

# Revelation

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## Introduction

The Revelation is **the unveiling of Jesus Christ**—not primarily of future events but of the glorified Savior in His majestic splendor, sovereign authority, and ultimate triumph. John, exiled on Patmos for the word of God and testimony of Jesus, received this apocalypse around AD 95 during Emperor Domitian's persecution. The seven churches of Asia Minor faced pressure to compromise: emperor worship was demanded, Christians were marginalized economically and socially, and some had already been martyred. Into this crisis came a vision of the risen Christ walking among the lampstands, the Lamb on the throne, the King of kings coming in glory. **The message is clear: Christ reigns, the outcome is certain, and faithful endurance will be rewarded.**

Revelation operates through **rich symbolism drawn from the Old Testament**. Nearly every verse alludes to earlier Scripture—Daniel's visions, Ezekiel's cherubim and throne room, Isaiah's new creation, Zechariah's lampstands, the Exodus plagues. Numbers carry meaning: seven signifies completeness or perfection, twelve represents God's people (tribes, apostles), six falls short of seven (666 is the number of the beast—ultimate imperfection). Colors, creatures, cosmic signs, and dramatic imagery convey spiritual realities. This is not arbitrary symbolism but a carefully crafted revelation built on biblical theology.

The book's structure moves from **present crisis to ultimate triumph**. Christ speaks to the seven churches, commending faithfulness, rebuking compromise, and calling for repentance. The vision then shifts to heaven's throne room where the Lamb receives the scroll—the title deed to creation and the plan for consummating history. As the seals, trumpets, and bowls of judgment unfold, we see God's sovereignty over history and His justice against evil. Interspersed are visions of the church preserved through trial, the dragon warring against God's people, and Babylon (the world system opposed to God) finally falling. The climax is Christ's return, the final judgment, Satan's doom, and the new creation where God dwells with His people forever.

Revelation is simultaneously **a letter, a prophecy, and an apocalypse**. As a letter, it addresses specific historical situations in the seven churches. As prophecy, it speaks God's word to the present and future, calling for response. As apocalypse (unveiling), it uses symbolic visions to reveal spiritual realities hidden from ordinary sight. This multifaceted genre means interpretation requires sensitivity to historical context, prophetic patterns, and symbolic meaning. The letter has sustained the persecuted church through the centuries, assuring believers that **their suffering is not meaningless, their perseverance will be vindicated, and Christ's victory is assured.**

## Book Outline

- **Introduction and Vision of Christ** (1) — Prologue, the Son of Man among the lampstands
- **Letters to Seven Churches** (2-3) — Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea
- **Throne Room and Scroll** (4-5) — Worship in heaven, the Lamb worthy to open
- **Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls** (6-16) — Judgments, interludes, conflict with evil
- **Fall of Babylon** (17-18) — The harlot and the beast destroyed
- **Christ's Return and Final Judgment** (19-20) — Marriage supper, battle, millennium, great white throne
- **New Creation** (21-22) — New heaven and earth, New Jerusalem, epilogue

## Key Themes

- **The Sovereignty and Glory of Christ:** Revelation unveils **Jesus Christ in unprecedented splendor**: the First and the Last who died and lives, the Lion of Judah and the Lamb who was slain, the Alpha and Omega, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the faithful witness, the ruler of kings of the earth. He walks among the churches holding their leaders in His hand, sits on the throne worthy to open the scroll, rides forth conquering and to conquer, judges in righteousness, and reigns forever. **Every title, image, and vision exalts Christ's absolute authority and ultimate triumph.** This is the book's central message: Christ reigns regardless of appearances.
- **The Cosmic Conflict Between Good and Evil:** Revelation pulls back the curtain on **spiritual warfare**: the dragon (Satan) wars against the woman and her offspring, the beast blasphemes God and makes war on the saints, Babylon seduces nations away from God. This is not dualism—good and evil as equal powers. Rather, it is the rebellion of created beings against their Creator, a rebellion God permits for a time but will ultimately judge. The vision assures believers that the persecution they face is part of this larger conflict, that their struggle is against spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12), and that **Christ has already secured the victory.**
- **The Vindication and Reward of Suffering Saints:** The souls under the altar cry 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood?' (6:10). **God will vindicate His martyrs.** Those who overcome will inherit tremendous rewards: eating from the tree of life, receiving the crown of life, ruling nations with Christ, having names in the book of life, becoming pillars in God's temple. The great multitude before the throne—those who came out of great tribulation—worship day and night, with God dwelling among them, tears wiped away. **Suffering for Christ is not meaningless but leads to eternal glory.**
- **Worship in Heaven and on Earth:** Revelation is the Bible's most sustained portrayal of **heavenly worship**. The four living creatures and twenty-four elders fall before the throne, casting crowns and crying 'Holy, holy, holy.' Myriads of angels surround the Lamb singing 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.' The great multitude shouts 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' All creation joins the chorus. This worship grounds the believer's earthly worship—we join the song already being sung. The vision also judges false worship: those who worship the beast receive God's wrath. **True worship belongs to God alone.**
- **The Fall of Babylon and Worldly Powers:** **Babylon represents the world system opposed to God**—its idolatry, immorality, materialism, and persecution of believers. She sits on many waters (peoples, nations), commits fornication with kings, intoxicates nations with her immorality, and is drunk with the blood of saints.

But Babylon falls: 'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!' Her destruction is sudden, complete, and permanent. Those who profited from her weep, but heaven rejoices. This warns believers against entanglement with worldly systems and assures them that **God will judge those who oppress His people.**

- **The Final Judgment:** Christ returns on a white horse to **judge in righteousness.** The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire. Satan is bound for a thousand years, then released and finally thrown into the lake of fire forever. The great white throne judgment sees all the dead judged according to their works and those not in the book of life cast into the lake of fire—the second death. This is comprehensive, final, and inescapable judgment. It vindicates God's justice, punishes evil, and separates the righteous from the wicked eternally. **History moves toward judgment.**
- **The New Creation and Eternal Glory:** Revelation concludes not with destruction but with **new creation:** a new heaven and new earth where the first things have passed away. The holy city, New Jerusalem, descends from heaven—God's dwelling with humanity. There is no temple (God and the Lamb are its temple), no sun or moon (God's glory illuminates it), no curse, no night, no death, sorrow, crying, or pain. The river of life flows from God's throne; the tree of life bears fruit. God's servants worship Him, see His face, bear His name, and reign forever. **This is the believer's ultimate hope:** not disembodied spirits in heaven but resurrected bodies in a renewed creation dwelling with God.
- **Faithful Witness Unto Death:** The call echoes throughout: '**Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life**' (2:10). The saints overcome the accuser 'by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death' (12:11). Revelation was written to Christians facing persecution and martyrdom. It does not promise escape from suffering but victory through suffering. Those who compromise—whether denying Christ, worshiping the beast, or participating in Babylon's sins—face judgment. Those who endure receive eternal reward. **Faithfulness matters more than comfort or survival.**

## Key Verses

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

— Revelation 1:7-8 (Revelation opens with the certainty of **Christ's visible, universal return**. 'Every eye shall see Him'—there will be no ambiguity, no secret appearing, but manifest glory. Even those who pierced Him (His crucifiers and, by extension, all who reject Him) will see and wail in recognition of judgment. The title 'Alpha and Omega' (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) declares Christ's eternality and sovereignty—He encompasses all of history from beginning to end. This is the lens through which the entire book must be read: Christ who was, is, and is to come will judge and reign.)

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

— Revelation 1:17-18 (John's encounter with the glorified Christ is overwhelming—**he falls as dead**. The Jesus he had known in flesh now appears in unapproachable glory. Yet Christ's touch and words bring comfort: 'Fear not.' He is the First and Last (echoing Yahweh's title in Isaiah 44:6), the Living One who died yet lives forevermore. Crucially, He holds **the keys of death and Hades**—absolute authority over death itself. This assures suffering believers: Christ has conquered death; He controls who lives, who dies, and who enters eternal life or judgment.)

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

— Revelation 5:9-10 (The Lamb's worthiness to open the scroll rests on **His sacrificial death**. He was slain—the crucified Savior—and by His blood redeemed people from every tribe, language, people, and nation. This is the gospel's universal scope: salvation transcends ethnic and national boundaries. The redeemed are made 'kings and priests'—echoing Exodus 19:6, fulfilling God's original purpose for His people. They will reign on earth—not disembodied existence in heaven but rule in God's renewed creation. Christ's death secures this inheritance.)

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

— Revelation 7:9-10 (This vision reveals **the ultimate triumph of the gospel**: an innumerable multitude from every nation worshiping before the throne. These are the redeemed who came out of great tribulation (v. 14)—faithful witnesses who endured suffering. Their white robes signify

purity through Christ's blood; their palms indicate victory. Their cry—'Salvation to our God and to the Lamb'—ascribes redemption to God alone. This assures persecuted believers: the church will triumph, martyrdom is not defeat, and the redeemed will outnumber the stars.)

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

— Revelation 12:11 (This verse describes **how believers overcome Satan**: by the blood of the Lamb (Christ's atoning sacrifice), by the word of their testimony (faithful witness to the gospel), and by not loving their lives unto death (willingness to be martyred). Victory comes not through political power or military might but through faith in Christ's finished work and unwavering testimony. The paradox is stark: those who die for Christ overcome; those who save their lives by denying Him lose. Martyrdom is victory, not defeat.)

**And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

— Revelation 19:11-16 (Christ's return is portrayed as **divine warrior coming in judgment**. He rides a white horse (conqueror), His eyes are flames of fire (penetrating judgment), His robe is dipped in blood (either His sacrificial blood or the blood of His enemies), and from His mouth comes a sharp sword (the word that judges). The title 'King of kings and Lord of lords' declares absolute sovereignty—every earthly ruler is subordinate. This is not the suffering servant of the first advent but the conquering King of the second. All who opposed Him will be judged.)

**And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.**

— Revelation 21:3-5 (This is the Bible's ultimate promise: **God dwelling with humanity** in the new creation. What was lost in Eden is restored and glorified—direct fellowship with God. There is no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain—all effects of the curse are removed. The former things (this fallen, broken world) pass away. God makes all things new—not repairs the old but creates anew. This is comprehensive redemption: not escape from creation but creation redeemed, not souls saved from bodies but bodies resurrected and glorified.)

**He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

— Revelation 22:20 (The book closes with **Christ's promise and the church's response**. 'Surely I come quickly'—the return is certain and imminent. The church's reply is 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus'—longing for His appearing. This has been the church's prayer for two millennia. 'Quickly' does not necessarily mean soon by human reckoning but swiftly when the time comes, without delay. The prayer expresses love for Christ, desire for His presence, longing for justice, and hope

for the consummation. It is the appropriate Christian posture: living in light of His imminent return.)

## Historical Context

John received this revelation while exiled on Patmos during Domitian's persecution (around AD 95). The seven churches faced various challenges: false teaching, persecution, complacency. Emperor worship was increasingly demanded. The book encouraged perseverance by showing Christ's ultimate victory and the certainty of God's justice. Its symbols drew from Old Testament imagery (Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah) and would be familiar to Jewish Christians.

## Literary Style

Revelation is apocalyptic literature, using symbolic visions, numbers, and dramatic imagery to convey spiritual realities. Numbers are significant (7 = completeness, 12 = God's people, 666 = ultimate imperfection). Colors, creatures, and cosmic events all carry meaning. The structure includes cycles of seven (seals, trumpets, bowls). The book is also a letter (to seven churches) and prophecy. Rich in Old Testament allusions, it draws heavily from Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel.



## Theological Significance

Revelation makes profound contributions to **Christology**, **eschatology**, **ecclesiology**, and the doctrine of **divine sovereignty**. The book's opening declaration—'the revelation of Jesus Christ'—establishes that this is fundamentally **a book about Christ**, not merely about future events. The manifold titles and images of Christ present the most comprehensive Christology in Scripture: Alpha and Omega, First and Last, Living One, Lion and Lamb, Word of God, King of kings, Bridegroom, Morning Star. These titles affirm Christ's **full deity** (sharing divine names and worship with the Father), His **sacrificial atonement** (the Lamb slain), His **resurrection victory** (the Living One), His **sovereign rule** (King of kings), and His **intimate relationship with the church** (Bridegroom). The consistent worship of the Lamb alongside God on the throne provides biblical foundation for Trinitarian theology.

Revelation's **eschatology** has generated diverse interpretive schemes (preterist, historicist, futurist, idealist), yet certain truths are undeniable: **Christ will return visibly and victoriously**, evil will be judged comprehensively and finally, believers will be vindicated and rewarded, and the new creation will be established eternally. The book refutes the Greek notion of the immortality of the soul apart from the body; instead, it presents **bodily resurrection and renewed creation** as the Christian hope. The new Jerusalem descends from heaven to the new earth—heaven and earth united, God dwelling with humanity in resurrected bodies in a redeemed world. This is not escape from materiality but redemption of it.

The book's teaching on **worship** is extensive and profound. Heaven's throne room resounds with continuous praise to God and the Lamb. Worship is Trinitarian (Father, Lamb, seven Spirits), corporate (involving all creation), and exclusive (worship of the beast brings judgment). The worthiness of the Lamb to receive worship rests on His creative work and redemptive sacrifice. This grounds earthly worship in heavenly reality—**the church on earth joins the song already being sung in heaven**. The visions also judge false worship: emperor worship, beast worship, and idolatry all lead to divine wrath. There is no neutrality; all worship either God or idols.

Revelation presents **divine sovereignty over history**. The scroll in chapter 5 represents God's plan for history; only the Lamb is worthy to open it and execute that plan. The seals, trumpets, and bowls of judgment unfold according to divine timing. Even the dragon, beast, and false prophet operate only within parameters God permits. Satan is bound and released according to God's sovereign decree. Human rebellion and divine judgment interact in complex ways, yet **God remains in absolute control**. This does not make God the author of evil but affirms that evil operates only within boundaries God establishes and will ultimately judge.

The book's **ecclesiology** presents the church as lampstands (light bearers in the world), a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:6 fulfilled), the bride of Christ (covenant relationship), and the army following the King (militant yet victorious). Christ walks among the churches, intimately knowing their condition. The church's task is faithful witness unto death—not political dominance or cultural victory but testimony to the truth regardless of cost. The **overcomers** who receive the promises are not a spiritual elite but all genuine believers who persevere through trial. Overcoming is accomplished 'by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony' (12:11)—faith in Christ's finished work and faithful confession.

Revelation's teaching on **judgment** is comprehensive and terrifying. The wrath of the Lamb (6:16) combines mercy (He is the Lamb who was slain) with justice (He judges those who reject His sacrifice). The great white throne judgment (20:11-15) is inescapable—all the dead stand before God, judged according to their works, and those not found in the book of life are cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**—eternal separation from God. The lake of fire is prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41), but humans who follow him share his destiny. The duration is described as 'forever and ever' (20:10)—conscious, eternal punishment. This sobering reality should motivate evangelism and holy living.

The **new creation** (chapters 21-22) is the consummation of redemptive history. God makes all things new—not annihilating the old creation but renewing it. The curse is removed, death is no more, God dwells with humanity, and the tree of life (lost in Genesis 3) is restored. The nations walk by the city's light; kings bring their glory into it. This suggests **degrees of glory and honor in the new creation**, not uniformity. The river and tree of life indicate abundance, healing, and perpetual vitality. There is no temple because God and the Lamb are the temple—direct access to God without mediator or barrier. God's servants see His face and bear His name—intimate knowledge and identification. They reign forever and ever—participation in God's rule over renewed creation.

## Christ in Revelation

Revelation is '**the revelation of Jesus Christ**' (1:1)—the unveiling of the Son of God in His full glory, authority, and ultimate triumph. No other book presents Christ in such majestic splendor or with such comprehensive titles. From the opening verse to the closing prayer, Jesus Christ dominates the vision as the Alpha and Omega of redemptive history.

**Christ as the Faithful Witness, Firstborn, and Ruler** (1:5): The opening doxology identifies Jesus with three titles that encompass His mission and authority. He is the 'faithful witness'—the one who testified to the truth even unto death, whose testimony is absolutely reliable. He is the 'first begotten of the dead'—not merely resuscitated like Lazarus but the firstfruits of resurrection, the pioneer who blazed the trail that believers will follow. He is the 'prince of the kings of the earth'—sovereign over all earthly rulers, regardless of their pretensions to power. Domitian might claim deity, but Christ rules the rulers.

**Christ as the One Who Loves and Freed Us** (1:5-6): John bursts into praise: 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.' Christ's love is not abstract sentiment but demonstrated action—He washed us (loosed us) from our sins by His sacrificial death. This blood atonement is central to Revelation's Christology. Furthermore, He has exalted believers to royal priesthood, echoing God's purpose at Sinai (Exodus 19:6) and Peter's teaching (1 Peter 2:9). Christ not only saves but elevates.

**Christ as the Coming Judge** (1:7): 'Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.' This echoes Daniel 7:13 and Zechariah 12:10, presenting Christ's return as visible, universal, and judicial. The same Jesus who was crucified in weakness will return in glory to judge. Those who pierced Him—literally the Roman soldiers and Jewish leaders, but representatively all who reject Him—will see and mourn. There will be no escaping His gaze, no denying His authority.

**Christ as Alpha and Omega** (1:8, 21:6, 22:13): This divine title, using the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, declares Christ's eternality and comprehensiveness. He encompasses all of history from beginning to end. He is not merely a figure within history but the Lord of history who determines its course and consummation. The title belongs to Yahweh in Isaiah 44:6 and 48:12; applying it to Christ affirms His deity. He is 'which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty'—present, past, future, and omnipotent.

**Christ as the Son of Man in Glory** (1:12-16): John's vision of Christ among the lampstands presents Him in overwhelming majesty. He is clothed with a garment to the foot and girt about the chest with a golden band (priestly and kingly attire). His head and hair are white like wool, white as snow (ancient of days, absolute purity—cf. Daniel 7:9). His eyes are as a flame of fire (penetrating judgment, nothing hidden). His feet are like fine brass, as if burned in a furnace (strength, judgment). His voice is as the sound of many waters (authority, power, commanding). Out of His mouth goes a sharp two-edged sword (His word judges, Hebrews 4:12). His countenance is as the sun shining in its strength (unapproachable glory). This is Christ as divine Judge and Lord, not the humble Galilean teacher. John, who had leaned on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper, now falls at His feet as dead. The resurrection and ascension have glorified Christ beyond human ability to comprehend.

**Christ as the First and the Last, the Living One** (1:17-18): Christ identifies Himself with Yahweh's covenant name ('I am') and title ('First and Last'). He is the 'Living One'—not merely alive but Life itself, the source of all life. Paradoxically, He 'was dead' yet is 'alive forevermore'—the crucified and risen Lord. His death was real, His resurrection permanent. Crucially, He holds 'the keys of hell and of death'—absolute authority over the grave and the afterlife. Death and Hades are His servants, not independent powers. This assures suffering believers that their lives and deaths are in Christ's sovereign hand.

**Christ as the Speaker to the Churches** (chapters 2-3): Christ addresses each church with specific titles drawn from the chapter 1 vision: the One who holds the seven stars and walks among the lampstands (Ephesus), the First and Last who was dead and is alive (Smyrna), the One with the sharp two-edged sword (Pergamos), the Son of God with eyes like fire and feet like brass (Thyatira), the One who has the seven Spirits and seven stars (Sardis), the Holy and True One who has the key of David (Philadelphia), the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation (Laodicea). Each title is contextually relevant to the church's situation. Christ knows their works intimately—commending, rebuking, warning, promising. He calls for repentance and faithfulness, promising tremendous rewards to overcomers.

**Christ as the Lion and the Lamb** (chapter 5): This is one of Revelation's most profound Christological images. John hears of 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David' who has prevailed to open the scroll (5:5)—royal, conquering imagery. But when he looks, he sees 'a Lamb as it had been slain' (5:6). The Lion is the Lamb; the Conqueror is the Crucified. Christ's victory was won not through military might but through sacrificial death. The Lamb bears the marks of slaughter yet stands (resurrected). The Lamb has seven horns (perfect power) and seven eyes (perfect knowledge, identified as the seven Spirits of God sent into all the earth). This slain-yet-

standing Lamb is the only one worthy to open the scroll—to execute God's plan for history—because He was slain and by His blood ransomed people for God (5:9). The elders and angels and every creature worship the Lamb with the same praise given to God on the throne, confirming His deity.

**Christ as the Rider on the White Horse** (6:2, 19:11-16): In the first seal, a rider on a white horse goes forth conquering and to conquer (6:2)—likely Christ advancing through gospel proclamation (though some see the Antichrist). In the climactic vision of chapter 19, Christ returns on a white horse as divine warrior. He is called 'Faithful and True'—His character is reliable, His judgments just. He judges and makes war in righteousness (19:11). His eyes are flames of fire, He wears many crowns (sovereign over all kingdoms), He has a name written that no one knows except Himself (mysterious, transcendent). His robe is dipped in blood, and His name is 'The Word of God' (19:13)—echoing John's Gospel (1:1, 14), identifying Him as the eternal Logos made flesh. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword to strike the nations; He will rule them with a rod of iron (19:15). On His robe and thigh is written 'KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS' (19:16)—the supreme title declaring absolute sovereignty over all earthly and spiritual powers.

**Christ as the Root and Offspring of David** (22:16): Christ is both David's root (source, ancestor) and offspring (descendant)—a paradox resolving in His dual nature as eternal God and incarnate man. As God, He is David's Lord and creator; as man, He is David's descendant and heir to the throne. This fulfills the Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7) and the messianic prophecies. The Messiah-King is both human and divine.

**Christ as the Bright and Morning Star** (22:16): The morning star appears just before dawn, heralding the coming day. Christ is the harbinger of the new creation, the light that precedes the eternal day when there will be no night (21:25, 22:5). In a world of darkness and persecution, Christ is the brilliant hope assuring believers that dawn is coming.

**Christ as the Bridegroom** (19:7-9, 21:2, 9): The marriage supper of the Lamb celebrates the union of Christ with His bride, the church. This fulfills the biblical metaphor of God's covenant relationship with His people as marriage (Isaiah 54:5, Hosea 2:19-20, Ephesians 5:25-27). The bride has made herself ready, clothed in fine linen—the righteous acts of the saints (19:8). The new Jerusalem descends 'prepared as a bride adorned for her husband' (21:2). This is intimate, covenantal union—Christ and His people united forever.

**Christ as the Lamb on the Throne** (throughout): The repeated phrase 'the Lamb' (28 times) keeps Christ's sacrificial death central even in visions of cosmic judgment and eternal glory. The Lamb is on the throne (7:17), in the midst of the throne (5:6), sharing

the throne with God (22:1, 3). Believers serve 'God and the Lamb' (22:3), worship flows to both (5:13), and the city needs no temple 'for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it' (21:22). This consistent pairing affirms Christ's equality with the Father. The distinction of persons and the unity of essence—Trinitarian theology—saturates Revelation.

**Christ as the Temple and Light of the New Jerusalem** (21:22-23): The new city has no temple 'for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it' (21:22). God's presence fills the entire city, making a localized temple unnecessary. The city needs no sun or moon 'for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof' (21:23). Christ is the source of illumination—spiritual, moral, and physical. His glory provides perpetual day.

**Christ as the One Who Makes All Things New** (21:5): Seated on the throne, Christ declares, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Not 'I make all new things' but 'I make all things new'—comprehensive renewal of creation. This is redemption's scope: not abandoning creation but redeeming it. Christ who created all things (John 1:3, Colossians 1:16) will renew all things. The curse will be removed (22:3), death will be no more (21:4), and righteousness will dwell in the new heavens and earth (2 Peter 3:13).

**Christ as the One Who Comes Quickly** (22:7, 12, 20): Three times in the final chapter Christ promises, 'I come quickly.' This is not necessarily immediate chronologically but certain eschatologically. When He comes, it will be sudden, without delay. The church's response is 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus' (22:20)—the ancient prayer 'Maranatha' (1 Corinthians 16:22). This longing for Christ's return should characterize every believer. The entire book points to this consummation: Christ will return, judge evil, vindicate His people, and establish His kingdom forever. This is the 'blessed hope' (Titus 2:13) that sustains the church through trial.

## Relationship to the New Testament

Revelation serves as the **grand finale of the New Testament**, bringing to consummation themes introduced throughout the apostolic writings. The book is deeply connected to **John's Gospel and epistles**—all four share distinctive vocabulary (Word/Logos, witness, overcome, Lamb, life, truth), theological emphases (Christ's deity, the Spirit, love), and structural patterns. The Gospel presents Christ's first coming in humiliation; Revelation presents His second coming in glory. The Gospel offers eternal life to believers; Revelation depicts that life in the new creation. Both proclaim Jesus as the Son of God and the Word made flesh.

Revelation's **Christology** brings New Testament teaching to climax. Paul declared Christ 'far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named' (Ephesians 1:21)—Revelation shows Him reigning as King of kings. The epistles teach Christ's headship over the church (Ephesians 5:23, Colossians 1:18)—Revelation portrays Him walking among the lampstands, knowing each church intimately. Hebrews presents Christ as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek—Revelation shows Him in priestly garments among the candlesticks. The Gospels record Jesus' promise 'I will come again' (John 14:3)—Revelation depicts that return in vivid detail.

The **marriage supper of the Lamb** (19:7-9) fulfills the marital imagery used throughout the New Testament. Paul describes the church as the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-32). Jesus told parables about wedding feasts and wise virgins waiting for the bridegroom (Matthew 22:1-14, 25:1-13). John the Baptist called Jesus the bridegroom (John 3:29). Revelation consummates this: the bride has made herself ready, the marriage supper arrives, and Christ and His church are united eternally.

Revelation's teaching on **final judgment** draws together New Testament threads. Jesus warned of the coming judgment, separating sheep from goats (Matthew 25:31-46). Paul taught that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10). Peter described the day of the Lord when the heavens will pass away with great noise (2 Peter 3:10). Revelation presents the great white throne judgment where all the dead are judged according to their works (20:11-15). This is comprehensive, final, and inescapable—**every person will give account to God** (Romans 14:12).

The **new creation** (chapters 21-22) fulfills promises throughout the New Testament. Jesus promised 'I make all things new' (21:5, echoing Matthew 19:28). Paul wrote that creation groans awaiting redemption (Romans 8:19-22)—Revelation shows that redemption: no more curse, no more death, the tree of life restored. Peter spoke of 'new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness' (2 Peter 3:13)—

Revelation describes that world in glorious detail. The New Testament hope is not escape from creation but **creation redeemed and renewed**.

Revelation's **letters to the seven churches** connect to the pastoral epistles' concerns about church health, false teaching, and perseverance. Paul charged Timothy to 'take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine' (1 Timothy 4:16)—Christ commends those who hold sound doctrine and rebukes those who tolerate false teaching. James and Peter called believers to endure trials (James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7)—Christ promises crowns to those faithful unto death. The New Testament consistently warns against **lukewarmness, compromise, and apostasy**—Revelation confronts these directly.

The book's teaching on **spiritual warfare** develops what Paul introduced in Ephesians 6:12: 'We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers.' Revelation pulls back the curtain on this cosmic conflict, showing the dragon (Satan) warring against the woman and her offspring (12:1-17), the beast blaspheming God and making war on the saints (13:7), and ultimately Satan's defeat and eternal judgment (20:10). Believers overcome 'by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony' (12:11)—echoing Paul's teaching on the armor of God and the sword of the Spirit.

Revelation's emphasis on **Christ's imminent return** echoes the New Testament's eschatological urgency. Jesus said, 'I come quickly' (22:7, 12, 20)—the same promise He gave the disciples (John 14:3). Paul instructed believers to await the Lord from heaven (1 Thessalonians 1:10), to live soberly and godly in this present age looking for the blessed hope (Titus 2:12-13). James urged patience because 'the coming of the Lord draweth nigh' (James 5:8). Peter warned that 'the end of all things is at hand' (1 Peter 4:7). The entire New Testament lives in expectation of Christ's return; **Revelation provides detailed vision of that glorious event**.



## Practical Application

Revelation speaks powerfully to the contemporary church, though its symbols require careful interpretation. The book assures believers facing **persecution, marginalization, or pressure to compromise** that Christ reigns, the outcome is certain, and faithfulness will be rewarded. When the world seems dominated by evil powers and God's people appear weak, Revelation reveals reality: the Lamb is on the throne, and He will judge the wicked and vindicate the righteous. **Apparent defeat is actually victory** for those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

The **letters to the seven churches** (chapters 2-3) provide searching self-examination for every congregation and believer. Ephesus had doctrinal orthodoxy but lost its first love—the initial passion for Christ cooled into dutiful religion. The cure is remembering where we fell from, repenting, and doing the first works. **Orthodoxy without love is incomplete Christianity**. Smyrna faced persecution and poverty; Christ promised the crown of life to those faithful unto death. Material suffering does not indicate divine disfavor; often it's the mark of genuine faith. Pergamos dwelt where Satan's throne was yet held fast Christ's name—but tolerated false teaching. **Coexisting with error leads to compromise**. Thyatira allowed Jezebel to teach and seduce—sexual immorality and idolatry wrapped in religious language. Churches must exercise discipline, not tolerating those who lead others into sin. Sardis had a reputation for being alive but was dead—the danger of formal religion maintaining appearances while lacking spiritual vitality. Philadelphia received only commendation—faithful though having little strength, keeping Christ's word and not denying His name. **Faithfulness matters more than prominence or power**. Laodicea was lukewarm—neither cold nor hot—self-satisfied, thinking itself rich while actually poor, blind, and naked. The cure is buying gold refined in fire (genuine faith), white garments (true righteousness), and eye salve (spiritual sight). Christ stands at the door knocking; individual response to Him is essential.

The vision of **heavenly worship** transforms earthly worship. When we gather as the church, we join the song already being sung around the throne. Our worship is not entertainment or self-expression but joining creation's praise to God and the Lamb. The worthiness of the Lamb—'for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood'—should dominate our worship. **Worship that does not center on Christ's atoning sacrifice misses the point**. The exclusivity of worship also confronts contemporary pluralism: worship of the beast brings divine wrath. There is no neutrality; all worship either the true God or idols.

Revelation's warning against **Babylon**—the world system opposed to God—calls believers to examine where we've compromised with worldly values. Babylon

represents idolatry, immorality, materialism, and persecution of believers. The call goes forth: 'Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues' (18:4). This demands separation from the world's value system while remaining in the world to witness. **We cannot serve both God and mammon** (Matthew 6:24). Where has the church adopted the world's methods, priorities, or goals? Where have believers become entangled in materialism, consumerism, or self-centered living? Repentance means forsaking Babylon's comforts for the sake of Christ's kingdom.

The call to **'be thou faithful unto death'** (2:10) confronts comfort-seeking Christianity. Revelation was written to believers facing martyrdom, yet it promises not escape but endurance. Those who love not their lives unto death overcome the accuser (12:11). The great multitude before the throne came out of great tribulation (7:14)—their suffering was the path to glory, not an obstacle to it. This challenges the prosperity gospel and easy-believism. **Following Christ may cost everything, yet the reward far exceeds the cost.** When culture demands compromise—whether denying biblical truth, participating in immorality, or remaining silent about Christ—believers must choose faithfulness over comfort.

The promise of **Christ's imminent return** shapes how we live now. 'Surely I come quickly' evokes the response 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus' (22:20). This is not escapist longing to flee the world but eager anticipation of Christ's appearing and the consummation of redemption. It motivates holiness: 'Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure' (1 John 3:3). It motivates evangelism: the Judge stands at the door; time is short. It provides comfort in suffering: present affliction is momentary compared to eternal glory. **Living in light of Christ's return transforms priorities, values, and choices.**

The vision of the **new creation** (chapters 21-22) grounds Christian hope in concrete promise. Our ultimate destiny is not ethereal heaven but resurrected bodies in a renewed creation where God dwells with humanity. There will be no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain—all effects of the curse removed. The tree of life is restored, the river of life flows, God's servants see His face and bear His name. This is comprehensive redemption: **not escape from creation but creation redeemed.** We await not the destruction of the world but its renewal. This should inform Christian environmental ethics, cultural engagement, and mission. We work toward what God will ultimately accomplish—His kingdom coming, His will being done on earth as in heaven.

Finally, Revelation calls believers to **patient endurance and faithful witness.** The repeated promises to 'him that overcometh' assure that perseverance leads to reward: eating from the tree of life, receiving the crown of life, ruling nations with Christ, being

clothed in white raiment, becoming pillars in God's temple, sitting with Christ on His throne. These are not earned by works but **received by faith that endures**. The book's closing invitation extends grace even now: 'Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely' (22:17). Until Christ returns, the gospel goes forth. The proper response is 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus.'

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# Chapter 1

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## Prologue

- 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:
  - 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
  - 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.
  - 4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
  - 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
  - 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
  - 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
  - 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
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## John's Vision of Christ

- 9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is 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 heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
- 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
- 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

- 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- 14 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 like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
- 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
- 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
- 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- 19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
- 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.
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## Chapter 2

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### To the Church in Ephesus

- 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
  - 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
  - 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
  - 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
  - 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
  - 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
  - 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
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### To the Church in Smyrna

- 8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
- 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.
- 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
- 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

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### **To the Church in Pergamum**

- 12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
- 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.
- 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
- 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
- 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

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### **To the Church in Thyatira**

- 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;
- 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.
- 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
- 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
- 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
- 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
- 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.



- 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.
- 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
- 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.
- 28 And I will give him the morning star.
- 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
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## Chapter 3

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### To the Church in Sardis

- 1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
  - 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
  - 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
  - 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
  - 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
  - 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
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### To the Church in Philadelphia

- 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
- 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.
- 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.
- 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
- 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

- 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.
- 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
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### **To the Church in Laodicea**

- 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
- 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
- 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
- 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
- 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
- 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
- 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
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# Chapter 4

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## The Throne in Heaven

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

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9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

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# Chapter 5

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## The Scroll and the Lamb

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

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11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, 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 honour, and glory, and blessing.

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13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour,

and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

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# Chapter 6

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## The Seven Seals

- 1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.
- 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.
- 3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
- 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.
- 5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
- 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.
- 7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
- 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.
- 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
- 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?
- 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

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## The Sixth Seal

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

- 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.
- 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
- 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?
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## Chapter 7

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### **The 144,000 Sealed**

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

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### **The Great Multitude in White Robes**

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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## Chapter 8

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### The Seventh Seal and Golden Censer

- 1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
  - 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
  - 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
  - 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
  - 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
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### The First Four Trumpets

- 6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
- 7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.
- 8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
- 9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.
- 10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
- 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.
- 12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

- 13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!
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# Chapter 9

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## The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets

- 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
- 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
- 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
- 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
- 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
- 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
- 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
- 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.
- 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
- 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

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## The Sixth Trumpet

- 13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

- 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
- 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
- 16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.
- 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
- 18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
- 19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
- 20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
- 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.
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# Chapter 10

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## The Angel and the Little Scroll

- 1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
  - 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,
  - 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
  - 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
  - 5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
  - 6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
  - 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.
  - 8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
  - 9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.
  - 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.
  - 11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.
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# Chapter 11

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## The Two Witnesses

- 1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
- 2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.
- 3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
- 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
- 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
- 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.
- 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
- 8 And their dead bodies shall lie 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 people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.
- 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.
- 11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
- 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.
- 13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- 14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.



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## **The Seventh Trumpet**

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

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17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

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18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

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

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# Chapter 12

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## The Woman and the Dragon

- 1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
  - 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
  - 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
  - 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
  - 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.
  - 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.
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## War in Heaven

- 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
- 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
- 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

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## **The Dragon Persecutes the Woman**

- 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.
  - 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.
  - 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.
  - 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
  - 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
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# Chapter 13

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## The Beast from the Sea

- 1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
- 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.
- 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.
- 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?
- 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
- 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
- 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
- 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.
- 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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## The Beast from the Earth

- 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
- 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

- 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
- 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
- 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
- 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.
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# Chapter 14

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## The Lamb and the 144,000

- 1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
  - 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
  - 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.
  - 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
  - 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.
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## The Three Angels

- 6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
- 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
- 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

- 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
- 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
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### **The Harvest of the Earth**

- 14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto 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 with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
- 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.
- 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
- 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.
- 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.
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# Chapter 15

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## The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

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4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

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# Chapter 16

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## The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

- 1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.
- 2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.
- 3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.
- 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.
- 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.
- 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.
- 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.
- 8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.
- 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.
- 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,
- 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.
- 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.
- 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 the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

- 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
- 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.
- 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.
- 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.
- 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
- 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.
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# Chapter 17

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## The Woman and the Beast

- 1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
  - 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
  - 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
  - 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
  - 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
  - 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.
  - 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
  - 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
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## The Mystery Explained

- 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.
- 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.
- 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
- 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

- 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
- 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
- 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.
- 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
- 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
- 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.
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# Chapter 18

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## The Fall of Babylon

- 1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
  - 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
  - 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
  - 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
  - 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
  - 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.
  - 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
  - 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.
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## Lament Over Babylon

- 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,
- 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.
- 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:
- 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

- 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.
- 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.
- 15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
- 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
- 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,
- 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!
- 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.
- 20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.
- 21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.
- 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;
- 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.
- 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.
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# Chapter 19

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## **Hallelujah! Salvation and Glory**

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

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4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

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

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## **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

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8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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## **The Rider on the White Horse**

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

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

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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### **The Great Supper of God**

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

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# Chapter 20

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## The Thousand Years

- 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
  - 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
  - 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
  - 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
  - 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
  - 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
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## Satan's Final Defeat

- 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.
- 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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## **The Great White Throne Judgment**

- 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
  - 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
  - 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
  - 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
  - 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
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# Chapter 21

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## The New Heaven and New Earth

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
  - 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, 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 dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
  - 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
  - 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
  - 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
  - 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
  - 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
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## The New Jerusalem

- 9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
- 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
- 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

- 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
- 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
- 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.
- 17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
- 18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.
- 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
- 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
- 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
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### **The River of Life**

- 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
- 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
- 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
- 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
- 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
- 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.
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# Chapter 22

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## The River of Life

- 1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
  - 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
  - 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
  - 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
  - 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
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## Jesus Is Coming

- 6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
- 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
- 8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.
- 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
- 10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
- 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
- 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

- 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
- 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.
- 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
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### **Warning and Invitation**

- 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
- 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
- 20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
- 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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