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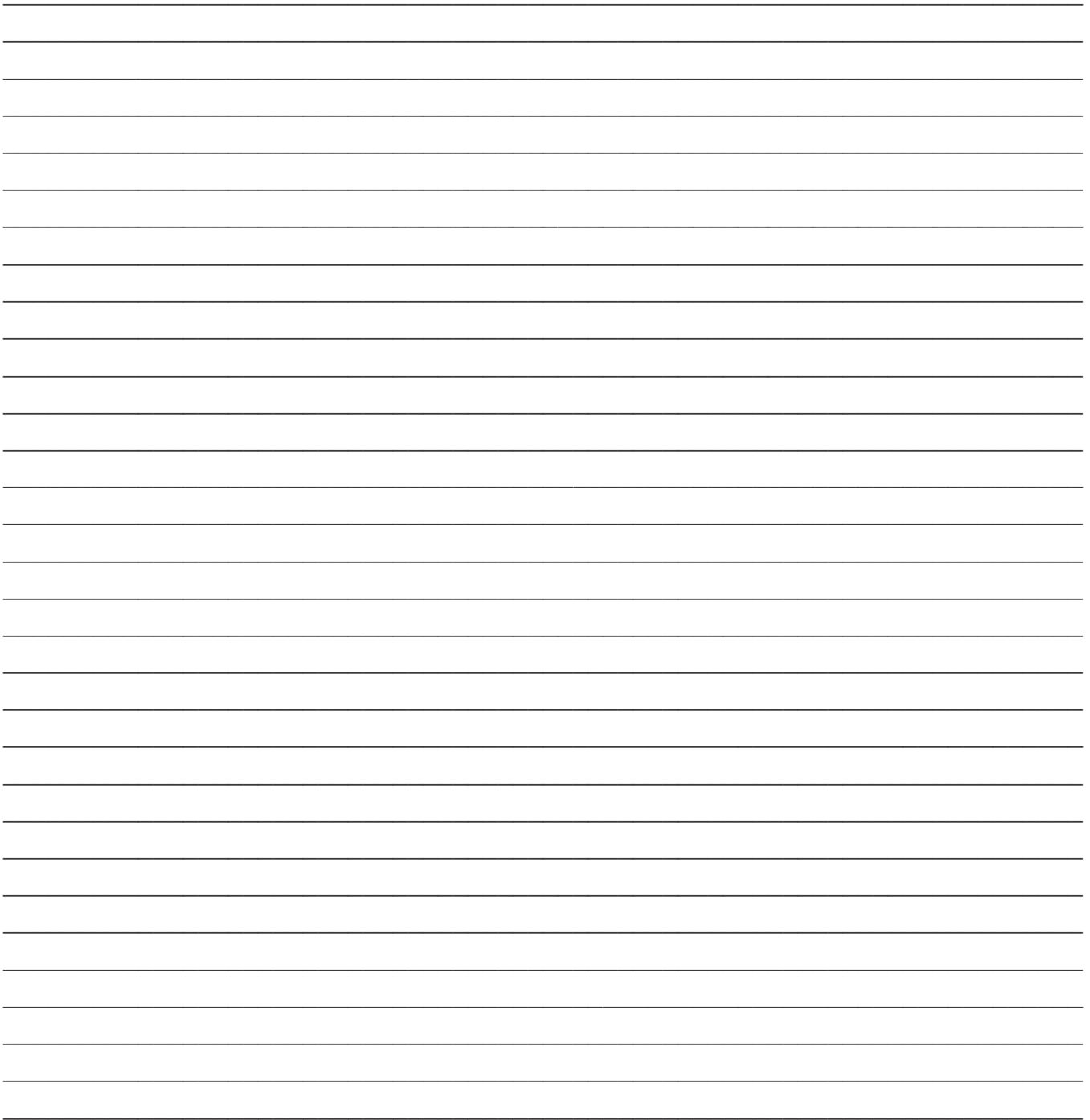
The Apostle John was the last apostle alive of the original twelve. Even in his old age, he served faithfully at the Ephesian church until he was arrested. Church tradition and historians tell us that the reigning emperor ordered John to be boiled alive, but he kept preaching the gospel and wouldn't die. Frustrated, they banished John to the island of Patmos, a tiny island off the southern coast of the Aegean Sea. It is there that John had a vision.

Revelation 1:1-2

The opening five words of verse 1 state the theme and content of this amazing letter. Write them below:

The original Greek word used for revelation is "apokalypsis." This is where we get the English word apocalypse, of course. Write what comes to mind when you hear this word.

In the Greek, apokalypsis means uncovering, unveiling, disclosure of truth. This definition reveals the heart and intention of this letter. It is simply "The unveiling of Jesus Christ." How is this intended definition different from what you wrote above?



Write out what Jesus spoke in Revelation 1:17b-18.

How would this understanding of Jesus be a comfort to the persecuted church John was writing to?

Final thoughts

