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The Texas Bible Bowl study for Fall 2020 to Spring 2021 is over Revelation. The objective is to gain knowledge of the text. After the study, all participants will travel to Bandina Christian Youth Camp in Bandera, Texas, to take a test challenging our familiarity with the book. The test will be Saturday, March 27, in the morning.

Highlighted Bible:

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Text is provided with one-words, places, and people highlighted. If you use the printed text that is already highlighted.

Printed Text Key:

- Names & Nationalities **Blue**
- Places **Green**
- Numbers **Bold**
- One Words **Highlighted Yellow**
- Words spoken by God/Christ *Italic and Red*

Prologue

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants^[a] the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed 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, for the time is near.

Greeting to the Seven Churches

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail^[b] on account of him. Even so. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Vision of the Son of Man

9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "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."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

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14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore 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 the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Footnotes:

- a. 1 For the contextual rendering of the Greek word doulos, see Preface; likewise for servant later in this verse
- b. 7 Or mourn

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To the Church in Ephesus

2 "To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write: 'The words of him who **holds** the **seven** stars in his right hand, who **walks** among the **seven** golden lampstands.

2 "'I know your works, your **toil** and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. **3** I know you are **enduring patiently** and **bearing up** for my **name's sake**, and you have not grown **weary**. **4** But I have this against you, that you have **abandoned** the love you had at **first**. **5** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at **first**. If not, 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 the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate. **7** He who has an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit** says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the **paradise** of **God**.'

To the Church in Smyrna

8 "And to the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write: 'The words of the **first** and the **last**, who died and came to life.

9 "'I know your tribulation and your **poverty** (but you are rich) and the **slander**^[a] of 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, that you may be tested, and for **ten** days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. **11** He who has an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit** says to the churches. The **one** who conquers will not be hurt by the **second** death.'

To the Church in Pergamum

12 "And to the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write: 'The words of him who has the sharp **two**-edged sword.

13 "'I know where you dwell, where **Satan's** throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not **deny** my faith^[b] even in the days of **Antipas** my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where **Satan** **dwells**.

14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the

teaching of **Balaam**, who **taught Balak** to put a **stumbling block** before the sons of **Israel**, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. **15** So also you have some who hold the teaching of the **Nicolaitans**. **16** Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. **17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit** says to the churches. To the **one** who conquers I will give some of the **hidden manna**, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that 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**, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

19 "'I know your works, your love and faith and **service** and patient endurance, and that your **latter works exceed the first**. **20** But I have this against you, that you **tolerate** that woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a **prophetess** and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. **21** I gave her time to repent, but she **refuses** to repent of her sexual immorality. **22** Behold, 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, **23** and I will strike her **children** dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who **searches** mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. **24** But to the rest of you in **Thyatira**, who do not hold this teaching, who have not **learned** what some call the **deep** things of **Satan**, to you I say, I do not **lay** on you any other **burden**. **25** Only hold fast what you have until I come. **26** The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, **27** and he will rule^[c] them with a rod of iron, as when **earthen pots** are **broken in pieces**, even as I **myself** have received authority from my **Father**. **28** And I will give him the morning star. **29** He who has an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit** says to the churches.'

Footnotes:

- a. **9** Greek blasphemy
- b. **13** Or your faith in me
- c. **27** Greek shepherd

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To the Church in Sardis

3 "And to the angel of the church in **Sardis** write: 'The words of him who has the **seven** spirits of **God** and the **seven** stars.

"I know your works. You have the **reputation** of being alive, but you are dead. **2** Wake up, and **strengthen** what **remains** and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the **sight** of my **God**. **3** Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. **4** Yet you have still a few names in **Sardis**, people who have not **soiled** their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. **5** The **one** who conquers will be clothed **thus** in white garments, and I will never **blot** his name out of the book of life. I will **confess** his name before my **Father** and before his angels. **6** He 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 the holy one, the true one, who has the key of **David**, who opens and no one will **shut**, who shuts and no one opens.

8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an 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. **9** Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of **Satan** who say that they are **Jews** and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. **10** Because 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** those who dwell on the earth. **11** I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. **12** The one who conquers, I will make him a **pillar** in the temple of my **God**. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my **God**, and the name of the city of my **God**, the new **Jerusalem**, which comes down from my **God** out of heaven, and my **own** new name. **13** He who has an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit** says to the churches.'

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To the Church in Laodicea

14 "And to the angel of the church in **Laodicea** write: 'The words of the **Amen**, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of **God's creation**."

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

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The Throne in Heaven

4 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the **first** voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” **2** At once I was in the **Spirit**, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with **one** seated on the throne. **3** And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. **4** Around the throne were **twenty-four** thrones, and seated on the thrones were **twenty-four** elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings^[a] and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning **seven torches** of fire, which are the **seven** spirits of **God**, **6** and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are **four** living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: **7** the **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**. **8** And the **four** living creatures, each of them with **six** wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never **cease** to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the **Lord God Almighty**,
who was and is and is to come!”

9 And **whenever** the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the **twenty-four** elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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

Footnotes:

- a. **5** Or voices, or sounds

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The Scroll and the Lamb

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

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

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"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you **ransomed** people for **God**
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our **God**, and they shall reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, **numbering** myriads of myriads and **thousands of thousands**, **12** saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the **Lamb** who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And I heard every 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!"

5 **14** And the **four** living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Seven Seals

6 Now I watched when the **Lamb** opened **one** of the **seven** seals, and I heard **one** of the **four** living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" **2** And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out **conquering**, and to conquer.

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

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

7 When he opened the **fourth** seal, I heard the voice of the **fourth** living creature say, "Come!" **8** And I looked, and behold, a **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 with sword and with famine and with **pestilence** and by **wild beasts** of the earth.

9 When he opened the **fifth** seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of **God** and for the witness they had **borne**. **10** They cried out with a loud voice, "O **Sovereign Lord**, holy and true, how long before you will judge and **avenge** our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" **11** Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers^[c] should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

12 When he opened the **sixth** seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, **13** and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the **fig** tree **sheds** its **winter** fruit when **shaken** by a **gale**. **14** The sky **vanished** like a scroll that is being **rolled** up, and every mountain and island was **removed** from its place.

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15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the **generals** and the rich and the **powerful**, and everyone, slave^[d] and free, **hid** themselves in the **caves** and among the rocks of the mountains, **16** calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and **hide** us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the **Lamb**, **17** for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

Footnotes:

- a. **6** Greek choinix, a dry measure equal to about a quart
- b. **6** A denarius was a day's wage for a laborer
- c. **11** Or brothers and sisters. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, the plural Greek word adelphoi (translated “brothers”) may refer either to brothers or to brothers and sisters
- d. **15** For the contextual rendering of the Greek word doulos, see Preface

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The 144,000 of Israel Sealed

7 After this I saw **four** angels standing at the **four** corners of the earth, holding back the **four winds** of the earth, that no **wind** might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. **2** Then I saw another angel **ascending** from the rising of the sun, with the 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, **3** saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." **4** And I 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

- 9** After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the **Lamb**, clothed in white robes, with **palm branches** in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our **God** who sits on the throne, and to the **Lamb!**" **11** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the **four** living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped **God**, **12** saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our **God** forever and ever! Amen."
- 13** Then **one** of the elders **addressed** me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the **ones** coming out of the great tribulation. They have **washed** their robes and made them white in the blood of the **Lamb**.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of **God**, and **serve** him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will **shelter** them with his presence.

16 They shall **hunger** no more, neither **thirst** anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any **scorching** heat.

17 For the **Lamb** in the midst of the throne will be their **shepherd**, and he will **guide** them to springs of living water, and **God** will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

8 When the **Lamb** opened the **seventh** seal, there was **silence** in heaven for about **half** an hour. **2** Then I saw the **seven** angels who stand before **God**, and **seven** trumpets were given to them. **3** And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given **much** incense to **offer** with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, **4** and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before **God** from the hand of the angel. **5** Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, ^[a] flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

The Seven Trumpets

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

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

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

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

12 The **fourth** angel blew his trumpet, and **a third** of the 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.

13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it **flew** directly overhead, "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!"

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Footnotes:

- a. **5** Or voices, or sounds
- b. **11** Wormwood is the name of a plant and of the bitter-tasting extract derived from it

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

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

12 The **first** woe has passed; behold, **two** **woes** are still to come.

13 Then the **sixth** angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the **four** horns of the golden altar before **God**, **14** saying to the **sixth** angel who had the trumpet, "Release the **four** angels who are bound at the great river **Euphrates**." **15** So the **four** angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the **year**, were released to kill **a third** of mankind. **16** The number of **mounted troops** was **twice ten thousand** times **ten thousand**; I heard their number. **17** And 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^[c] and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. **18** By these **three** plagues **a third** of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. **19** For 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.

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

Footnotes:

- a. **1** Greek the abyss; also verses 2, 11
- b. **11** Abaddon means destruction; Apollyon means destroyer
- c. **17** Greek hyacinth

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The Angel and the Little Scroll

10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. **2** He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, **3** and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. **4** And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." **5** And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven **6** and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who 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, **7** but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

8 Then 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." **9** So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." **10** And 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. **11** And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

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The Two Witnesses

11 Then I was given a measuring rod like a **staff**, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of **God** and the altar and those who worship there, **2** but do not measure the **court** outside the temple; **leave** that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will **trample** the holy city for **forty-two** months. **3** And I will grant authority to my **two** witnesses, and they will prophesy for **1,260** days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the **two olive** trees and the **two** lampstands that stand before the **Lord** of the earth. **5** And if anyone would harm them, fire **pours** from their mouth and **consumes** their **foes**. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is **doomed** to be killed. **6** They have the power to 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 to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as **often** as they **desire**. **7** And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that **rises** from the bottomless pit^[a] will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, **8** and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that **symbolically**^[b] is called **Sodom** and **Egypt**, where their **Lord** was **crucified**. **9** For **three and a half** days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will **gaze** at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be **placed** in a **tomb**, **10** and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make **merry** and **exchange presents**, because these **two** prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. **11** But after the **three and a half** days a breath of life from **God** **entered** them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. **12** Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their **enemies** watched them. **13** And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and **a tenth** of the city fell. **Seven thousand** people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were **terrified** and gave glory to the **God** of heaven.

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

The Seventh Trumpet

15 Then the **seventh** angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud **voices** in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our **Lord** and of his **Christ**, and he shall reign forever and ever."

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16 And the **twenty-four** elders who sit on their thrones before **God** fell on their faces and worshiped **God**, **17** saying,

“We give thanks to you, **Lord God Almighty**,
who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power
and **begun** to reign.

18 The nations **raged**,
but your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and for **rewarding** your servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for **destroying** the **destroyers** of the earth.”

19 Then **God's** temple in heaven was opened, and the **ark** of his **covenant** was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings,^[c] peals of thunder, an earthquake, and **heavy** hail.

Footnotes:

- a. **7** Or the abyss
- b. **8** Greek spiritually
- c. **19** Or voices, or sounds

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The Woman and the Dragon

12 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of **twelve** stars.

2 She was **pregnant** and was crying out in birth **pains** and the **agony** of **giving** birth. **3** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with **seven** heads and **ten** horns, and on his heads **seven** diadems. **4** His **tail** **swept** down **a third** of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. **5** She gave birth to a male child, **one** who is to rule^[a] all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was **caught** up to **God** and to his throne, **6** and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by **God**, in which she is to be nourished for **1,260** days.

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Satan Thrown Down to Earth

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

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13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he **pursued** the woman who had given birth to the male child. **14** But the woman was given the **two** wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. **15** The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to **sweep** her away with a **flood**.

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16 But 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.

17 Then the dragon became **furious** with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her **offspring**, on those who keep the commandments of **God** and hold to the testimony of **Jesus**. And he stood^[c] on the sand of the sea.

Footnotes:

- a. **5** Greek shepherd
- b. **10** Or brothers and sisters
- c. **17** Some manuscripts And I stood, connecting the sentence with 13:1

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The First Beast

13 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with **ten** horns and **seven** heads, with **ten** diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. **2** And the beast that I saw was like a **leopard**; its feet were like a **bear's**, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. **3** **One** of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. **4** And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can **fight** against it?"

5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering **haughty** and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to **exercise** authority for **forty-two** months.

6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against **God**, blaspheming his name and his dwelling,^[a] that is, those who dwell in heaven. **7** Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them.^[b] And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, **8** and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the **Lamb** who was slain. **9** If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

10 If anyone is to be taken **captive**,

to **captivity** he goes;

if anyone is to be slain with the sword,

with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

The Second Beast

11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had **two** horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. **12** It **exercises** all the authority of the **first** beast in its presence,^[c] and makes the earth and its **inhabitants** worship the **first** beast, whose mortal wound was healed. **13** It **performs** great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, **14** and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of^[d] the beast it **deceives** those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was **wounded** by the sword and yet lived.

15 And 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 worship the image of the beast to be slain. **16** Also it **causes** all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave,^[e] to be **marked** on the right hand or the forehead, **17** so that no one can buy or **sell** unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. **18** This calls for wisdom: let the one who has **understanding** **calculate** the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is **666**.^[f]

Footnotes:

- a. **6** Or tabernacle
- b. **7** Some manuscripts omit this sentence
- c. **12** Or on its behalf
- d. **14** Or on behalf of
- e. **16** For the contextual rendering of the Greek word doulos, see Preface
- f. **18** Some manuscripts 616

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The Lamb and the 144,000

14 Then I looked, and behold, on **Mount Zion** stood the **Lamb**, and with him **144,000** who had his name and his **Father's** name written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists **playing** on their harps, **3** and they were **singing** a new song before the throne and before the **four** living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the **144,000** who had been redeemed from the earth. **4** It is these who have not **defiled** themselves with **women**, for they are **virgins**. It is these who follow the **Lamb wherever** he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as **firstfruits** for **God** and the **Lamb**, **5** and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are **blameless**.

The Messages of the Three Angels

6 Then I saw another angel **flying** directly overhead, with an **eternal gospel** to **proclaim** to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. **7** And he said with a loud voice, "Fear **God** and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

8 Another angel, a **second**, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion^[a] of her sexual immorality."

9 And another angel, a **third**, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "[If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, **10** he also will drink the wine of **God's** wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his **anger**, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the **Lamb**. **11** And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these **worshippers** of the beast and its image, and **whoever** receives the mark of its name."

12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of **God** and their faith in **Jesus**.^[b]

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

The Harvest of the Earth

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

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, the 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, for its grapes are ripe." **19** So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of **God**. **20** And the winepress was **trodden** outside the city, and blood **flowed** from the winepress, as high as a **horse's** **bridle**, for **1,600** stadia.^[c]

Footnotes:

- a. **8** Or wrath
- b. **12** Greek and the faith of Jesus
- c. **20** About 184 miles; a stadion was about 607 feet or 185 meters

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The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

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

2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of **God** in their hands.

3 And they sing the song of **Moses**, the servant of **God**, and the song of the **Lamb**, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

O **Lord God** the **Almighty**!

Just and true are your ways,

O **King** of the nations!^[a]

4 Who will not fear, O **Lord**,

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

5 After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent^[b] of witness in heaven was opened, **6** and out of the sanctuary came the **seven** angels with the

seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. **7** And **one** of the **four** living creatures gave to the **seven**

angels **seven** golden bowls full of the wrath of **God** who lives forever and ever, **8** and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of **God** and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the **seven** plagues of the **seven** angels were finished.

1 Footnotes:

a. **3** Some manuscripts the ages

b. **5** Or tabernacle

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the **seven** angels, "Go and **pour** out on the earth the **seven** bowls of the wrath of **God**."

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

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

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

"Just are you, O **Holy One**, who is and who was, for you **brought** these judgments.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they **deserve!**"

7 And I heard the altar saying,

"**Yes**, **Lord God** the **Almighty**, true and just are your judgments!"

8 The **fourth** angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to **scorch** people with fire. **9** They were **scorched** by the **fierce** heat, and they cursed^[b] the name of **God** who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

10 The **fifth** angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was **plunged** into **darkness**. People **gnawed** their **tongues** in **anguish** **11** and cursed the **God** of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

12 The **sixth** angel poured out his bowl on the great river **Euphrates**, and its water was **dried** up, to prepare the **way** for the kings from the east.

13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, **three** unclean spirits like **frogs**. **14** For they are demonic spirits, **performing** signs, who go **abroad** to the kings of the whole world, to **assemble** them for battle on the great day of **God** the **Almighty**.

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15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

The Seventh Bowl

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings,^[c] peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. 21 And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds^[d] each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

Footnotes:

- a. 5 Greek angel of the waters
- b. 9 Greek blasphemed; also verses 11, 21
- c. 18 Or voices, or sounds
- d. 21 Greek a talent in weight

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The Great Prostitute and the Beast

17 Then **one** of the **seven** angels who had the **seven** bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, **2** with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." **3** And he carried me away in the **Spirit** into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had **seven** heads and **ten** horns. **4** The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the **impurities** of her sexual immorality. **5** And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "**Babylon** the great, **mother** of **prostitutes** and of **earth's** abominations." **6** And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the **martyrs** of **Jesus**.^[a]

When I saw her, I marveled **greatly**. **7** But the angel said to me, "**Why** do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with **seven** heads and **ten** horns that **carries** her. **8** The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit^[b] and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. **9** This calls for a mind with wisdom: the **seven** heads are **seven** mountains on which the woman is seated; **10** they 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. **11** As for the beast that was and is not, it is an **eighth** but it belongs to the **seven**, and it goes to destruction. **12** And the **ten** horns that you saw are **ten** kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for **one** hour, **together** with the beast. **13** These are of **one** mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. **14** They will make war on the **Lamb**, and the **Lamb** will conquer them, for he is **Lord** of lords and **King** of kings, and those with him are called and **chosen** and faithful."

15 And the angel^[c] said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and **multitudes** and nations and languages. **16** And the **ten** horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her **desolate** and naked, and devour her flesh and **burn** her up with fire,

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17 for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

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- a. 6 Greek the witnesses to Jesus
- b. 8 Greek the abyss
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The Fall of Babylon

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

“Fallen, fallen is **Babylon** the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,
a haunt for every unclean spirit,
a haunt for every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

3 For all nations have drunk^[a] the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her **luxurious** living.”

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

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

5 for her sins are **heaped** high as heaven,
and **God** has remembered her **iniquities**.

6 **Pay** her back as she herself has **paid** back **others**,
and repay her double for her deeds;
mix a **double** portion for her in the cup she mixed.

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

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

8 For this **reason** her plagues will come in a **single** day,
death and mourning and famine,
and she will be burned up with fire;

for mighty is the **Lord God** who has judged her.”

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

“Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, **Babylon!**
For in a **single** hour your judgment has come.”

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11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one **buys** their cargo anymore, **12** cargo 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**, **13** **cinnamon**, **spice**, incense, **myrrh**, **frankincense**, wine, oil, fine **flour**, wheat, **cattle** and **sheep**, horses and chariots, and **slaves**, that is, human souls. ^[b]

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 The merchants of these **wares**, who **gained** wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, **weeping** and mourning aloud,

C **16** "Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls!

H **17** For in a **single** hour all this wealth has been laid waste."

A And all **shipmasters** and **seafaring** men, **sailors** and all whose **trade** is on the sea, stood far off **18** and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, "What city was like the great city?"

P **19** And they threw **dust** on their heads as they **wept** and **mourned**, crying out,

T "Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea **grew** rich by her wealth! For in a **single** hour she has been laid waste.

E **20** Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for **God** has given judgment for you against her!"

R **21** Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great **millstone** and threw it into the sea, saying,

1 "So will **Babylon** the great city be thrown down with **violence**, and will be found no more;

8 **22** and the 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 the 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 the voice of bridegroom and bride
will be heard in you no more,
for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.
24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who
have been slain on earth."

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- a. **3** Some manuscripts fallen by
- b. **13** Or and slaves, and human lives

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Rejoicing in Heaven

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

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our **God**,

2 for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who **corrupted** the earth with her immorality,

and has **avenged** on her the blood of his servants.”

C **3** Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

H **4** And the **twenty-four** elders and the **four** living creatures fell down and worshiped **God** who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”

A **5** And from the throne came a voice saying,

P “**Praise** our **God**, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

T **E** **6** Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the **Lord** our **God** the **Almighty** **reigns**.”

R **7** Let us rejoice and **exult** and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the **Lamb** has come,
and his **Bride** has made herself **ready**;

8 it was **granted** her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

1 **9** And the angel said^[a] to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are **invited** to the marriage supper of the **Lamb**.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of **God**.”

9 **10** Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of **Jesus**. Worship **God**.” For the testimony of **Jesus** is the spirit of prophecy.

The Rider on a White Horse

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The **one** sitting on it is called **Faithful** and **True**, and in **righteousness** he **judges** and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe **dipped** in^[b] blood, and the name by which he is called is The **Word of God**. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were **following** him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule^[c] them with a rod of iron. He will **tread** the winepress of the fury of the wrath of **God the Almighty**. 16 On his robe and on his **thigh** he has a name written, **King of kings** and **Lord of lords**.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of **God**, 18 to 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,^[d] both small and great." 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his **army**. 20 And the beast was **captured**, and with it the false prophet who in its presence^[e] had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These **two** were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were **gorged** with their flesh.

Footnotes:

- a. 9 Greek he said
- b. 13 Some manuscripts sprinkled with
- c. 15 Greek shepherd
- d. 18 For the contextual rendering of the Greek word doulos, see Preface
- e. 20 Or on its behalf

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The Thousand Years

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit^[a] and a great **chain**. **2** And he **seized** the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and **Satan**, and bound him for **a thousand** years, **3** and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the **thousand** years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** for the testimony of **Jesus** and for the word of **God**, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and **reigned** with **Christ** for **a thousand** years. **5** The rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand** years were ended. This is the **first** resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is the one who **shares** in the **first** resurrection! Over such the **second** death has no power, but they will be priests of **God** and of **Christ**, and they will reign with him for **a thousand** years.

The Defeat of Satan

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

Judgment Before the Great White Throne

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books,

according to what they had done.

13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death** and **Hades** gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each **one** of them, according to what they had done. **14** Then **Death** and **Hades** were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the **second** death, the lake of fire. **15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Footnotes:

- a. **1** Greek the abyss; also verse 3
- b. **9** Some manuscripts from God, out of heaven, or out of heaven from God

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The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, new **Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from **God**, prepared as a bride adorned for her **husband**. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place^[a] of **God** is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,^[b] and **God** himself will be with them as their **God**.^[c] **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the **former** things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the **spring** of the water of life without **payment**. **7** The one who conquers will have this **heritage**, and I will be his **God** and he will be my son. **8** But as for the **cowardly**, the **faithless**, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all **liars**, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the **second** death."

The New Jerusalem

9 Then came **one** of the **seven** angels who had the **seven** bowls full of the **seven** last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the **Bride**, the **wife** of the **Lamb**." **10** And he carried me away in the **Spirit** to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city **Jerusalem** coming down out of heaven from **God**, **11** having the glory of **God**, its **radiance** like a **most rare** jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. **12** It had a great, high wall, with **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**— **13** on the east **three** gates, on the **north** **three** gates, on the **south** **three** gates, and on the **west** **three** gates. **14** And the wall of the city had **twelve** foundations, and on them were the **twelve** names of the **twelve** apostles of the **Lamb**.

15 And the **one** who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and **walls**. **16** The city **lies** **foursquare**, its length the **same** as its width. And he measured the city with his rod,

12,000 stadia.^[d] Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits^[e] by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The 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, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Footnotes:

- a. ³ Or tabernacle
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- c. ³ Some manuscripts omit as their God
- d. ¹⁶ About 1,380 miles; a stadion was about 607 feet or 185 meters
- e. ¹⁷ A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters

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The River of Life

22 Then the angel^[a] showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, **flowing** from the throne of **God** and of the **Lamb** **2** **through** the **middle** of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life^[b] with its **twelve** kinds of fruit, **yielding** its fruit each month. The **leaves** of the tree were for the **healing** of the nations. **3** No longer will there be **anything accursed**, but the throne of **God** and of the **Lamb** will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the **Lord God** will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Jesus Is Coming

C **6** And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the **Lord**, the **God** of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

H **7** *"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the **one** who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."*

A **8** I, **John**, am the **one** who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, **9** but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship **God**."

P **10** And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. **11** Let the **evildoer** still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

T **12** *"Behold, I am coming soon, **bringing** my **recompense** with me, to repay each **one** for what he has done. **13** I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."*

E **14** Blessed are those who **wash** their robes,^[c] so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

R **2** **15** Outside are the **dogs** and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and **practices** **falsehood**.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17 The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

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

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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

Footnotes:

- a. 1 Greek he
- b. 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
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