

Revelation

Prologue

REVELATION 1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God ^agave him ^bto show to his servants ^[1]the things that must soon take place. ^cHe made it known by sending his angel to his servant ^[2]John, ²^dwho bore witness to the word of God and to ^ethe testimony of Jesus Christ, even ^fto all that he saw. ³^gBlessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, ^hfor the time is near.

Greeting to the Seven Churches

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from ⁱhim ^jwho is and ^kwho was and who is to come, and from ^lthe seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ ^mthe faithful witness, ⁿthe firstborn of the dead, and ^othe ruler of kings on earth.

To ^phim who loves us and ^qhas freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us ^ra kingdom, ^spriests to ^this God and Father, to him be ^uglory and ^vdominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, ^whe is coming with the clouds, and ^xevery eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail ^[3]on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸^y“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, ^z“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Vision of the Son of Man

⁹I, John, your brother and ^{aa}partner in ^{ab}the tribulation and ^{ac}the kingdom and ^{ad}the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos ^{ae}on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰^{af}I was in the Spirit ^{ag}on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice ^{ah}like a trumpet ¹¹saying, ^{ai}“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw ^{aj}seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands ^{ak}one like ^{al}a son of man, ^{am}clothed with a long robe and ^{an}with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴^{ao}The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. ^{ap}His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵^{aq}his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a

furnace, and **q**his voice was like the roar of many waters. **16****z**In his right hand he held seven stars, **s**from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and **t**his face was like the sun shining **u**in full strength.

17**v**When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But **v**he laid his right hand on me, **w**saying, “Fear not, **x**I am the first and the last, **18**and the living one. **y**I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and **z**I have the keys of Death and Hades. **19****a**Write therefore **b**the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. **20**As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and **c**the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and **d**the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

To the Church in Ephesus

REVELATION 2 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of **e**him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, **f**who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2**g**“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but **h**have tested those **i**who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. **3**I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up **j**for my name’s sake, and you **k**have not grown weary. **4**But I have this against you, that you have abandoned **l**the love you had at first. **5**Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do **m**the works you did at first. If not, **n**I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. **6**Yet this you have: you hate the works of **o**the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. **7****p**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **q**To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of **r**the tree of life, which is in **s**the paradise of God.’

To the Church in Smyrna

8“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of **t**the first and the last, **u**who died and came to life.

9“I know your tribulation and **v**your poverty (**v**but you are rich) and the slander **[11]** of **w**those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. **10**Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, **w**that you may be tested, and for **x**ten days **y**you will have tribulation. **z**Be faithful **a**unto death, and I will give you **b**the crown of life. **11****c**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **c**The one who conquers will

not be hurt by ^dthe second death.’

To the Church in Pergamum

¹²“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has ^ethe sharp two-edged sword.

¹³“‘I know where you dwell, ^fwhere Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not ^gdeny my faith ^[2] even in the days of Antipas ^hmy faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of ⁱBalaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might ^leat food sacrificed to idols and ^kpractice sexual immorality. ¹⁵So also you have some who hold the teaching of ^lthe Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Therefore repent. If not, ^mI will come to you soon and ⁿwar against them with ^ethe sword of my mouth. ¹⁷^eHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^cTo the one who conquers I will give some of ^othe hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with ^pa new name written on the stone ^qthat no one knows except the one who receives it.’

To the Church in Thyatira

¹⁸“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, ^rwho has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹^s“‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman ^tJezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants ^[3] ^uto practice sexual immorality and ^uto eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but ^vshe refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he ^wwho searches mind and heart, and ^xI will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call ^ythe deep things of Satan, to you I say, I ^zdo not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast ^awhat you have until I come. ²⁶^bThe one who conquers and who keeps my works ^cuntil the end, ^dto him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and ^ehe will ^frule them with a rod of iron, ^gas when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give him ^hthe morning star. ²⁹^pHe who has an ear, let him

hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

To the Church in Sardis

REVELATION 3 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him ^lwho has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“I know your works. You have the reputation ^lof being alive, ^kbut you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works ^lcomplete in the sight of my God. ³^mRemember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, ⁿI will come ^olike a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not ^psoiled their garments, and they will walk with me ^qin white, for they are ^rworthy. ⁵^sThe one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never ^tblot his name out of ^uthe book of life. ^vI will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶^pHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

To the Church in Philadelphia

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of ^wthe holy one, ^xthe true one, ^ywho has the key of David, ^zwho opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you ^aan open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of ^bthe synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, ^cI will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that ^dI have loved you. ¹⁰^eBecause you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try ^fthose who dwell on the earth. ¹¹^gI am coming soon. ^hHold fast what you have, so that no one may seize ⁱyour crown. ¹²ⁱThe one who conquers, I will make him ^ka pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him ^lthe name of my God, and ^mthe name of the city of my God, ⁿthe new Jerusalem, ^owhich comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own ^onew name. ¹³^pHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

To the Church in Laodicea

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the ^pAmen, ^qthe faithful and true witness, ^rthe beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. ^sWould that you were either cold or hot!
¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, ^ublind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you ^vto buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and ^wwhite garments so that you may clothe yourself and ^xthe shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, ^uso that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and ^zknock. ^aIf anyone hears my voice and opens the door, ^bI will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, ^dI will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as ^eI also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Throne in Heaven

REVELATION 4 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me ^flike a trumpet, said, ^g“Come up here, and ^hI will show you what must take place after this.” ²At once ⁱI was in the Spirit, and behold, ^ja throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And he who sat there had the appearance of ^kjasper and carnelian, and around the throne was ^la rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴Around the throne were ^mtwenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, ⁿclothed in white garments, with ^ogolden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came ^pflashes of lightning, and rumblings ^{lll} and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning ^qseven torches of fire, ^rwhich are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and before the throne there was ^sas it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are ^tfour living creatures, ^ufull of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, ^weach of them with six wings, are ^xfull of eyes all around and within, and ^yday and night they never cease to say,

^z“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
^awho was and is and is to come!”

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the

throne, ^bwho lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders ^cfall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast ^dtheir crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ ^e“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for ^fyou created all things,
and ^gby your will they existed and were created.”

The Scroll and the Lamb

REVELATION 5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne ^ha scroll written within and on the back, ⁱsealed with seven seals. ²And ^jI saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, ^kthe Lion ^lof the tribe of Judah, ^mthe Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw ⁿa Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with ^oseven eyes, which are ^pthe seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders ^qfell down before the Lamb, ^reach holding a harp, and ^sgolden bowls full of incense, ^twhich are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang ^ua new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for ^vyou were slain, and by your blood ^wyou ransomed people for God
from ^xevery tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them ^ya kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of

many angels, numbering ^zmyriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

^a“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard ^bevery creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures ^csaid, “Amen!” and the elders ^dfell down and worshiped.

The Seven Seals

REVELATION 6 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of ^ethe seven seals, and I heard ^fone of the four living creatures say ^gwith a voice like thunder, ^h“Come!” ²And I looked, and behold, ⁱa white horse! And ^jits rider had a bow, and ^ka crown was given to him, and he came out ^lconquering, and to conquer.

³When he opened the second seal, I heard ^mthe second living creature say, “Come!” ⁴And out came another horse, ⁿbright red. Its rider was permitted ^oto take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

⁵When he opened the third seal, I heard the ^mthird living creature say, “Come!” And I looked, and behold, ^pa black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, ^q“A quart ^[1] of wheat for a denarius, ^[2] and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and ^rdo not harm the oil and wine!”

⁷When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of ^mthe fourth living creature say, “Come!”

⁸And I looked, and behold, ^sa pale horse! And its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill ^twith sword and with famine and with pestilence and ^uby wild beasts of the earth.

⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under ^vthe altar ^wthe souls of those who had been slain ^xfor

the word of God and for ^vthe witness they had borne. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, ^zholy and true, ^ahow long ^bbefore you will judge and ^cavenge our blood on ^dthose who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹Then they were each given ^ea white robe and ^ftold to rest a little longer, ^guntil the number of their fellow servants ^[3] and their brothers ^[4] ^hshould be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

¹²When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, ⁱthere was a great earthquake, and ^jthe sun became black as ^ksackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³and ^lthe stars of the sky fell to the earth ^mas the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ⁿThe sky vanished ^mlike a scroll that is being rolled up, and ^oevery mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave ^[5] and free, ^phid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶^qcalling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of ^rhim who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷for ^sthe great day of their wrath has come, and ^twho can stand?”

The 144,000 of Israel Sealed

REVELATION 7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back ^uthe four winds of the earth, ^vthat no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ²Then I saw another angel ascending ^wfrom the rising of the sun, with ^xthe seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, ^v“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants ^[1] of our God ^zon their foreheads.” ⁴And ^aI heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

A Great Multitude from Every Nation

⁹After this I looked, and behold, ^ba great multitude that no one could number, ^cfrom every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, ^dclothed in white robes, with ^epalm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, ^f“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and ^gthe four living creatures, and they ^hfell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²ⁱsaying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, ^dclothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of ^jthe great tribulation. ^kThey have washed their robes and ^lmade them white ^min the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and ⁿserve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne ^owill shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ^pThey shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
^qthe sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne ^rwill be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of ^sliving water,
and ^tGod will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

REVELATION 8 When the Lamb opened ^uthe seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²Then I saw the seven angels ^vwho stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³And another angel came and stood ^wat the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with ^xthe prayers of all the saints on ^ythe golden altar before the throne, ⁴and ^zthe

smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

⁵Then the angel took the censer and ^afilled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and ^bthere were peals of ^cthunder, rumblings, ^[1] flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

The Seven Trumpets

⁶Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed ^dhail and ^efire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a ^fthird of the earth was burned up, and a third of ^gthe trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like ^ha great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea ⁱbecame blood. ⁹A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of ^jthe ships were destroyed.

¹⁰The third angel blew his trumpet, and ^ka great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on ^lthe springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. ^[2] A third of the waters ^mbecame wormwood, and many people died from the water, ⁿbecause it had been made bitter.

¹²The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of ^othe sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

¹³Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, ^p“Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”

REVELATION 9 And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and ^qI saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given ^rthe key to the shaft of ^sthe bottomless pit. ^[1] ²He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft ^trose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and ^uthe sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ³Then from the smoke came ^vlocusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. ⁴They were told ^wnot to harm ^xthe grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have ^ythe seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵They were allowed to torment them ^zfor five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶And in those days ^apeople will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

⁷^bIn appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: ^con their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were ^dlike human faces, ⁸their hair like women's hair, and ^etheir teeth like lions' teeth; ⁹they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was ^flike the noise of many chariots with ^ghorses rushing into battle. ¹⁰They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people ^hfor five months is in their tails. ¹¹They have ⁱas king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is ^jAbaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon. ^[2]

¹²^kThe first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

¹³Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from ^lthe four horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release ^mthe four angels who are bound at ⁿthe great river Euphrates." ¹⁵So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released ^oto kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶The number of ^pmounted troops was ^qtwice ten thousand times ten thousand; ^rI heard their number. ¹⁷And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire ^[3] and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were ^slike lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. ¹⁸By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. ¹⁹For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

²⁰The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, ^tdid not repent of ^uthe works of their hands nor give up worshiping ^vdemons ^wand idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ²¹nor did they repent of their murders or their ^xsorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Angel and the Little Scroll

REVELATION 10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with ^ya rainbow over his head, and ^zhis face was like the sun, and ^ahis legs like pillars of fire. ²^bHe had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³and called out with a loud voice, ^clike a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, ^d"Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." ⁵And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land ^eraised his right hand to heaven ⁶and swore by ^fhim who lives forever and ever, ^gwho created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it,

and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, ⁷but that ^hin the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, ⁱjust as he announced to his servants ^[1] the prophets.

⁸Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” ⁹So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, ⁱ“Take and ^keat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” ¹⁰And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹And I was told, ^l“You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

The Two Witnesses

REVELATION 11 Then I was given ^ma measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ²but do not measure ⁿthe court outside the temple; leave that out, for ^oit is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for ^pforty-two months. ³And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for ^p1,260 days, ^qclothed in sackcloth.”

⁴These are ^rthe two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵And if anyone would harm them, ^sfire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, ^tthis is how he is doomed to be killed. ⁶They have the power ^uto shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and ^vto strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. ⁷And when they have finished their testimony, ^wthe beast that rises from ^xthe bottomless pit ^[1] ^ywill make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically ^[2] is called ^zSodom and ^aEgypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and ^brefuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰and ^cthose who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and ^dexchange presents, because these two prophets ^ehad been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹But after the three and a half days ^fa breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹²Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ^g“Come up here!” And ^hthey went up to heaven ⁱin a cloud,

and their enemies watched them. ¹³And at that hour there was ⁱa great earthquake, and ^ka tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and ^lgave glory to ^mthe God of heaven.

¹⁴ⁿThe second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

The Seventh Trumpet

¹⁵Then ^othe seventh angel blew his trumpet, and ^pthere were loud voices in heaven, saying, ^q“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of ^rhis Christ, and ^she shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders ^twho sit on their thrones before God ^ufell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,

^vwho is and who was,

for you have taken your great power

and ^wbegun to reign.

¹⁸ The nations raged,

but ^xyour wrath came,

and ^ythe time for the dead to be judged,

and for rewarding your servants, ^[3] the prophets and saints,

and ^zthose who fear your name,

both small and great,

and ^afor destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

¹⁹Then ^bGod’s temple in heaven was opened, and ^cthe ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, ^[4] peals of thunder, an earthquake, and ^dheavy hail.

The Woman and the Dragon

REVELATION 12 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman ^eclothed with ^fthe sun, with ^fthe moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ²She was pregnant and ^gwas crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great ^hred dragon, ⁱwith seven heads and ⁱten horns, and on his heads ^kseven diadems. ⁴His tail

swept down ^la third of the stars of heaven and ^mcast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child ⁿhe might devour it. ⁵She gave birth to a male child, ^oone who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was ^pcaught up to God and to his throne, ⁶and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for ^q1,260 days.

Satan Thrown Down to Earth

⁷Now war arose in heaven, ^rMichael and ^shis angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And ^tthe great dragon was thrown down, ^uthat ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, ^vthe deceiver of the whole world—^whe was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now ^xthe salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers ^[11] has been thrown down, ^ywho accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And ^zthey have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for ^athey loved not their lives ^beven unto death. ¹²Therefore, ^crejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But ^dwoe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because ^ehe knows that his time is short!”

¹³And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued ^fthe woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴But the woman was given the two ^gwings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent ^hinto the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished ⁱfor a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵The serpent poured water ^jlike a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off ^kto make war on the rest of ^lher offspring, ^mon those who keep the commandments of God and hold to ⁿthe testimony of Jesus. And he stood ^[2] on the sand of the sea.

The First Beast

REVELATION 13 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, ^owith ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and ^pblasphemous names on its heads. ²And the beast that I saw was ^qlike a

leopard; its feet were like ^la bear's, and its mouth was like ^sa lion's mouth. And to it ^fthe dragon gave his power and ^uhis throne and great authority. ³One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and ^vthe whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, ^w“Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

⁵And the beast was given ^xa mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for ^yforty-two months. ⁶It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, ^[1] that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷Also it was allowed ^zto make war on the saints and to conquer them. ^[2] And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸and all ^awho dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in ^bthe book of life of ^cthe Lamb ^dwho was slain. ⁹^eIf anyone has an ear, let him hear:

¹⁰ ^fIf anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;
^gif anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

^hHere is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

The Second Beast

¹¹Then ⁱI saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹²It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, ^[3] and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, ^jwhose mortal wound was healed. ¹³^kIt performs great signs, even ^lmaking fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of ^[4] the beast ^mit deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast ⁿthat was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not ^oworship the image of the beast ^pto be slain. ¹⁶Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, ^[5] ^qto be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, ^rthe name of the beast or ^sthe number

of its name. ¹⁰ ^lThis calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number ^uof a man, and his number is 666. ^[6]

The Lamb and the 144,000

REVELATION 14 Then I looked, and behold, on ^vMount Zion ^wstood the Lamb, and with him ^x144,000 who ^yhad his name and his Father's name written ^zon their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven ^alike the roar of many waters and ^blike the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of ^charpists playing on their harps, ³and they were singing ^da new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. ^eNo one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for ^fthey are virgins. It is these ^gwho follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as ^hfirstfruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵and ⁱin their mouth no lie was found, for they are ^lblameless.

The Messages of the Three Angels

⁶Then I saw another angel ^kflying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to ^lthose who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, ^m“Fear God and ⁿgive him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and ^oworship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the ^psprings of water.”

⁸Another angel, a second, followed, saying, ^q“Fallen, fallen is ^rBabylon the great, ^sshe who made all nations drink ^tthe wine of the passion ^[11] of her sexual immorality.”

⁹And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone ^uworships the beast and its image and receives ^va mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he also will drink ^wthe wine of God's wrath, ^xpoured full strength into the cup of his anger, and ^yhe will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And ^zthe smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and ^athey have no rest, day or night, these ^uworshippers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

¹² ^bHere is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who ^ckeep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. ^[2]

¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: ^dBlessed are the dead ^ewho die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, ^f“that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

The Harvest of the Earth

¹⁴Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one ^glike a son of man, ^hwith a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵And another angel ⁱcame out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, ^j“Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for ^kthe harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” ¹⁶So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸And another angel came out from the altar, ^lthe angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, ^mfor its grapes are ripe.” ¹⁹So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great ⁿwinepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰And ^othe winepress was trodden ^poutside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as ^qa horse’s bridle, for 1,600 stadia. [\[3\]](#)

The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

REVELATION 15 Then ^rI saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, ^sseven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

²And I saw ^twhat appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those ^uwho had conquered the beast and its image and ^vthe number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass ^wwith harps of God in their hands. ³And they sing ^xthe song of Moses, ^ythe servant [\[1\]](#) of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

^z“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

^aJust and true are your ways,
O King of the nations! [\[2\]](#)

⁴ ^bWho will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are ^choly.

^dAll nations will come
and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

⁵After this I looked, and ^ethe sanctuary of ^fthe tent ^[3]of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶and out of the sanctuary came ^gthe seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright ⁱlinen, ^jwith golden sashes around their chests. ⁷And one of ^kthe four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven ^lgolden bowls full of the wrath of God ^mwho lives forever and ever, ⁸and ⁿthe sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and ^ono one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

The Seven Bowls of God’s Wrath

REVELATION 16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling ^pthe seven angels, “Go and ^qpour out on the earth ^rthe seven bowls of the wrath of God.”

²So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful ^ssores came upon the people who bore ^tthe mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

³The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and ^uit became like the blood of a corpse, and ^vevery living thing died that was in the sea.

⁴The third angel poured out his bowl into ^wthe rivers and the springs of water, and ^xthey became blood. ⁵And I heard the angel in charge of the waters ^[1] say,

^y“Just are you, ^zO Holy One, ^awho is and who was,
for you brought these judgments.

⁶ For ^bthey have shed the blood of ^csaints and prophets,
and ^dyou have given them blood to drink.

It is what they deserve!”

⁷And I heard ^ethe altar saying,

“Yes, Lord God the Almighty,
^ftrue and just are your judgments!”

⁸The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people ^gwith fire.

⁹They were scorched by the fierce heat, and ^hthey cursed ^[2]the name of God who had power over

these plagues. ⁱThey did not repent ^land give him glory.

¹⁰The fifth angel poured out his bowl on ^kthe throne of the beast, and ^lits kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹and cursed ^mthe God of heaven for their pain and ⁿsores. ^oThey did not repent of their deeds.

¹²The sixth angel poured out his bowl on ^pthe great river Euphrates, and ^qits water was dried up, ^rto prepare the way for the kings ^sfrom the east. ¹³And I saw, coming out of the mouth of ^tthe dragon and out of the mouth of ^uthe beast and out of the mouth of ^vthe false prophet, three ^wunclean spirits like ^xfrogs. ¹⁴For they are ^ydemonic spirits, ^zperforming signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, ^ato assemble them for battle on ^bthe great day of God the Almighty. ¹⁵(“Behold, ^cI am coming like a thief! ^dBlessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, ^ethat he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) ¹⁶And ^fthey assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called ^gArmageddon.

The Seventh Bowl

¹⁷The seventh angel poured out his bowl into ^hthe air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, ⁱ“It is done!” ¹⁸And there were ^jflashes of lightning, rumblings, ^[3]peals of thunder, and ^ka great earthquake ^lsuch as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. ¹⁹^mThe great city ⁿwas split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God ^oremembered ^pBabylon the great, ^qto make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰And ^revery island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. ²¹And ^sgreat hailstones, about one hundred pounds ^[4] each, fell from heaven on people; and ^tthey cursed God for ^uthe plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

The Great Prostitute and the Beast

REVELATION 17 Then ^vone of the seven angels who had ^wthe seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of ^xthe great prostitute ^ywho is seated on many waters, ²^zwith whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and ^awith the wine of whose sexual immorality ^bthe dwellers on earth have become drunk.” ³And ^che carried me away in the Spirit ^dinto a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on ^ea scarlet beast that was full of ^fblasphemous names, and

³it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴The woman ⁿwas arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned ⁱwith gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand ^la golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵And on her forehead was written a name of ^kmystery: ^l“Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” ⁶And I saw the woman, drunk ^mwith the blood of the saints, the blood of ⁿthe martyrs of Jesus. [1]

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. ⁷But the angel said to me, “Why do you marvel? I will tell you ^othe mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. ⁸The beast that you saw ^pwas, and is not, and ^qis about to rise from ^rthe bottomless pit [2] and ^sgo to destruction. And ^tthe dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in ^uthe book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because ^vit was and is not and is to come. ⁹^vThis calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ¹⁰they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. ¹¹As for the beast ^wthat was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. ¹²And ^xthe ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings ^yfor one hour, together with the beast. ¹³These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴They ^zwill make war on the Lamb, and ^athe Lamb will conquer them, for he is ^bLord of lords and ^bKing of kings, and those with him are ^ccalled and chosen and faithful.”

¹⁵And the angel [3] said to me, ^d“The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. ¹⁶And ^ethe ten horns that you saw, they and the beast ^fwill hate the prostitute. They will make her ^gdesolate and ^hnaked, and ⁱdevour her flesh and ⁱburn her up with fire, ¹⁷for ^kGod has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and ^lhanding over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸And the woman that you saw is ^mthe great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

The Fall of Babylon

REVELATION 18 After this I saw ⁿanother angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and ^othe earth was made bright with his glory. ²And he called out with a mighty voice,

^p“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become ^qa dwelling place for demons,

a haunt ^lfor every unclean spirit,
a haunt ^sfor every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

³ For all nations have drunk ^{ll}

^lthe wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,
and ^uthe kings of the earth have committed immorality with her,
and ^vthe merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.”

⁴Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

^w“Come out of her, my people,
lest you take part in her sins,
lest you share in her plagues;

⁵ for ^xher sins are heaped high as heaven,
and ^yGod has remembered her iniquities.

⁶ ^zPay her back as she herself has paid back others,
and repay her ^adouble for her deeds;
mix a double portion for her ^bin the cup she mixed.

⁷ ^cAs she glorified herself and lived in luxury,
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,
since in her heart she says,

^d‘I sit as a queen,
I am no widow,
and mourning I shall never see.’

⁸ For this reason her plagues will come ^ein a single day,
death and mourning and famine,
and ^fshe will be burned up with fire;
for ^gmighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

⁹And ^hthe kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, ⁱwill weep and wail over her ^jwhen they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰^kThey will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! ^lYou great city,
you mighty city, Babylon!

For ^min a single hour your judgment has come.”

¹¹And ⁿthe merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹²cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, ¹³cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls. ^[2]

¹⁴ “The fruit for which your soul longed
has gone from you,
and all your delicacies and your splendors
are lost to you,
never to be found again!”

¹⁵^oThe merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, ^pwill stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

¹⁶ “Alas, alas, for the great city
^qthat was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with jewels, and with pearls!

¹⁷ For ^rin a single hour all this wealth ^shas been laid waste.”

And ^tall shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off
¹⁸and ^ucried out ^vas they saw the smoke of her burning,

^w“What city was like the great city?”

¹⁹And they threw ^xdust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city

^vwhere all who had ships at sea
grew rich by her wealth!

For ^zin a single hour she has been laid waste.

²⁰ ^aRejoice over her, O heaven,
and you saints and ^bapostles and prophets,
for ^cGod has given judgment for you against her!”

²¹Then ^da mighty angel ^etook up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

“So will Babylon ^fthe great city be thrown down with violence,
and will be found no more;

²² and ^gthe sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters,
will be heard in you no more,
and a craftsman of any craft
will be found in you no more,

and ^hthe sound of the mill
will be heard in you no more,

²³ and the light of a lamp
will shine in you no more,

and ⁱthe voice of bridegroom and bride
will be heard in you no more,

for ^jyour merchants were the great ones of the earth,
and all nations were deceived ^kby your sorcery.

²⁴ And ^lin her was found the blood of prophets and of saints,
and of ^mall who have been slain on earth.”

Rejoicing in Heaven

REVELATION 19 After this I heard ⁿwhat seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven,
crying out,

“Hallelujah!

^oSalvation and glory and power belong to our God,
² for ^phis judgments are true and just;
for he has judged ^qthe great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and ^rhas avenged on her the blood of his servants.” ^[11]

³Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

^sThe smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

⁴And ^tthe twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵And from the throne came a voice saying,

^u“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
^vyou who fear him,
small and great.”

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be ^wthe voice of a great multitude, like ^xthe roar of many waters and ^ylike the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty ^zreigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for ^athe marriage of the Lamb has come,

and ^bhis Bride has made herself ready;

⁸ ^cit was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is ^dthe righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹And the angel said ^[2]to me, “Write this: ^eBlessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, ^f“These are the true words of God.” ¹⁰Then ^gI fell down at his feet to worship him, ^hbut he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant ^[3]with you and your brothers who hold to ⁱthe testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The Rider on a White Horse

¹¹Then I saw ⁱheaven opened, and behold, ^ka white horse! The one sitting on it is called ^lFaithful and True, and ^min righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²ⁿHis eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are ^omany diadems, and he has ^pa name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed in ^qa robe dipped in ^[4]blood, and the name by which he is called is ^rThe Word of God.

¹⁴And the armies of heaven, ^sarrayed in fine linen, white and pure, ^twere following him on white horses. ¹⁵^uFrom his mouth comes a sharp sword ^vwith which to strike down the nations, and ^whe will rule them with a rod of iron. ^xHe will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh ^yhe has a name written, ^zKing of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁷Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to ^aall the birds that fly directly overhead, ^b“Come, gather for ^cthe great supper of God, ¹⁸^dto eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, ^[5]both small and great.” ¹⁹And I saw ^ethe beast and the kings of the earth with their armies ^fgathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. ²⁰And the beast was captured, and with it ^gthe false prophet ^hwho in its presence ^[6]had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who ⁱworshiped its image. These two were ^jthrown alive into the lake of ^kfire that burns with sulfur. ²¹And the rest were slain by the sword ^lthat came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and ^mall the birds were gorged with their flesh.

The Thousand Years

REVELATION 20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, ⁿholding in his hand the key to ^othe bottomless pit ^[1]and a great chain. ²And he seized ^pthe dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and ^qbound him for a thousand years, ³and threw him into ^othe pit, and shut it and

^lsealed it over him, so that ^she might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴Then I saw ^tthrones, and ^useated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw ^vthe souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those ^wwho had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. ^xThey came to life and ^yreigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ^{6z}Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such ^athe second death has no power, but they will be ^bpriests of God and of Christ, and they ^cwill reign with him for a thousand years.

The Defeat of Satan

⁷And when the thousand years are ended, ^dSatan will be released from his prison ⁸and will come out ^eto deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, ^fGog and Magog, ^gto gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹And ^hthey marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded ⁱthe camp of the saints and ^jthe beloved city, but ^kfire came down from heaven ^[2] and consumed them, ¹⁰and the devil ^lwho had deceived them was ^mthrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where ⁿthe beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Judgment Before the Great White Throne

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence ^oearth and sky fled away, and ^pno place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and ^qbooks were opened. Then another book was opened, which is ^rthe book of life. And ^sthe dead were judged by what was written in the books, ^taccording to what they had done. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, ^uDeath and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, ^vaccording to what they had done. ¹⁴Then ^wDeath and Hades ^xwere thrown into the lake of fire. This is ^ythe second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, ^zhe was thrown into the lake of fire.

The New Heaven and the New Earth

REVELATION 21 Then I saw ^ya new heaven and a new earth, for ^zthe first heaven and the first earth

had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw ^athe holy city, ^bnew Jerusalem, ^ccoming down out of heaven from God, ^dprepared ^eas a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, ^fthe dwelling place ^[1] of God is with man. He will ^gdwell with them, and they will be his people, ^[2] and God himself will be with them as their God. ^[3] ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and ⁱdeath shall be no more, ^jneither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And ^khe who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I ^lam making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for ^mthese words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, ⁿ“It is done! ^oI am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. ^pTo the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ ^qThe one who conquers will have this heritage, and ^rI will be his God and ^she will be my son. ⁸ ^tBut as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, ^utheir portion will be in ^vthe lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is ^wthe second death.”

The New Jerusalem

⁹Then came ^xone of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of ^ythe seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you ^zthe Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And ^ahe carried me away in the Spirit to ^ba great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ ^chaving the glory of God, ^dits radiance ^elike a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, ^fwith twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve ^gfoundations, and ^hon them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵And the one who spoke with me ⁱhad a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. ^[4] Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷He also measured its wall, 144 cubits ^[5] by ^jhuman measurement, which is also ^kan angel’s measurement. ¹⁸The wall was built of ^ljasper, while the city was pure gold, like ^lclear glass. ¹⁹ ^mThe foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald. ²⁰the fifth onyx. the sixth carnelian. the seventh chrysolite. the eighth beryl. the ninth

topaz, the tenth chrysoptera, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and ⁿthe street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²And ^oI saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city ^phas no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for ^qthe glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light ^rwill the nations walk, and the kings of the earth ^swill bring their glory into it, ²⁵and ^tits gates will never be shut by day—and ^uthere will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But ^vnothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's ^wbook of life.

The River of Life

REVELATION 22 Then the angel ^[11] showed me ^xthe river of ^ythe water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of ^zthe street of the city; ^aalso, on either side of the river, ^bthe tree of life ^[21] with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were ^cfor the healing of the nations. ³^dNo longer will there be anything accursed, but ^ethe throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and ^fhis servants ^[31] will worship him. ⁴^gThey will see his face, and ^hhis name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And ⁱnight will be no more. They will need no light of lamp ⁱor sun, for ^kthe Lord God will be their light, and ^lthey will reign forever and ever.

Jesus Is Coming

⁶And he said to me, ^m“These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of ⁿthe spirits of the prophets, ^ohas sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“And behold, ^pI am coming soon. ^qBlessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, ^rJohn, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, ^sI fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹^tbut he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant ^[4] with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those ^mwho keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰And he said to me, ^u“Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

¹¹“^uLet the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹²“Behold, ^vI am coming soon, ^wbringing my recompense with me, ^xto repay each one for what he has done. ¹³^yI am the Alpha and the Omega, ^zthe first and the last, ^athe beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who ^bwash their robes, ^[5]so that they may have the right to ^cthe tree of life and that ^dthey may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵^eOutside are ^fthe dogs ^gand sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶^h“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things ⁱfor the churches. I am ⁱthe root and ^kthe descendant of David, ^lthe bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and ^mthe Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And ⁿlet the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the ^owater of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: ^pif anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in ^qthe tree of life and in ^rthe holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely ^sI am coming soon.” Amen. ^tCome, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. ^[6] Amen.

Footnotes

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 1

[1] 1:1 Greek *bondservants*

[2] 1:1 Greek *bondservant*

[3] 1:7 Or *mourn*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 2

[1] 2:9 Greek *blasphemy*

[2] 2:13 Or *your faith in me*

[3] 2:20 Greek *bondservants*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 4

[1] 4:5 Or *voices, or sounds*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 6

[1] 6:6 Greek *choenix*, a dry measure equal to about a quart

[2] 6:6 A *denarius* was a day's wage for a laborer

[3] 6:11 Greek *fellow bondservants*

[4] 6:11 Or *brothers and sisters*. The plural Greek word *adelphoi* (translated “brothers”) refers to siblings in a family. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, *adelphoi* may refer either to men or to both men and women who are siblings (brothers and sisters) in God's family, the church

[5] 6:15 Or *servant*; Greek *bondservant*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 7

[1] 7:3 Greek *bondservants*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 8

[1] 8:5 Or *voices, or sounds*

[2] 8:11 *Wormwood* is the name of a plant and of the bitter-tasting extract derived from it

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 9

[1] 9:1 Greek *the abyss*; also verses 2, 11

[2] 9:11 *Abaddon* means *destruction*; *Apollyon* means *destroyer*

[3] 9:17 Greek *hyacinth*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 10

[1] 10:7 Greek *bondservants*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 11

[1] 11:7 Or *the abyss*

[2] 11:8 Greek *spiritually*

[3] 11:18 Greek *bondservants*

[4] 11:19 Or *voices*, or *sounds*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 12

[1] 12:10 Or *brothers and sisters*

[2] 12:17 Some manuscripts *And I stood*, connecting the sentence with 13:1

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 13

[1] 13:6 Or *tabernacle*

[2] 13:7 Some manuscripts omit this sentence

[3] 13:12 Or *on its behalf*

[4] 13:14 Or *on behalf of*

[5] 13:16 Greek *bondservant*

[6] 13:18 Some manuscripts *616*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 14

[1] 14:8 Or *wrath*

[2] 14:12 Greek *and the faith of Jesus*

[3] 14:20 About 184 miles; a *stadion* was about 607 feet or 185 meters

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 15

[1] 15:3 Greek *bondservant*

[2] 15:3 Some manuscripts *the ages*

[3] 15:5 Or *tabernacle*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 16

- [1] 16:5 Greek *angel of the waters*
- [2] 16:9 Greek *blasphemed*; also verses 11, 21
- [3] 16:18 Or *voices, or sounds*
- [4] 16:21 Greek *a talent in weight*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 17

- [1] 17:6 Greek *the witnesses to Jesus*
- [2] 17:8 Greek *the abyss*
- [3] 17:15 Greek *he*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 18

- [1] 18:3 Some manuscripts *fallen by*
- [2] 18:13 Or *and slaves, and human lives*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 19

- [1] 19:2 Greek *bondservants*; also verse 5
- [2] 19:9 Greek *he said*
- [3] 19:10 Greek *fellow bondservant*
- [4] 19:13 Some manuscripts *sprinkled with*
- [5] 19:18 Greek *bondservant*
- [6] 19:20 Or *on its behalf*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 20

- [1] 20:1 Greek *the abyss*; also verse 3
- [2] 20:9 Some manuscripts *from God, out of heaven, or out of heaven from God*

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 21

- [1] 21:3 Or *tabernacle*
- [2] 21:3 Some manuscripts *peoples*
- [3] 21:3 Some manuscripts omit *as their God*
- [4] 21:16 About 1,380 miles; a *stadion* was about 607 feet or 185 meters
- [5] 21:17 A *cubit* was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters

Footnotes for Revelation, Chapter 22

- [1] 22:1 Greek *he*

[2] **22:2** Or *the Lamb*. In the midst of the street of the city, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life

[3] **22:3** Greek *bondservants*; also verse 6

[4] **22:9** Greek *fellow bondservant*

[5] **22:14** Some manuscripts *do his commandments*

[6] **22:21** Some manuscripts *all the saints*

Gospel of John, Chapter 5, verses 25-29

- 25 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.
- 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.
- 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.
- 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice
- 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.