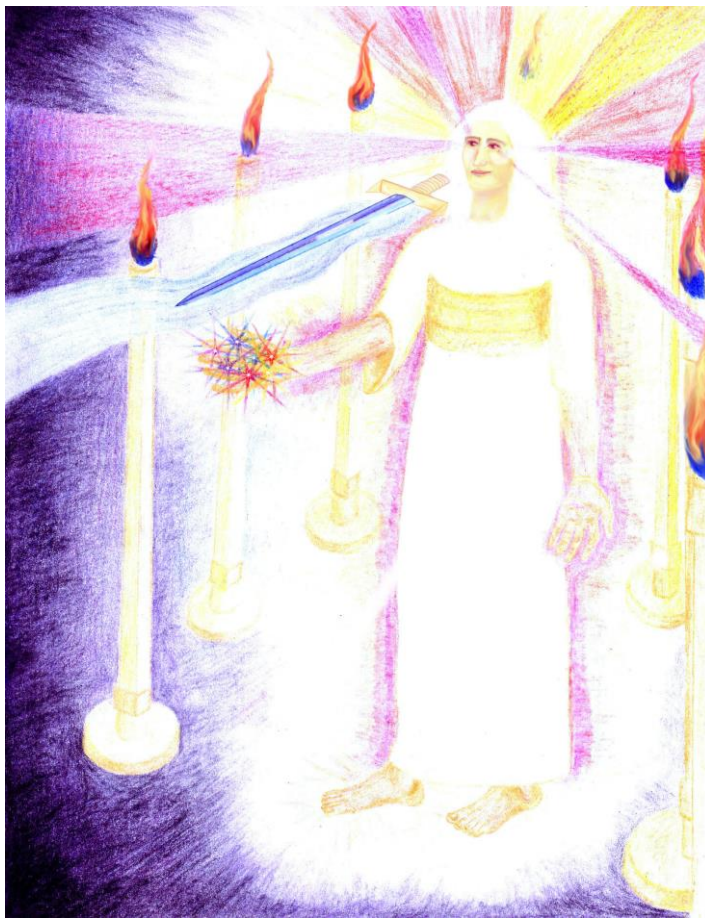


# The Vision of the Lord

Revelation 1:10-20

inspired by Rev. Kurt Hy. Asplundh's children's talk



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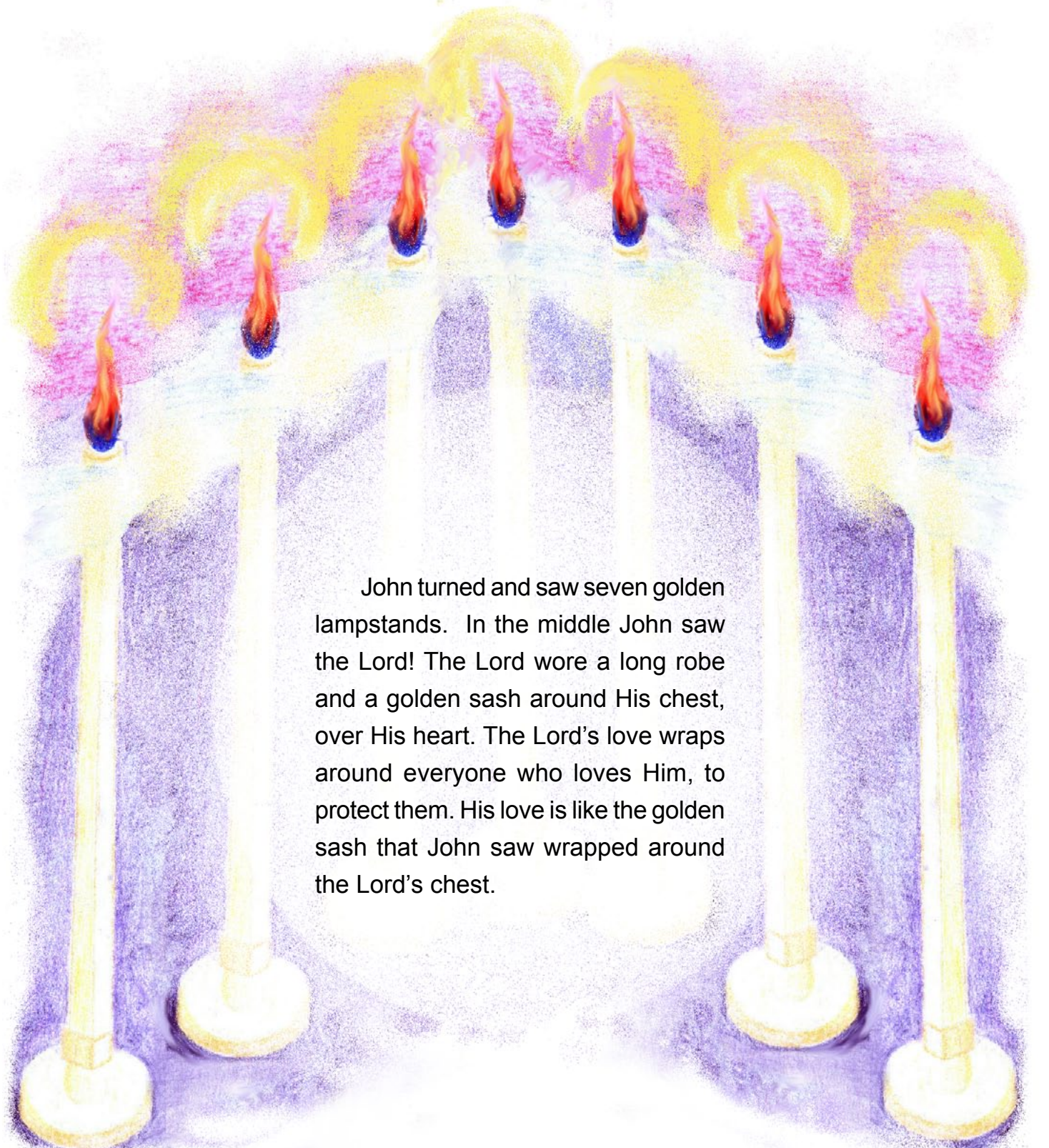
# The Vision of the Lord

Long ago a man named John lived alone on the island of Patmos. John was the Lord's disciple, which means that when the Lord was on earth, he followed the Lord and learned from Him. One day the Lord appeared to John from heaven.

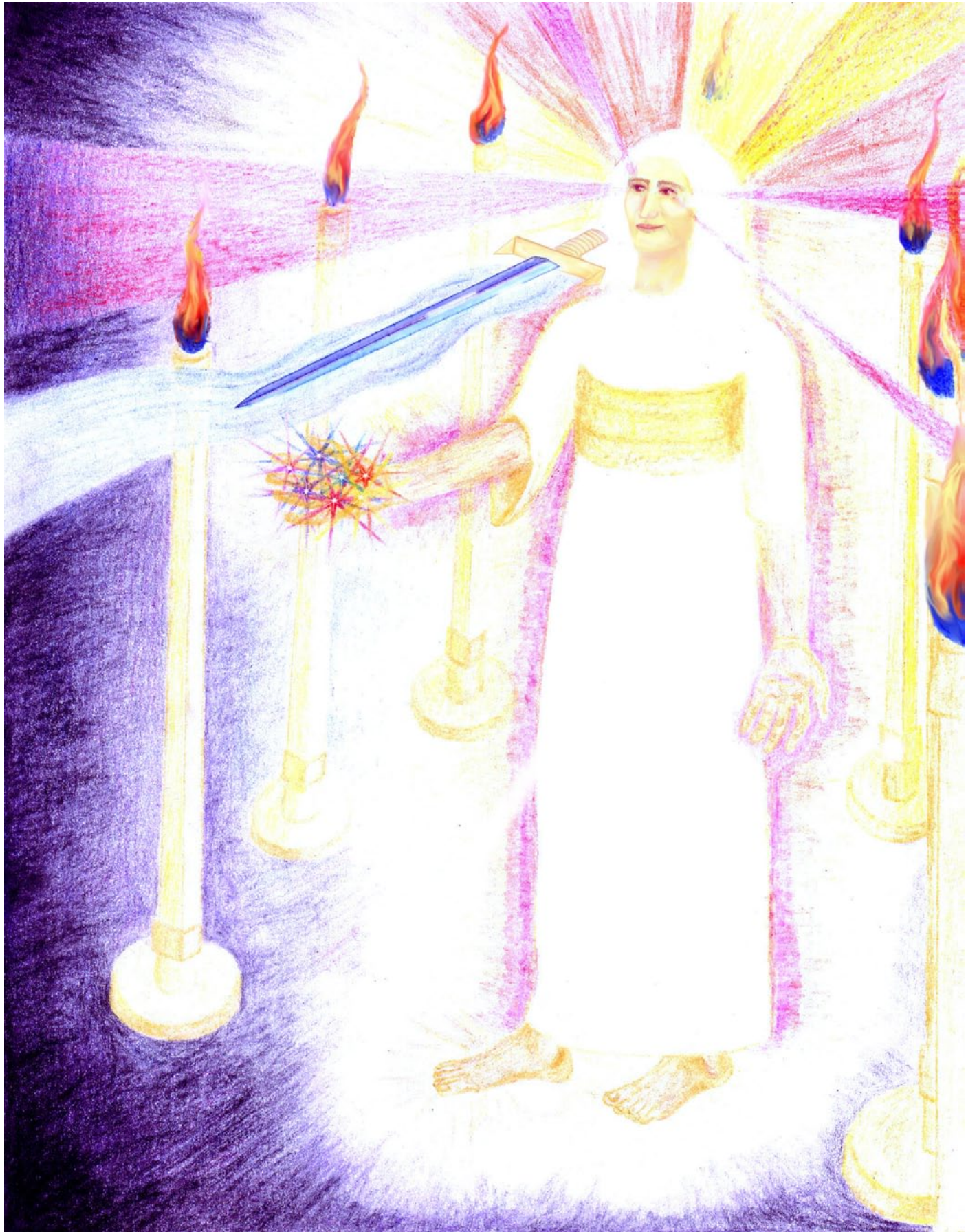
John heard a loud, clear voice that sounded like a trumpet. The voice told John:

“Write down what you see in a book.”



An illustration of seven golden lampstands, each with a lit candle. The lampstands are arranged in a row, and the flames are bright yellow and orange. The background is a soft, hazy purple and blue. The text is centered over the middle of the lampstands.

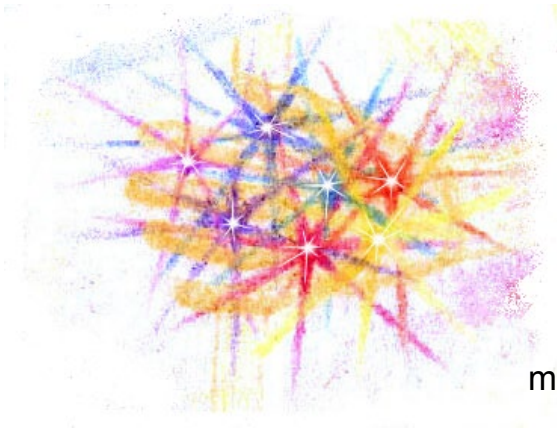
John turned and saw seven golden lampstands. In the middle John saw the Lord! The Lord wore a long robe and a golden sash around His chest, over His heart. The Lord's love wraps around everyone who loves Him, to protect them. His love is like the golden sash that John saw wrapped around the Lord's chest.





The Lord's hair was as white as wool. Wool comes from sheep, and shepherds take care of sheep. The Lord tells us that He is our Shepherd, and the Lord takes care of all of us.

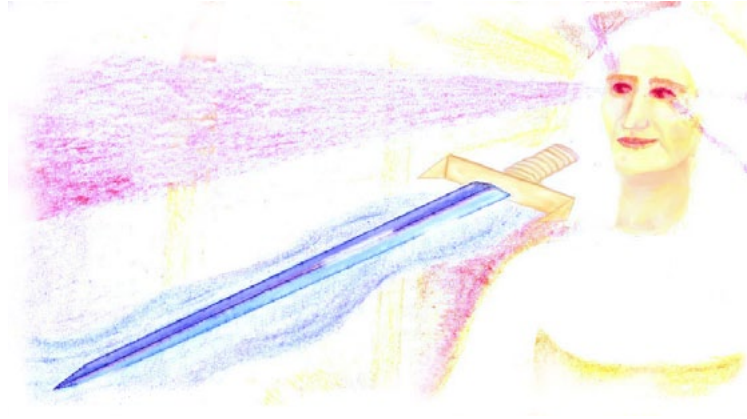
Thinking about his woolly hair is a way to remind us of the Lord's protection.



His eyes looked like they were flaming with fire. His feet looked like brass, which is a gold-colored metal, and they were glowing as if they also were on fire. To see the Lord with fiery eyes and fiery feet, might sound scary, but John thought it looked beautiful.

The Lord's voice sounded like rushing water and He was holding seven stars in His right hand. John listened to the sound of the water that was the Lord speaking. He looked at those seven bright and shiny stars.





John also saw a sword, sharp on both edges, coming out of the Lord's mouth. It is unusual to think of a sword coming out of His mouth, but a sword is for fighting and for protecting people, and the Lord fights evil spirits and protects us from them.

John looked at the Lord's face. It was shining brightly like the sun. Then John was afraid and fell down. He hid his face on the ground, and he was perfectly still. The Lord reached down and touched John. He said, "Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore..." (Revelation 1:17-18).



John wrote down everything that he saw so that we could read it and learn about the Lord.

The Lord told John that the seven stars in His right hand and the seven golden lampstands around Him had a special meaning. The stars and lampstands were like people on earth who read the Word and believe in the Lord and try to obey Him.



The way the Lord appeared to John shows us that the Lord is always protecting us with His love like the golden sash over His heart. His bright white beard, like wool, reminds us that the Lord is our Shepherd, always taking care of us. His fiery eyes and fiery brass colored feet are like a fire on a cold night that makes us feel warm and happy. The Lord's voice was like water, and He held seven stars in His hand. These are to remind us of truths in the Lord's Word. The sword coming out of the Lord's mouth shows that the Lord fights against evil for us. The Lord is with us when we listen to the stories from His Word. He is with us when we pray to Him and love Him, and His love is with us, protecting our hearts always.

