Revelation

Chapter 1
John's Vision of Jesus

¶1. A revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his slaves what must soon happen, and he made it known by sending his angel to John, his slave,
2. who has borne witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, as much as he saw.
3. Blessed is the one who is reading and those who hear the words of this prophecy and who keep the things written in it, for the time is near.

¶4. John. To the seven Assemblies that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits that are before His throne,
5. and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and ruler over the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and has washed us from our sins in his blood,
6. and has made of us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father – to him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen!
7. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see him; they also who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth, shall mourn because of him. Yes, Amen!

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

¶9. I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation, and kingdom, and perseverance in Christ Jesus, was on the island called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
11. saying, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven Assemblies: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamon, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."
12. And I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I had turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
13. and in the midst of the seven lampstands – one like a son of man, wearing a robe extending to his feet and girded about the chest with a golden sash.

14. His head and his hair were white as wool, like snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire,
15. and his feet were like fine brass glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters.
16. And he held seven stars in his right hand, and out of his mouth came a sharp, double-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in its strength.
17. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man, but he placed his right hand upon me, saying, "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last,
18. and the one who lives and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever! Amen! And I have the keys of death and of Hades.
19. Now, write down the things you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which are about to happen after these things.
20. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the messengers of the seven Assemblies, and the seven lampstands are the seven Assemblies."

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Chapter 2
The First Four Messages

¶1. "To the messenger of the Assembly in Ephesus, write:

¶He who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things:

2. I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and that you cannot tolerate evildoers. And you have put to the test those who call themselves apostles but are not, and you have found them to be liars.
3. You have patience, and you have endured for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.
4. Nevertheless, I have something against you because you have forsaken your first love.
5. Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen, and repent, and do your first works. Otherwise, I will come upon you suddenly and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

6. But you do have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
7. He who has an ear, hear what the spirit is saying to the Assemblies. To him who overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life that is in the paradise of my God.

¶8. "And to the messenger of the Assembly in Smyrna, write:

¶The first and the last, who was dead and came to life, says these things:

9. I know your works, and your suffering and poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of those who claim to be Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
10. Do not fear the things you are about to suffer. Watch! The Slanderer is now about to cast some of you into prison so that you might be tested, and for ten days, you will be afflicted. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.
11. He who has an ear, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Assemblies. He who overcomes will not be harmed by the Second Death.

¶12. "And to the messenger of the Assembly in Pergamon, write:

¶He who has the sharp, double-edged sword says these things:

13. I know your works, and where you are living; it is where the throne of Satan is, and yet you hold fast to my name. You did not deny my faith even in the days in which Antipas, my martyr, my faithful one, was slain among you where Satan dwells.
14. Yet, I have a few things against you because you have there some holding the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to lay a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat food offered to idols and to commit fornication.
15. And you also have there some who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans.
16. So, repent! Otherwise, I will soon come upon you, and I will wage war against them with the sword of my mouth.
17. He who has an ear, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Assemblies. To him who overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and I will give him a

white stone, and upon the stone a new name written which no one knows except the one who receives it.

¶18. "And to the messenger of the Assembly in Thyatira, write:

¶The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are as fine brass, says these things:

19. I know your works, and love, and faith, and service, and your patience. And your last works are greater than the first.
20. But I have something against you because you tolerate your wife, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess but who teaches and misleads my slaves to commit fornication and to eat food offered to idols.
21. And I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn from her whoredom.
22. Watch! I am casting her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction, unless they turn from her ways.
23. And I will slay her children with a deadly disease. And all the Assemblies will know I am the one who examines the hearts and minds; and I will give to each of you according to your deeds.
24. Now, I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to as many as do not hold that doctrine and who have not known, as they say, 'the depths of Satan', I put no other burden on you.
25. Only hold fast what you do have until I come.
26. And to him who overcomes and keeps my ways until the end, I will give authority over the nations,
27. and he will shepherd them with an iron staff (the way potters' vessels are shattered), as I also received from my Father,
28. and I will give him the morning star.
29. He who has an ear, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Assemblies.

Chapter 3
The Last Three Messages

¶1. "And to the messenger of the Assembly in Sardis, write:

¶He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says these things:
I know your works, that you have a reputation that you are alive, but you are dead.

2. Be watchful! Strengthen the things that are left, which are about to die, for I have not found your works perfected before my God.
3. Remember, then, how you received and learned, and obey and repent! If you do not wake up, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not even suspect what hour I will come upon you.
4. Yet, you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.
5. He who overcomes will be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life but will confess his name before my Father and His angels.
6. He who has an ear, hear what the spirit is saying to the Assemblies.

¶7. "And to the messenger of the Assembly in Philadelphia, write:

¶He who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David, who opens and no one will close, and closes and no one will open, says these things:

8. I know your works. Because your strength is small, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name, know that I have set before you an open door that no one can shut.
9. Know, too, that I will make them to be of the synagogue of Satan who call themselves Jews and are not, but are lying. Watch! I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.
10. Since you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the time of trial that is about to come upon the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.
11. I come quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown.
12. He who overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never again depart from it, and I will write upon him the name of my God, the name of my God's city (the New Jerusalem that descends out of heaven from my God), and my new name.

13. He who has an ear, hear what the spirit is saying to the Assemblies.

¶14. "And to the messenger of the Assembly in Laodicea, write:

¶The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God, says these things:

15. I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I prefer that you be either cold or hot.
16. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth.
17. For you say, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing,' but you don't know that you are wretched, and pathetic, and poor, and blind, and naked,
18. I advise you to purchase from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness not be exposed, and eye-salve to anoint your eyes so that you might see.
19. As many as I hold dear, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous, therefore, and repent!
20. Listen! I have been standing at the door, knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter in to him and dine with him, and he with me.
21. He who overcomes will I permit to sit with me on my throne, just as I also overcame and sat with my Father on His throne.
22. He who has an ear, hear what the spirit is saying to the Assemblies."

Chapter 4
John Is Taken to God's Throne in Heaven

¶1. After these things, I looked, and there was an open door in the sky! And the first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you things that must happen later."

2. Immediately, I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, and One was sitting on the throne,

3. similar in appearance to a stone of jasper and sardius, and a rainbow like an emerald encircled the throne.
4. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones the twenty-four elders were sitting, clothed in white garments, and on their heads were golden crowns.
5. Out of the throne came flashes of lightning, and voices, and peals of thunder. And in front of the throne, seven lamps of fire were blazing, which are the seven spirits of God,
6. and in front of the throne was something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

¶And in the midst of the throne and around the throne were four things that were alive, full of eyes in front and behind.

7. The first living thing resembled a lion; the second living thing resembled a calf; the third living thing had a face like a man; and the fourth living thing resembled an eagle in flight.
8. And the four living things – each of them having six wings round about, and full of eyes within – take no rest day or night, crying aloud, "Holy! Holy! Holy! LORD God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come!"
9. And whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the One seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,
10. the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they worship Him who lives forever and ever, and they throw their crowns before the throne, saying,
11. "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created everything, and by your will, they came into being and were created."

Chapter 5
The Scroll

¶1. Then, in the right hand of Him who sits on the throne, I saw a scroll, written on the inside and on the outside, and sealed with seven seals.

2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a powerful voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”
3. And no one in heaven above, nor on earth, nor beneath the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look at it.
4. Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look at it.
5. Then, one of the elders spoke to me: “Stop crying. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome, the one opening the scroll and its seven seals.”

¶6. And then I saw, standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living things, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the world.
7. Then he came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.
8. And when he took the scroll, the four living things and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp and golden bowls full of incense (which are the prayers of the saints).
9. And they sang a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals because you were slaughtered, and with your blood you purchased souls for God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
10. and you made of them kings and priests for our God, and they shall reign on the earth!”

¶11. And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne, the living things, and the elders (the number of them being myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands),
12. saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

¶13. And then I heard every created thing in heaven, and on earth, and beneath the earth, and upon the sea, and everything that is in them, all saying, “Blessing

and honor and glory and might to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever! Amen!"

14. And the four living things kept saying, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Chapter 6
The Seven Seals Are Opened

¶1. And I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living beings speak with a voice like thunder, "Come and see!"

2. And I looked, and there was a white horse! And the one sitting on it held a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

¶3. And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living being say, "Come!"

4. And there came out another horse, fiery red. And authority was given to the one who rode on him to take peace from the earth, so that men would slaughter one another, and a great sword was given to him.

¶5. And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living being say, "Come and see!" And I looked, and there was a black horse! And the one sitting on it held in his hand a balance.

6. Then I heard a voice in the midst of the four living beings saying, "A quart of grain for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and the wine!"

¶7. And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, "Come and see!"

8. And I looked, and there was a pale green horse! And the name of the one sitting upon him was "Death", and Hades was following after him, and authority was given to him over a fourth of the earth, to slay with the sword, with famine, with deadly disease, and with the beasts of the earth.

¶9. When he opened the fifth seal, I saw beneath the altar the souls of those who had been cruelly slain because of the word of God and because of the witness of the Lamb which they had.
10. And they cried out with a loud voice saying, “How long, O Master, holy and true, will you not judge and avenge our blood upon those who dwell on earth?”
11. And a white robe was given to each of them, and it was said to them that they should quietly wait for a while, until their fellow slaves and their brothers were finished, who were about to be killed as they themselves also had been.

¶12. And I watched when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood,
13. and the stars of heaven fell to earth the way a fig tree, shaken by a strong wind, drops her summer figs.
14. And the sky was split apart like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island were shaken out of their places.
15. And the kings of earth, and the great men, and military leaders, and the rich, and the powerful, and every slave and free man hid themselves in caves and among the rocks of the mountains,
16. saying to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!
17. For the great day of his wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Chapter 7
The 144,000 Are Sealed

¶1. After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that no wind would blow on land or sea, or on any tree.
2. Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the land and the sea,

3. saying, “Do not harm the land, nor the sea, neither the trees, until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads.”
4. And I heard the number of those who were sealed: one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel:
5. from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand sealed; from the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand;
6. from the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Manasseh, twelve thousand;
7. from the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand;
8. from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand, sealed.

¶9. After these things, I looked, and there, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes and palm branches in their hands, was a vast multitude out of all nations and tribes and peoples and languages, that no one was able to number,
10. crying with a loud voice, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
11. And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and four beings, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12. saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength to our God forever and ever! Amen!”

¶13. Then answered one of the elders, saying to me, “These who are arrayed in white robes, who are they? And where did they come from?”
14. And I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And then he told me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15. This is why they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple, and He who sits on the throne will cover them with His tabernacle.

16. They will hunger no more, nor any longer be thirsty, neither shall the sun beat down on them, nor any heat,
17. for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will be a shepherd to them; he will guide them to fountains of living waters, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Chapter 8
The Seventh Seal Reveals Seven Trumpets

¶1. When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

¶3. And another angel, holding a golden censer, came and stood at the altar, and much incense was given to him to offer with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar that is before the throne,
4. and from the hand of the angel, the smoke of the incense ascended before God with the prayers of the saints.
5. The angel then took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it toward the earth, and there were thunders, and voices, and lightning flashes, and an earthquake.

¶6. And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound their trumpets.

¶7. The first sounded his trumpet, and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was thrown toward the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees was burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

¶8. Then the second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a big, burning mountain was cast into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood,
9. and a third of the creatures in the sea who have life died, and a third of ships were destroyed.

¶10. And the third angel sounded his trumpet, and a large star, blazing like a torch, fell from heaven, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

11. The name of the star is called "Wormwood", and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters because they were made bitter.

¶12. And the fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened, and the day did not shine for a third of it, and likewise, the night.

¶13. Then I looked, and I heard a lone eagle say with a loud voice as he flew in the midst of heaven, "Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth because of the remaining sounds of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to blow their trumpets."

Chapter 9
The Trumpets Continue To Be Sounded

¶1. And the fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star had fallen from heaven to earth, and there was given to him the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

2. Then he opened the shaft of the Abyss, and smoke came up out of the shaft like the smoke of a burning furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.

3. And then, out of the smoke, came locusts upon the earth, and power was given to them like the power that scorpions of the earth have.

4. And it was said to them that they were not to harm the grass of the earth, nor anything green, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5. And it was given to the locusts not to kill them but to torture them for five months, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.

6. In those days, men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

7. And the appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle, and on their heads were things like golden crowns; their faces were like men's faces,
8. and they had hair like hair of women, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.
9. And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses charging into battle.
10. And they had tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in their tails, they have power to hurt men for five months.
11. They have over them a king, the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is "Abaddon", but his name in Greek is "Apollyon".[1]
12. The first woe has passed. Watch! There are two more woes to come!

¶13. And the sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a single voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God,
14. telling the sixth angel, the one who had the trumpet, "Loose the four angels who are bound in the great river Euphrates!"
15. And so, the four angels, the ones prepared for the hour, the day, month, and year to kill a third of mankind, were loosed.
16. The number of the soldiers on horseback was one hundred million. I heard their number.
17. And this is how I saw the horses in the vision and those who sat on them: they had breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth, and sulfurous yellow, and the horses' heads were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and sulfur.
18. By these three plagues, a third of mankind was killed: from the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur that issued from their mouths.
19. For the power of the horses is in their tails as well as in their mouths, for their tails are like serpents, having heads, and with them, they do damage.
20. The rest of men, those who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, to stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, of silver, bronze, stone, and wood which cannot see, or hear, or walk.

[1] Both "Abaddon" and "Apollyon" mean "destroyer"

21. Nor did they repent of their murders, their sorceries, their immorality, or their thievery.

Chapter 10
John Eats the Scroll

¶1. And I saw a strong angel descending from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow upon his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire,
2. and he had in his hand a little scroll, opened. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left on land,
3. and he cried out with a loud voice, like a roaring lion. And when he cried out, the seven thunders uttered their voices.
4. And when the seven thunders spoke, I started to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal the things that the seven thunders spoke; do not record them."
5. And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven
6. and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there is no more time
7. (except in the days of the seventh angel's sound, when he begins to sound his trumpet, when the mystery of God shall be accomplished, as He declared to His slaves, the prophets).
8. Then, the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go! Take the little scroll that is opened in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."
9. So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take it, and eat it up. It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth, it will be sweet as honey."
10. So then I took the little scroll out of the hand of the angel and devoured it, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

11. And then they said to me, “You must again prophesy concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.”

Chapter 11
God’s Two Witnesses

¶1. And there was given to me a measuring rod like a reed, saying, “Rise up and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.
2. But leave out the outer court of the temple, and do not measure it because it is given to the Gentiles, and they will trample upon the holy city forty-two months.
3. And I will produce my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, dressed in sackcloth.
4. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.”
5. And if anyone attempts to harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone attempts to harm them, this is how he must die.
6. These have authority to shut heaven so that no rain falls during the days of their prophecy, and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with any plague as often as they wish.
7. And when they have finished their testimony, the Beast that ascends from the Abyss will make war against them and overcome them, and he will kill them.
8. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that is spiritually called “Sodom” and “Egypt”, where also their Lord was crucified.
9. And men from among peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations, will view their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and they will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.
10. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them; they will celebrate and send gifts to one another because these two prophets tormented the inhabitants of the earth.
11. But after the three-and-a-half days, a breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

12. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.
13. And on that same day, there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed by the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¶14. The second Woe has passed. But watch! The third Woe is quickly coming!

¶15. And the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”
16. And the twenty-four elders who were sitting on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God,
17. saying, “We give you thanks, LORD God Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.
18. And the nations were angered, but your wrath has come, and the appointed time for the dead to be judged, to give the reward to your slaves the prophets, to the saints, and to those, small and great, who fear your name, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

¶19. Then, God’s temple in heaven opened, and within His temple, His ark of the covenant was seen, and there were flashes of lightning, and voices, and peals of thunder, and large hail.

Chapter 12
Signs in Heaven

¶1. And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars,
2. and she was pregnant. And she cried out with birth pangs, being in the agony of giving birth.
3. And then another sign was seen in heaven: there was a large red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads,

4. and his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth so that when she gave birth, he could devour her child.
5. And she bore a son who is to shepherd all nations with an iron rod, and her child was caught up to God and to His throne,
6. and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has there a place prepared by God, so that they may nourish her there for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

¶7. And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels warring against the dragon, and the dragon waging war, and his angels.
8. But he did not prevail, neither was there place found for him in heaven any longer.
9. And the great dragon was also cast out, the ancient serpent, who is called the Accuser, and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
10. And then I heard a mighty voice in heaven saying, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ, because the Accuser of our brethren is thrown down, the one accusing them day and night before our God.
11. But they overcame him through the blood of the Lamb and through the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life, even to the death.
12. For this, rejoice, O heavens and those who dwell in them! Alas, earth and sea, for the Accuser has come down among you, having great anger, knowing that he has just a little time."

¶13. And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the boy.
14. And they gave the woman two wings of a great eagle so that she could fly into the desert to her place where they shall nourish her there for a time and times and half a time, away from the face of the serpent.
15. Then the serpent spewed out of his mouth water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood,

16. but the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon spewed out of his mouth.
17. And then, the dragon was enraged over the woman, and he went away to make war against the rest of her seed, those who keep the commandments of God and have the witness of Jesus.

Chapter 13
The Beast

¶1. And I stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw, coming up out of the sea, a Beast with ten horns and seven heads, and upon his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads were names of blasphemy.
2. The Beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth was like the mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.
3. And one of his heads seemed to be mortally wounded, but his mortal wound was healed.
Then the whole earth marveled at the Beast,
4. and they worshiped the dragon who had given authority to the Beast, and they worshiped the Beast, saying, “Who is like the Beast, and who is able to make war against him?”

¶5. And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy, and authority was given to him to wage war forty-two months.
6. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
7. And it was given to him to make war against the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to him over every tribe and people and language and nation.
8. And all the inhabitants of the earth shall worship him, whose name is not written, from the beginning of the world, in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain.
9. If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10. If anyone holds on to captivity, he will go into captivity. If anyone slays with a sword, he must be slain with a sword. Here is the patience and faith of the saints.

¶11. Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he was speaking as a dragon.
12. He exercised all the authority of the first Beast in his presence, and he made the earth and those who inhabit it to worship the first Beast whose deadly wound was healed.
13. And he performed great signs, even making fire come down out of heaven to the earth before men,
14. and he deceived those who belong to me who dwell on the earth through the signs that were given him to do in the presence of the Beast, telling the inhabitants of the earth to make an image of the Beast who had the wound from a sword and lived.
15. And he was given to him to give a spirit to the image of the Beast so that the image of the Beast should both speak and cause to be put to death as many as would not worship the image of the Beast.
16. And it causes everyone, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and free men and slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,
17. so that no one can buy or sell except he who has the mark, the name of the Beast, or the number of his name.
18. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the Beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred sixty-six.

Chapter 14
The Saints Are Taken from the Earth

¶1. Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing upon Mount Zion, and with him were a number, one hundred forty-four thousand men, who had his name and his Father's name on their forehead.

2. And I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the sound that I heard was like harpists harping on their harps.
3. And they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living beings and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth.
4. These are men who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins; these are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were purchased by Jesus from among men, firstfruits to God and to the Lamb,
5. and no lie was found in their mouth; they are without blemish.

¶6. And I saw an angel flying in the midst of heaven, having eternal good news to proclaim to the inhabitants of the earth, even to every nation and tribe and language and people,
7. saying in a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and springs of waters.”

¶8. And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, “She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, who made all nations to drink of the wine of her whorish passion.”

¶9. And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the Beast and his image and receives the mark upon his forehead or upon his hand,
10. he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, who has poured it undiluted into the cup of His wrath, and he will be tortured by fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb.
11. And the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever, and those who worship the Beast and his image will have no relief day or night, or if anyone receives the mark of his name.”
12. Here is the patience of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

¶13. And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord. Yes, says the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow them.'"

¶14. And I looked, and there was a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15. And another angel came out of the temple, crying in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the time to reap has come because the harvest of the earth is ripe."

16. And the one who was sitting on the cloud thrust his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¶17. And another angel came out of the temple that is in heaven, he, too, having a sharp sickle.

18. And another angel came out from the altar, who had authority over fire, and he shouted with a loud shout to the one who held the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are ripe."

19. And the angel thrust his sickle toward the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and cast it into the great wine-press of the wrath of God,

20. and the wine-press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the wine-press as high as the bridles of horses, for a distance of one thousand six hundred stadia.[2]

Chapter 15
The Saints Stand Before the Father

¶1. Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, because in them is the wrath of God completed.

[2] A stadia is one-eighth to one-tenth of a modern mile (depending on which source one uses). The length of the blood-flow in verse 20, therefore, is close to 200 miles.

¶2. And I saw something like a sea of transparent glass mingled with fire, and those who overcome the Beast, and his image, and the number of his name standing on the glassy sea, holding harps from God.

3. And they sang the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are your works, LORD God, the Almighty! Righteous and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

4. Lord, who dares not fear and glorify your name? For that you alone are holy, all nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

¶5. Then, after these things, I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of witness in heaven was opened,

6. and out of the temple came the seven angels who were holding the seven plagues; they were clothed with clean and bright linen and gold sashes around their chests.

7. And one of the four living beings gave to the seven angels seven golden vials filled with the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

8. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power, and no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were accomplished.

Chapter 16
The Seven Last Plagues

¶1. Then I heard a loud voice speaking from the temple to the seven angels, "Go and pour out upon the earth the seven vials of the wrath of God."

¶2. And the first went and poured out his vial upon the earth, and it became a foul and painful sore upon the people who have the mark of the Beast and those who worship his image.

¶3. And the second angel poured out his vial into the sea, and it became blood as from a dead man, and every living soul that was in the sea died.

¶4. And the third poured out his vial into the rivers and the fountains of waters, and they became blood.
5. Then I heard the angel of the waters say, "You are just, O holy One, who is and who was, for these things have you determined;
6. they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They are worthy."
7. And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, LORD God Almighty! Your judgments are true and just."

¶8. And then the fourth poured out his vial upon the sun, and it was granted to him to scorch men with fire.
9. And men were scorched with a fierce heat, and men blasphemed the name of God who has authority over these plagues, and they did not repent to give Him glory.

¶10. And the fifth poured out his vial upon the throne of the Beast, and his kingdom was darkened, and they began to gnaw their tongues because of the pain,
11. and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and they did not repent of their works.

¶12. And the sixth poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up in order to make the way for kings from the east.
13. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet,
14. for they are miracle-working demon spirits, who go out to the kings of all the inhabited earth to gather them for the battle of the great day of God the Almighty.
15. "Watch! I am coming like a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, so that he does not go naked, and they see his shame."
16. And they gathered them unto the place which is called in Hebrew, "Armageddon".

¶17. Then the seventh poured out his vial into the air, and a great voice came out of heaven's temple, saying, "It is done,"
18. and there were flashes of lightning, and peals of thunder, and voices, and there was a great earthquake, an earthquake such as has not occurred since man was on the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so strong.
19. Then, the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. (And then Babylon the Great came to remembrance before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath.)
20. And every island disappeared, and mountains were not found,
21. and large hail, weighing about a talent[3], came down out of heaven upon men, and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague of it was very great.

Chapter 17
Babylon

¶1. Then one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke to me, saying, "Come. I will show you the judgment of the Great Whore who sits upon many waters,
2. with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and by the wine of her whoredom are the inhabitants of the earth made drunk.
3. So, he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness. And I saw a woman seated upon a scarlet-colored Beast with seven heads and ten horns, full of blasphemous names.
4. And the woman was arrayed in purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stone, and pearls, holding a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations and the filthiness of her whoredom.
5. On her forehead was written a name: "Mystery: Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots and the abominations of earth."
6. And I saw the woman drunk on the blood of the saints and on the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great wonder.

[3] A talent could weigh as little as 57 pounds or as much as 130 pounds, depending on the culture and time period involved.

7. Then the angel said to me, "Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the Beast that carries her and has seven heads and ten horns.
8. The Beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the Abyss, and he is headed for destruction. And the inhabitants of the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see that the Beast was, and is not, and shall be.
9. Here is the mind that has wisdom: The seven heads are seven hills upon which the woman is sitting.
10. And they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, and another has not yet come, and when he comes, he must continue a little while.
11. And the Beast who was, and is not, even he himself is the eighth, but he is one of the seven, and he is headed for destruction.
12. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but receive authority as kings one hour with the Beast.
13. These are of one mind, and they give their power and authority to the Beast.
14. These shall make war against 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. Then he said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and languages.
16. And the ten horns that you saw, and the Beast, these will hate the harlot, and they will make her desolate and naked, and they will eat her flesh and consume her with fire.
17. For God put it into their hearts to carry out His plan, to have one mind and to give their kingdom to the Beast until the words of God be fulfilled.
18. And the woman whom you saw is the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth."

Chapter 18
Babylon, continued

¶1. After these things, I saw another angel coming down from heaven with great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.
2. And with a powerful voice, he cried out, "Babylon the Great has fallen! It has fallen! And it has become a dwelling-place of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and loathsome bird.
3. For all nations have drunk of the wine of her whorish passion, and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have been enriched by the power of her sensuality."

¶4. Then I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you do not participate in her sins, so that you do not receive of her plagues,
5. for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteous deeds.
6. Reward her just as she has rewarded others, and repay her double, twice the amount of her works, and mix a double portion in the cup that she mixed.
7. As much as she has glorified herself and lived in luxury, give her just that much torment and grief. For she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen; I am not a widow, and I will never know sorrow';
8. therefore, in one day will come her plagues – death, and grief, and famine – and she will be burned up with fire, for the Lord God who judged her is mighty.
9. And the kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived in luxury with her will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning,
10. saying as they stand far off for fear of her torment, 'Alas! Alas! The great city! Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour has your judgment come!'
11. The merchants of earth also will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their merchandise any longer,
12. merchandise of gold, and silver, and of precious stone and pearl, and fine linen, purple cloth, silk cloth, and scarlet cloth, and every object made of

fragrant wood, and every object made of ivory, and every object made of precious wood, of copper, iron, and marble,

13. and cinnamon, and incense, and myrrh, and frankincense, and wine, and olive oil, and fine wheat flour, and grain, and sheep, and domesticated animals, and horses and carriages, and bodies and souls of men.
14. And the fruit your soul desired has departed from you, and every precious thing and every splendid thing is perished from you, and they will never find them, never again.
15. The merchants of these things who grew rich from her will stand far off for fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
16. and saying, ‘Alas! Alas! The great city that was arrayed in fine linen, purple, scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stone, and pearls!
17. For in one hour is such great wealth brought to nothing!’ Moreover, every shipmaster, and all who sail anywhere, sailors, and as many as do business on the sea, stood far off,
18. and as they watched the smoke of her burning, they kept crying out, saying, ‘What city is like the great city!’
19. And they cast dust on their heads, and they kept crying out, weeping and mourning, and saying, ‘Alas! Alas! O great city! All who have ships on the sea were made rich through her prosperity! In one hour, it is laid waste!’
20. Rejoice over her, O heaven, and saints, and apostles, and prophets, because God has judged your case against her!”

¶21. Then, one mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “Thus Babylon the great city will violently be thrown down, and it will never be found again.

22. And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute players and trumpet players will never be heard in you again, and no craftsman of any craft will ever be found in you again, and the sound of a mill will never be heard in you again,
23. and the light of a lamp will never shine in you again, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again, because your

merchants were the prominent men of earth, because by your sorcery all nations were deceived.

24. And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain upon the earth."

Chapter 19
The Return of Jesus with his Saints

¶1. After these things, I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2. for His judgments are true and just. He has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her whoredom, and He has avenged the blood of His slaves at her hand."

3. And a second time, it said, "Hallelujah! And her smoke ascends from her forever and ever!"

4. And the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen! Hallelujah!"

5. And a voice came out of the throne saying, "Praise our God, all His slaves and those who fear Him, small and great!"

6. Then I heard something like the sound of a large multitude, and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the LORD our God, the Almighty, reigns!

7. Let us rejoice and be glad! And let us give glory to Him because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready!"

8. And it was given to her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure, for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

9. Then one said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are they who are called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.'" And then he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

10. And I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am your fellow slave, and of your brothers who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."

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¶11. Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! And the one sitting on it is called "Faithful and True," and he judges and makes war in righteousness.
12. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns, with names written on them, and a name written that no one knew except himself.
13. He wore a blood-stained garment, and his name is called, "The Word of God."
14. And the armies that are in heaven, clothed in clean, white linen, followed him on white horses.
15. And out of his mouth went a sharp, double-edged sword, that with it he may strike down the nations, and he will rule them with an iron rod. He is the one who will tread the winepress of the wine of the furious wrath of God, the Almighty.
16. And on his garment and on his thigh, he had a name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords."

¶17. And I saw one angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come! Gather together for God's great banquet,
18. that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of commanders, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and those who ride them, and flesh of all, free as well as slaves, both small and great."

¶19. Then I saw the Beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered to make war against him who sat on the white horse and against his army.
20. And the Beast was taken, and with him the False Prophet who, in his presence, performed the miraculous signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the Beast and who worshiped his image. Those two were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire that burns with sulfur.
21. And the rest were slain by the sword of him who rode the horse, which sword came out of his mouth, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

The Millennial Reign and the Final Judgment

¶1. And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the Abyss and a heavy chain in his hand.
2. And he seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Slanderer and Satan, who deceives the whole world, and he bound him for a thousand years,
3. and he threw him into the Abyss, and locked it, and set a seal upon it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were ended. Afterwards, it will be necessary to release him for a short time.

¶4. Then, I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was granted to them. And I saw the souls of those who were beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the Beast or his image and had not received the mark upon their forehead or their hand, and they came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
5. (But the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.
6. Blessed and holy is he who has a part in the first resurrection; over these, the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him a thousand years.

¶7. Then, when the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be released from his prison,
8. and he will go out to deceive the nations that are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for the war, their number being as the sand of the sea.
9. And they came up upon the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down out of heaven from God and devoured them.
10. Then the Slanderer who deceived them was thrown into the Lake of Fire and sulfur where both the Beast and the False Prophet are, and they will be tormented night and day forever and ever.

¶11. Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them.
12. I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne. And books were opened (and another Book was opened which is the Book of Life), and the dead were judged by the things written in the books, according to their deeds.
13. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and they were judged, each one, according to their deeds.
14. And then, Death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death, the Lake of Fire.
15. And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Chapter 21
The New Heaven and New Earth, and New Jerusalem

¶1. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed.
2. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.
3. And I heard a loud voice from heaven, saying, “And now, the dwelling of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them!
4. And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will no longer exist; neither will there be sorrow, or crying, or pain because the former things will have passed away.”
5. Then, He who sat on the throne said, “Behold! I make all things new!” And He said to me, “Write! For these words are true and faithful.”
6. And He said to me, “I am created the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I, myself, will give freely of the fountain of the water of life to him who is thirsty.

7. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.
8. As for the fearful, and faithless, and sinful, and filthy, and murderers, and the immoral, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the Second Death."

¶9. Then, one of the seven angels who had the seven vials filled with the Seven Last Plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come. I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."
10. And he carried me away in the Spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
11. having the glory of God. Its brilliance was like a precious stone, as a jasper stone, crystal clear.
12. It had a great and high wall, and it had twelve gates. Upon the twelve gates were twelve angels and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.
13. On the east were three gates, and on the north, three gates, and on the south, three gates, and on the west, three gates.
14. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and upon them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15. And the one speaking with me held a golden measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall.
16. The city lay square, its length being the same as its breadth. So, he measured the city with the measuring rod to be twelve thousand stadia; its length and breadth and height were equal.
17. And he measured its wall to be one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man (that is, of an angel).
18. And the building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was made of pure gold, like clear glass.
19. The foundations of the walls of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation with 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, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
21. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was made of a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, transparent like glass.
22. And I saw no temple in the city, for the LORD God Almighty is its temple, and the Lamb.
23. And the city had no need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb was its light.
24. And the nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor into it,
25. and its gates will not be closed by day, for night does not exist there,
26. and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
27. And no unclean thing will ever, by any means, enter into it, nor he who makes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Chapter 22

More about the City

¶1. Then he showed me a pure river of living water, sparkling like crystal, coming out of the throne of God and the Lamb.
2. In the midst of its street and on both sides of the river was a tree of life producing twelve fruit. Every month, each one yielded its fruit, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
3. And no unclean thing will any longer exist. And the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will minister to Him,
4. and they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.
5. And night will no longer exist there, and they will have no need of lamplight or sunlight because the Lord God will shine upon them, and they will reign forever and ever.

Final Exhortations

¶6. Then one said to me, "These are faithful and true words, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His slaves things that must quickly happen.

7. "So, watch! I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

¶8. And I am John, who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the messenger who showed me these things,

9. but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am your fellow slave and of your brothers, the prophets, and of those who obey the words of this book. Worship God."

10. And then he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

11. He who is unjust will be unjust still; and he who is filthy will be filthy still; and he who is righteous will keep doing righteousness; and he who is holy will be holy still.

12. Watch! I come quickly. And my reward is with me, to give to each one as his deeds are.

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

14. Blessed are they who keep His commandments so that the right to the tree of life will be theirs and so that they may enter through the gates into the city.

15. Outside are dogs, and sorcerers, and immoral people, and murderers, and idolaters, and everyone who embraces or tells a lie."

¶16. "I, Jesus, sent my messenger to testify of these things to you who are over the Assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

¶17. And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears this say, "Come!" And let him who is thirsty come. And let him who wants it, freely take of the water of life.

¶18. I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book that if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book,

19. and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, the things written in this book.

¶20. He who testifies of these things says, “Yes, I come quickly.”
Amen! Yes! Come, Lord Jesus!

¶21. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen.