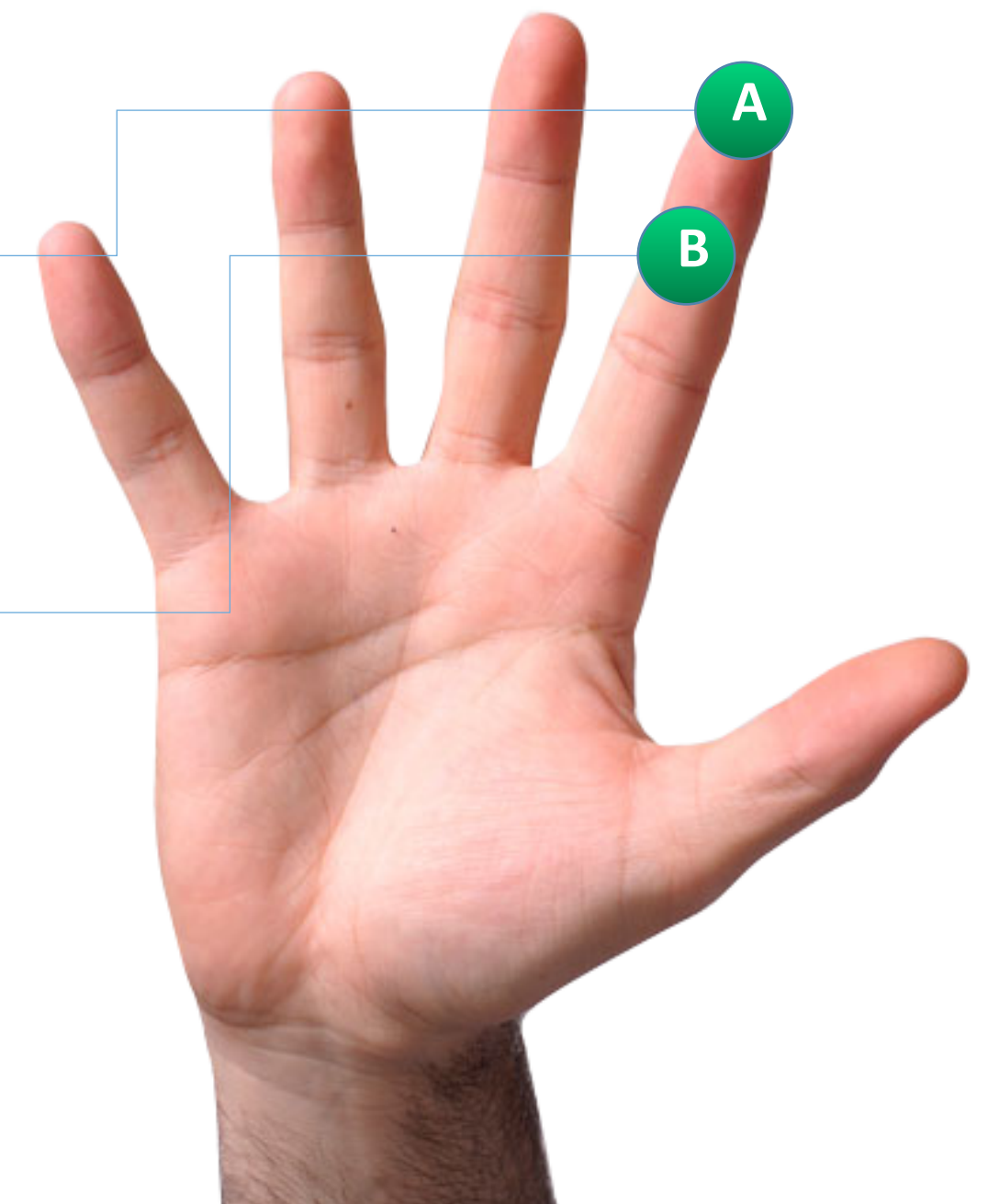
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TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

Revelation 21:5 to 22:5

A VICTORIOUS INTRODUCTORY SCENE
21:5-11a

B BASIC PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION
21:11b to 22:5



CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF REVELATION



HISTORICAL Part (Rev. 1:1 to 14:20)

ESCHATOLOGICAL Part (Rev. 15:1 to 22:21)

PROLOGUE

1:1-10a

VISION 1

MILITANT CHURCH

Rev. 1:10b to 3:22

VISION 2

SALVATION
PROGRAM IN
PROGRESS

Rev. 4:1 to 8:1

VISION 3

WARNING: THE
TRUMPETS

Rev. 8:2 to 11:18

VISION 4

EVIL POWERS
AGAINST JEHOVAH

Rev. 11:19 to 14:20

WARNING

How should I read Revelation?
Follow the **CHIASMUS** guide
(see bottom of page).

- A Victorious introductory scene (1:10b-20)
- B Basic prophetic description (2:1-3:22)

- A Victorious introductory scene (4, 5)
- B Basic prophetic description (6)
- C Interlude (7)
- D Eschatological culmination (8:1)

- A Victorious introductory scene (8:2-6)
- B Basic prophetic description (8:7-9:21)
- C Interlude (10:1-11:13)
- D Eschatological culmination (11:14-18)

- A Victorious introductory scene (11:19)
- B Basic prophetic description (12,13)
- C Interlude (14:1-13)
- D Eschatological culmination (14:14-20)

- A Victorious introductory scene (15:1 to 16:1)
- B Basic prophetic description (16:2-14,16)
- C Interlude (16:15)
- D Eschatological culmination (16:17)

- A Victorious introductory scene (16:18 to 17:3a)
- B Basic prophetic description (17:3b to 18:3)
- C Interlude (18:4-8,20)
- D Eschatological culmination (18:9-19,21-24)

- A Victorious introductory scene (19:1-10)
- B Basic prophetic description (19:11 to 20:5)
- C Interlude (20:6)
- D Eschatological culmination (20:7 to 21:4)

- A Victorious introductory scene (21:5-11a)
- B Basic prophetic description (21:11b to 22:5)

VISION 5

THE CUPS:
THE PLAGUES

Rev. 15:1 to 16:17

VISION 6

GOD OVERCOMES
EVIL POWERS

Rev. 16:18 to 18:24

VISION 7

DIVINE FINAL
JUDGMENT

Rev. 19:1 to 21:4

VISION 8

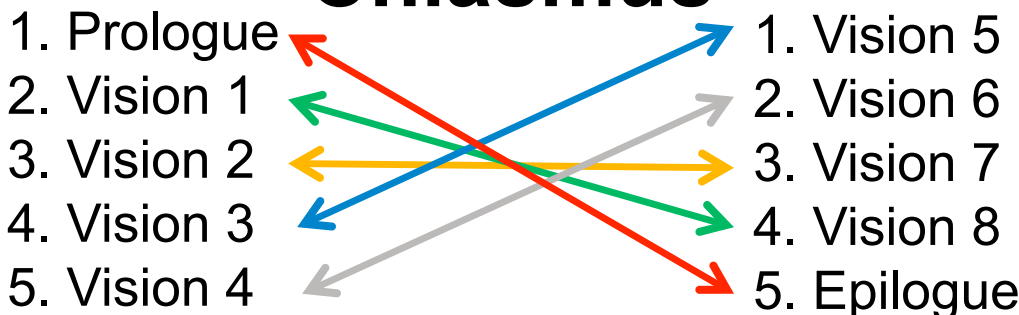
TRIUMPHANT
CHURCH

Rev. 21:5 to 22:5

EPILOGUE

22:6-21

Chiasmus



CONCLUSION

As Proverbs 16:16 says, “How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver”, we hope that this guide has helped you understand the book of Revelation.

Each time that you look at your hands remember the visions and its different aspects. May each of the Bible verses and diagrams found in this guide help you form a more concrete perception of the book. Yes, this guide has a lot of information; nevertheless, when you read the book of Revelation with this guide, and when you study the structure of the book with your hands, this information will become a natural part of your studies.

Several people around the world have integrated this guide within their studies of the Bible and have become familiar with it, to the point that the book of Revelation and the hope that God holds us in His hands, is something that they always have in mind.

We hope that you have also experienced, through this study, the conviction that God provides hope and that He is a refuge for every person, family and His church.



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