

The REVELATION

By Jesus Christ

REVELATION 1

A special blessing; John; every eye

will see Jesus at His second coming

CHAPTER 1

1 *The Revelation* by Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to show to his servants what must come to be in haste,¹ and he signified *it* setting *it* apart and sending *it* through his *heavenly* messenger to his servant John,

2 Who witnessed of the word of God, and the witness of Jesus Christ, as much as he saw.

3 Blessed *is* the one reading, and those hearing the words of the prophecy, and keeping those things having been written in it, because the time is near.

4 John, to the seven churches in Asia: Grace to you, and peace, from the one who is, and the one who was, and the one who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before the face of his throne,

5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, and the first-born out of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To the one loving us, and having loosed us out of our sins in his blood, 1

Jhn 3:8

¹ **1:1 come to be in haste**, *genesthai en tachei*. God did not say He was showing his servants things which must come to be very near to John in his day. What God said was He was showing **his servants what must come to be in haste**, that is, when it does happen, it will happen in haste, or take place rapidly when it happens. There is nothing in Revelation to say how far in history it will be before it happens. God only says that when it comes to be, it will come to be in haste, happen very fast. God is saying that when His time has come, it will develop and happen rapidly so as to catch everyone by surprise except those walking in the revelation knowledge of God, Luk 18:8; Rom 16:20; Rev 22:6.

6 And has made us kings and priests to God and his Father; to him *be* glory and might to the ages of the ages. Amen.

7 Behold, he comes with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will beat their breasts in grief over him. Yes! Amen!

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega,⁸ beginning and ending, says the Lord, the one who is, and the one who was, and the one coming, the Almighty.

9 I, John, also your brother, and co-participant in the tribulation, and in the kingdom and cheerful endurance of Jesus Christ, was caused to be in the island called Patmos, because of the word of God, and because of the witness of Jesus Christ.

10 I was caused to be in *the* Spirit in the day of *the* Lord, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and, What you see, write in a scroll, and send *it* to the seven churches in Asia: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

12 And I turned about to see the voice who spoke with me, and having turned about, I saw seven lampstands of gold,

⁸ **1:8 the Alpha and the Omega** are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. (Alphabet are alpha, beta, the first two letters of the Greek alphabet.)

REVELATION 1 *Seven lampstands; the Head Priest-King; seven stars-seven messengers*

13 And in *the* midst of the seven lampstands was one like *the* Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girded about at the breast *with* a girdle of gold. Dan 7:13

14 And his head and his hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire,

15 And his feet *were* like burnished brass, as having been fired in a furnace, and his voice as the voice of many waters,

16 And having in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth a keen double-mouthed long broad sword was going forth, and his face shines as the sun in its power.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he placed his right hand upon me, saying to me, Do not fear; I am the first, and the last,

18 And the living one, and I became dead, and behold, I am living to the ages of the ages, Amen, and I have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things you saw, and the things which are, and the things about to be after these things:¹⁹

¹⁹ 1:19 This verse give the three divisions of the Revelation: 1. the things you saw, is the vision of Jesus in chapter 1. 2. the things which are, refer to the things of the churches in chapters 2 – 3. 3. the things about to be after these things, refer to events that will happen at the end of this age described in chapters 4 – 22: Ch 4, God is on His throne and in control; Ch 5, the destiny of the world is committed into the hands of the Lamb of God because He died and rose again for all authority in heaven and in earth to be given to Him, Mat 28:18; Ch 6, the four horsemen picturing the different phases of the reign of the Anti-Christ, and the cry of the martyred souls for judgment, and a picture

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon my right hand, and the seven lampstands of gold: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands you saw are seven churches. Isa 49:16

of the final destruction of the empire of the Anti-Christ; Ch 7, the saints of the Great Tribulation composed of 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel, who cannot be killed, and an innumerable host out of all races, many of whom will be martyred by the Anti-Christ; Chs 8 – 9, describing the trumpets of God's wrath poured out on the kingdom of the Anti-Christ during the last 3^{1/2} years; Ch 10, a special message to John to eat the Scroll of the Revelation and prophesy it; Ch 11, details about the city of Jerusalem and the ministry of God's two prophets who are similar to Moses and Elijah; Ch 12, gives a sweeping summary of the career of Satan and his evil spirit messengers from his beginning, Satan's attacks upon Israel prior to the first coming of Jesus, Satan's attack upon Jesus upon the cross and Jesus' being caught up to heaven in his ascension, and finally the attacks of Satan upon the Jews and Christians from the time of Jesus into the Great Tribulation; Ch 13, the description of the first beast, the Anti-Christ, and the second beast, the false prophet who promotes him; Ch 14, the safety of the 144,000 right through the Great Tribulation, the announcement of the fall of Babylon, the world system built upon the world's population prostituting themselves for pleasure and the love of money, and pictures of gathering of the living saints to safety and the unbelievers to judgment; Ch 15, God on His throne still in complete control ready to complete what He began; Ch 16, the outpouring of the seven bowls of final judgment upon the empire of the Anti-Christ, and the Battle of Armageddon; Chs 17 – 18, a detailed description of the ten kings giving over the entire world system (the great prostitute) built upon the pursuit of pleasure, a convenient idolatrous religion (the original Babylonian religion started by Nimrod at Babel), and the love of money, to the Anti-Christ in his all consuming craving to dump the world system in order to kill all genuine followers of Christ on the face of the earth, and make himself the only god of the world; Ch 19, the marriage supper of the Lamb and His wife and the second coming of the Lord Jesus with his saints from heaven, including the Battle of Armageddon, and the casting of the Anti-Christ and the false prophet into the lake of fire; Ch 20, the One Thousand Years Reign of Christ with His saints upon this present earth, the resurrection of unbelievers, and the great white throne judgment; Chs 21 – 22, the Lord and His saints in the New Heaven and New Earth.

CHAPTER 2

1 To the messenger¹ of the Ephesian church, write: These things says the one holding the seven stars in his right hand, the one walking in *the* midst of *the* seven lampstands of gold:

2 I see your works, and your toil, and your cheerful endurance, and that you absolutely do not have power to bear worthless ones, and you have tested those pretending to be apostles, and absolutely are not, and have found them liars,

3 And you bore, and you have cheerful endurance, and you have worked hard because of my name, and absolutely have not grown weary.

4 But I have against you that you left your first love.

¹ **2:1 messenger**, *angelos*, messenger, the word used of both human messengers and heavenly messengers as well as demons. The Bible text does not have any form to show whether it refers to a heavenly messenger, an angel (the Greek word), or to a human messenger, or demon. John the Baptist is called *angelos* in Mat 11:10, Mrk 1:2, Luk 7:27. John's disciples are called *angelos* in Luk 7:24. Jesus's disciples are called *angelos* in Luk 9:52. The spies who spied out Canaan who were received by Rahab were called *malak* (*malak* in Hebrew, *angelos* in Greek), messengers, Jam 2:25; Jsh 6:17, 25. Jacob sent messengers before his face when he was meeting Esau, Gen 32:3, 6. Moses sent messengers to Edom from Kadesh, Num 20:14; also to Sihon, king of the Amorites, Num 21:21; Deu 2:26; Balak sent messengers to Balaam, Num 22:5; 24:12; Those sent by Joshua to the tent of Achan were called messengers, Jsh 7:22; Gideon sent messengers out to the people to gather an army to fight the Midianites, Jdg 6:35; 7:24; those sent out by Zebul were called messengers, Jdg 9:31; and Jephthah, Jdg 11:12-19; Those sent by the men of Bethshemesh, 1 Sam 6:21; the elders of Jabesh, 1 Sam 11:3-9; those sent by Saul, 1 Sam 16:19; 19:11-21; see also 1 Sam 16:19; 19:11-21; 23:27; 25:14, 42; 2 Sam 2:5; And there are too many to list here. So the messenger, *angelos*, of each of the churches is the pastor, the one responsible for bringing God's message to the congregation.

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works, and if not, I am coming to you quickly, and will move your lampstand out of its place unless you repent.

6 But this you have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans,⁶ which I also hate.

7 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one conquering, I will give to him to eat of the tree of life, which is in *the* midst of the paradise of God.

8 And to the messenger of the Smyrnian church, write: These things says the first, and the last, who became dead, and lived;

9 I see your works, and the tribulation, and the poverty, but you are rich, and *I see* the blasphemy of those saying themselves to be Jews, and they absolutely are not, but *are of* the synagogue of Satan.

10 Do not at all fear what you are about to experience; behold, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days; be faithful until death, and I will give you a crown of life.

11 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches: The one conquering absolutely will not be made unrighteous by the second death.

⁶ **2:6 Nicolaitans**, the followers of Nicholas (possibly the one of Acts 6:5) who disobeyed the order of the Apostles in Acts 15:29 not to eat things sacrificed to idols, and their looseness in this regard led to other lustful practices.

REVELATION 2 *Pergamos, where the throne of Satan is; Thyatira allows the woman, Jezebel*

12 And to the messenger of the church in Pergamos, write: These things says the one having the keen two-mouthed long broad sword:

13 I see your works, and where you are housed, where the throne of Satan is, and you hold my name, and absolutely have not denied my faith, even in the days in which Antipas *was* my faithful witness,¹³ who was killed alongside of you where Satan is housed.

14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those holding the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw an offense before the face of the children of Israel, to eat idol sacrifices, and to indulge in unlawful sexual lusts. *Note Num 31:8*

15 So also you have those holding the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which I hate.

16 Repent, and if not, I will come to you quickly, and will engage in war with them in the long broad sword of my mouth.

17 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches: To the one conquering I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and I will give him a smooth white stone, and upon the smooth stone a new name written, which absolutely no one knows except the one taking *it*.

18 And to the messenger of the church in Thyatira, write: These things says the Son of God, the one having his eyes as a flame

of fire, and his feet like burnished brass;

19 I see your works, and love, and ministry, and faith, and your cheerful endurance, and your works, and the last more than the first.

20 But I have a few things against you, because you allow the woman, Jezebel, the one saying herself *to be* a prophetess, to teach and cause my servants to be led astray to indulge in unlawful sexual lusts, and to eat idol sacrifices.

21 And I gave her time in order for her to repent of her fornication, and she absolutely did not repent.

22 Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those committing adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their works.

23 And I will kill her children in death, and all the churches will know that I am the one searching *the kidneys*²³ and hearts, and I will give to every one of you according to your works.

24 And to you, I say, and to the rest of those in Thyatira, as many as absolutely do not have this teaching, and who absolutely

²³ **2:23 kidneys, nephros.** We are accustomed to using the heart in a psychological and spiritual sense, but not the kidneys. The spleen, the heart, and the kidneys are words used constantly in the Hebrew. See Job 16:13; 19:27; Psa 7:9; 16:7; 26:2; 73:21; 139:13; Pro 23:16 Jer 12:2; 17:10; 20:12; Lam 3:13. This is the only place that kidneys is so used in the Greek. As the heart is the center of the inner person, the kidneys are a main organ that cleanses (along with the bowels, the lungs, and the sweat glands). So God will search out the inside center to see if it is properly motivated, and if the inner cleansing (work of the kidneys in a spiritual sense) is taking place.

¹³ **2:13 witness, martus,** a witness, and from which our English word martyr came.

Sardis has a name she lives but is dead; Philadelphia has an open door **REVELATION 3**
did not know the deep things of Satan, as they say, I am absolutely not throwing upon you another weight,

25 But what you have, hold until I arrive.

26 And the one conquering, and the one keeping my works until the end, I will give to him authority over the races,

27 And he will shepherd them with a rod of iron; they are shattered as the vessels of earthenware, as I also took *authority* alongside of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 3

1 And to the messenger of the church in Sardis, write: These things says the one having the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I see your works, that you have a name that you live, and you are dead.

2 Be awake, and cause the remaining things to stand, the things about to die, because I have absolutely not found your works fulfilled before the face of God.

3 Remember therefore how you took and heard, and keep and repent. If therefore you will not keep awake, I will arrive upon you as a thief, and you will absolutely not know what kind of hour I will arrive upon you.

4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have absolutely not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, because they are worthy.

5 The one conquering, in this way will be wrapped all around in white clothing, and I will absolutely not wipe out his name out of the Scroll of Life, and I will confess his name before the face of my Father, and before the face of his *heavenly* messengers.

6 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

7 And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia, write: These things says the Holy One, the True One, the one having the Key of David, the one opening, and absolutely no one shuts, and shuts, and absolutely no one opens;

Isa 22:22

8 I see your works; behold, I have given before your face a door being opened, and absolutely no one has power to shut it, because you have a little power, and have kept my word, and have absolutely not denied my name.

9 Behold, I give those out of the synagogue of Satan - those saying themselves to be Jews, and absolutely are not, but they lie - behold, I will make them that they shall arrive and prostrate themselves before the face of your feet, and they shall know that I loved you.

REVELATION 4 *Laodicea, not cold, not hot; God on the throne in heaven*

10 Because you kept the word of my cheerful endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of testing, the one about to be coming upon the whole inhabited earth, to test those housed upon the earth. Dan 9:26: 12:1: Mat 24:21; Mrk 13:19: Rev 7:14

11 Behold, I am coming quickly; hold what you have, in order that no one takes your crown.

12 The one conquering, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will absolutely no more go out, and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my new name.

13 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

14 And to the messenger of the Laodicean church, write: These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the one beginning the creation of God:

15 I see your works, that you are absolutely not cold nor hot; I wish you were cold or hot.

16 So because you are lukewarm, and absolutely not cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth.

17 Because you say, I am rich, and have become rich, and absolutely do not have need of one thing, and you absolutely do not see that you are wretched, and pitiable, and poor, and blind, and naked;

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18 I counsel you to buy alongside of me gold having been refined out of fire, that you may be wealthy, and white clothing, that you may be wrapped all around, and that the shame of your nakedness not appear, and rub your eyes with eye-salve that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I convict, and train as a child; be zealous therefore, 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 will dine with him, and he with me.

21 The one conquering I will give to sit with me in my throne, even as I also conquered, and sat down with my Father in his throne.

22 The one having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 4

1 After these things I saw, and behold, a door had been opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard *was* as a trumpet talking with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show you what must be after these things.

2 And immediately I was caused to be in *the* Spirit, and behold, a throne was lying outstretched in the heaven, and one *was* sitting upon the throne.

3 And the one sitting was to gaze upon like a jasper stone and a sardius, and a rainbow was in a circle around the throne, like

God surrounded by twenty-four elders and four living creatures; the scroll and the Lamb **REVELATION 5**
gazing at an emerald.

4 And in a circle around the throne *are* twenty-four thrones, and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, wrapped all around in white clothing, and they had upon their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne travel lightnings, and thunderings, and voices, and seven lamps of fire are burning before the face of the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the face of the throne *is* as a glassy sea like crystal, and in the midst of the throne, and encircling the throne, *are* four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. Ezk 1

7 And the first living creature *is* like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature has the face as a man, and the fourth living creature *is* like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them, had six wings, being full of eyes in a circle around and within, and they absolutely do not have intermission day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who was, and the one who is, and the one who is coming.

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory, and honor, and thanks to the one sitting upon the throne, the one living to the ages of the ages,

10 The twenty-four elders fall down before the face of the one sitting upon the throne, and

prostrate themselves to the one living to the ages of the ages, and throw their crowns before the face of the throne, saying,

11 You are worthy, Lord, to take glory, and honor, and power, because you created all things, and through your will they exist and were created.

CHAPTER 5

1 And I saw in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong *heavenly* messenger preaching in a loud voice, Who *is* worthy to open the scroll, and to loose its seals?

3 And absolutely no one in heaven, and absolutely no one upon earth, and absolutely no one underneath the earth had power to open the scroll, nor to look at it.

4 And I was sobbing greatly, because absolutely no one was found worthy to open and to read the scroll, neither to look at it.

5 And one of the elders says to me, Do not sob; behold, the Lion being of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered to open the scroll, and to loose its seven seals.

6 And I saw, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, *was* a Lamb standing as having been slaughtered, having seven horns and

REVELATION 6 *The Lamb takes the scroll; all heaven praises Him; He opens the seals; the four horsemen*

seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, having been set apart and sent out into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of the one sitting upon the throne.

8 And when he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the face of the Lamb, each one having harps, and golden bowls full of incenses, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and have purchased us to God in your blood out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and race,

10 And you have made us kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign upon the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard the voice of many *heavenly* messengers in a circle around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders, and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb having been slaughtered to take power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And I heard every creature which is in the heaven, and in the earth, and underneath the earth, and those that are upon the sea, and all those in them, saying, To the one sitting upon the

throne, and to the Lamb *be* the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the might, to the ages of the ages.

14 And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down, and prostrated themselves to him who lives to the ages of the ages.

CHAPTER 6

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures, like a voice of thunder, saying, Come and look.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse, and the one sitting upon him having a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering, also in order to conquer.

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come and look.

4 And another horse, red, went out, and to the one sitting upon him, to him was given to take peace from the earth, also that they should slaughter one another; and a great sword was given to him.

5 And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come and look. And I saw, and behold a black horse, and the one sitting upon him having a balance in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in *the* midst of the four living creatures say, A measure of wheat for a denarius,⁶ and three measures of barley for a denarius, and do not

The pale gree horse; the souls of those slaughtered for the Word of God; heaven and earth shaken **REVELATION 6**
be unrighteous in the olive oil and the wine.

7 And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard *the* voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and look.

8 And I saw, and behold, a pale green⁸ horse, and the one sitting upon him - his name *was* Death, and Hell followed with him. And authority was given to them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the long broad sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

⁶ 6:6 The Meaning of the Four Horsemen:

We do not know the exact amount of a *choenix*, the word used for measure here, but it apparently is a small measure, apparently the amount of food for one person for one day. The denarius was commonly the pay for one day's work, Mat 20:2. In normal times a denarius would purchase eight *choenix* of wheat, but in the times of scarcity that this horseman will bring in, food will be eight times as expensive as normal. The meaning is poverty and scarcity of food in the time of the third horseman, taking an entire day's wage to obtain enough food for one person for one day. What will the rest of the family eat? Olive oil and wine are also daily staples and necessities, and the statement seems to place some restraint on the black horse and horseman to destroy these staples. The word translated unrighteous is *adikeo*, the verb form of the word unrighteous. Most translators translate *adikeo* not to hurt or not to wrong. KJV has hurt not the oil and the wine. We have rendered it to be unrighteous because that is its fundamental meaning. The olive oil and wine will also be scarce, and people are commanded not to be unrighteous in hoarding these items, but to be fair in the distribution of all food items.

The horses and horsemen picture four phases of the reign of the Anti-Christ in the last days. The white horse pictures the Anti-Christ taking over the world in power and peace and promising prosperity. The red horse describes the Anti-Christ plunging the world into a bloodbath as he seeks to remove all believers in Jesus Christ and all who oppose him. The black horse pictures the famine that will follow. And the pale green horse pictures death followed by hell that are the end result of the reign of the Anti-Christ.

⁸ **6:8 pale green**, *chloros*, the color of plants when they begin to die, pale green.

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those having been slaughtered because of the word of God, and because of the witness which they had;

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Until when, Absolute Ruler, holy and true, will you absolutely not judge and avenge our blood from those housed upon the earth?

11 And a white robe was given to everyone of them, and it was spoken to them, that they should rest yet a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brothers also about to be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

12 And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the moon became as blood,

13 And the stars of heaven fell into the earth, as a fig tree throws its unripe figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven split¹⁴ as a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the grand rulers, and the rich, and the rulers of a thousand, and the powerful, and ev-

¹⁴ **6:14 split**, *apochorizo*, used only here and in Acts 15:39 where Paul and Barnabus split over taking John Mark; **as a scroll being rolled up**, *biblion helissomenon*, a scroll coiling up. The picture is that the heaven overhead will split and coil or roll up in two opposite directions since it surrounds the entire earth. Another instance of the Bible giving the correct scientific description of the universe.

REVELATION 7 *They pray to the rocks/mountains; 144,000 sealed from Israel; a great multitude of all races*

ery servant, and every freeman, hid themselves into the caves and into the massive rocks of the mountains;

16 And they say to the mountains and to the massive rocks, Fall upon us, and hide us from *the* face of the one sitting upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,

Hos 10:8

17 Because the great day of his wrath came, and who has power to stand?

CHAPTER 7

1 And after these things I saw four *heavenly* messengers standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow hard upon the earth, nor upon the sea, nor upon any tree.

2 And I saw another *heavenly* messenger from *the* going up of *the* sun, having a seal of *the* living God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four *heavenly* messengers, to whom it was given to allow unrighteousness to the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Do not allow unrighteousness to the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, until we seal the servants of our God upon their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of those having been sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand having been sealed out of every tribe of *the* children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand having been sealed.

6 Of the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Nephthali, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Manasseh, twelve thousand having been sealed.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand having been sealed.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand having been sealed.

Of the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand having been sealed.

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which absolutely no one had power to number, out of every race, and *all* tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the face of the throne, and before the face of the Lamb, having been wrapped all around in white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And they cry with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, the one sitting upon the throne, and to the Lamb.

11 And all the *heavenly* messengers stood in a circle around the throne, and *around* the elders and *around* the four living creatures, and they fell before the face of the throne upon their faces, and prostrated themselves to God,

12 Saying, Amen, blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and strength, to our God to the ages of the ages. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me, These having been wrapped all around in white robes - who are they, and from where did they come?

14 And I spoke to him, Lord, you see. And he said to me, These are those coming out of the Great Tribulation,¹⁴ and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Dan 9:26; 12:1; Mat 24:21; Mrk 13:19; Rev 3:10

15 Therefore they are before the face of the throne of God, and officially minister to him day and night in his temple, and the one sitting upon the throne tabernacled upon¹⁵ them.

¹⁴ **7:14 the great tribulation**, *tees thlipseos tees megalees*, literally, the tribulation, the great one. Places in the Bible various phases of the Great Tribulation are described: Psa 2; Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24-27; Mat 24:15-51; Mrk 13:14-26; Luk 21:20-27; 2 The 2:4; Rev 3:10. Of course chapters 6-19 of Revelation cover the entire reign of the Anti-Christ and the Great Tribulation he brings upon the earth.

¹⁵ **7:15 tabernacled upon them**, *skeenoosei ep autous*. We have translated the phrase literally; it describes God's presence as being over or upon us in heaven as the glory cloud was over or upon Israel when God led them out of Egypt.

16 They will absolutely not hunger any more, and absolutely not thirst any more, and the sun will absolutely not fall upon them, and absolutely not any burning *heat*,

17 Because the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and will guide them upon living fountains of waters, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

CHAPTER 8

1 And when he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in the heaven about a half hour.

2 And I saw the seven *heavenly* messengers who stood before the face of God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

3 And another *heavenly* messenger came and stood upon the altar, having a golden censer, and many incenses were given to him, in order that he give *them* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar, the one before the face of the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incenses went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the *heavenly* messenger before the face of God.

5 And the *heavenly* messenger has taken the censer, and entirely filled it out of the fire of the altar, and threw *it* into the earth, and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

REVELATION 9 *Trumpets one through five: catastrophes during the Great Tribulation*

6 And the seven *heavenly* messengers, those having the seven trumpets, prepared themselves in order to sound the trumpet.

7 The first *heavenly* messenger sounded the trumpet, and there was caused to be hail and fire being mixed in blood, and it was thrown into the earth, and a third of the trees was burned down, and all green vegetation was burned down.

8 And the second *heavenly* messenger sounded the trumpet, and a great mountain was thrown into the sea as burning with fire, and a third of the sea became blood,

9 And a third of the creatures in the sea, those having souls, died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Note Gen 1:20

10 And the third *heavenly* messenger sounded the trumpet, and a great star fell out of the heaven, burning as a lamp, and it fell upon a third of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11 And the name of the star is said *to be* Wormwood, and a third of the waters became into wormwood, and many men died of the waters because they became bitter.

12 And the fourth *heavenly* messenger sounded the 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 them was darkened, and the day did not shine for a third of it, and the night similarly.

13 And I saw, and heard one *heavenly* messenger flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to those housed upon the earth because of the remaining trumpet voices of the three *heavenly* messengers, who are about to sound the trumpet!

CHAPTER 9

1 And the fifth *heavenly* messenger sounded the trumpet, and I saw a star having fallen out of the heaven into the earth, and to him was given the key of the pit of the abyss.

2 And he opened the pit of the abyss, and a smoke went up out of the pit, as a smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

3 And locusts came forth out of the smoke into the earth, and authority was given to them, as the scorpions have authority over the earth.

4 And it was spoken to them that they not do unrighteousness to the vegetation of the earth, and absolutely not any green thing, and absolutely not any tree, but those men only who absolutely do not have the seal of God upon their foreheads.

5 And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tortured five months, and their torture *is as the* torture of a scorpion when it stings a man.

Trumpets five and six: the loosing of demons and the armies from the east **REVELATION 9**

6 And in those days men will seek death, and they will absolutely not find it, and they will set their passion to die, and death will flee from them.

7 And the likeness of the locusts *was* like horses having been prepared for battle, and upon their heads *were* as crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as *the* faces of men.

8 And they had hairs as hairs of women, and their teeth were as *those* of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as breastplates made of iron, and the sound of their wings *was* as *the* sound of chariots of many horses running to war.

10 And they have tails like scorpions, and stings were in their tails, and their authority was to do unrighteousness to men five months.

11 And they have a king over them, the Messenger of the Abyss, his name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, and in the Greek he has *the* name, Apollyon.¹¹

12 The first woe has gone away, and behold, two more woes are coming after these things.

13 And the sixth *heavenly* messenger sounded the trumpet, and I heard one voice out of the four horns of the altar of gold, the one before the face of God,

14 Saying to the sixth *heavenly* messenger having the trumpet, Loose the four *evil spirit* messengers,¹⁴ those having been

¹¹ 9:11 Both Abaddon (in Hebrew) and Apollyon (in Greek) mean Destroyer.

¹⁴ 9:14 For the four *evil spirit* messengers the

bound upon the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four *evil spirit* messengers were loosed, those having been prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, in order to kill a third of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen *are* two myriads¹⁶ of myriads, and I heard the number of them.

17 And in this way I saw the horses in the vision, and those seated upon them, having breastplates of fire, and of deep blue, and *the* appearance of flashing sulfur, and the heads of the horses *were* as heads of lions, and out of their mouths go forth fire, and smoke, and flashing sulfur.

same word is used, *angelos*, as the *heavenly* messenger mentioned in the first part of the verse (as is always the case even when the context makes it clear that the verse refers to humans). We add the word *heavenly* in the appropriate places to show that it is our opinion that the text refers to God's righteous heavenly messengers, in English known as angels. And the Bible constantly uses the word messenger (angel) to refer to Satan's evil spirit messengers, or evil angels or demons. We have followed the interpretation in this verse that the four messengers here described are Satan's messengers, because there is nothing in the Bible anywhere to indicate that God has ever or would ever **bind** any of His own righteous heavenly messengers. So we conclude that these are evil supernatural messengers who have resided in this part of the world, along the Euphrates River, determined to destroy God's people, but bound by God, waiting for the time He would loose them, allowing them to do their unrighteousness; God will destroy all humans who follow their evil motivation, and then throw the evil messengers into everlasting fire along with Satan at the appointed time, Mtt 25:41.

¹⁶ 9:16 **two myriads of myriads**, *dismuriades muriadoon*. Strong says that the *dismuriades*, two myriads, by itself indicates a number to numerous to number. With the adding of **myriads**, the phrase clearly means an army entirely too numerous to count.

REVELATION 10 *Men refuse to repent; seven thunders; time will be no more; John given the scroll*

18 By these three a third of men were killed, out of the fire, and out of the smoke, and out of the flashing sulfur, coming out of their mouths,

19 Because their authority is in their mouth, and in their tails, because their tails *are* like snakes having heads, and in them they do unrighteousness.

20 And the rest of the men who were absolutely not killed by these strikes,²⁰ absolutely did not repent of the works of their hands that they should not prostrate themselves to demons, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and wood, which absolutely do not have power to see, nor hear, nor walk;

21 And they absolutely did not repent of their murders, nor of their spell inducing drugs, nor of their sexual promiscuity, nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

1 And I saw another mighty *heavenly* messenger come down out of the heaven, having been wrapped around with a cloud, and a rainbow upon his head, and his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire;

2 And he had in his hand a little scroll open, and he placed his right foot upon the sea, and *his left foot* upon the earth,

²⁰ 9:20 strikes, *plege*, the English word plague, meaning a strike or stroke or blow, to be pounded.

3 And cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars, and when he had cried, the seven thunders spoke their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders spoke their voices, I was about to write, and I heard a voice out of the heaven saying to me, Seal those things which the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them.

5 And the *heavenly* messenger whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to the heaven,

6 And swore in the one living to the ages of the ages, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that time will absolutely be no longer;

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh *heavenly* messenger, whenever he is about to sound the trumpet, also the mystery of God will be finished, as he announced the good news to his servants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard out of the heaven *was* speaking with me again, and saying, Go away, take the little scroll having been opened in the hand of the *heavenly* messenger standing upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 And I went out toward the *heavenly* messenger, saying to him, Give the little scroll to me. And he said to me, Take *it*, and eat it down, and it will be bitter to your belly, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.

10 And I took the little scroll out of the hand of the *heavenly* messenger, and ate it down, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey, and when I ate it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he said to me, You must prophesy again upon many peoples, and races, and tongues, and kings.

CHAPTER 11

1 And a reed like a rod was given me, and the *heavenly* messenger stood, saying, Rise up, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those prostrating themselves in it.

2 And throw out the courtyard, the outside of the temple, outside, and do not measure it, because it was given to the races; and they will trample the holy city forty-two months.

3 And I will give³ to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, wrapped around with sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the face of the God of the earth. *Zech 4:3, 11, 14*

5 And if anyone wills to do unrighteousness to them, fire comes forth out of their mouth, and eats down those hating them,

³ 11:3 I will give to my two witnesses...The sentence here is correct. The KJV adds the word power, I will give power to my two witness, but power is not in the text. God promises simply to give to his two witness the message and whatever they need, and they will prophesy 1260 days, the same amount of time as the 42 months the holy city will be trampled (1260 days / 30 days = 42 months).

and if anyone wills to do unrighteousness to them, in this way he must be killed.

6 These have authority to shut the heaven, in order that it does not shower in the days of their prophecy, and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with all strikes as many times as they will.

7 And whenever they finish their witness, the beast who comes up out of the abyss will make war against them, and will conquer them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies *will be* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the peoples, and tribes, and tongues, and races will look at their dead bodies three and one-half days, and will absolutely not allow their dead bodies to be placed into tombs.

10 And those housed upon the earth will rejoice over them, and be in a good frame of mind, and will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tortured those housed upon the earth.

11 And after three and one-half days the Spirit of life out of God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear seized upon those seeing them.

12 And they heard a great voice out of heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they

REVELATION 12 *The Two Witnesses go up to heaven; the vision of the woman, the child, and the dragon*

went up into heaven in the cloud,^{1 2} and those hating them saw them.

13 And in that hour was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell, and seven thousand men by name were killed in the earthquake, and those remaining were alarmed, and gave glory to the God of the heaven.

14 The second woe has gone by, and behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

15 And the seventh *heavenly* messenger sounded the trumpet, and there were great voices in the heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world became the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he will reign to the ages of the ages.

16 And the twenty-four elders, those sitting before the face of God upon their thrones, fell upon their faces, and prostrated themselves to God,

17 Saying, We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is, and the one who was, and the one who is coming, because you took your great power, and reigned.

18 And the races were enraged, and your wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and to give reward to your servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and to those fearing your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those destroying the earth.

¹² **11:12 the cloud.** The cloud is not any ordinary cloud. It is God's glory cloud: Mt 17:5; 24:30; 26:64; Acts 1:9; 1 Cor 10:1-2; 1Th 4:17; Rev 1:7; 10:1; 14:14-16.

19 And the temple of God in the heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant in his temple was seen, and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

CHAPTER 12

1 And there was seen a great sign in the heaven, a woman having been wrapped around with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars, Gen 37:9

2 And having a *child* in her stomach, she cried, being in birth pains, and having been tortured to bear seed. Gen 3:15

3 And there was seen another sign in the heaven, and behold, a great red dragon,³ having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads.

4 And his tail draws a third of the stars of the heaven, and throws them into the earth, and the dragon stood before the face of the woman being about to bear seed, in order, when she bears seed, to eat down her child. Exo 1:16; Mat 2:16

5 And she bore a male child, who is about to shepherd all races in an iron rod, and her child was seized up to God and his throne. Psa 2:9; Acts 1:9

6 And the woman fled into the wasteland, where she has a place having been prepared from God, in order that they might feed

³ **12:3 dragon,** Greek, *drakon*.

War in heaven; Satan thrown down to the earth; the 1260 days of the Tribulation; the beast **REVELATION 13**

her there one thousand, two hundred and sixty days.

7 And there was caused to be war in heaven; Michael and his *heavenly* messengers were at war against the dragon, and the dragon was at war and his *evil spirit* messengers,

8 And they absolutely did not have strength, and absolutely no place was found for them any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was thrown - the original snake, being called Devil and Satan, the one leading the entire inhabited earth astray - he was thrown into the earth, and his *evil spirit* messengers were thrown with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in the heaven, Now salvation is caused to be, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers is thrown down, the one formally charging them before the face of our God day and night.

Job 1:6; Zech 4:3ff; Luk 22:31

11 And they conquered him through the blood of the Lamb, and through the word of their witness, and they absolutely did not love their souls unto death.

12 Therefore be in a good frame of mind, the heavens, and those tabernacling in them; woe to those housed in the earth and the sea, because the devil came down to you, having great hard breathing, seeing that he has a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown into the earth, he pursued the woman who gave birth to the male *child*.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wasteland, into her place, where she is fed for a time, and times, and half a time, from *the* face of the snake.

15 And the snake threw out of his mouth water as a river after the woman, that he might make her to be carried away by the river.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth, and drank down the river which the dragon threw out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commandments of God, and having the witness of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 13

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. Dan 2:40-44: 7:7-8, 20-21,24; 8:9-10

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet as of a bear, and his mouth as *the* mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave to him his power, and his throne, and great authority. Dan 7:1-8

REVELATION 13 *The first beast blasphemes God; another beast leads the earth to make an image to the beast*

3 And I saw one of his heads as having been slaughtered to death, and his blow of death was healed, and all the earth marveled after the beast.

4 And they prostrated themselves to the dragon who gave authority to the beast, and they prostrated themselves to the beast, saying, Who *is* like the beast? Who has power to make war with him?

5 And to him was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and authority was given to him to act forty-two months.

6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemy toward God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and those tabernacling in the heaven.

7 And *it* was given to him to make war with the saints, and to conquer them, and authority was given to him over every tribe, and tongue, and race.

8 And all those housed upon the earth shall prostrate themselves to him, whose names were absolutely not written in the Scroll of Life of the Lamb having been slaughtered from *the* foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 If anyone *is to go* into captivity, into captivity he goes away; if anyone kills by a sword, he must be killed by a sword. Here is the cheerful endurance and the faith of the saints.¹⁰

¹⁰ 13:10 The interpretation of verse 10 apparently is as follows: If any believer is predestined by God to go into captivity because of his faith, into captivity he goes away;

11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and spoke as a dragon.

12 And he does all the authority of the first beast before his face, and makes the earth and those housed in it to prostrate themselves to the first beast, whose blow of death was healed.

13 And he does great signs, so that he makes fire to come down out of the heaven into the earth before the face of men,

14 And leads those housed upon the earth astray through the signs which were given to him to do before the face of the beast, saying to those housed upon the earth, to make an image to the beast, who has the blow by a sword, and lived.

15 And there was given to him, to give a spirit to the image of the beast in order that the image of the beast also might speak, and to make as many as would not prostrate themselves to the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he makes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and servants, that he may give to them an engraving upon their right hand, or upon their foreheads;

17 Also that no one may have power to buy or sell, except the one having the engraving, or

if any of those persecuting believers kill them with the sword, those bringing harm to believers must be killed by the sword. The cheerful endurance and faith of believers is that regardless of what God has predestined that we endure, we will endure it and receive reward far beyond what we suffered. All those who persecute believers will receive payback for what they measure out.

The number of the beast; 144,000 on Zion; final announcement **REVELATION 14**
the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is the wisdom. The one having the mind, let him compute the number of the beast, because it is a number of a man, and his number *is* six hundred and sixty-six.

CHAPTER 14

1 And I saw, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having the name of his Father written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice out of heaven, as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of great thunder, and I heard the voice of harpers harping in their harps;

3 And they sing as a new song before the face of the throne, and before the face of the four living creatures, and the elders, and absolutely no one had power to learn the song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand, those being purchased from the earth.

4 These are those who were absolutely not defiled with women, because they are virgins. These are those following the Lamb wherever he goes away. These were purchased from among men, firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth absolutely no baited entrapment was found, because they are unblemished before the face of the throne of God.

6 And I saw another *heavenly* messenger flying in mid-heaven, having everlasting good news to announce *that* good news upon those housed upon the earth, and to every race, and tribe, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying in a loud voice, Fear God, and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment came, and, Prostrate yourselves to the one having made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and fountains of waters.

8 And another *heavenly* messenger followed, saying, It fell! The great city Babylon fell, because she made all races to drink of the wine of the hard breathing of her sexual promiscuity.

9 And a third *heavenly* messenger followed them, saying in a loud voice, If anyone prostrates himself to the beast and his image, and takes an engraving upon his forehead, or upon his hand,

10 He also will drink of the wine of the hard breathing of God, the one having been mixed undiluted in the cup of his wrath, and he shall be tortured in fire and flashing sulfur before the face of *the holy heavenly* messengers, and before the face of the Lamb;

11 And the smoke of their torture goes up to the ages of the ages, and they absolutely do not have intermission day or night, those prostrating themselves to the beast and to his image, and anyone taking the engraving of his name.

REVELATION 15 *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; the final ingathering & judgment; those in heaven*

12 Here is *the* cheerful endurance of the saints; here *are* those keeping the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice out of the heaven saying to me, Write: Blessed *are* the dead, those dying in *the* Lord from now! Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their toils, and their works follow with them.

14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud one *was* sitting like *the* Son of Man, having upon his head a crown of gold, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another *heavenly* messenger went out of the temple, crying in a loud voice to the one sitting upon the cloud, Send your sickle, and reap, because your hour to reap came, because the harvest of the earth has dried.

16 And the one sitting upon the cloud threw his sickle upon the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 And another *heavenly* messenger went out of the temple in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another *heavenly* messenger went out of the altar, having authority over fire, and called out with a great voice to the one having the sharp sickle, saying, Send your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because its clusters of grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the *heavenly* messenger threw his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the hard breathing of God.

20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood went out of the winepress up to the bridles of the horses, from a thousand six hundred stadia.²⁰

CHAPTER 15

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven *heavenly* messengers having the seven last strikes,¹ because in them is finished the hard breathing of God.

2 And I saw what was like a glassy sea having been mixed with fire, and those conquering from out of² the beast, and from out of his image, and from out of his engraving, and from out of the number of his name, standing upon the glassy sea, having *the* harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant³ of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

²⁰ 14:20 **stadia**, *stadion*, a measure of distance equal to the distance in the ancient race track, the stadium.

¹ 15:1 **strikes**, *pleegas*, plague, meaning a strike, or stroke, or blow. Current English usage carries the same meaning, as in a military strike, or an earthquake struck a certain place.

² 15:2 The phrase here is a construction peculiar to this passage which literally says that they conquered out of the beast, etc. The meaning is that they conquered and escaped out of the clutches of the beast, out of the clutches of his image, out of the clutches of his engraving, and out of the clutches of his name.

³ 15:3 Some translators insist on translating the word *doulos* as slave, giving the meaning of a bought slave as in recent history with absolutely no rights or say in his/her life. This

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are your ways, King of the saints.

4 Who absolutely does not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? Because *you only are* holy, because all the races will come, and prostrate themselves before your face, because your righteous deeds were manifested.

5 And after these things I saw, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the witness in the heaven was opened,

6 And the seven *heavenly* messengers came out of the temple, having the seven strikes, being enveloped in clean and white linen, and having their chests girded all around with girdles of gold.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven *heavenly* messengers seven golden bowls filled with the hard breathing of God,⁷ the one living to the ages of the ages.

8 And the temple was entirely filled with smoke out of the glory of God, and out of his power, and absolutely no one had power to go into the temple, until the seven strikes of the seven *heavenly* messengers were finished.

meaning is absolutely not true. No where is Moses or any other servant of God, even Saint Paul, shown to be a slave with no rights or say in his life. God treated Moses as a servant friend whose rights and desires were extremely important to God, as were those of Saint Paul, and all servants of God. Slave gives the wrong connotation. See Note Mtt 20:27.

⁷ **15:7 the hard breathing, *tou thumou***, the hard breathing. The Bible is so very literal and true in all that it pictures. God's wrath is breathed out into the bowls to be poured out,

CHAPTER 16

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven *heavenly* messengers, Go away, and pour out the bowls of the hard breathing of God into the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and it became a bad and evil ulcer into those men having the engraving of the beast, and those prostrating themselves to his image.

3 And the second *heavenly* messenger poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood, as one dead, and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third *heavenly* messenger poured out his bowl into the rivers and into fountains of waters, and they became blood.

5 And I heard the *heavenly* messenger of the waters saying, Lord, you are righteous, the one who is, who was, and the one who will be, because you judged these,

6 Because they poured out *the* blood of saints and prophets, and you gave them blood to drink, because they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar saying, Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your judgments.

8 And the fourth *heavenly* messenger poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to burn men in fire.

16:1, into the earth. God's hard breathing is God's wrath, the same as His burning nostrils in Hebrew, Exo 15:8; 22:24, etc..

REVELATION 16

Bowls 5 thru 7: the final events of the Great Tribulation

9 And men were burnt by a great burning, and blasphemed the name of God, the one having authority over these strikes, and they absolutely did not repent to give him glory.

10 And the fifth *heavenly* messenger poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened, and they chewed their tongues out of anguish,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven out of their anguishes and their ulcers, and absolutely did not repent of their works.

12 And the sixth *heavenly* messenger poured out his bowl upon the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, that the way of the kings from the rising of *the* sun might be prepared.

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 Because they are spirits of demons doing signs, who go out upon the kings of the earth and the entire inhabited earth to gather them together into the war of that great day of God the Almighty.

15 Behold, I am coming as a thief; blessed *is* the one staying awake, and keeping his garments, in order not to walk naked, and they see his indecency.

16 And he gathered them together into the place called in Hebrew Armageddon.¹⁶ Rev 19:19

¹⁶ **16:16 Armageddon**, Hebrew, *Har Magedon*, Mount of Megiddo, in central Israel.

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17 And the seventh *heavenly* messenger poured out his bowl into the air, and a great voice came out from the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It has been *done*.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and there was a great earthquake, such as absolutely has not been from when men came into being upon the earth - such a huge earthquake, so great -

19 And the great city became into three divisions, and the cities of the races fell, and Babylon The Great was remembered before the face of God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the hard breathing of his wrath.

20 And every island fled, and the mountains were absolutely not found.

21 And great hail, as a talent²¹ in weight, is thrown down out of heaven upon men, and those men blasphemed God because of the strike of the hail, because its strike is exceedingly great.

²¹ **16:21 talent**, *talenton*, about 95 pounds, the largest Hebrew measurement, the largest weight that ordinarily a man could carry.

CHAPTER 17

1 And one of the seven heavenly messengers came, the one having the seven bowls, and talked with me, saying to me, Here; I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute¹, the one sitting upon many waters,

¹ 17:1 the judgment of the great prostitute, to *krima tees pornees tees megalees*. *The Heritage Bible* is a totally literal and precise translation of the Bible with key Notes to help the reader understand the entire Bible, and is not a commentary on every section of the Bible. Some of the longer Notes are on key passages that are difficult to interpret and whose interpretation lays down principles for understanding the Bible as a whole. So this Note is on a key difficult passage that will give you certain keys for understanding the entire Book of Revelation (as well as Daniel and some of the other prophets). The subject of the passage stated by the heavenly messenger is **The Judgment Of The Great Prostitute**, 17:1. The section covered under that subject is chapters 17-19, because praises go up to God in 19:2 for the judgment of the great prostitute, and the beast and the kings of the earth are finally defeated at the second coming of Christ and the battle of Armageddon, 16:16; 19:19-21

The kings of the earth throughout history have indulged in unlawful sexual lusts with her, and those in all times housed upon the earth have become drunk with the wine of her sexual promiscuity, 17:2. The great prostitute is a separate entity from the beast, and sits upon the beast who is full of names of blasphemy, which beast has seven heads and ten horns, 17:3. The prostitute is Babylon, the Mother of all Prostitutes, and she is drunk with the blood of saints before Jesus came, and also the blood of witnesses of Jesus after He came, 17:5-6. The beast bearing her is the beast of Daniel 7:7-8, specified in Revelation 17:7 as having seven heads and ten horns. The beast existed in the past, goes through a period when he is not, and then comes up out of the abyss in the last days, and then is destroyed, 17:8. The God given wisdom in understanding the manifestation of the beast that the prostitute is riding is that, the seven heads are seven mountains, which I believe to be successive kingdoms of the beast, 17:9, over which seven kings rule successively, 17:10. Out of the seven kings, five had already fallen in John's day, one existed then, and the seventh is still yet to be, the Anti-Christ, 17:10. The actual final phase of the beast is the eighth, who will actually be of the seven, 17:11. As the seventh he begins to rule as the beast, but he is slaughtered to death,

and his blow of death will be healed, and thus effectively become the eighth when the whole world follows him as having been raised from the dead, 13:3.

At this point we need to identify the time frame in which these events center in their final manifestation. The Book of Revelation concentrates on a period of three and one half years, 11:2, 3; 12:6, 14; 13:5, and this is the only time period clearly identified in the Revelation. However Daniel 9:26-27 clearly identifies the last time period of this age in which the Anti-Christ will reign as seven years. Daniel also states that the Anti-Christ will make a covenant with many (of Israel) for seven years, but in the midst of the seven years he will break his covenant and plunge the world into the great tribulation. The Book of Revelation deals primarily with that last half of the seven years of the reign of the Anti-Christ. With all of that in mind let us go further to identify the Prostitute, and the time frame focused on in the Revelation.

The Prostitute is the world system that began with Nimrod at Babel that drives everything and everyone under the pursuit of immoral worldly pleasure, convenient and immoral religion, and the pursuit of money and power, and sits on peoples, multitudes, races, and tongues, 17:15. This world system has ridden atop every empire from Babel to this day, and still does. It has always been driven with a tremendous amount of literal sexual promiscuity and unlawful (perverted) sexual lusts, and the money and power that is generated by the provision of and promotion of immoral sexual life styles, promoted by the laws of government, and conveniently allowed and even promoted by false and immoral religion. This immoral lustful world system is so powerful that unless you are one whose name has been written in the Scroll of Life from the foundation of the world, 17:8, you do not have the power to resist it. Most people marvel at it, 17:6-7, and prostitute themselves to it thinking it is necessary in order to survive. Thus the majority prostitute themselves to the system thinking it will get them what they want until it is too late to realize it does not deliver what it promises. This world system is pictured as a city which is a female prostitute which has a kingdom or rulership over the kings of the earth, 17:18, in direct contrast to the city of the New Jerusalem which is pictured as the pure virgin Bride of Christ, 21:9-10.

Now let us identify the exact time frame of the prostitute focused on in Revelation, as well as the time frame of the beast focused on in the Revelation. We have already seen that both the prostitute riding the beast and the beast came to us from the ancient past as far back as Babel. The beast was especially manifested in various phases of the Roman empire.

The final manifestation of the beast will be

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the empire of the Anti-Christ. The horns on the beast are clearly identified as ten kings who have absolutely not yet taken a kingdom, but take authority as kings one hour with the beast, 17:12. They shall have one mind, and shall give over their power and authority to the beast, who, the beast and the ten kings, will then make all out war against the Lamb and all those called, chosen, and faithful, 17:13-14. The ten horns on the beast, the ten kings who join him, will hate the prostitute, will cause her to be laid waste and naked, will eat her flesh, and burn her with fire, 17:16, because God will give it into their hearts to do His knowledge, destroying the world system to give all authority over to the beast whose will is to exalt himself as god and destroy all followers of the Lord Jesus, 17:17. At this point, the Prostitute Babylon - the world system of the pursuit of pleasure, convenient and false religion, and highly prosperous materialistic world economy - collapses, because the beast with the ten kings direct all resources at the extermination of the followers of Jesus Christ at the expense of the world economy, 18:2-8. The ten kings apparently are ten persons not previously kings but are made kings by the Anti-Christ for one hour, 17:12, for the sole purpose of handing the world system over to him, and the rest of the kings of the earth who have indulged in unlawful sexual lusts and lived excessively with her, having been dumped with the world system, will sob, scream, mourn, 18:9-10, 15-17, and throw dirt upon their heads, 18:19, as they see the world's banking system, manufacturing, shipping, merchandising, jewelry, fine clothing, staple goods, animals, their control over the bodies and souls of men, 18:12-14, the music industry, 18:22, social life, 18:23, and the drug culture, 18:23, all of which supported them while in office, come to a sudden violent end, 18:21. It is at this point that the Anti-Christ and his ten cohorts are entrenched in power and begin to try to purge from the earth everyone who opposes them. I interpret it that he rides the white horse of peace and prosperity with the prostituted world system still on his back, 6:2, during the first three and one-half years of his reign. I interpret it that the beast breaks his covenant with Israel, Dan 9:27, at the end of the first three and one-half years, at which time he also makes the agreement with the ten new kings to destroy Babylon the Prostitute, 17:12-14. I presume that the breaking of the covenant with Israel and the transference of power by the ten new kings of the earth will take some time into the first few months of the last three and one-half years. Naturally since an exact calendar of time is not given us on these events in the Revelation we cannot know the exact time limits of each event. It will be in this time right after the transference of world power to the Anti-Christ and the ten kings that the Anti-Christ

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rides the red horse of bloody purgings of all those opposing him, the black horse of famine as the world economy collapses, and the pale green horse of death followed by hell gathering up the dead, 6:4-8, and included in the time frame just described of the second, third, and fourth horsemen is the scene in heaven showing all the souls that have been martyred and indicating those yet to be martyred, 6:9-11. The sealing of the 144,000 out of the twelve tribes of Israel, 7:1-8, comes just before the kings give their power to the Anti-Christ, and the innumerable host of saints who are martyred during the great tribulation and are in heaven out of all races, 7:9-15, is after the prostitute is destroyed and during the reign of the Anti-Christ and the ten kings in violent raw power. The terrible strikes out of heaven on the earth in chapters 8 and 9 are after the destruction of the prostitute and probably toward the middle of the beast's violent reign. The trampling of the outer court of the temple by the races, 11:1-2, and the witness of the two prophets, 11:3-6, are during the entire three and one-half years, and the killing of the two prophets and their rising from the dead is at the end of the three and one-half years, 11:7-13. The war in heaven when Michael casts the devil down to the surface of the earth, 12:7-9, is apparently the event that triggers the transfer of power to the Anti-Christ and the ten kings, after his being healed from death, and he comes upon the earth in a rage. The last three and one-half years are also the time period when Israel will be provided a hiding place in the wasteland, 12:13-17. The apparent death and resurrection of the Anti-Christ, 13:1-3, is at the beginning of the last three and one-half years, and occasions the devil's giving him his authority, 13:4, giving him authority to speak great blasphemies against God, 13:5-6, power to make war against the saints and conquer the entire world, 13:7-10, using the false prophet to promote him, 13:11-15, and having an iron fisted control of the world economy so that no one can buy or sell without the engraving, or name, or number of the beast, 13:16-18. This is the main cause of the collapse of the economy. It is apparently right after the apparent death and resurrection of the Anti-Christ at the very beginning of his reign that a heavenly messenger flies through the mid-heaven announcing the everlasting good news, 14:6-7, and another announcing the fall of the Prostitute Babylon, 14:8, and warning them not to prostrate themselves to the beast and not to receive his engraving upon their forehead or in their hand, 14:9-11, and encouraging the saints to be faithful, 14:12-13, and warning everyone of the coming judgments, 14:14-20. Chapter 15 is preparatory to the pouring out of the seven last strikes, and the seven last strikes are poured out in chapter 16, bringing us to the final defeat of the beast. In the final defeat of the

2 With whom the kings of the earth have indulged in unlawful sexual lusts, and those housed upon the earth have become drunk with the wine of her sexual promiscuity.

3 And he carried me away in *the Spirit* into a wasteland, and I saw a woman sitting upon a crimson colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

beast, the Prostitute Babylon is "remembered" because up until the final manifestation of the beast the prostituted world system always rode the back of world rulers, but the last world ruler dumped the world system in order to come against God in the raw power of the dragon (the devil) in which the devil made his almost last attempt to become God, 16:19. [There is one more attempt by Satan, 20:7-10.] The kings and armies of the far east coming from east of the Euphrates River join the beast and his ten kings at Armageddon against Christ at His coming, 16:12-16. In chapters 17-19 we have the details and analysis of the Prostitute Babylon, the beast, and the ten kings, all of which is the key to understanding the Revelation as I have outlined it. The last scene of these events pertaining to the beast and the ten kings is that they draw their armies together at the Mount of Megiddo, Armageddon, 16:16; 19:16-21, in one last desperate attempt to come against the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords at His coming, and they are defeated. The Anti-Christ and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire, 19:20, and Satan is chained in the abyss, 20:1-3. All the living saints at the second coming of Christ remain alive in their mortal bodies to clean up the earth, to repopulate the earth, and the sainted dead are raised to reign with Him one thousands years with the entire earth under the personal government of the Lord Jesus, 20:1-6. At the end of the one thousand years Satan is loosed for a little time, 20:3, 7. He deceives all those who during the thousand years never personally chose to be born from above by the Holy Spirit although they live in a perfectly righteous world. The devil and all unbelievers storm the beloved city, and are eaten down by fire out of heaven. Then follows the resurrection of all the unbelievers (because they are all dead now from the last fire, 20:9). They are judged at the great white throne judgment, 20:11-14, and thrown into their appropriate place in the eternal lake of fire. Then we are with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth forever, chapters 21-22. Praise the Lord!

4 And the woman was wrapped around with purple and crimson, and gilded with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and uncleanness of her sexual promiscuity,

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

6 And I saw the woman being drunk out of the blood of the saints, and out of the blood of the witnesses of Jesus, and seeing her, I marveled a great marveling.

7 And the *heavenly messenger* said to me, Why did you marvel? I will speak to you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast bearing her, the one having the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast that you saw, was, and absolutely is not, and is about to go up out of the abyss, and go away into destruction, and those housed upon the earth will marvel, whose names have not been written upon the Scroll of Life from *the* foundation of the world, seeing the beast who was, and absolutely is not, although he is.

9 And here is the mind having wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman sits upon them,

10 And there are seven kings; the five fell, and the one is; the other has absolutely not yet come, and when he comes, he must remain a little *time*.

REVELATION 18 *The judgment of the great prostitute; the Babylon of world commerce collapses*

11 And the beast who was, and absolutely is not, even he is *the* eighth, and he is of the seven, and goes away into destruction.

12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have absolutely not yet taken a kingdom, but take authority as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give over their power and authority to the beast.

14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, because he is Lord of lords, and King of kings, and those with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he says to me, The waters which you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and races, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and will cause her to be laid waste and naked, and will eat her flesh, and burn her in fire,

17 Because God gave *it* into their hearts to do his knowledge, even to do one knowledge, and give their kingdom to the beast, until the spoken words of God will be finished.

18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, the one having a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

CHAPTER 18

1 And after these things I saw another *heavenly* messenger coming down out of the heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lighted out of his glory.

2 And he cried in a great, strong voice, saying, It fell! Babylon The Great fell, and has become *the* housing place of demons, and the prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hated bird,

3 Because all races have drunk of the wine of the hard breathing of her sexual promiscuity, and the kings of the earth have indulged in unlawful sexual lusts with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich out of the power of her excessive strength.

4 And I heard another voice out of the heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, in order that you not be co-participants of her sins, and in order that you do not take of her strokes,

5 Because her sins have become glued up to the heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteousness.

6 Give back to her as also she gave back to you, and double to her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix to her double.

7 As she has glorified herself, and lived in excessive strength; by such an amount give to her torture and grief, because in her heart she says, I sit a queen, and I am absolutely not a widow,

and absolutely will not see grief.

8 Therefore in one day her strokes will arrive: death, and grief, and famine, and she will be burned down in fire, because *the* Lord God judging her *is* strong.

9 And the kings of the earth, who indulged in unlawful sexual lusts, and lived in excessive strength with her, will sob, and beat their breast over her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning fire,

10 Standing far off because of the fear of her torture, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city, because in one hour your judgment came.

11 And the merchants of the earth will sob and grieve over her, because absolutely no one buys their cargo any more:

12 Cargo of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and things made of linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel of very precious wood, and of bronze, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and incenses, and myrrh, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and domesticated animals, and sheep, and horses, and carriages, and bodies and souls of men.

14 And the ripe fruits of the passion of your soul went away from you, and all the sumptuous and radiant things went away from you, and you will absolutely no more find them, absolutely not at all.

15 The merchants of these things, those being enriched from her, will stand far off because of the fear of her torture, sobbing and grieving,

16 And saying, Woe, woe, the great city, having been wrapped around with fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and having been gilded in gold, and precious stones, and pearls,

17 Because in one hour so great riches were laid waste! And every ship captain, and all the multitude upon the ships, and sailors, and as many as work the sea, stood far off,

18 And screamed, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What *is* like the great city!

19 And they threw loose dirt upon their heads, and screamed, sobbing and grieving, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, in which all having ships in the sea were made rich because of her expensiveness, because in one hour she was laid waste.

20 Rejoice over her, heaven, and the holy apostles, and the prophets, because God judged your judgment out of her.

21 And one strong *heavenly* messenger lifted up a stone like a great millstone, and threw *it* into the sea, saying, In this way with sudden violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown, and will absolutely not be found any more at all.

22 And *the* voice of harpers, and musicians, and flute players, and trumpeters, will absolutely not be heard in you any more, and

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Amen! Hallelujah! The marriage supper; the second coming of Christ

every craftsman of any craft, will absolutely not be found in you any more, and *the* sound of a mill will absolutely not be heard in you any more;

23 And *the* light of a lamp will absolutely not shine in you any more, and *the* voice of the bride-groom and of the bride will absolutely not be heard in you any more, because your merchants were the great ones of the earth, because in your spell inducing drugs all the races were led astray.

24 And in her was found blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all having been slaughtered upon the earth.

CHAPTER 19

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of a large multitude in the heaven, saying, Hallelujah! *Oh*, the salvation, and the glory, and the honor, and power of *the* Lord our God!

2 Because true and righteous *are* his judgments, because he judged the great prostitute, who ruined the earth in her sexual promiscuity, and has vindicated the blood of his servants out of her hand.

3 And a second *time* they spoke, Hallelujah. And her smoke went up to the ages of the ages.

4 And the twenty-four elders, and the four living creatures fell down, and prostrated themselves to the God sitting upon the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah!

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all his servants, and those fearing him, both the small and the great.

6 And I heard as a voice of a large multitude, and as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of strong thunderings, saying, Hallelujah, because the Lord God, the Almighty, reigns!

7 Let us rejoice, and let us jump for joy, and we will give the glory to him, because the marriage of the Lamb came, and his wife has prepared herself.

8 And to her was given that she should be wrapped around in fine linen, clean and radiant, because the fine linen is the righteous deeds of *the* saints.

9 And he says to me, Write: Blessed are those having been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he says to me, These words of God are true.

10 And I fell in front of his feet to prostrate myself to him, and he says to me, Look! No! I am your fellow-servant, and of your brothers, those having the witness of Jesus; prostrate yourself to God, because the witness of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw the heaven having been opened, and behold, a white horse, and the one sitting upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

12 His eyes *are* as a flame of fire, and on his head *are* many diadems, having a name written, which absolutely no one sees, except himself.

13 And having been wrapped around in a garment baptized in blood, and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in the heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goes forth a sharp long broadsword, that in it he may strike the races, and he will shepherd them in a rod made of iron, and he tramples the winepress of the wine of the hard breathing and wrath of God the Almighty.

16 And he has upon his garment and upon his thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

17 And I saw a *heavenly* messenger standing in the sun, and he cried in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying in mid-heaven, Come here and gather together to the supper of the great God.

18 That you may eat flesh of kings, and flesh of rulers of a thousand, and the flesh of strong ones, and flesh of horses, and of those sitting upon them, and of all flesh, both freemen and servants, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, being led together to make war with the one sitting

upon the horse, and with his army.

Rev 16:16

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, the one doing signs before his face, in which he led astray those having taken the engraving of the beast, and those prostrating themselves to his image. The two were thrown living into the lake of fire burning in flashing sulfur.

21 And the rest were killed in the long broad sword of the one sitting upon the horse, having gone forth out of his mouth, and all the birds were gorged out of their flesh. See Rev 16:16

CHAPTER 20

1 And I saw a *heavenly* messenger come down out of the heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain upon his hand.

2 And he seized the dragon, the original snake, which is *the* Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And threw him into the abyss, and shut him up, and sealed over him, in order that he should not lead the races astray any more, until the thousand years should be finished, and after these things he must be loosed a little time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them, and I saw the souls of those having been beheaded because of the witness of Jesus, and because of the word of God, and who absolutely had not

REVELATION 21 *Satan loosed; they attack the holy city; the white throne judgment; the new heaven and earth*

prostrated themselves to the beast, and absolutely not to his image, and absolutely had not taken the engraving upon their forehead or upon their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Dan 7:9

5 And the rest of the dead absolutely did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* the one having an allotment in the first resurrection; over these the second death has absolutely no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are finished, Satan will be loosed out of his prison,

8 And he will go out to lead the races astray, those in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to lead them together into battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up upon the width of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city, and fire came down from God out of heaven, and ate them down.

10 And the devil, the one leading them astray, was thrown into the lake of fire and flashing sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and they will be tortured day and night to the ages of the ages.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and the one sitting upon it, from whose face the earth and

the heaven fled, and absolutely no place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the face of God, and scrolls were opened, and another scroll was opened, which is the Scroll of Life, and the dead were judged out of those things having been written in the scrolls, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead in it, and death and hell gave up the dead in them, and they were judged everyone according to their works.

14 And death and hell were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And if anyone was absolutely not found having been written in the Scroll of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

CHAPTER 21

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth went away, and the sea absolutely is no longer.

2 And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, having been prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will tabernacle with them, and they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them, their God.

The Bride of the Lamb, the Holy Jerusalem, its gates, foundations, wall **REVELATION 21**

4 And God will wipe away all tears out of their eyes, and death will absolutely not be any more, and absolutely no grief, and absolutely no crying, and absolutely no anguish will be any more, because the first things went away.

5 And the one sitting upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he says to me, Write, because these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said to me, It has come to be. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one thirsting out of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 The one conquering will inherit all things, and I will be to him God, and he will be to me the child.

8 And the cowardly,⁸ and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and sexually promiscuous, and those inducing spells with drugs, and idolaters, and all liars, *will have* their allotment in the lake burning with fire and flashing sulfur which is the second death.

9 And one of the seven *heavenly* messengers came to me, the one having the seven bowls full of the seven last strikes, and talked with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

⁸ **21:8** cowardly, *deilos*, those who through cowardice under threat or persecution or pressure of natural disaster or any other circumstance turn away from faith in Jesus. Mtt 8:26; Mrk 4:40.

10 And he carried me away in *the* Spirit upon a great and lofty mountain, and showed me the great city, the Holy Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God, and her light *was* like a stone most precious, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,

12 And having a wall great and lofty, having twelve gates, and upon the gates twelve *heavenly* messengers, and names having been inscribed, which are the twelve tribes of the children of Israel;

13 From the east three gates, from the north three gates, from the south three gates, and from the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city *is* having twelve foundations, and in them *the* names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And the one talking with me had a reed of gold in order to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall.

16 And the city lies outstretched four cornered square, and its length *is* as large as also the width, and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand stadia.¹⁶ The length and the width and the height of it are equal.

¹⁶ **21:16** stadia, *stadion*, approximately 600 feet, or one-eighth mile; 12,000 stadia would equal approximately 1,500 miles.

REVELATION 22 *The Holy Jerusalem, its gates, its light, the river, the tree; we will serve Him; keep these words*

17 And he measured its wall, a hundred *and* forty-four cubits,¹⁷ a measure of a man, which is, of the *heavenly* messenger.

18 And the structure of its wall *was* jasper, and the city *was* clean gold, like clean glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone. The first foundation, jasper, the second, sapphire, the third, chalcedony, the fourth, emerald,

20 The fifth, sardonyx, the sixth, sardius, the seventh, chrysolite, the eighth, beryl, the ninth, topaz, the tenth, chrysopterus, the eleventh, jacinth, the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; each one of the gates was out of one pearl respectively, and the street of the city *was* clean gold, as transparent glass.

22 And I saw absolutely no temple in it, because the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city has absolutely no need of the sun, and absolutely not of the moon, in order that it might shine in it, because the glory of God lightened it, and the Lamb *is* its light.

24 And the races of those saved will walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 And its gates absolutely may not be shut by day - because there will absolutely not be any night there -

26 And they will bring the glory and honor of the races into it.

27 And everything common, and anything making an abomination and a lie will absolutely not enter into it, only those having been written in the Lamb's Scroll of Life.

CHAPTER 22

1 And he showed me a clean river of water of life, radiant as crystal, going forth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In *the* midst of its street, and on both sides of the river, *was* a tree of life, making twelve fruits, and according to a month, every one giving out its fruit, and the leaves of the tree *were* for tending the races.

3 And every cursed thing will absolutely not be any more, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will officially serve him,

4 And they will see his face, and his name *will be* upon their foreheads.

5 And night will absolutely not be there, and they have absolutely no need of a lamp and light of the sun because *the* Lord God lightened them, and they will reign to the ages of the ages.

¹⁷ 21:17 one hundred and forty-four cubits would equal about 216 feet or approximately the height of a 20 story building.

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6 And he said to me, These words *are* faithful and true, and *the* Lord God of the holy prophets set apart and sent his *heavenly* messenger to show to his servants what must come to be in haste. Rev 1:1

7 Behold, I am coming hastily; blessed *is* the one keeping the words of the prophecy of this scroll.

8 And I John, *was* the one hearing and seeing these things, and when I heard and saw, I fell to prostrate myself in front of the feet of the *heavenly* messenger who showed me these things.

9 And he says to me, Look! No! Because I am your fellow-servant, and of your brothers, the prophets, and of those keeping the words of this scroll; prostrate yourself to God.

10 And he says to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near.

11 The one who is unrighteous, let him still be unrighteous, and the one who is dirty, let him still be dirty, and the one who is righteous, let him still be righteous, and the one who is holy, let him still be holy.

12 And behold, I am coming hastily, and my reward *is* with me, to give back to everyone according as his work is.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed *are* those doing his commandments, in order that their authority may be over the tree of

life, and they may enter into the city by the gates.

15 And outside are dogs,¹⁵ and those inducing spells with drugs, and the sexually promiscuous, and murderers, and idolaters, and all loving and making a lie.

16 I Jesus sent my *heavenly* messenger to witness to you these things over the churches. I am the root and the kin of David, and the radiant and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And the one hearing, let him say, Come. And the one thirsting, let him come, and the one willing, let him take the water of life freely,

18 Because I witness to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds to these things, God will add upon him the strikes having been written in this scroll;

19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take away his allotment from the Scroll of Life, and out of the Holy City, and *from* the things having been written in this scroll.

20 The one witnessing these things says, Yes, I am coming hastily. Amen. Yes, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.

¹⁵ 22:15 See Note on Deu 23:17-18.

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