

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show to his slaves what things must happen soon. He sent by his angel, and made them known to his slave John, ²who declared God's message and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even every thing he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads, and the ones who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things written in it, for the time is near.

⁴John, to the seven congregations in Asia: grace and peace to you from him who is and was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the trustworthy witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and released us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us a kingdom and priests before God, even his Father; to him is the splendor and the strength forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold! He comes with the clouds, and every eye shall see him and those who pierced him, and all the nations of the earth shall mourn over him. Yes! Amen.

⁸"I am the A and the Z," says the Lord God, who is and was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

⁹I, John, your brother and sharer in the distress and kingdom and steadfastness in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos for God's message and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, like the sound of a trumpet, ¹¹saying,

What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven congregations: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamus, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

¹²And I turned to see the one who was speaking with me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³and in the midst of the

lampstands, one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe reaching to his feet, and was wearing a golden belt. ¹⁴His head and hair were as white as white wool, even as snow, and his eyes were like a fiery flame. ¹⁵His feet were like glowing brass which had been fired in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶He had seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword going out of his mouth, and his face was like the sun shining in its strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. He put his right hand on me, saying,

Do not be afraid: I AM the first and the last, ¹⁸the living One. I was dead, but behold! I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and Hades. ¹⁹Therefore, write the things you saw, and the things which are, and which are going to happen afterward. ²⁰This is the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and of the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the messengers of the seven congregations, and the seven lampstands are the seven congregations.

2 Write to the messenger of the congregation in Ephesus: "The One who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the One walking in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things: ²I know your works and your labor and your steadfastness, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you tried those who call themselves apostles, and are not, and found them to be liars. ³Further, you are steadfast, and you have borne patiently for my name's sake, and you have not become weary. ⁴But I have against you that you have forsaken your first love. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen, change your heart, and do the first works; but if you do not, then I am coming to you, and I will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you change your heart. ⁶But you do have this, that you hate the deeds of the

Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations: to the one who overcomes, I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in God's paradise."

⁸Write to the messenger of the congregation in Smyrna: "The First and the Last, who died and lived, says these things: ⁹I know your distress and poverty, but you are rich; I also know the slander of those who call themselves Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Behold! The devil is going to imprison some of you, that you may be tested, and you shall have distress for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations: he who overcomes shall not be harmed by the second death."

¹²Write to the messenger of the congregation in Pergamus: "He who has the sharp two-edged sword says these things: ¹³I know where you live, where Satan's throne is. However, you are holding fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of my faithful martyr Antipas, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you, because some there cling to the doctrine of Balaam, who was teaching Balak to entrap the children of Israel, to eat sacrifices to idols, and to fornicate. ¹⁵In the same way, you likewise have those who follow the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Therefore, change your heart! And if not, I am coming to you soon, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations: to the one who overcomes, I will give the hidden manna, and a white stone, and on the stone a new name is written, which no one knows, except the one who receives it."

¹⁸Write to the messenger of the congregation in Thyatira: "The Son of God (with eyes like a fiery flame, and feet like glowing brass) says these things: ¹⁹I know your works and the love and the

faith and the service and your steadfastness, and that your last works are more than the first. ²⁰But I have against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess; she teaches and seduces my slaves to fornicate and to eat sacrifices offered to idols. ²¹I gave her time to change her heart about her fornication, but she does not wish to do so. ²²Behold! I will throw her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her, into great distress unless they change their hearts. ²³Further, I will kill her children by pestilence, and all the congregations will know that I am the One who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to you, each one, according to your works. ²⁴But I assure the rest of you in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known "the deep things of Satan" (as they say), that I will not put another burden on you. ²⁵Nevertheless, hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶To him who overcomes, and who keeps my works unto the end, I will give authority over the nations; ²⁷and he shall rule them with an iron rod, as clay vessels are broken; ²⁸and as I received from my Father, I will also give to him the morning star. ²⁹Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations."

3 Write to the messenger of the congregation in Sardis: "He who has God's seven spirits and the seven stars says these things: 'I know your works, that you have a name that you live, but you are dead. ²Be watchful, and strengthen the things which are about to die, for I have not found your works completed before my God. ³Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast and change your heart. If therefore you do not watch, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. ⁴But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. They will walk with me in white, because they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes will be clothed in white

garments, and I will never remove his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations.' "

⁷Write to the messenger of the congregation in Philadelphia: "The holy One, the true One, he who has David's key, he who opens and no one will close, and he who closes and no one opens, says these things: ⁸I know your works. Behold! I have put before you an opened door which no one can close, because you have a little power, you have kept my message, and you did not deny my name. ⁹Behold! I will make those of Satan's synagogue (who call themselves Jews, but are not, and are lying), behold! I will make them to come and bow at your feet that they may know that I love you. ¹⁰Because you have kept the message of my steadfastness, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is coming on the whole world, to try those who live on the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, that nobody may take your crown. ¹²I will make him who overcomes a pillar in God's temple, and he shall never go out; and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God (the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from my God), and my new name. ¹³Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations.' "

¹⁴Write to the messenger of the congregation in Laodicea: "The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Originator of God's creation, says these things: ¹⁵I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, "I am fabulously rich, and need nothing," but you do not know that you are wretched and pitiable and poor and blind and naked. ¹⁸I advise you to buy gold from me, purified in fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be seen;

and salve to rub on your eyes, that you may see. ¹⁹I correct and chasten as many as I love. Be zealous therefore and change your heart. ²⁰Behold! I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and I will dine with him, and he with me! ²¹The one who overcomes, I will allow him to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat with my Father on his throne. ²²Let him, who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations."

4 After these things I looked, and behold! A door opened in heaven! The first voice I heard was like a trumpet speaking to me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you the things that must happen afterward." ²I immediately was in the Spirit, and behold! A throne was standing in heaven, and One was sitting on the throne, ³who had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and a rainbow around the throne was like an emerald.

⁴Also, twenty-four thrones were around the throne, and twenty-four older ones – clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads were sitting on the thrones. ⁵Lightnings and voices and thunders came out from the throne, and seven torches were burning in front of the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. ⁶And a glassy crystalline sea was in front of the throne.

Also, in the midst of the throne, and around it, were four living creatures full of eyes front and back. ⁷The first living creature was like a lion; the second was like a calf; and the third had a face like a man's; and the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸The four living creatures, each of them, had six wings, and were full of eyes all around and within. They have no rest day or night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty, who was and is, and who is coming."

⁹When the four living creatures give glory and honor and thanksgiving to the One sitting on the throne, to the One who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰then the twenty-four older ones fall before the One

who sits on the throne, and they worship him who lives forever and ever, and they place their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for you created all things, and they came to be, yes, they were created, because of your desire.

5 I saw in the right hand of the One sitting on the throne a scroll, written on the inside and outside, sealed tightly with seven seals. ²I saw a mighty angel who was proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?" ³No one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth could open the scroll, or look at it ⁴I wept loudly, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look at it. ⁵Then one of the older ones said to me, "Do not weep. Behold! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered! He can open the scroll and its seven seals"

⁶Then I saw a Lamb standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures, and in the midst of the older ones. He had been murdered, and had seven horns and seven eyes, which are God's seven spirits sent into all the earth. ⁷He came and took the scroll from the right hand of the One sitting on the throne.

⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty four older ones fell before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sang a new song, saying,

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were murdered, and with your blood you purchased for God men of every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you made them to be a kingdom and priests for our God, and they reign on the earth.

¹¹I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne,

and of the living creatures, and of the older ones, and their number was countless thousands, and thousands of thousands, ¹²speaking with a loud voice,

The Lamb who was murdered is worthy to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things in them, saying,

To the One sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb be the praise, and the honor, and the glory, and the strength forever and ever!

¹⁴The four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the older ones fell down and worshiped.

6 And I looked when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures speaking in a thunderous voice, "Come," ²Then I looked, and behold! A white horse, and he who sat on him had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering, and that he might conquer.

³When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!" ⁴Then another horse, fiery red, came out, and the one who sat on him was appointed to take peace from the earth, so that they would murder one another, and a great sword was given to him.

⁵When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked, and behold! A black horse, and he who sat on him had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶I heard something like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for twenty cents, and three quarts of barley for twenty cents. Waste no oil or wine."

⁷When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature saying, "Come!" ⁸Then I looked, and behold! A pale horse, and he who

sat on him was named Death, and Hades was following in company with him. They were given authority to kill one fourth of the earth with the sword, with famine, with pestilence, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls who had been murdered because of God's message, and because of the testimony which they were holding. ¹⁰They cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, holy and true Master, will you not judge and vindicate our blood among the inhabitants of the earth?" ¹¹A white robe was given to each one, and they were told that they shall rest yet a little while, until their fellow slaves and their brothers, who were about to be killed as they had been, should complete their course.

¹²And I looked when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a terrible earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon was like blood. ¹³And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree loses its unripe fruit when it is shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴The heaven was removed like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶They cried to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb's wrath, ¹⁷because the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

7 After this I saw four angels standing on the earth's four corners, holding the earth's four winds, so that no wind would blow on the earth or sea or any tree. ²And I saw another angel coming up from the rising sun; he had the seal of the living God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels who were appointed to harm the earth and the sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or any tree, until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads."

⁴I heard the number of those who had been sealed, one hundred

and forty-four thousand from all the tribes of the children of Israel: ⁵twelve thousand sealed of Judah, of Reuben, of Gad, ⁶of Asher, of Naphtali, of Manasseh, ⁷of Simeon, of Levi, of Issachar, ⁸of Zebulun, of Joseph, and of Benjamin.

⁹After these things I looked, and behold! An uncountable multitude – from every nation and from every tribe, from all peoples and languages – was standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes, and had palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, and the older ones, and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne, and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! The praise, and the glory, and the wisdom, and the thanksgiving, and the honor, and the might, and the strength, to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

¹³One of the older ones asked me, "Who are these who are clothed in the white robes, and from where did they come?" ¹⁴I answered, "My lord, you know." He replied to me,

These are they who are coming out of great distress; they have washed their robes and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before God's throne, and they serve him day and night in his temple, and he who sits on the throne shall dwell with them. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst again, nor shall the sun fall on them, nor any heat, ¹⁷because the Lamb who is before the throne shall shepherd them, and he shall guide them to fountains of waters of life, and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

8 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about half an hour, ²and I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³Then another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer, and an abundance of incense was given to him, that he might offer it on the golden altar before the throne, along with the prayers of all the saints. ⁴The smoke of the incense went up before God from the angel's hand with the prayers of the saints. ⁵The angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it upon the earth. There were thunders and voices and lightnings and an earthquake. ⁶Then the seven angels who have the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

⁷After the first angel sounded, hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown on the earth; and a third of the earth, a third of the trees, and all the green grass were burned.

⁸After the second angel sounded, something like an enormous flaming mountain was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood, ⁹and a third of the creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰After the third angel sounded, a great star burning like a torch fell out of heaven, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the fountains of waters. ¹¹The star's name is Wormwood, and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died, because the waters were bitter.

¹²After the fourth angel sounded, a third of the sun, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were struck, that they should be darkened; and there was no light for a third of the day and of the night.

¹³I saw and heard an eagle flying in the midst of heaven, speaking with a loud voice, "Woe! woe! woe! to the earth's inhabitants, because of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels about to sound."

9 After the fifth angel sounded, I saw a star which had fallen from heaven to the earth, and the key to the pit of the abyss was given to him. ²After he had opened the pit, smoke poured out, as from an enormous furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke. ³And locusts came out of the smoke and onto the earth, and power was given

to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

⁴They were told not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only men without God's seal on their foreheads. ⁵They were not allowed to kill them, but were allowed to torture them for five months; and their torture was like the torture of a scorpion, when it stings a man. ⁶Then men will seek death, but will not find it; they will want to die, but death flees from them.

⁷The locusts resembled horses harnessed for war, and crowns like gold were on their heads. Their faces were like the faces of men, ⁸and their hair was like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions, ⁹and their breastplates were like iron, and their wings sounded like many chariots rushing to battle. ¹⁰They had tails like scorpions, and stingers; and they had power to torture men with their tails five months. ¹¹Their king is the agent of the abyss (named in Hebrew, Abaddon; in Greek, Apollyon) ¹²One woe is over! Behold! Two woes are yet to come after these things.

¹³After the sixth angel sounded, I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴speaking to the angel holding the trumpet, "Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵The four angels, prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶I heard the number of the horsemen: uncountable millions! ¹⁷And in the vision I saw the horses, and those who sat on them had fiery breastplates, hyacinth and brimstone; the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; fire and smoke and brimstone poured out from their mouths. ¹⁸A third of mankind was destroyed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone pouring out of their mouths ¹⁹The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails were like serpents, having heads with which they torture.

²⁰The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not change their hearts about the works of their hands that they should not worship the demons, or the idols of gold and silver and copper and

stone and wood (which neither see nor hear nor walk); ²and they did not change their hearts about their murders, or their sorceries, or their fornication, or their thefts.

10 I saw another angel, a strong one, coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud and with a rainbow on his head. His face was like the sun, and his legs like fiery pillars, ²and he had in his hand a little book opened. He set his right foot on the sea, and the left on the earth, ³and he cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars. When he cried, the seven thunders uttered their own voices; ⁴when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Seal the things the seven thunders said; do not write them."

⁵Then the angel, whom I saw standing on the sea and the earth, raised his right hand toward heaven, ⁶and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, the earth and the things in it, the sea and the things in it: "There will be no more delay: ⁷in the days when the seventh angel sounds, the mystery of God will be complete, according to the gospel which he had proclaimed to his own slaves, the prophets."

⁸Then the voice I heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the book which is opened in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and the earth." ⁹And I went to the angel, and asked him to give me the little book. He replied, "Take and eat it, and it will be bitter in your stomach, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey." ¹⁰So I took the little book from the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth; but after I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. ¹¹They told me, "You must prophesy again to peoples and nations and languages and many kings."

11 A measuring rod like a staff was given to me, and the angel said,

Arise and measure God's temple, and the altar, and the ones

who are worshipping in it. ²Omit the courtyard outside the temple, and do not measure it, because it was given to the Gentiles, and they shall trample the sacred city forty-two months. ³I will give authority to my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed with sackcloth. ⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which are standing before the Lord of the earth. ⁵And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire goes out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone wishes to harm them, he must die in this manner. ⁶These have the authority to shut up the heaven, so that there is no rain during the days of their prophesying; and they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they wish.

⁷And when they complete their testimony, the beast which comes up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and shall conquer and kill them. ⁸And their corpses shall lie on the street of the great city, which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹And peoples, tribes, languages, and nations gaze on their corpses for three and a half days, and they do not allow their corpses to be entombed. ¹⁰The inhabitants of the earth rejoice over them, and they celebrate and exchange gifts, because these two prophets tortured the inhabitants of the earth.

¹¹And after three and a half days the spirit of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and a great fear fell on those seeing them. ¹²And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.

¹³And in that hour a great earthquake occurred, and a tenth of the city fell, and seven thousand people were killed; and the rest were frightened, and praised the God of heaven. ¹⁴The second woe is over. Behold! The third comes soon.

¹⁵After the seventh angel sounded, there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." ¹⁶And the twenty-four older ones, who were sitting on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying,

We thank you, Lord God the Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power, and you have reigned! ¹⁸The nations have become angry, and your wrath has come, and the time has come for the dead to be judged, and for you to reward your slaves, the prophets, and the saints, and those who revere your name, those who are small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.

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

12 A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman was clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and she was crowned with twelve stars. ²And she was pregnant, and crying in the agony of her labor to bear. ³Another sign was seen in heaven: behold! a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, that, when she had delivered, he might devour her child. ⁵She bore a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne. ⁶The woman fled into the desert to a place God had prepared, where they might nourish her for twelve hundred and sixty days.

⁷A war occurred in heaven, and Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon and his agents fought, ⁸but he could not win, and

no place was found for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon, the old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole earth, was thrown down to the earth, and his agents were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, declaring,

Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, he who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹Because of the blood of the Lamb, and the message of their testimony, they conquered him, and did not cherish their life in the face of death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, heavens, and those who dwell in them! Woe to the earth and sea, because the devil has come down to you extremely angry, knowing he has a little time.

¹³After the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who bore the son. ¹⁴However, the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so she could fly to her place in the desert, where – away from the serpent – she was nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth behind the woman, that he might cause her to be swept away by the river. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, opening its mouth and swallowing the river, which the dragon poured out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon became angry at the woman, and fought with the rest of her offspring, those who observe God's commands and hold the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁸And he stood on the seashore.

13 I saw a beast arising from the sea, and he had seven heads and ten horns, and ten crowns on his horns and blasphemous names on his heads. ²And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like a bear's feet, and his mouth was like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave to him his power and his throne and great authority. ³One of his heads appeared to be wounded mortally, but the mortal wound had

healed. And the whole world followed the beast, full of wonder, ⁴and worshiped both the dragon who had given authority to the beast, and the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can go to war against him?" ⁵His mouth uttered great blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue forty-two months.

⁶He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, his name, his dwelling place, and those who live in heaven. ⁷It was given to him to fight against the saints and to conquer them; and authority was given to him over every tribe and people and language and nation. ⁸And all the inhabitants of the earth shall worship him, that is, those whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life who was murdered from the foundation of the world. ⁹Let him, who has an ear, hear. ¹⁰If anyone is for captivity, to captivity he goes. If anyone is to be killed by the sword, by the sword he is to be killed. Here are the endurance and faith of the saints.

¹¹And I saw another beast arising from the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and spoke like a dragon. ¹²And he exercises all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and forces the earth and its inhabitants to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. ¹³And he displays great signs, making fire come down from heaven to the earth before men. ¹⁴By the signs he was allowed to do on behalf of the beast he deceived all the inhabitants of the earth, telling them to make an image to the beast who had the stroke of the sword and lived.

¹⁵And he was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that it could both speak and cause to be killed anyone not worshiping it. ¹⁶And he compels all – the small and the great, the rich and the poor, the free and the enslaved – to be marked on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷so that no one could buy or sell without the mark, that is, the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom: he who understands let him calculate the beast's number, for it is a man's number, and its number is six hundred and sixty-six.

14 I looked, and behold! The Lamb was standing on mount Zion, and with him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having his and his Father's name written on their foreheads! ²And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of loud thunder. The sound which I heard was like harpists playing their harps. ³And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the older ones, and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. ⁴These are they who were not defiled with women, for they were chaste. These are they who followed the Lamb wherever he went. These were purchased from among men, firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵No falsehood was found in their mouth. They were blameless.

⁶I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to proclaim to the earth's inhabitants, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷And he was commanding with a loud voice, "Reverence God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment has come! Worship the One who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." ⁸And a second angel followed, proclaiming,

She has fallen! She has fallen! Babylon the great, who has made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

⁹And a third angel followed them, loudly exclaiming,

If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or his hand, ¹⁰he will drink of the wine of God's wrath poured full strength in the cup of his anger, and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone before the holy angels and before the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and those who worship the beast and his image, and those who receive the mark of his name, have no rest day or night. ¹²Here is the endurance of the saints, the ones who keep God's

commands and the faith of Jesus.

¹³And I heard a voice from heaven, saying,

Write: "Blessed from now on are the dead who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labors, for their works follow with them."

¹⁴I looked, and behold! There was a white cloud, and one like a son of man was sitting on the cloud, and he had a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵And another angel came out of the temple, exclaiming loudly to the one sitting on the cloud, "Put forth your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, and the earth's harvest is ripe." ¹⁶And the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle to the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷And another angel who also had a sharp sickle came out of the temple in heaven. ¹⁸And another angel, one who had power over the fire, came out from the altar; and he spoke with a loud voice to the one holding the sharp sickle, saying,

Put forth your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the vines of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.

¹⁹And the angel thrust his sickle to the earth, and gathered the vines of the earth, and placed them in the great wine press of God's wrath. ²⁰The wine press which was outside the city was trampled, and blood from the wine press rose as high as the bridles of horses for two hundred miles.

15 I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels with the seven final plagues to finish God's wrath.

²And I saw what looked like a glassy sea mingled with fire, and those who overcome the beast and his image and the number of his name, those who have God's harps, were standing beside the glassy sea.

³They sang the song of Moses, God's slave, and the song of the Lamb,

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God the Almighty! Righteous and true are your ways, King of the nations! ⁴Who does not revere and glorify your name, Lord? Only you are holy! All nations shall come, and worship you, because your righteous deeds have been made known.

⁵After these things I looked, and the temple of the tent of the testimony was opened in heaven. ⁶The seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple. They were clothed in pure, fine linen, and wore golden belts. ⁷One of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. ⁸The temple was filled with smoke from the splendor and power of God, and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

16 And I heard a loud voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath upon the earth."

²The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, bringing foul and angry sores on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

³The second poured out his bowl on the sea, which became blood as from a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died.

⁴The third poured out his bowl on the rivers and the water fountains; they became blood, ⁵and I heard the angel of the waters saying,

You are righteous, who is and who was, the Holy One, because of these judgments, ⁶for they poured out the blood of the saints and prophets, and you gave them blood to drink, as they deserve.

⁷I heard the altar say, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and righteous

are your judgments."

⁸The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, which scorched people with fire. ⁹Severely burned, they cursed the name of God, who has power over these plagues, but they did not change their hearts to give him glory.

¹⁰The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, darkening his kingdom. They gnawed their tongues because of the pain and sores, ¹¹and cursed the God of heaven, but they did not change their hearts about their deeds.

¹²The sixth poured his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the road for the kings from the east. ¹³I saw three vicious spirits like frogs, coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴They are the spirits of demons performing miracles, who go out to the kings of the whole earth to assemble them for the war of the great day of God the Almighty.

¹⁵(Behold! I come like a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, so that he will not walk naked and they see his shame.)

¹⁶He brought them together at a place called in Hebrew *Harmagedon*.

¹⁷The seventh poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice went out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." ¹⁸There were lightnings and noises and thunders, and a severe earthquake such as had never been since man has been on the earth, so severe. ¹⁹The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his anger. ²⁰Every island disappeared and no mountains were found. ²¹Enormous hail, weighing a talent, fell from heaven on the people, and they cursed God because of the violent beating of the hail.

17 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and

said to me,

Come. I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, ²with whom the kings of the earth fornicated, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated by the wine of her fornication.

³He brought me in the Spirit into a desert, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored beast full of the names of blasphemy which had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴The woman was clothed with purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of the detestable impurities of her vice. ⁵A name was written on her forehead, "Mystery: Babylon the great, the mother of the prostitutes, and of the detestable things of the earth." ⁶I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of Jesus' martyrs. When I looked at her, I was greatly amazed! ⁷And the angel said to me,

Why are you amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast carrying her, which has seven heads and ten horns. ⁸The beast which you saw was, and is not, and is about to go up from the abyss, and goes into destruction. The inhabitants of the earth, whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will be amazed, seeing the beast that was, and is not, and will be.

⁹Here is the mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are seven kings: ¹⁰five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. When he comes he must continue a little while. ¹¹The beast which was, and is not (himself being the eighth but is of the seven), goes into destruction.

¹²The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but for one hour they receive authority as kings with the beast. ¹³They are of one mind, and they give their

power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴They will fight with the Lamb, but the Lamb, who is Lord of lords and King of kings, will conquer them. Those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

¹⁵He said to me,

The waters which you saw (on which the prostitute sits) are peoples and crowds and nations and languages. ¹⁶The ten horns which you saw, and the beast, will hate the prostitute, stripping her naked, devouring her flesh, and burning her with fire. ¹⁷God put it in their hearts to do his purpose, giving their kingdom to the beast until God's words are fulfilled. ¹⁸The woman whom you saw is the great city reigning over the earth's kings.

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven with great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ²He cried with a strong voice,

She has fallen! She has fallen! Babylon the great! She has become a haunt for demons, a lair for every foul spirit, and a cage for every filthy and despised bird. ³All nations have fallen because of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. The kings of the earth fornicated with her, and the earth's merchants became rich by the means of her sensuality.

⁴I heard another voice from heaven, saying,

My people, come out of her, that you may not partake of her sins, neither receive her plagues, ⁵for her sins have reached heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶Give back to her as she has given. Repay double to her according to her works. Mix double to her the cup she has mixed. ⁷Give her torment and mourning as she has glorified herself and lived sensually, because she said in her heart, 'I reign as a queen! I am not a widow! I will in no way

see mourning!" ⁸For this reason in one day her plagues shall come: death and mourning and famine; and she shall be burned with fire, because the God who has judged her is a mighty Lord.

⁹The kings of the earth, who fornicated with her and lived sensually, shall weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰They will stand far away because of the fear of her punishment, exclaiming, "Woe! Woe! The great city, Babylon the strong city! In one hour your judgment has come!"

¹¹The merchants of the earth wept and mourned over her because no one any longer bought their merchandise: ¹²gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, citron wood, vessels of ivory, precious wood, brass, iron, marble, ¹³cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, oil, flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, chariots, slaves, and men's lives.

¹⁴The fruit which you craved has gone from you, and all things luxurious and all things splendid have passed away from you, and will be found no longer at all. ¹⁵The merchants of these things, who have been made rich by her, shall stand far away because of the fear of her punishment, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶saying, "Woe! Woe! The great city, clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, ornamented with gold and precious stones and pearls! ¹⁷In one hour such riches have vanished!"

Every ship captain, and every passenger on a ship, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood far away, ¹⁸and were crying, gazing on the smoke of her fiery ordeal, asking, "What is like the great city?" ¹⁹They threw dust on their heads, and were crying, weeping and wailing, and exclaiming, "Woe! Woe! The great city! All those having ships on the sea have been made rich by her wealth. In one hour she has been made desolate." ²⁰Rejoice over her, Heaven, and the holy people, and the apostles, and the prophets, for God has avenged you."

²¹And a mighty angel lifted a rock like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

In this manner Babylon the great city will be cast down, never more to be found. ²²The sound of harpers and musicians and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you. No craftsman of any trade shall ever again be found in you. The sound of a millstone shall never again be heard in you. ²³The light of a lamp shall never again shine in you. The voice of a bridegroom and of a bride shall never again be heard in you. Your merchants were persons of importance on the earth. All the nations were led astray by your witchcraft. ²⁴The blood of prophets and of saints and of all those who have been murdered on the earth was found in her.

19 After these things I heard what was like the loud voice of a large multitude in heaven, saying,

Hallelujah! The salvation and the splendor and the power are our God's, ²because his judgments are true and righteous! He has judged the great prostitute, who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and He has taken vengeance for the blood of his slaves against her.

³A second time they exclaimed, "Hallelujah! Her smoke goes up forever and ever." ⁴The twenty-four older ones and the four living creatures fell and worshiped God, who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen! Hallelujah!"

⁵A voice came out from the throne, and said, "Praise our God, all his slaves, those who revere him, the small and the great!" ⁶I heard what was like the voice of a large multitude, and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty thunders, saying,

Hallelujah! The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns! ⁷Let us

rejoice and be glad! Let us give him glory! The Lamb's marriage has come, and his fiancée has prepared herself!

⁸It was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and splendid. The fine linen is the good deeds of the saints. ⁹He said to me, "Write: blessed are they who are invited to the Lamb's marriage feast." And he said to me, "These are God's true words." ¹⁰I fell at his feet to worship him, and he said to me,

Do not! I am your fellow slave, and of your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

¹¹I saw heaven opened, and behold! A white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True. He judges in righteousness, and wages war. ¹²His eyes are as a fiery flame, and many diadems are on his head. He has an inscribed name, which no one knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed with a blood-spattered coat, and his name is called the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, bright and splendid, follow him on white horses. ¹⁵A sharp sword goes out of his mouth to strike the nations, and he will rule them with an iron rod. He tramples the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶His title, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, is inscribed on his coat and on his thigh.

¹⁷I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying in the midst of heaven,

Come! Gather for God's great feast, ¹⁸to eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of chief captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of all men, free and enslaved, small and great.

¹⁹I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered for war against the One sitting on the horse and his army. ²⁰The

beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, who did signs before him, with which he deceived those who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. The two were thrown alive into a fiery lake burning with brimstone. ²¹The rest were killed by the sword from the mouth of the one sitting on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

20 I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. ²He seized the dragon (the old serpent, who is the devil and Satan) and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the abyss, and shut and sealed it over him that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years are complete. After these things he must be released for a little time.

⁴I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them, even the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus, and because of God's message. They did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark on their forehead or their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years ⁵(the rest of the dead did not live until the completion of the thousand years); this is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and set apart is he who has a part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over these, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him a thousand years.

⁷When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison. ⁸He will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, and to gather them for war (their number is like the sand of the sea). ⁹They went up on the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven, and consumed them. ¹⁰The devil (their deceiver) was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (where also were the beast and the false prophet). They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹I saw a great white throne, and the One sitting on it. The earth and heaven fled from his face, and no place was found for them. ¹²I saw the dead, the great and the small, stand before the throne. Books were opened, and another book was opened, which is of life. The dead were judged out of the things written in the books according to their works.

¹³The sea gave up the dead in it. Death and Hades gave up the dead in them. They were judged (each one) according to their works. ¹⁴Death and Hades were thrown into the fiery lake (this second death is the lake of fire). ¹⁵If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the fiery lake.

21 I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²I saw the sacred city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her bridegroom. ³I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying,

Behold! God's dwelling place is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself, their God, shall be with them. ⁴He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death shall be no more! Neither mourning nor crying nor pain shall ever be, because the former things shall have passed away.

⁵The one sitting on the throne said, "Behold! I am making all things new." He continued, "Write, for these words are dependable and true." ⁶He said,

It has been done! I am the A and the Z, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to him who is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life. ⁷He who overcomes shall inherit these things. I will be his God, and he shall be my son. ⁸But for the cowards and unbelievers and detestable ones and murderers and fornicators and

sorcerers and idolaters and all the liars, their part is the lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

⁹One of the seven angels, who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and said to me, "Come. I will show you the bride, the fiancée of the Lamb. ¹⁰He carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain, great and high, and showed me the sacred city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having God's splendor.

Its light is like a precious stone, as crystal-clear jasper. ¹²Its wall, great and high, has twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, inscribed with the names of Israel's twelve tribes ¹³(on the east, three gates; on the north, three; on the south, three; on the west, three). ¹⁴The city's wall has twelve foundations, on which are the twelve names of the Lamb's twelve apostles.

¹⁵The one talking with me had a golden reed to measure the city, its wall and gates. ¹⁶The city lies in a square, its length as long as the width. He measured the city with the reed, fifteen hundred miles (its length and breadth and height are equal). ¹⁷He measured its wall, two hundred and sixteen feet (by man's measure, which is of an angel). ¹⁸The material of the wall is jasper, and the city is pure gold, like pure glass. ¹⁹The twelve foundations of the wall are ornamented with every precious stone: the first foundation is jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, ²⁰sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; and the twelfth, amethyst. ²¹The twelve gates are twelve pearls (each one of the gates is one pearl), and the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God the Almighty is its temple, and the Lamb. ²³The city needs neither the sun nor the moon to shine in it, for God's splendor gives light to it, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations shall walk by its light, and kings bring their splendor into it. ²⁵The gates shall never be shut by day, and night shall not be there.

²⁶They shall bring the splendor and honor of the nations into it, ²⁷and by no means shall any uncleanness, or a doer of detestable things, or a liar, enter into it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 He showed me a river of the water of life (clear as crystal) flowing from the throne of God and from the Lamb. ²In the middle of its wide street, on both sides of the river, is the tree of life bearing twelve fruits monthly, and the tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations, ³and cursing will be no more.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it. His slaves shall serve him, ⁴and they shall look on his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵Night shall be no more, and they have no need of the light of a lamp, or the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

⁶He said to me,

These words are dependable and true. The Lord (the God of the spirits of the prophets) has sent his angel to show his slaves what things must happen soon. ⁷Behold! I am coming soon. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

⁸And I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things, and when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed these things to me. ⁹And he said to me,

Do not! I am your fellow slave, and of your brothers the prophets, and of those keeping the words of this book. Worship God.

¹⁰And he said to me,

Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹He who is unjust, let him still be unjust; and he who is filthy, let him still be filthy; and he who is righteous, let him still

be righteous; and he who is dedicated, let him still be dedicated.

¹²Behold! I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to give to each one according to his work. ¹³I AM the A and the Z, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. ¹⁴Blessed are they who wash their robes, in order that they may have access to the tree of life, and to the gates, that they may go into the city. ¹⁵The dogs and the sorcerers and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and every one loving and practicing a lie are outside."

¹⁶I, Jesus, sent my angel to testify these things to you for the congregations. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright, the morning star. ¹⁷Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come," and let the one who hears say, "Come," and let him who is thirsty come. Let him who wants the water of life receive it without cost".

¹⁸I testify to every one who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if any one adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book, ¹⁹and if any one takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy (of the things which are written in this book), God will take away his part from the tree of life, and from the sacred city.

²⁰The One testifying these things said, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen, come, Lord Jesus. ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints.