

# Revelation

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The Message

REVELATION 1:1

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*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*

**1** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, <sup>2</sup>who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

*Message to the Seven Churches*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful 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—<sup>6</sup>and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

*Introduction and Salutation*

**1** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants<sup>a</sup> what must soon take place; he made<sup>b</sup> it known by sending his angel to his servant<sup>c</sup> John, <sup>2</sup>who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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

To him who loves us and freed<sup>d</sup> us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made<sup>b</sup> us to be a kingdom, priests serving<sup>e</sup> his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth  
will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

a Gk slaves  
b Gk and he made  
c Gk slave  
d Other ancient authorities read *washed*  
e Gk priests to

*Prologue*

**1** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants<sup>a</sup> the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant<sup>b</sup> John, <sup>2</sup>who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

*Greeting to the Seven Churches*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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

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

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

a Greek bondservants  
b Greek bondservant  
c Or mourn

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Prologue

**1** The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Greetings and Doxology

<sup>4</sup>John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”<sup>b</sup> and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”<sup>c</sup>

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Prologue

**1** The revelation of<sup>a</sup> Jesus Christ that God gave Him to show His <sup>\*</sup>slaves what must quickly<sup>b</sup> take place. He sent it and signified it<sup>c</sup> through His angel to His slave John, <sup>2</sup>who testified to God’s word and to the testimony<sup>d</sup> about Jesus Christ, in all he saw.<sup>e</sup> <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep<sup>f</sup> what is written in it, because the time is near!

<sup>4</sup>John:

To the seven churches in the province of Asia.<sup>g</sup>

Grace and peace to you from<sup>h</sup> the One who is, who was, and who is coming; from the seven spirits<sup>i</sup> before His throne; <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To Him who loves us and has set us free<sup>j</sup> from our sins by His blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom,<sup>k</sup> priests<sup>l</sup> to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> **Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, including those who pierced<sup>m</sup> Him. And all the families of the earth<sup>n</sup> o will mourn over Him.<sup>p</sup> q**

This is certain. <sup>\*</sup>Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the <sup>\*</sup>Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the One who is, who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.”

Greetings

**1** A revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. Christ made it known by sending it through his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who bore witness to the word of God and to the witness of Jesus Christ, including all that John saw. <sup>3</sup>Favored is the one who reads the words of this prophecy out loud, and favored are those who listen to it being read, and keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup>John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God’s throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

a 1:1 Or *Revelation of*, or *A revelation of*  
 b 1:1 Or *soon*  
 c 1:1 Made it known through symbols  
 d 1:2 Or *witness*  
 e 1:2 Lit *as many as he saw*  
 f 1:3 Or *follow*, or *obey*  
 g 1:4 Lit *churches in Asia*; that is, the Roman province that is now a part of modern Turkey  
 h 1:4 Other mss add *God*  
 i 1:4 Or *the sevenfold Spirit*  
 j 1:5 Other mss read *has washed us*  
 k 1:6 Other mss read *kings and*  
 l 1:6 Or *made us into* (or *to be*) *a kingdom of priests*; see Ex 19:6  
 m 1:7 Or *impaled*  
 n 1:7 Or *All the tribes of the land*  
 o 1:7 Gn 12:3; 28:14; Zch 14:17  
 p 1:7 Or *will wail because of Him*  
 q 1:7 Dn 7:13; Zch 12:10

a 4 That is, the sevenfold Spirit  
 b 7 Daniel 7:13  
 c 7 Zech. 12:10

REVELATION 1:9

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*The Patmos Vision*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was <sup>a</sup>in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; <sup>13</sup>and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like <sup>b</sup>a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. <sup>14</sup>His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. <sup>19</sup>"Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. <sup>20</sup>"As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

NRSV

*A Vision of Christ*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.<sup>a</sup> <sup>10</sup>I was in the spirit<sup>b</sup> on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. <sup>19</sup>Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. <sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

ESV

*Vision of the Son of Man*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup>Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

a Or in spirit  
b Or the Son of Man

a Or testimony to Jesus  
b Or in the Spirit

NIV

*John's Vision of Christ*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,<sup>a</sup> dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

<sup>19</sup>"Write, therefore, what you have seen: both what is now and what will take place later. <sup>20</sup>The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels<sup>b</sup> of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

HCSB

*John's Vision of the Risen Lord*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation, kingdom, and perseverance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of God's word and the testimony about Jesus.<sup>a</sup> <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit<sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup> on the Lord's day,<sup>d</sup> and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write on a scroll<sup>e</sup> what you see and send it to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned I saw seven gold lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was One like the \*Son of Man,<sup>f</sup> dressed in a long robe, and with a gold sash wrapped around His chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white like wool—white as snow, His eyes like a fiery flame, <sup>15</sup>His feet like fine bronze fired in a furnace, and His voice like the sound of cascading<sup>g</sup> waters. <sup>16</sup>In His right hand He had seven stars; from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was shining like the sun at midday.<sup>h</sup>

<sup>17</sup>When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me, and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, <sup>18</sup>and the Living One. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and \*Hades. <sup>19</sup>Therefore write what you have seen, what is, and what will take place after this. <sup>20</sup>The secret<sup>i</sup> of the seven stars you saw in My right hand, and of the seven gold lampstands, is this: the seven stars are the angels<sup>j</sup> of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands<sup>k</sup> are the seven churches.

a 1:9 Lit the witness of Jesus  
 b 1:10 Lit I became in the Spirit or in spirit  
 c 1:10 John was brought by God's Spirit into a realm of spiritual vision  
 d 1:10 Sunday  
 e 1:11 Or book  
 f 1:13 Or like a son of man  
 g 1:15 Lit many  
 h 1:16 Lit like the sun shines in its power  
 i 1:20 Or mystery  
 j 1:20 Or messengers  
 k 1:20 Other mss add that you saw

CEB

*Christ appears to John*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother who shares with you in the hardship, kingdom, and endurance that we have in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and my witness about Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in a Spirit-inspired trance on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice that sounded like a trumpet. <sup>11</sup>It said, "Write down on a scroll whatever you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned to see who was speaking to me, and when I turned, I saw seven oil lamps burning on top of seven gold stands. <sup>13</sup>In the middle of the lampstands I saw someone who looked like the Human One.<sup>a</sup> He wore a robe that stretched down to his feet, and he had a gold sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white as white wool—like snow—and his eyes were like a fiery flame. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like fine brass that has been purified in a furnace, and his voice sounded like rushing water. <sup>16</sup>He held seven stars in his right hand, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword. His appearance was like the sun shining with all its power.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. But he put his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid. I'm the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I was dead, but look! Now I'm alive forever and always. I have the keys of Death and the Grave. <sup>19</sup>So write down what you have seen, both the scene now before you and the things that are about to unfold after this. <sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven gold lampstands, here is what they mean: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

a Or Son of Man

a 13 See Daniel 7:13.  
 b 20 Or messengers

REVELATION 2:1

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*Message to Ephesus*

2<sup>a</sup>“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

<sup>2</sup>“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; <sup>3</sup>and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. <sup>5</sup>Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.’

*Message to Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

<sup>9</sup>“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.’

*Message to Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

<sup>13</sup>“I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. <sup>15</sup>So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’

*The Message to Ephesus*

2<sup>a</sup>“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

<sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

*The Message to Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life:

<sup>9</sup>“I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

*The Message to Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

<sup>13</sup>“I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me<sup>a</sup> even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice fornication. <sup>15</sup>So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

a Or deny my faith

*To the Church in Ephesus*

2<sup>a</sup>“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

*To the Church in Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup>“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander<sup>a</sup> of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

*To the Church in Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

<sup>13</sup>“I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith<sup>b</sup> even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup>So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

a Greek blasphemy

b Or your faith in me

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*To the Church in Ephesus*

**2** “To the angel<sup>a</sup> of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup>I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup>You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup>Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup>But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

*To the Church in Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. <sup>9</sup>I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

<sup>11</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

*To the Church in Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. <sup>13</sup>I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

<sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup>Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

a 1 Or messenger; also in verses 8, 12 and 18

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*The Letters to the Seven Churches**The Letter to Ephesus*

**2** “To the angel<sup>a</sup> of the church in Ephesus write:

“The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks among the seven gold lampstands says: <sup>2</sup>I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. <sup>3</sup>You also possess endurance and have tolerated [many things] because of My name, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you: you have abandoned the love [you had] at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you<sup>b</sup> and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet you do have this: you hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup>Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in<sup>c</sup> the paradise of God.

*The Letter to Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

“The First and the Last, the One who was dead and came to life, says: <sup>9</sup>I know your<sup>d</sup> tribulation and poverty, yet you are rich. [I know] the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a \*synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will have tribulation for 10 days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown<sup>e</sup> of life.

<sup>11</sup>“Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. The victor will never be harmed by the second death.

*The Letter to Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

“The One who has the sharp, two-edged sword says: <sup>13</sup>I know<sup>f</sup> where you live—where Satan’s throne is! And you are holding on to My name and did not deny your faith in Me,<sup>g</sup> even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to place a stumbling block<sup>h</sup> in front of the sons of Israel: to eat meat sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality!<sup>15</sup> In the same way, you also have

a 2:1 Or messenger here and elsewhere

b 2:5 Other mss add quickly

c 2:7 Other mss read in the midst of

d 2:9 Other mss add works and

e 2:10 Or wreath

f 2:13 other mss add your works and

g 2:13 Or deny My faith

h 2:14 Or to place a trap

i 2:14 Or commit fornication

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*Message to Ephesus*

**2** “Write this to the angel of the church in Ephesus:

These are the words of the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven gold lampstands: <sup>2</sup>I know your works, your labor, and your endurance. I also know that you don’t put up with those who are evil. You have tested those who say they are apostles but are not, and you have found them to be liars. <sup>3</sup>You have shown endurance and put up with a lot for my name’s sake, and you haven’t gotten tired. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you: you have let go of the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>So remember the high point from which you have fallen. Change your hearts and lives and do the things you did at first. If you don’t, I’m coming to you. I will move your lampstand from its place if you don’t change your hearts and lives. <sup>6</sup>But you have this in your favor: you hate what the Nicolaitans are doing, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. I will allow those who emerge victorious to eat from the tree of life, which is in God’s paradise.

*Message to Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“Write this to the angel of the church in Smyrna:

These are the words of the one who is the first and the last, who died and came back to life: <sup>9</sup>I know your hardship and poverty (though you are actually rich). I also know the hurtful things that have been spoken about you by those who say they are Jews (though they are not, but are really Satan’s synagogue). <sup>10</sup>Don’t be afraid of what you are going to suffer. Look! The devil is going to throw some of you into prison in order to test you. You will suffer hardship for ten days. Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Those who emerge victorious won’t be hurt by the second death.

*Message to Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“Write this to the angel of the church in Pergamum:

These are the words of the one who has the sharp, two-edged sword: <sup>13</sup>I know that you are living right where Satan’s throne is. You are holding on to my name, and you didn’t break faith with me even at the time that Antipas, my faithful witness, was killed among you, where Satan lives. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you, because you have some there who follow Balaam’s teaching. Balaam had taught Balak to trip up the Israelites so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and commit sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup>In the same way, you have some who follow the Nicolaitans’ teaching. <sup>16</sup>So change your hearts and lives. If you don’t, I am coming to you soon, and I will make war on them with the sword that comes from my mouth. <sup>17</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. I will give those who emerge victorious some of the hidden manna to eat. I will also give to each of them a white stone with a

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*Message to Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

<sup>19</sup>I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. <sup>20</sup>But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I will throw her on a bed of *sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of <sup>a</sup>her deeds. <sup>23</sup>And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. <sup>24</sup>But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. <sup>25</sup>Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. <sup>26</sup>He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; <sup>27</sup>AND HE SHALL RULER THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father; <sup>28</sup>and I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

*The Message to Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze:

<sup>19</sup>“I know your works—your love, faith, service, and patient endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first. <sup>20</sup>But I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants<sup>a</sup> to practice fornication and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her fornication.

<sup>22</sup>Beware, I am throwing her on a bed, and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great distress, unless they repent of her doings; <sup>23</sup>and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. <sup>24</sup>But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call ‘the deep things of Satan,’ to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden; <sup>25</sup>only hold fast to what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>To everyone who conquers and continues to do my works to the end,

I will give authority over the nations; <sup>27</sup>to rule<sup>b</sup> them with an iron rod, as when clay pots are shattered—<sup>28</sup>even as I also received authority from my Father. To the one who conquers I will also give the morning star. <sup>29</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*To the Church in Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

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

a One early ms reads *their*

a Gk *slaves*  
b Or to *shepherd*

a Greek *bondservants*

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<sup>17</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

*To the Church in Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. <sup>19</sup>I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

<sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. <sup>22</sup>So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. <sup>23</sup>I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

<sup>24</sup>Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, <sup>25</sup>except to hold on to what you have until I come.’

<sup>26</sup>To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—<sup>27</sup>that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’<sup>a</sup>—just as I have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup>I will also give that one the morning star. <sup>29</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.<sup>a</sup> <sup>16</sup>Therefore repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

<sup>17</sup>“Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor some of the hidden manna.<sup>b</sup> I will also give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name is inscribed that no one knows except the one who receives it.

*The Letter to Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

“The Son of God, the One whose eyes are like a fiery flame, and whose feet are like fine bronze says: <sup>19</sup>I know your works—your love, faithfulness,<sup>c</sup> service, and endurance. Your last works are greater than the first. <sup>20</sup>But I have this against you: you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and teaches and deceives My slaves to commit sexual immorality<sup>d</sup> and to eat meat sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality.<sup>e</sup> <sup>22</sup>Look! I will throw her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her<sup>f</sup> practices. <sup>23</sup>I will kill her children with the plague.<sup>g</sup> Then all the churches will know that I am the One who examines minds<sup>h</sup> and hearts, and I will give to each of you according to your works. <sup>24</sup>I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who haven’t known the deep things<sup>i</sup> of Satan—as they say—I do not put any other burden on you. <sup>25</sup>But hold on to what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>The victor and the one who keeps My works to the end: I will give him authority over the nations—

**<sup>27</sup> and He will shepherd<sup>j</sup> them with an iron scepter;  
He will shatter them like pottery<sup>k</sup>—**

just as I have received [this] from My Father. <sup>28</sup>I will also give him the morning star.

<sup>29</sup>“Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

new name written on it, which no one knows except the one who receives it.

*Message to Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“Write this to the angel of the church in Thyatira:

These are the words of God’s Son, whose eyes are like a fiery flame, and whose feet are like fine brass. <sup>19</sup>I know your works, your love and faithfulness, your service and endurance. I also know that the works you have done most recently are even greater than those you did at first. <sup>20</sup>But I have this against you: you put up with that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. You allow her to teach and to mislead my servants into committing sexual immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to change her heart and life, but she refuses to change her life of prostitution. <sup>22</sup>Look! I’m throwing her onto a sickbed. I am casting those who have committed adultery with her into terrible hardship—if they don’t change their hearts from following her practices—<sup>23</sup>and I will even put her children to death with disease. Then all the churches will know that I’m the one who examines minds and hearts, and that I will give to each of you what your actions deserve. <sup>24</sup>As for the rest of you in Thyatira—those of you who don’t follow this teaching and haven’t learned the so-called “deep secrets” of Satan—I won’t burden you with anything else. <sup>25</sup>Just hold on to what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>To those who emerge victorious, keeping my practices until the end, I will give authority over the nations—<sup>27</sup>to rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like pottery—<sup>28</sup>just as I received authority from my Father. I will also give them the morning star. <sup>29</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

a 2:15 Other mss add *which I hate*  
b 2:17 Other mss add *to eat*  
c 2:19 Or *faith*  
d 2:20 Or *commit fornication*  
e 2:21 Or *her fornication*  
f 2:22 Other mss read *their*  
g 2:23 Or *I will surely kill her children*  
h 2:23 Lit *kidneys*  
i 2:24 Or *the secret things*  
j 2:27 Or *rule*; see 19:15  
k 2:27 Ps 2:9

a 27 Psalm 2:9

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*Message to Sardis*

**3**“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this:

“I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. <sup>3</sup>So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. <sup>4</sup>But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. <sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

*Message to Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

<sup>8</sup>“I know your <sup>a</sup>deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. <sup>9</sup>Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will *make them* come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that *hour* which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup>He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

*The Message to Sardis*

**3**“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

“I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. <sup>4</sup>Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*The Message to Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens:

<sup>8</sup>“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. <sup>12</sup>If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. <sup>13</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*To the Church in Sardis*

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

“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. <sup>4</sup>Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

*To the Church in Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

<sup>8</sup>“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. <sup>12</sup>The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

a Or deeds (behold... shut), that you have

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*To the Church in Sardis*

**3** “To the angel<sup>a</sup> of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits<sup>b</sup> of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

<sup>4</sup>Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

*To the Church in Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. <sup>8</sup>I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup>The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. <sup>13</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

HCSB

*The Letter to Sardis*

**3** “To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

“The One who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says: I know your works; you have a reputation<sup>a</sup> for being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Be alert and strengthen<sup>b</sup> what remains, which is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before My God. <sup>3</sup>Remember therefore what you have received and heard; keep it, and repent. But if you are not alert, I will come<sup>c</sup> like a thief, and you have no idea at what hour I will come against you.<sup>d</sup> <sup>4</sup>But you have a few people<sup>e</sup> in Sardis who have not defiled<sup>f</sup> their clothes, and they will walk with Me in white, because they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, the victor will be dressed in white clothes, and I will never erase his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before My Father and before His angels.

<sup>6</sup>“Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

*The Letter to Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

“The Holy One, the True One, the One who has the key of David, who opens and no one will close, and closes and no one opens says: <sup>8</sup>I know your works. Because you have limited strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name, look, I have placed before you an open door that no one is able to close. <sup>9</sup>Take note! I will make those from the \*synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews and are not, but are lying—note this—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept My command to endure,<sup>g</sup> I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come over the whole world to test those who live on the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown. <sup>12</sup>The victor: I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God, and he will never go out again. I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God—the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God—and My new name.

<sup>13</sup>“Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

CEB

*Message to Sardis*

**3** “Write this to the angel of the church in Sardis:

These are the words of the one who holds God’s seven spirits and the seven stars: I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, and you are in fact dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up and strengthen whatever you have left, teetering on the brink of death, for I’ve found that your works are far from complete in the eyes of my God. <sup>3</sup>So remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and change your hearts and lives. If you don’t wake up, I will come like a thief, and you won’t know what time I will come upon you. <sup>4</sup>But you do have a few people in Sardis who haven’t stained their clothing. They will walk with me clothed in white because they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>Those who emerge victorious will wear white clothing like this. I won’t scratch out their names from the scroll of life, but will declare their names in the presence of my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*Message to Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“Write this to the angel of the church in Philadelphia:

These are the words of the one who is holy and true, who has the key of David. Whatever he opens, no one will shut; and whatever he shuts, no one opens. <sup>8</sup>I know your works. Look! I have set in front of you an open door that no one can shut. You have so little power, and yet you have kept my word and haven’t denied my name. <sup>9</sup>Because of this I will make the people from Satan’s synagogue (who say they are Jews and really aren’t, but are lying)—I will make them come and bow down at your feet and realize that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you kept my command to endure, I will keep you safe through the time of testing that is about to come over the whole world, to test those who live on earth. <sup>11</sup>I’m coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown. <sup>12</sup>As for those who emerge victorious, I will make them pillars in the temple of my God, and they will never leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem that comes down out of heaven from my God. I will also write on them my own new name. <sup>13</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

a 3:1 Lit *have a name*

b 3:2 Other mss read *guard*

c 3:3 Other mss add *upon you*

d 3:3 Or *upon you*

e 3:4 Lit *few names*

f 3:4 Or *soiled*

g 3:10 Lit *My word of endurance*

a 1 Or *messenger*; also in verses 7 and 14

b 1 That is, the sevenfold Spirit

REVELATION 3:14

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*Message to Laodicea*

*The Message to Laodicea*

*To the Church in Laodicea*

<sup>14</sup>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the <sup>a</sup>beginning of the creation of God, says this: <sup>15</sup>“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, <sup>18</sup>I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup>He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. <sup>22</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin<sup>a</sup> of God’s creation: <sup>15</sup>“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. <sup>21</sup>To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup>“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup>The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

<sup>a</sup> I.e. Origin or Source

<sup>a</sup> Or *beginning*

## NIV

*To the Church in Laodicea*

<sup>14</sup>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

<sup>19</sup>Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

<sup>21</sup>To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

## HCSB

*The Letter to Laodicea*

<sup>14</sup>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

“The \*Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Originator<sup>a</sup> of God’s creation says: <sup>15</sup>I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit<sup>b</sup> you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>Because you say, ‘I’m rich; I have become wealthy, and need nothing,’ and you don’t know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked, <sup>18</sup>I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, and white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be committed<sup>c</sup> and repent. <sup>20</sup>Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup>The victor: I will give him the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I also won the victory and sat down with My Father on His throne.

<sup>22</sup>“Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.”

## CEB

*Message to Laodicea*

<sup>14</sup>“Write this to the angel of the church in Laodicea:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler<sup>a</sup> of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup>I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I’m about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>After all, you say, ‘I’m rich, and I’ve grown wealthy, and I don’t need a thing.’ You don’t realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>My advice is that you buy gold from me that has been purified by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothing to wear so that your nakedness won’t be shamefully exposed, and ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>I correct and discipline those whom I love. So be earnest and change your hearts and lives.

<sup>20</sup>Look! I’m standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me. <sup>21</sup>As for those who emerge victorious, I will allow them to sit with me on my throne, just as I emerged victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

a 3:14 Or Ruler, or Source, or Beginning

b 3:16 Or spit

c 3:19 Or be zealous

a Or beginning

REVELATION 4:1

NAS95

*Scene in Heaven*

**4** After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." <sup>2</sup>Immediately I was <sup>a</sup>in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. <sup>3</sup>And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

*The Throne and Worship of the Creator*

<sup>5</sup>Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; <sup>6</sup>and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. <sup>7</sup>The first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

<sup>9</sup>And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup>"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

NRSV

*The Heavenly Worship*

**4** After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the spirit,<sup>a</sup> and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! <sup>3</sup>And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; <sup>6</sup>and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come."

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were  
created."

ESV

*The Throne in Heaven*

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

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!"

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

<sup>11</sup> "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were  
created."

<sup>a</sup> Or in spirit

<sup>a</sup> Or in the spirit

<sup>a</sup> Or voices, or sounds

## NIV

*The Throne in Heaven*

**4** After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. <sup>4</sup>Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup>From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits<sup>a</sup> of God. <sup>6</sup>Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. <sup>7</sup>The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty,<sup>b</sup>  
who was, and is, and is to come.”

<sup>9</sup>Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being.”

## HCSB

*The Throne Room of Heaven*

**4** After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup>Immediately I was in the Spirit,<sup>a</sup> and there in heaven a throne was set. One was seated on the throne, <sup>3</sup>and the One seated<sup>b</sup> looked like jasper<sup>c</sup> and carnelian<sup>d</sup> stone. A rainbow that looked like an emerald surrounded the throne. <sup>4</sup>Around that throne were 24 thrones, and on the thrones sat 24 elders dressed in white clothes, with gold crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and thunder. Burning before the throne were seven fiery torches, which are the seven spirits of God. <sup>6</sup>Also before the throne was something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal. In the middle<sup>e</sup> and around the throne were four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back. <sup>7</sup>The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like a calf; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop,<sup>f</sup> saying:

Holy, holy, holy,<sup>g</sup>  
Lord God, the Almighty,  
who was, who is, and who is coming.

<sup>9</sup>Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One seated on the throne, the One who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the 24 elders fall down before the One seated on the throne, worship the One who lives forever and ever, cast their crowns before the throne, and say:

<sup>11</sup> Our Lord and God,<sup>h</sup>  
You are worthy to receive  
glory and honor and power,  
because You have created all things,  
and because of Your will  
they exist and were created.

## CEB

*John sees God's heavenly throne*

**4** After this I looked and there was a door that had been opened in heaven. The first voice that I had heard, which sounded like a trumpet, said to me, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup>At once I was in a Spirit-inspired trance and I saw a throne in heaven, and someone was seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup>The one seated there looked like jasper and carnelian, and surrounding the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Twenty-four thrones, with twenty-four elders seated upon them, surrounded the throne. The elders were dressed in white clothing and had gold crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>From the throne came lightning, voices, and thunder. In front of the throne were seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God. <sup>6</sup>Something like a glass sea, like crystal, was in front of the throne.

In the center, by the throne, were four living creatures encircling the throne. These creatures were covered with eyes on the front and on the back. <sup>7</sup>The first living creature was like a lion. The second living creature was like an ox. The third living creature had a face like a human being. And the fourth living creature was like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup>Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and each was covered all around and on the inside with eyes. They never rest day or night, but keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is coming.”

<sup>9</sup>Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, who lives forever and always, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one seated on the throne. They worship the one who lives forever and always. They throw down their crowns before the throne and say,

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
because you created all things.  
It is by your will that they existed and were  
created.”

a 4:2 Lit *I became in the Spirit* or *in spirit*

b 4:3 Other mss omit *and the One seated*

c 4:3 A precious stone

d 4:3 A translucent red gem

e 4:6 Lit *In the middle of the throne*

f 4:8 Or *they never rest*

g 4:8 Other mss read *holy* 9 times

h 4:11 Other mss add *the Holy One*; other mss read *O*

*Lord*

a 5 That is, the sevenfold Spirit

b 8 Isaiah 6:3

REVELATION 5:1

NAS95

*The Book with Seven Seals*

**S**I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; <sup>5</sup>and one of the elders <sup>\*</sup>said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup>And I saw <sup>a</sup>between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they <sup>\*</sup>sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. <sup>10</sup>You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

*Angels Exalt the Lamb*

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

<sup>13</sup>And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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*The Scroll and the Lamb*

**S**Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed<sup>a</sup> with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from<sup>b</sup> every tribe and language and people and nation;

<sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving<sup>c</sup> our God, and they will reign on earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

ESV

*The Scroll and the Lamb*

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

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

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

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

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

<sup>a</sup> Lit in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders

<sup>a</sup> Or written on the inside, and sealed on the back

<sup>b</sup> Gk ransomed for God from

<sup>c</sup> Gk priests to

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*The Scroll and the Lamb*

**5** Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup>I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits<sup>a</sup> of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased for God  
persons from of every tribe and language and  
people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and  
priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign<sup>b</sup> on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup>In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and  
strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

a 6 That is, the sevenfold Spirit  
b 10 Some manuscripts *they reign*

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*The Lamb Takes the Scroll*

**5** Then I saw in the right hand of the One seated on the throne a scroll with writing on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. <sup>4</sup>And I cried and cried because no one was found worthy to open<sup>a</sup> the scroll or even to look in it.

<sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, “Stop crying. Look! The Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has been victorious so that He may open the scroll and<sup>b</sup> its seven seals.” <sup>6</sup>Then I saw one like a slaughtered lamb standing between<sup>c</sup> the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He came and took |the scroll|<sup>d</sup> out of the right hand of the One seated on the throne.

*The Lamb Is Worthy*

<sup>8</sup>When He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals;  
because You were slaughtered,  
and You redeemed<sup>e</sup> |people|<sup>f</sup> for God by Your  
blood  
from every tribe and language and people and  
nation.

<sup>10</sup> You made them a kingdom<sup>g</sup> and priests to our  
God,  
and they will reign on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and also of the living creatures, and of the elders. Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands. <sup>12</sup>They said with a loud voice:

The Lamb who was slaughtered is worthy  
to receive power and riches  
and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and blessing!

<sup>13</sup>I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them say:

Blessing and honor and glory and dominion  
to the One seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, “\*Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

a 5:4 Other mss add *and read*  
b 5:5 Other mss add *loose*  
c 5:6 Or *standing in the middle of*  
d 5:7 Other mss include *the scroll*  
e 5:9 Or *purchased*  
f 5:9 Other mss read *us*  
g 5:10 Other mss read *them kings*

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*The Lamb takes the scroll*

**5** Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one seated on the throne. It had writing on the front and the back, and it was sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>I saw a powerful angel, who proclaimed in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or look inside it. <sup>4</sup>So I began to weep and weep, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look inside it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, “Don’t weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has emerged victorious so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup>Then, in between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb, standing as if it had been slain. It had seven horns and seven eyes, which are God’s seven spirits, sent out into the whole earth. <sup>7</sup>He came forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each held a harp and gold bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They took up a new song, saying,

“You are worthy to take the scroll and open its  
seals,  
because you were slain,  
and by your blood you purchased for God  
persons from every tribe, language, people,  
and nation.

<sup>10</sup> You made them a kingdom and priests to our  
God,  
and they will rule on earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands. <sup>12</sup>They said in a loud voice,

“Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb  
to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might,  
and honor, glory, and blessing.”

<sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say,

“Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the  
one seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb  
forever and always.”

<sup>14</sup>Then the four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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*The First Seal—Rider on White Horse*

**6**Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come."<sup>2</sup>I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

*The Second Seal—War*

<sup>3</sup>When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." <sup>4</sup>And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

*The Third Seal—Famine*

<sup>5</sup>When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup>And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A <sup>a</sup>quart of wheat for a <sup>b</sup>denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

*The Fourth Seal—Death*

<sup>7</sup>When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come."<sup>8</sup>I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

*The Fifth Seal—Martyrs*

<sup>9</sup>When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; <sup>10</sup>and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup>And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number* of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

*The Seven Seals*

**6**Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!"<sup>a</sup> <sup>2</sup>I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup>When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, "Come!"<sup>4</sup> And out came<sup>b</sup> another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a great sword.

<sup>5</sup>When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, "Come!"<sup>a</sup> I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand,<sup>6</sup> and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's pay,<sup>c</sup> and three quarts of barley for a day's pay,<sup>c</sup> but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!"

<sup>7</sup>When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, "Come!"<sup>a</sup> <sup>8</sup>I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God and for the testimony they had given; <sup>10</sup>they cried out with a loud voice, "Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge and avenge our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?" <sup>11</sup>They were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number would be complete both of their fellow servants<sup>d</sup> and of their brothers and sisters,<sup>e</sup> who were soon to be killed as they themselves had been killed.

a Or "Go!"  
b Or went  
c Gk a denarius  
d Gk slaves  
e Gk brothers

*The Seven Seals*

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"<sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

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

a Greek *choenix*, a dry measure equal to about a quart  
b A *denarius* was a day's wage for a laborer  
c Greek *fellow bondservants*  
d Or *brothers and sisters*. The plural Greek word *adelphoi* (translated "brothers") refers to siblings in a family. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, *adelphoi* may refer either to men or to both men and women who are siblings (brothers and sisters) in God's family, the church

a Gr *choenix*; i.e. a dry measure almost equal to a qt  
b The denarius was equivalent to a day's wages

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*The Seals*

**6**I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” <sup>2</sup>I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

<sup>3</sup>When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” <sup>4</sup>Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

<sup>5</sup>When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup>Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds<sup>a</sup> of wheat for a day’s wages,<sup>b</sup> and six pounds<sup>c</sup> of barley for a day’s wages,<sup>d</sup> and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

<sup>7</sup>When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup>They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

<sup>11</sup>Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters,<sup>d</sup> were killed just as they had been.

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*The First Seal on the Scroll*

**6**Then I saw<sup>a</sup> the Lamb open one of the seven<sup>b</sup> seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”<sup>c</sup> <sup>2</sup>I looked, and there was a white horse. The horseman on it had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he went out as a victor to conquer.<sup>e</sup>

*The Second Seal*

<sup>3</sup>When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” <sup>4</sup>Then another horse went out, a fiery red one, and its horseman was empowered<sup>f</sup> to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another. And a large sword was given to him.

*The Third Seal*

<sup>5</sup>When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” And I looked, and there was a black horse. The horseman on it had a balance scale in his hand. <sup>6</sup>Then I heard something like a voice among the four living creatures say, “A quart of wheat for a <sup>7</sup>denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius—but do not harm the olive oil and the wine.”

*The Fourth Seal*

<sup>7</sup>When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and there was a pale green<sup>g</sup> horse. The horseman on it was named Death, and <sup>9</sup>Hades was following after him. Authority was given to them<sup>h</sup> over a fourth of the earth, to kill by the sword, by famine, by plague, and by the wild animals of the earth.

*The Fifth Seal*

<sup>9</sup>When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those slaughtered because of God’s word and the testimony they had.<sup>i</sup> <sup>10</sup>They cried out with a loud voice: “O Lord,<sup>j</sup> holy and true, how long until You judge and avenge our blood from those who live on the earth?” <sup>11</sup>So a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer until [the number of] their fellow slaves and their brothers, who were going to be killed just as they had been, would be completed.

a 6:1 Lit saw when

b 6:1 Other mss omit seven

c 6:1,3,5,7 Other mss add and see

d 6:1,3,5,7 Or Go!

e 6:2 Lit went out conquering and in order to conquer

f 6:4 Or was granted; lit was given

g 6:8 Or a greenish gray

h 6:8 Other mss read him

i 6:9 Other mss add about the Lamb

j 6:10 Or Master

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*Opening the first six seals*

**6**Then I looked on as the Lamb opened one of the seven seals. I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” <sup>2</sup>So I looked, and there was a white horse. Its rider held a bow and was given a crown. And he went forth from victory to victory.

<sup>3</sup>When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” <sup>4</sup>Out came another horse, fiery red. Its rider was allowed to take peace from the earth so that people would kill each other. He was given a large sword.

<sup>5</sup>When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” So I looked, and there was a black horse. Its rider held a balance for weighing in his hand. <sup>6</sup>I heard what sounded like a voice from among the four living creatures. It said, “A quart of wheat for a denarion,<sup>a</sup> and three quarts of barley for a denarion, but don’t damage the olive oil and the wine.”

<sup>7</sup>When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” <sup>8</sup>So I looked, and there was a pale green horse. Its rider’s name was Death, and the Grave was following right behind. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill by sword, famine, disease, and the wild animals of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar those who had been slaughtered on account of the word of God and the witness they had given. <sup>10</sup>They cried out with a loud voice, “Holy and true Master, how long will you wait before you pass judgment? How long before you require justice for our blood, which was shed by those who live on earth?” <sup>11</sup>Each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to rest a little longer, until their fellow servants and brothers and sisters—who were about to be killed as they were—were finished.

a A denarion was a day’s pay for a laborer

a 6 Or about 1 kilogram

b 6 Greek a denarius

c 6 Or about 3 kilograms

d 11 The Greek word for brothers and sisters (*adelphoi*) refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God’s family; also in 12:10; 19:10.

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*The Sixth Seal—Terror*

<sup>12</sup>I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; <sup>13</sup>and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. <sup>14</sup>The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. <sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the <sup>a</sup>commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; <sup>16</sup>and they <sup>\*</sup>said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; <sup>17</sup>for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

*An Interlude*

**7**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup>And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

*A Remnant of Israel—144,000*

<sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>From the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

<sup>6</sup>from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

<sup>7</sup>from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

<sup>8</sup>from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

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<sup>12</sup>When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and there came a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup>and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree drops its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup>The sky vanished like a scroll rolling itself up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. <sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth and the magnates and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup>calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; <sup>17</sup>for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

*The 144,000 of Israel Sealed*

**7**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup>I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

<sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

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<sup>12</sup>When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup>and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup>The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. <sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave<sup>a</sup> and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup>calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup>for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

*The 144,000 of Israel Sealed*

**7**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants<sup>b</sup> of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

a I.e. chiliarchs, in command of one thousand troops

a Or *servant*; Greek *bondservant*  
b Greek *bondservants*

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<sup>12</sup>I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, <sup>13</sup>and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. <sup>14</sup>The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

<sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup>They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us<sup>a</sup> from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" <sup>17</sup>For the great day of their<sup>b</sup> wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

*144,000 Sealed*

**7**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup>"Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." <sup>4</sup>Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

- <sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
- <sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
- <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
- <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

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*The Sixth Seal*

<sup>12</sup>Then I saw Him open<sup>a</sup> the sixth seal. A violent earthquake occurred; the sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair; the entire moon<sup>b</sup> became like blood; <sup>13</sup>the stars<sup>c</sup> of heaven fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a high wind; <sup>14</sup>the sky separated like a scroll being rolled up; and every mountain and island was moved from its place.

<sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the military commanders, the rich, the powerful, and every slave and free person hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup>And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup>because the great day of Their<sup>d</sup> wrath has come! And who is able to stand?"

*The Sealed of Israel*

**7**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, restraining the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel rise up from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were empowered<sup>e</sup> to harm the earth and the sea: <sup>3</sup>"Don't harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of those who were sealed:

- 144,000 sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
- <sup>5</sup> 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Judah, 12,000<sup>f</sup> from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
- <sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
- <sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
- <sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Benjamin.

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<sup>12</sup>I looked on as he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became black as funeral clothing, and the entire moon turned red as blood. <sup>13</sup>The stars of the sky fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its fruit when shaken by a strong wind. <sup>14</sup>The sky disappeared like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place. <sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth, the officials and the generals, the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in caves and in the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup>They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the Lamb's wrath!" <sup>17</sup>The great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

*One hundred forty-four thousand sealed*

**7**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth. They held back the earth's four winds so that no wind would blow against the earth, the sea, or any tree. <sup>2</sup>I saw another angel coming up from the east, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given the power to damage the earth and sea. <sup>3</sup>He said, "Don't damage the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have put a seal on the foreheads of those who serve our God."

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the Israelites:

- <sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed;
- from the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand;
- <sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Manasseh, twelve thousand;
- <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand;
- <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand;
- from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

a 6:12 Lit I saw when He opened

b 6:12 Or the full moon

c 6:13 Perhaps meteors

d 6:17 Other mss read His

e 7:2 Lit angels to whom it was given

f 7:5-8 Other mss add sealed after each number

a 16 See Hosea 10:8.

b 17 Some manuscripts his

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*A Multitude from the Tribulation*

<sup>9</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; <sup>10</sup>and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>“For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. <sup>16</sup>“They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

*The Seventh Seal—The Trumpets*

**8**When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

<sup>3</sup>Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

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*The Multitude from Every Nation*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer*

**8**When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

<sup>3</sup>Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. <sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth; and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

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*A Great Multitude from Every Nation*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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

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

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

*The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer*

**8**When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup>And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, <sup>4</sup>and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings,<sup>a</sup> flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

a Or voices, or sounds

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*The Great Multitude in White Robes*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

“Amen!  
Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore,

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

<sup>16</sup>Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat down on them,<sup>a</sup>  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd;  
‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’<sup>a</sup>  
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their  
eyes.’<sup>b”</sup>

*The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer*

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

<sup>2</sup>And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

<sup>3</sup>Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. <sup>4</sup>The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

a 16,17 Isaiah 49:10  
b 17 Isaiah 25:8

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*A Multitude from the Great Tribulation*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God,  
who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!

<sup>11</sup>All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

\*Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and strength,  
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, “Who are these people robed in white, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir,<sup>a</sup> you know.”  
Then he told me:

These are the ones coming out of the great  
tribulation.  
They washed their robes and made them white  
in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of  
God,  
and they serve Him day and night in His  
sanctuary.  
The One seated on the throne will shelter<sup>b</sup>  
them:

<sup>16</sup>no longer will they hunger; no longer will they  
thirst;  
no longer will the sun strike them, or any heat.

<sup>17</sup>Because the Lamb who is at the center of the  
throne will shepherd them;  
He will guide them to springs of living waters,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their  
eyes.

*The Seventh Seal*

**8**When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup>Then

I saw the seven angels who stand in the presence of God; seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup>Another

angel, with a gold incense burner, came and stood at the altar. He was given a large amount of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the gold altar in front of the throne. <sup>4</sup>The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up in the presence of God from the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup>The angel took the incense burner, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it to the earth; there were thunders, rumblings, lightnings, and an earthquake. <sup>6</sup>And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets

a 7:14 Lit My lord  
b 7:15 Or will spread His tent over

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*The great crowd and seventh seal*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out with a loud voice:

“Victory belongs to our God  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup>All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory  
and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honor and power and might  
be to our God forever and always. Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, “Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

Then he said to me, “These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb’s blood. <sup>15</sup>This is the reason they are before God’s throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They won’t hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, <sup>17</sup>because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water,<sup>a</sup> and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**8**Then, when the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

*The first four trumpet plagues*

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

<sup>3</sup>Another angel came and stood at the altar, and he held a gold bowl for burning incense. He was given a large amount of incense, in order to offer it on behalf of the prayers of all the saints on the gold altar in front of the throne. <sup>4</sup>The smoke of the incense offered for the prayers of the saints rose up before God from the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the incense container and filled it with fire from the altar. He threw it down to the earth, and there were thunder, voices, lightning, and an earthquake.

a Or the water of life

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<sup>6</sup>And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

<sup>7</sup>The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

<sup>8</sup>The second angel sounded, and *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, <sup>9</sup>and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

<sup>10</sup>The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. <sup>11</sup>The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

<sup>13</sup>Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

*The Fifth Trumpet—The Bottomless Pit*

**9**Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. <sup>2</sup>He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. <sup>3</sup>Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. <sup>4</sup>They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. <sup>6</sup>And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

<sup>7</sup>The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. <sup>8</sup>They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. <sup>9</sup>They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. <sup>10</sup>They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. <sup>11</sup>They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is <sup>a</sup>Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

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<sup>6</sup>Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets made ready to blow them.

<sup>7</sup>The first angel blew his trumpet, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were hurled to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

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

<sup>10</sup>The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

<sup>11</sup>The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many died from the water, because it was made bitter.

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light was darkened; a third of the day was kept from shining, and likewise the night.

<sup>13</sup>Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew in midheaven, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

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

<sup>7</sup>In appearance the locusts were like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup>their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup>they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup>They have tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in their tails is their power to harm people for five months. <sup>11</sup>They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon,<sup>a</sup> and in Greek he is called Apollyon.<sup>b</sup>

a That is, *Destruction*  
b That is, *Destroyer*

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*The Seven Trumpets*

<sup>6</sup>Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

<sup>13</sup>Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

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

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

a *Wormwood* is the name of a plant and of the bitter-tasting extract derived from it

b Greek *the abyss*; also verses 2, 11

c *Abaddon* means *destruction*; *Apollyon* means *destroyer*

a I.e. *destruction*

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*The Trumpets*

<sup>6</sup>Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

<sup>7</sup>The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

<sup>8</sup>The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,<sup>9</sup> a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

<sup>10</sup>The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—<sup>11</sup>the name of the star is Wormwood.<sup>a</sup> A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

**9**The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.<sup>2</sup> When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.<sup>3</sup> And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.<sup>4</sup> They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes.<sup>6</sup> During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

<sup>7</sup>The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.<sup>8</sup> Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth.<sup>9</sup> They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle.<sup>10</sup> They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months.<sup>11</sup> They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

<sup>12</sup>The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

a 11 Wormwood is a bitter substance

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prepared to blow them.

*The First Trumpet*

<sup>7</sup>The first [angel]<sup>a</sup> blew his trumpet, and hail and fire, mixed with blood, were hurled to the earth. So a third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

*The Second Trumpet*

<sup>8</sup>The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain ablaze with fire was hurled into the sea. So a third of the sea became blood,<sup>9</sup> a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

*The Third Trumpet*

<sup>10</sup>The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from heaven. It fell on a third of the rivers and springs of water.<sup>11</sup> The name of the star is Wormwood,<sup>b</sup> and a third of the waters became wormwood. So, many of the people died from the waters, because they had been made bitter.

*The Fourth Trumpet*

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day was without light, and the night as well.<sup>13</sup> I looked, and I heard an eagle,<sup>c</sup> flying in mid-heaven,<sup>d</sup> saying in a loud voice, “Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts that the three angels are about to sound!”

*The Fifth Trumpet*

**9**The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth. The key to the shaft of the <sup>a</sup>abyss was given to him.<sup>2</sup> He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke came up out of the shaft like smoke from a great<sup>e</sup> furnace so that the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.<sup>3</sup> Then out of the smoke locusts came to the earth, and power<sup>f</sup> was given to them like the power that scorpions have on the earth.<sup>4</sup> They were told not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green plant, or any tree, but only people who do not have God’s seal on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> They were not permitted to kill them, but were to torment [them] for five months; their torment is like the torment caused by a scorpion when it strikes a man.<sup>6</sup> In those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

<sup>7</sup>The appearance of the locusts was like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were something like gold crowns; their faces were like men’s faces;

a 8:7 Other mss include *angel*

b 8:11 *Wormwood* is absinthe, a bitter herb.

c 8:13 Other mss read *angel*

d 8:13 Very high

e 9:2 Other mss omit *great*

f 9:3,10 Or *authority*

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<sup>6</sup>Then the seven angels who held the seven trumpets got ready to blow them.<sup>7</sup> The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood appeared, and was thrown down to the earth. A third of the earth was burned up. A third of the trees were burned up. All the green grass was burned up.<sup>8</sup> Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain burning with fire was thrown down into the sea. A third of the sea became blood,<sup>9</sup> a third of the creatures living in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.<sup>10</sup> Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star, burning like a torch, fell from heaven. It fell on a third of the rivers and springs of water.<sup>11</sup> The star’s name is Wormwood, and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it became so bitter.<sup>12</sup> Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars so that a third of them became dark. The day lost a third of its light, and the night lost a third of its light too.

<sup>13</sup>Then I looked and I heard an eagle flying high overhead. It said with a loud voice, “Horror, horror, oh! The horror for those who live on earth because of the blasts of the remaining trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”

*The fifth and sixth trumpet plagues*

**9**Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the abyss.<sup>2</sup> He opened the shaft of the abyss; and smoke rose up from the shaft, like smoke from a huge furnace. The sun and air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.<sup>3</sup> Then locusts came forth from the smoke and onto the earth. They were given power like the power that scorpions have on the earth.<sup>4</sup> They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree. They could only hurt the people who didn’t have the seal of God on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> The locusts weren’t allowed to kill them, but only to make them suffer for five months—and the suffering they inflict is like that of a scorpion when it strikes a person.<sup>6</sup> In those days people will seek death, but they won’t find it. They will want to die, but death will run away from them.

<sup>7</sup>The locusts looked like horses ready for battle. On their heads were what seemed to be gold crowns. Their faces were like human faces,<sup>8</sup> their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth.<sup>9</sup> In front they had what seemed to be iron armor upon their chests, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots and horses racing into battle.<sup>10</sup> They also have tails with stingers, just like scorpions; and in their tails is their power to hurt people for five months.<sup>11</sup> Their king is an angel from the abyss, whose Hebrew name is Abaddon,<sup>a</sup> and whose Greek name is Apollyon.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>12</sup>The first horror has passed. Look! Two horrors

a Destruction

b Destroyer

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<sup>12</sup>The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

*The Sixth Trumpet—Army from the East*

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the <sup>a</sup>four horns of the golden altar which is before God, <sup>14</sup>one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup>The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. <sup>17</sup>And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. <sup>18</sup>A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

<sup>20</sup>The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; <sup>21</sup>and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

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<sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed. There are still two woes to come.

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four<sup>a</sup> horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup>saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>So the four angels were released, who had been held ready for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, to kill a third of humankind. <sup>16</sup>The number of the troops of cavalry was two hundred million; I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>And this was how I saw the horses in my vision: the riders wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire<sup>b</sup> and of sulfur; the heads of the horses were like lions’ heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup>By these three plagues a third of humankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they inflict harm.

<sup>20</sup>The rest of humankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands or give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk. <sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their fornication or their thefts.

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<sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup>saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup>The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire<sup>a</sup> and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions’ heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup>By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

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

a Two early mss do not contain *four*

a Other ancient authorities lack *four*  
b Gk *hyacinth*

a Greek *hyacinth*

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<sup>13</sup>The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. <sup>14</sup>It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup>The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

<sup>17</sup>The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. <sup>18</sup>A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

<sup>20</sup>The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. <sup>21</sup>Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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<sup>8</sup>they had hair like women’s hair; their teeth were like lions’ teeth; <sup>9</sup>they had chests like iron breastplates; the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses rushing into battle; <sup>10</sup>and they had tails with stingers, like scorpions, so that with their tails they had the power to harm people for five months. <sup>11</sup>They had as their king<sup>a</sup> the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon,<sup>b</sup> and in Greek he has the name Apollyon. <sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed. There are still two more woes to come after this.

*The Sixth Trumpet*

<sup>13</sup>The sixth angel blew his trumpet. From the four<sup>d</sup> horns of the gold altar that is before God, I heard a voice <sup>14</sup>say to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>So the four angels who were prepared for the hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of the human race. <sup>16</sup>The number of mounted troops was 200 million;<sup>e</sup> I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>This is how I saw the horses in my vision: The horsemen had breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. The heads of the horses were like lions’ heads, and from their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur. <sup>18</sup>A third of the human race was killed by these three plagues—by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur that came from their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, because their tails, like snakes, have heads, and they inflict injury with them.

<sup>20</sup>The rest of the people, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands to stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which are not able to see, hear, or walk. <sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders, their sorceries,<sup>f</sup> their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

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are still coming after this.

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the gold altar that is before God. <sup>14</sup>It said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>Then the four angels who had been made ready for that hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of humankind. <sup>16</sup>The number of cavalry troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>And this is the way I saw the horses and their riders in the vision: they had breastplates that were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The horses’ heads were like lions’ heads, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur. <sup>18</sup>By these three plagues a third of humankind was killed: by the fire, smoke, and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>The horses’ power is in their mouths and their tails, for their tails are like snakes with heads that inflict injuries.

<sup>20</sup>The rest of humankind, who weren’t killed by these plagues, didn’t change their hearts and lives and turn from their handiwork. They didn’t stop worshipping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that can’t see or hear or walk. <sup>21</sup>They didn’t turn away from their murders, their spells and drugs, their sexual immorality, or their stealing.

a 9:11 Or *as king over them*

b 9:11 Or *destruction*

c 9:11 Or *destroyer*

d 9:13 Other mss omit *four*

e 9:16 Other mss read *100 million*

f 9:21 Or *magic potions, or drugs*; Gk *pharmakon*

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*The Angel and the Little Book*

**10**I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; <sup>2</sup>and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; <sup>3</sup>and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. <sup>4</sup>When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." <sup>5</sup>Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, <sup>6</sup>and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer, <sup>7</sup>but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." <sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he \*said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." <sup>10</sup>I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. <sup>11</sup>And they \*said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

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*The Angel with the Little Scroll*

**10**And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup>He held a little scroll open in his hand. Setting his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup>he gave a great shout, like a lion roaring. And when he shouted, the seven thunders sounded. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." <sup>5</sup>Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and the land

raised his right hand to heaven <sup>6</sup>and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will be no more delay, <sup>7</sup>but in the days when the seventh angel is to blow his trumpet, the mystery of God will be fulfilled, as he announced to his servants<sup>a</sup> the prophets."

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." <sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll; and he said to me, "Take it, and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth." <sup>10</sup>So I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

ESV

*The Angel and the Little Scroll*

**10**Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup>He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup>and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." <sup>5</sup>And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven <sup>6</sup>and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, <sup>7</sup>but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants<sup>a</sup> the prophets.

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." <sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." <sup>10</sup>And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. <sup>11</sup>And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

<sup>a</sup> Gk slaves

<sup>a</sup> Greek bondservants

## NIV

*The Angel and the Little Scroll*

**10** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. <sup>2</sup>He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup>and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. <sup>6</sup>And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! <sup>7</sup>But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

<sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’” <sup>10</sup>I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. <sup>11</sup>Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

## HCSB

*The Mighty Angel and the Small Scroll*

**10** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head.<sup>a</sup> His face was like the sun, his legs<sup>b</sup> were like fiery pillars, <sup>2</sup>and he had a little scroll opened in his hand. He put his right foot on the sea, his left on the land, <sup>3</sup>and he cried out with a loud voice like a roaring lion. When he cried out, the seven thunders spoke with their voices. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. Then I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down!”

<sup>5</sup>Then the angel that I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. <sup>6</sup>He swore an oath by the One who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: “There will no longer be an interval of time,<sup>c</sup> <sup>7</sup>but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he will blow his trumpet, then God’s hidden plan<sup>d</sup> will be completed, as He announced to His servants<sup>e</sup> the prophets.” <sup>8</sup>Now the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

<sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take and eat it; it will be bitter in your stomach, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.” <sup>10</sup>Then I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I ate it, my stomach became bitter. <sup>11</sup>And I was told,<sup>f</sup> “You must prophesy again about<sup>g</sup> many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

a 10:1 Or a halo on his head

b 10:1 Or feet

c 10:6 Or be a delay

d 10:7 Or God’s secret or mystery; see Rv 1:20; 17:5, 7

e 10:7 Or slaves

f 10:11 Lit And they said to me

g 10:11 Or prophesy again against

## CEB

*John receives the open scroll*

**10** Then I saw another powerful angel coming down from heaven. He was robed with a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet were like fiery pillars. <sup>2</sup>He held an open scroll in his hand. He put his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. <sup>3</sup>He called out with a loud voice like a lion roaring, and when he called out, the seven thunders raised their voices. <sup>4</sup>When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and don’t write it down.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. <sup>6</sup>He swore by the one who lives forever and always, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, and said, “The time is up. <sup>7</sup>In the days when the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God’s mysterious purpose will be accomplished, fulfilling the good news he gave to his servants the prophets.”

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the opened scroll from the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.” <sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and told him to give me the scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will make you sick to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth.” <sup>10</sup>So I took the scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. And it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I swallowed it, it made my stomach churn. <sup>11</sup>I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

a 9 Ezek. 3:3

*The Two Witnesses*

**11** Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. <sup>2</sup>"Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. <sup>3</sup>"And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." <sup>4</sup>These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. <sup>6</sup>These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

<sup>7</sup>When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. <sup>8</sup>And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which <sup>a</sup>mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead <sup>b</sup>bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. <sup>10</sup>And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. <sup>12</sup>And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. <sup>13</sup>And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

*The Two Witnesses*

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

<sup>4</sup>These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And if anyone wants to harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes; anyone who wants to harm them must be killed in this manner. <sup>6</sup>They have authority to shut the sky, so that no rain may fall 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 kind of plague, as often as they desire.

<sup>7</sup>When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, <sup>8</sup>and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that is prophetically<sup>a</sup> called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>For three and a half days members of the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb; <sup>10</sup>and the inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and celebrate and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to the inhabitants of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>But after the three and a half days, the breath<sup>b</sup> of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and those who saw them were terrified. <sup>12</sup>Then they<sup>c</sup> heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud while their enemies watched them. <sup>13</sup>At that moment there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second woe has passed. The third woe is coming very soon.

*The Two Witnesses*

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

<sup>4</sup>These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. <sup>6</sup>They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. <sup>7</sup>And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit<sup>a</sup> will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, <sup>8</sup>and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically<sup>b</sup> is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, <sup>10</sup>and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup>But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. <sup>12</sup>Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. <sup>13</sup>And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

<sup>a</sup> Lit *spiritually*  
<sup>b</sup> Lit *body*

<sup>a</sup> Or *allegorically*; Gk *spiritually*  
<sup>b</sup> Or *the spirit*  
<sup>c</sup> Other ancient authorities read *I*

<sup>a</sup> Or *the abyss*  
<sup>b</sup> Greek *spiritually*

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*The Two Witnesses*

**11** I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers.<sup>2</sup> But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.<sup>3</sup> And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”<sup>4</sup> They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”<sup>a</sup> <sup>5</sup>If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. <sup>6</sup>They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

<sup>7</sup>Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. <sup>8</sup>Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. <sup>10</sup>The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>But after the three and a half days the breath<sup>b</sup> of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. <sup>12</sup>Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

<sup>13</sup>At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

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*The Two Witnesses*

**11** Then I was given a measuring reed like a rod,<sup>a</sup> with these words: “Go<sup>b</sup> and measure God’s sanctuary and the altar, and [count] those who worship there.<sup>2</sup> But exclude the courtyard outside the sanctuary. Don’t measure it, because it is given to the nations,<sup>c</sup> and they will trample the holy city for 42 months.<sup>3</sup> I will empower<sup>d</sup> my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days,<sup>e</sup> dressed in sackcloth.”<sup>f</sup> <sup>4</sup>These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord<sup>g</sup> of the earth. <sup>5</sup>If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and consumes their enemies; if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. <sup>6</sup>These men have the power to close the sky so that it does not rain during the days of their prophecy. They also have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with any plague whenever they want.

*The Witnesses Martyred*

<sup>7</sup>When they finish their testimony, the beast<sup>h</sup> that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, conquer them, and kill them. <sup>8</sup>Their dead bodies<sup>i</sup> will lie in the public square<sup>j</sup> of the great city, which is called, prophetically,<sup>k</sup> Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>And representatives from<sup>l</sup> the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will view their bodies for three and a half days and not permit their bodies to be put into a tomb. <sup>10</sup>Those who live on the earth will gloat over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who live on the earth.

*The Witnesses Resurrected*

<sup>11</sup>But after the three and a half days, the breath<sup>m</sup> of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet. So great fear fell on those who saw them. <sup>12</sup>Then they heard<sup>n</sup> a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” They went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them. <sup>13</sup>At that moment a violent earthquake took place, a tenth of the city fell, and 7,000 people were killed in the earthquake. The survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. <sup>14</sup>The second woe has passed. Take note: the third woe is coming quickly!

a 11:1 Other mss add *and the angel stood up*

b 11:1 Lit *Arise*

c 11:2 Or *Gentiles*

d 11:3 Lit *I will give to*

e 11:3 Three and a half years of thirty-day months

f 11:3 Mourning garment of coarse, often black, material

g 11:4 Other mss read *God*

h 11:7 Or *wild animal*

i 11:8 Lit *Their corpse*

j 11:8 Or *lie on the broad street*

k 11:8 Or *spiritually*, or *symbolically*

l 11:9 Lit *And from*

m 11:11 Or *spirit*

n 11:12 Other mss read *Then I heard*

CEB

*Two witnesses*

**11** Then I was given a measuring rod, which was like a pole. And I was told, “Get up and measure God’s temple, the altar, and those who worship there.<sup>2</sup> But don’t measure the court outside the temple. Leave that out, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

<sup>3</sup>“And I will allow my two witnesses to prophesy for one thousand two hundred sixty days, wearing mourning clothes.<sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.<sup>5</sup> If anyone wants to hurt them, fire comes out of their mouth and burns up their enemies. So if anyone wants to hurt them, they have to be killed in this way.<sup>6</sup> They have the power to close up the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. They also have power over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with any plague, as often as they wish.

<sup>7</sup>“When they have finished their witnessing, the beast that comes up from the abyss will make war on them, gain victory over them, and kill them.<sup>8</sup> Their dead bodies will lie on the street of the great city that is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.<sup>9</sup> And for three and a half days, members of the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will look at their dead bodies, but they won’t let their dead bodies be put in a tomb.<sup>10</sup> Those who live on earth will rejoice over them. They will celebrate and give each other gifts, because these two prophets had brought such pain to those who live on earth.

<sup>11</sup>“But after three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear came over those who saw them.<sup>12</sup> Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, ‘Come up here.’ And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.<sup>13</sup> At that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed by the earthquake, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

<sup>14</sup>The second horror is over. The third horror is coming soon.

a 4 See Zech. 4:3,11,14.

b 11 Or *Spirit* (see Ezek. 37:5,14)

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*The Seventh Trumpet—Christ’s Reign Foreseen*

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His <sup>a</sup>Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying,

“We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. <sup>18</sup>And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

<sup>19</sup>And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

NRSV

*The Seventh Trumpet*

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,<sup>a</sup> and he will reign forever and ever.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>singing,

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

<sup>18</sup>The nations raged but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants,<sup>b</sup> the prophets and saints and all who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

<sup>19</sup>Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

ESV

*The Seventh Trumpet*

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying,

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

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

<sup>19</sup>Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings,<sup>b</sup> peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

a I.e. Messiah

a Gk *Christ*  
b Gk *slaves*

a Greek *bondservants*  
b Or *voices, or sounds*

NIV

*The Seventh Trumpet*

<sup>15</sup>The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

<sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying:

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

<sup>18</sup> The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small— and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

<sup>19</sup>Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

HCSB

*The Seventh Trumpet*

<sup>15</sup>The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying:

The kingdom of the world has become the [kingdom] of our Lord and of His •Messiah, and He will reign forever and ever!

<sup>16</sup>The 24 elders, who were seated before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying:

We thank You, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was,<sup>a</sup> because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

<sup>18</sup> The nations were angry, but Your wrath has come.

The time has come for the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets, to the saints, and to those who fear Your name, both small and great, and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth.

<sup>19</sup>God’s sanctuary in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant<sup>b</sup> appeared in His sanctuary. There were lightnings, rumblings, thunders, an earthquake,<sup>c</sup> and severe hail.

CEB

*Seventh trumpet*

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying,

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he will rule forever and always.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshipped God. <sup>17</sup>They said,

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

<sup>18</sup> The nations were enraged, but your wrath came.

The time came for the dead to be judged; The time came to reward your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

<sup>19</sup>Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the chest containing his covenant appeared in his temple. There were lightning, voices, thunder, an earthquake, and large hail.

a 11:17 Other mss add *and who is to come*

b 11:19 Other mss read *ark of the covenant of the Lord*

c 11:19 Other mss omit *an earthquake*

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*The Woman, Israel*

**12** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; <sup>2</sup>and she was with child; and she <sup>\*</sup>cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

*The Red Dragon, Satan*

<sup>3</sup>Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems. <sup>4</sup>And his tail <sup>\*</sup>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, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

*The Male Child, Christ*

<sup>5</sup>And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. <sup>6</sup>Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she <sup>\*</sup>had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

*The Angel, Michael*

<sup>7</sup>And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, <sup>8</sup>and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup>And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. <sup>12</sup>For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”

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*The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon*

**12** A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup>And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule<sup>a</sup> all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; <sup>6</sup>and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah,<sup>b</sup> for the accuser of our comrades<sup>c</sup> has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

<sup>11</sup> But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

a Or *to shepherd*

b Gk *Christ*

c Gk *brothers*

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*The Woman and the Dragon*

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

*Satan Thrown Down to Earth*

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

a Or *brothers and sisters*

## NIV

*The Woman and the Dragon*

**12**A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. <sup>4</sup>Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. <sup>5</sup>She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”<sup>a</sup> And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup>The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

<sup>7</sup>Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup>But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and  
night,  
has been hurled down.

<sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, you heavens  
and you who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
because the devil has gone down to you!  
He is filled with fury,  
because he knows that his time is short.”

## HCSB

*The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon*

**12**A great sign<sup>a</sup> appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and cried out in labor and agony to give birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another sign<sup>b</sup> appeared in heaven: There was a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and 10 horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.<sup>c</sup> <sup>4</sup>His tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them to the earth. And the dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she did give birth he might devour her child. <sup>5</sup>But she gave birth to a Son—a male who is going to shepherd<sup>d</sup> all nations with an iron scepter—and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. <sup>6</sup>The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, to be fed there<sup>e</sup> for 1,260 days.

*The Dragon Thrown Out of Heaven*

<sup>7</sup>Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, <sup>8</sup>but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup>So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil<sup>f</sup> and Satan,<sup>g</sup> the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

The salvation and the power and the kingdom  
of our God  
and the authority of His \*Messiah have now  
come,  
because the accuser of our brothers has been  
thrown out:  
the one who accuses them before our God day  
and night.

<sup>11</sup> They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not love their lives in the face of  
death.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who  
dwell in them!  
Woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the Devil has come down to you with great  
fury,  
because he knows he has a short time.

## CEB

*A woman, her child, and the dragon*

**12**Then a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant, and she cried out because she was in labor, in pain from giving birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another sign appeared in heaven: it was a great fiery red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven royal crowns on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept down a third of heaven's stars and threw them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth so that when she gave birth, he might devour her child. <sup>5</sup>She gave birth to a son, a male child who is to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was snatched up to God and his throne. <sup>6</sup>Then the woman fled into the desert, where God has prepared a place for her. There she will be taken care of for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

*Michael and the dragon*

<sup>7</sup>Then there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they did not prevail, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>So the great dragon was thrown down. The old snake, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was thrown down to the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say,

“Now the salvation and power and kingdom of  
our God,  
and the authority of his Christ have come.  
The accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them day and night before our  
God,  
has been thrown down.

<sup>11</sup> They gained the victory over him on account of  
the blood of the Lamb  
and the word of their witness.  
Love for their own lives didn't make them afraid  
to die.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, you heavens and you who  
dwell in them.  
But oh! The horror for the earth and sea!  
The devil has come down to you with great  
rage,  
for he knows that he only has a short time.”

a 12:1 Or *great symbolic display*; see Rv 12:3

b 12:3 Or *another symbolic display*

c 12:3 Or *crowns*

d 12:3 Or *rule*

e 12:6 Lit *God, that they might feed her there*

f 12:9 Gk *diabolos*, meaning slanderer

g 12:9 Hb word meaning adversary

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<sup>13</sup>And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. <sup>14</sup>But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she <sup>\*</sup>was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. <sup>15</sup>And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup>So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

*The Beast from the Sea*

**13** And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup>And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>*I saw* one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast; <sup>4</sup>they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" <sup>5</sup>There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. <sup>6</sup>And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, those who dwell in heaven.

<sup>7</sup>It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. <sup>8</sup>All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been <sup>a</sup>written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. <sup>9</sup>If anyone has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup>If anyone <sup>b</sup>is *destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

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<sup>13</sup>So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued<sup>a</sup> the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup>Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup>Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

*The First Beast*

<sup>18</sup>Then the dragon<sup>b</sup> took his stand on the sand

**13** of the seashore. <sup>1</sup>And I saw a beast rising out of the sea having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup>And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound<sup>c</sup> had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup>The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup>Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them.<sup>d</sup> It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation,<sup>8</sup> and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.<sup>e</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen:  
<sup>10</sup> If you are to be taken captive,  
 into captivity you go;  
 if you kill with the sword,  
 with the sword you must be killed.

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

a Or *persecuted*  
 b Gk *Then he*; other ancient authorities read *Then I stood*  
 c Gk *the plague of its death*  
 d Other ancient authorities lack this sentence  
 e Or *written in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered from the foundation of the world*

ESV

<sup>13</sup>And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup>The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup>Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood<sup>a</sup> on the sand of the sea.

*The First Beast*

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

<sup>5</sup>And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling,<sup>b</sup> that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup>Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them.<sup>c</sup> And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,<sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. <sup>9</sup>If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

<sup>10</sup> If anyone is to be taken captive,  
 to captivity he goes;  
 if anyone is to be slain with the sword,  
 with the sword must he be slain.

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

a Some manuscripts *And I stood*, connecting the sentence with 13:1  
 b Or *tabernacle*  
 c Some manuscripts omit this sentence

a Or *written in the book... slain from the foundation of the world*  
 b Or *leads into captivity*

## NIV

<sup>13</sup>When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. <sup>15</sup>Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup>Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

*The Beast out of the Sea*

**13** The dragon<sup>a</sup> stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup>The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

<sup>5</sup>The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. <sup>7</sup>It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. <sup>8</sup>All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear.

<sup>10</sup> "If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed<sup>c</sup> with the sword, with the sword they will be killed."<sup>d</sup>

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.

a 1 Some manuscripts *And I*

b 8 Or *written from the creation of the world in the book of life belonging to the Lamb who was slain*

c 10 Some manuscripts *anyone kills*

d 10 Jer. 15:2

## HCSB

*The Woman Persecuted*

<sup>13</sup>When the dragon saw that he had been thrown to earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male. <sup>14</sup>The woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent's presence to her place in the wilderness, where she was fed for a time, times, and half a time.<sup>a</sup> <sup>15</sup>From his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away in a torrent. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman: the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon had spewed from his mouth. <sup>17</sup>So the dragon was furious with the woman and left to wage war against the rest of her offspring<sup>b</sup>—those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony about Jesus. <sup>18</sup>He<sup>c</sup> stood on the sand of the sea.<sup>d</sup>

*The Beast from the Sea*

**13** And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. He<sup>e</sup> had 10 horns and seven heads. On his horns were 10 diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.<sup>f</sup> <sup>2</sup>The beast I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like a bear's, and his mouth was like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of his heads appeared to be fatally wounded,<sup>g</sup> but his fatal wound was healed. The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast.<sup>h</sup> <sup>4</sup>They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against him?"

<sup>5</sup>A mouth was given to him to speak boasts and blasphemies. He was also given authority to act<sup>i</sup> for 42 months. <sup>6</sup>He began to speak<sup>k</sup> blasphemies against God: to blaspheme His name and His dwelling—those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup>And he was permitted to wage war against the saints and to conquer them. He was also given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. <sup>8</sup>All those who live on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name was not written from the foundation of the world in the book<sup>l</sup> of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.<sup>m</sup>

<sup>9</sup>If anyone has an ear, he should listen:

a 12:14 An expression occurring in Dn 7:25; 12:7 that means 3½ years or 42 months (Rv 11:2; 13:5) or 1,260 days (Rv 11:3)

b 12:17 Or *seed*

c 12:18 Other mss read *I*. "He" is apparently in reference to the dragon.

d 12:18 Some translations put Rv 12:18 either in Rv 12:17 or Rv 13:1.

e 13:1 The beasts in Rv 13:1,11 are customarily referred to as "he" or "him" rather than "it." The Gk word for a beast (*therion*) is grammatically neuter.

f 13:1 Other mss read *heads was a blasphemous name*

g 13:3 Lit *be slain to death*

h 13:3 Lit *amazed after the beast*

i 13:5 Other mss read *wage war*

j 13:5 Or *to rule*

k 13:6 Lit *He opened his mouth in*

l 13:8 Or *scroll*

m 13:8 Or *written in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered from the foundation of the world*

## CEB

*The dragon pursues the woman*

<sup>13</sup>When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he chased the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she could fly to her place in the desert. There she would be taken care of—out of the snake's reach—for a time and times and half a time. <sup>15</sup>Then from his mouth the snake poured a river of water after the woman so that the river would sweep her away. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon poured out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup>So the dragon was furious with the woman, and he went off to make war on the rest of her children, on those who keep God's commandments and hold firmly to the witness of Jesus.

*The beast from the sea*

<sup>18</sup>Then the dragon stood on the seashore, and I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. **13** It had ten horns and seven heads. Each of its horns was decorated with a royal crown, and on its heads were blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup>The beast I saw was like a leopard. Its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave it his power, throne, and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of its heads appeared to have been slain and killed, but its deadly wound was healed. So the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>They worshipped the dragon because it had given the beast its authority. They worshipped the beast and said, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup>The beast was given a mouth that spoke boastful and blasphemous things, and it was given authority to act for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against God. It blasphemed God's name and his dwelling place (that is, those who dwell in heaven).

<sup>7</sup>It was also allowed to make war on the saints and to gain victory over them. It was given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation. <sup>8</sup>All who live on earth worshipped it, all whose names hadn't been written—from the time the earth was made—in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slain. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears must listen: <sup>10</sup>If any are to be taken captive, then into captivity they will go. If any are to be killed by the sword, then by the sword they will be killed. This calls for endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

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*The Beast from the Earth*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. <sup>12</sup>He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. <sup>14</sup>And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who \*had the wound of the sword and has come to life. <sup>15</sup>And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even <sup>a</sup>speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup>And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, <sup>17</sup>and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is <sup>b</sup>six hundred and sixty-six.

*The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion*

**14** Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. <sup>3</sup>And they \*sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. <sup>4</sup>These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they <sup>c</sup>have kept themselves chaste. *These are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

NRSV

*The Second Beast*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound<sup>a</sup> had been healed. <sup>13</sup>It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; <sup>14</sup>and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword<sup>b</sup> and yet lived; <sup>15</sup>and it was allowed to give breath<sup>c</sup> to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup>Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.<sup>d</sup>

*The Lamb and the 144,000*

**14** Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup>and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; these follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup>and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.

ESV

*The Second Beast*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence,<sup>a</sup> and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup>and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of<sup>b</sup> the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup>And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup>Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave,<sup>c</sup> to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.<sup>d</sup>

*The Lamb and the 144,000*

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

a One early ms reads *speak, and he will cause*  
 b One early ms reads *616*  
 c Lit *are chaste men*

a Gk *whose plague of its death*  
 b Or *that had received the plague of the sword*  
 c Or *spirit*  
 d Other ancient authorities read *six hundred sixteen*

a Or *on its behalf*  
 b Or *on behalf of*  
 c Greek *bondservant*  
 d Some manuscripts *616*

## NIV

*The Beast out of the Earth*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup>And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. <sup>14</sup>Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup>The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. <sup>16</sup>It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup>so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

<sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.<sup>a</sup> That number is 666.

*The Lamb and the 144,000*

**14**Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. <sup>3</sup>And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

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<sup>10</sup> If anyone is destined for captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone is to be killed<sup>a</sup> with a sword, with a sword he will be killed.

Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.<sup>b</sup>

*The Beast from the Earth*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; he had two horns like a lamb,<sup>c</sup> but he sounded like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>He exercises all the authority of the first beast on his behalf and compels the earth and those who live on it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>He also performs great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth before people. <sup>14</sup>He deceives those who live on the earth because of the signs that he is permitted to perform on behalf of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image<sup>d</sup> of the beast who had the sword wound yet lived. <sup>15</sup>He was permitted to give a spirit<sup>e</sup> to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could both speak and cause whoever would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup>And he requires everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark<sup>f</sup> on his<sup>g</sup> right hand or on his forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark: the beast's name or the number of his name.

<sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom:<sup>h</sup> The one who has understanding must calculate<sup>i</sup> the number of the beast, because it is the number of a man.<sup>j</sup> His number is 666.<sup>k</sup>

*The Lamb and the 144,000*

**14**Then I looked, and there on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with Him were 144,000 who had His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>I heard a sound<sup>l</sup> from heaven like the sound of cascading waters and like the rumbling of loud thunder. The sound I heard was also like harpists playing on their harps. <sup>3</sup>They sang<sup>m</sup> a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, but no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed<sup>n</sup> from the earth. <sup>4</sup>These are the ones not defiled with women, for they have kept their virginity. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They were redeemed<sup>o</sup>

a 13:10 Other mss read *anyone kills*

b 13:10 Or *This calls for the endurance and faith of the saints.*

c 13:11 Or *ram*

d 13:14 Or *statue, or likeness*

e 13:15 Or *give breath, or give life*

f 13:16 Or *stamp, or brand*

g 13:16 Lit *their*

h 13:18 Or *This calls for wisdom*

i 13:18 Or *count, or figure out*

j 13:18 Or *is a man's number, or is the number of a person*

k 13:18 One Gk ms plus other ancient evidence read 616

l 14:2 Or *voice*

m 14:3 Other mss add *as it were*

n 14:3,4 Or *purchased*

o 14:4 Other mss add *by Jesus*

## CEB

*The beast from the land*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast coming up from the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it was speaking like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence. It also makes the earth and those who live in it worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>It does great signs so that it even makes fire come down from heaven to earth in the presence of the people. <sup>14</sup>It deceives those who live on earth by the signs that it was allowed to do in the presence of the beast. It told those who live on earth to make an image for the beast who had been wounded by the sword and yet came to life again. <sup>15</sup>It was allowed to give breath to the beast's image so that the beast's image would even speak and cause anyone who didn't worship the beast's image to be put to death. <sup>16</sup>It forces everyone—the small and great, the rich and poor, the free and slaves—to have a mark put on their right hand or on their forehead. <sup>17</sup>It will not allow anyone to make a purchase or sell anything unless the person has the mark with the beast's name or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom. Let the one who understands calculate the beast's number, for it's a human being's number. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

*The Lamb and the one-hundred forty-four thousand*

**14**Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion. With him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>I heard a sound from heaven that was like the sound of rushing water and loud thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. <sup>3</sup>They sing a new song in front of the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders. And no one could learn the song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. <sup>4</sup>They weren't defiled with women, for these people who follow the Lamb wherever he goes are virgins. They were purchased from among humankind as early produce for God and the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>No lie came from their mouths; they are blameless.

a 18 Or *is humanity's number*

REVELATION 14:6

NAS95

*Vision of the Angel with the Gospel*

<sup>6</sup>And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; <sup>7</sup>and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

<sup>8</sup>And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

*Doom for Worshipers of the Beast*

<sup>9</sup>Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup>he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." <sup>12</sup>Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

*The Reapers*

<sup>14</sup>Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud *was* one like <sup>a</sup>a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup>And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." <sup>16</sup>Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

<sup>17</sup>And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered *the clusters* from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup>And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of <sup>b</sup>two hundred miles.

a Or the Son of Man  
b Lit sixteen hundred stadia; a stadion was approx 600 ft

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*The Messages of the Three Angels*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live<sup>a</sup> on the earth—to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

<sup>8</sup>Then another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

<sup>9</sup>Then another angel, a third, followed them, crying with a loud voice, "Those who worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or on their hands, <sup>10</sup>they will also drink the wine of God's wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and they will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name."

<sup>12</sup>Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of<sup>b</sup> Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

*Reaping the Earth's Harvest*

<sup>14</sup>Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! <sup>15</sup>Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." <sup>16</sup>So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

<sup>17</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup>And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the wine press, as high as a horse's bridle, for a distance of about two hundred miles.<sup>c</sup>

a Gk sit  
b Or to their faith in  
c Gk one thousand six hundred stadia

ESV

*The Messages of the Three Angels*

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

<sup>8</sup>Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion<sup>a</sup> of her sexual immorality."

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

<sup>12</sup>Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.<sup>b</sup>

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

*The Harvest of the Earth*

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

<sup>17</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup>And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.<sup>c</sup>

a Or wrath  
b Greek and the faith of Jesus  
c About 184 miles; a stadion was about 607 feet or 185 meters

NIV

*The Three Angels*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

<sup>8</sup>A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,<sup>a</sup> which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

<sup>9</sup>A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, <sup>10</sup>they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” <sup>12</sup>This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

*Harvesting the Earth and Trampling the Winepress*

<sup>14</sup>I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man<sup>b</sup> with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” <sup>16</sup>So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

<sup>17</sup>Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” <sup>19</sup>The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. <sup>20</sup>They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.<sup>c</sup>

a 8 Isaiah 21:9

b 14 See Daniel 7:13.

c 20 That is, about 180 miles or about 300 kilometers

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from the human race as the \*firstfruits for God and the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

*The Proclamation of Three Angels*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He spoke with a loud voice: “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

<sup>8</sup>A second angel<sup>a</sup> followed, saying: “It has fallen, Babylon the Great has fallen,<sup>b</sup> who made all nations drink the wine of her sexual immorality,<sup>c</sup> which brings wrath.”

<sup>9</sup>And a third angel<sup>d</sup> followed them and spoke with a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup>he will also drink the wine of God’s wrath, which is mixed full strength in the cup of His anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the sight of the holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb, <sup>11</sup>and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever. There is no rest<sup>e</sup> day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or anyone who receives the mark of his name. <sup>12</sup>Here is the endurance<sup>f</sup> of the saints, who keep the commandments of God and the faith in Jesus.”<sup>h</sup>

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “let them rest from their labors, for their works follow them!”

*Reaping the Earth’s Harvest*

<sup>14</sup>Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and One like the Son of Man<sup>i</sup> was seated on the cloud, with a gold crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup>Another angel came out of the sanctuary, crying out in a loud voice to the One who was seated on the cloud, “Use your sickle and reap, for the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth is ripe.” <sup>16</sup>So the One seated on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

<sup>17</sup>Then another angel who also had a sharp sickle came out of the sanctuary in heaven. <sup>18</sup>Yet another angel, who had authority over fire, came from the altar, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from earth’s vineyard, because its grapes have ripened.” <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle toward earth and gathered the

a 14:8 Lit *Another angel, a second*

b 14:8 Other mss omit the second *has fallen*

c 14:8 Or *wine of her passionate immorality*

d 14:9 Lit *Another angel, a third*

e 14:11 Lit *They have no rest*

f 14:12 Or *This calls for the endurance of the saints*

g 14:12 This is what the endurance of the saints means

h 14:12 Or *and faith in Jesus, or their faith in, or faithfulness to Jesus*

i 14:14 Or *like a son of man*

CEB

*Messages of three angels*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying high overhead with eternal good news to proclaim to those who live on earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

<sup>8</sup>Another angel, a second one, followed and said, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She made all the nations drink the wine of her lustful passion.”

<sup>9</sup>Then another angel, a third one, followed them and said in a loud voice, “If any worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or their hands, <sup>10</sup>they themselves will also drink the wine of God’s passionate anger, poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will suffer the pain of fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>The smoke of their painful suffering goes up forever and always. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, and those who receive the mark of its name.”

<sup>12</sup>This calls for the endurance of the saints, who keep God’s commandments and keep faith with Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Favored are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “so they can rest from their labors, because their deeds follow them.”

*Two harvests of the earth*

<sup>14</sup>Then I looked, and there was a white cloud. On the cloud was seated someone who looked like the Human One.<sup>a</sup> He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup>Another angel came out of the temple, calling in a loud voice to the one seated on the cloud: “Use your sickle to reap the harvest, for the time to harvest has come, and the harvest of the earth is ripe.” <sup>16</sup>So the one seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

<sup>17</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Still another angel, who has power over fire, came out from the altar. He said in a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle to cut the clusters in the vineyard of the earth, because its grapes are ripe.” <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle into the earth, and cut the vineyard of the earth, and he put what he reaped into the great winepress of God’s passionate anger. <sup>20</sup>Then the winepress was trampled outside the city, and the blood came out of the winepress as high as the horses’ bridles for almost two hundred miles.<sup>b</sup>

a Or *Son of Man*

b Or *one thousand six hundred stades*

REVELATION 15:1

NAS95

*A Scene of Heaven*

**15** Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

<sup>2</sup>And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. <sup>3</sup>And they \*sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and marvelous are Your works,  
O Lord God, the Almighty;  
Righteous and true are Your ways,  
King of the <sup>a</sup>nations!

<sup>4</sup> “Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy;  
For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND  
WORSHIP BEFORE YOU,  
FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN  
REVEALED.”

<sup>5</sup>After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, <sup>6</sup>and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in <sup>b</sup>linen, clean *and* bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup>And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

NRSV

*The Seven Last Plagues*

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

<sup>2</sup>And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. <sup>3</sup>And they sing the song of Moses, the servant<sup>a</sup> of God, and the song of the Lamb:

“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations!<sup>b</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Lord, who will not fear  
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your judgments have been revealed.”

<sup>5</sup>After this I looked, and the temple of the tent<sup>c</sup> of witness in heaven was opened, <sup>6</sup>and out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, robed in pure bright linen,<sup>d</sup> with golden sashes across their chests. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever; <sup>8</sup>and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

ESV

*The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues*

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

<sup>2</sup>And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. <sup>3</sup>And they sing the song of Moses, the servant<sup>a</sup> of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!<sup>b</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

<sup>5</sup>After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent<sup>c</sup> of witness in heaven was opened, <sup>6</sup>and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. <sup>7</sup>And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, <sup>8</sup>and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

a Two early mss read *ages*  
b One early ms reads *stone*

a Gk *slave*  
b Other ancient authorities read *the ages*  
c Or *tabernacle*  
d Other ancient authorities read *stone*

a Greek *bondservant*  
b Some manuscripts *the ages*  
c Or *tabernacle*

## NIV

*Seven Angels With Seven Plagues*

**15** I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. <sup>2</sup>And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God <sup>3</sup>and sang the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb:

“Great and marvelous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty.  
Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Who will not fear you, Lord,  
and bring glory to your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>5</sup>After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. <sup>6</sup>Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup>And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

## HCSB

grapes from earth’s vineyard, and he threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. <sup>20</sup>Then the press was trampled outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press up to the horses’ bridles for about 180 miles.<sup>a</sup>

*Preparation for the Bowl Judgments*

**15** Then I saw another great and awe-inspiring sign<sup>b</sup> in heaven: seven angels with the seven last plagues, for with them, God’s wrath will be completed. <sup>2</sup>I also saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had won the victory from the beast, his image,<sup>c</sup> and the number of his name, were standing on the sea of glass with harps from God.<sup>d</sup> <sup>3</sup>They sang the song of God’s servant Moses, and the song of the Lamb:

Great and awe-inspiring are Your works, Lord  
God, the Almighty;  
righteous and true are Your ways, King of the  
Nations.

<sup>4</sup> Lord, who will not fear and glorify Your name?  
Because You alone are holy,  
because all the nations will come and worship  
before You,  
because Your righteous acts have been revealed.

<sup>5</sup>After this I looked, and the heavenly sanctuary—the tabernacle of testimony—was opened. <sup>6</sup>Out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, dressed in clean, bright linen, with gold sashes wrapped around their chests. <sup>7</sup>One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven gold bowls filled with the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup>Then the sanctuary was filled with smoke from God’s glory and from His power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

## CEB

*Song of Moses and the Lamb*

**15** Then I saw another great and awe-inspiring sign in heaven. There were seven angels with seven plagues—and these are the last, for with them God’s anger is brought to an end. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire. Those who gained victory over the beast, its image, and the number of its name were standing by the glass sea, holding harps from God. <sup>3</sup>They sing the song of Moses, God’s servant, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and awe-inspiring are your works,  
Lord God Almighty.  
Just and true are your ways,  
king of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> Who won’t fear you, Lord, and glorify your  
name?  
You alone are holy.  
All nations will come and fall down in worship  
before you,  
for your acts of justice have been revealed.”

*Seven bowl plagues*

<sup>5</sup>After this I looked, and the temple in heaven—that is, the tent of witness—was opened. <sup>6</sup>The seven angels, who have the seven plagues, came out of the temple. They were clothed in pure bright linen and had gold sashes around their waists. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven gold bowls full of the anger of the God who lives forever and always. <sup>8</sup>The temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and power, and no one could go into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven last angels were brought to an end.

a 14:20 Lit 1,600 stadia

b 15:1 Or and awesome symbolic display

c 15:2 Other mss add his mark

d 15:2 Or harps of God; that is, harps belonging to the service of God

a 3 Some manuscripts ages

b 3,4 Phrases in this song are drawn from Psalm 111:2,3; Deut. 32:4; Jer. 10:7; Psalms 86:9; 98:2.

REVELATION 16:1

NAS95

*Six Bowls of Wrath*

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

<sup>2</sup>So the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

<sup>3</sup>The second *angel* poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living <sup>a</sup>thing in the sea died.

<sup>4</sup>Then the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; <sup>6</sup>for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." <sup>7</sup>And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

<sup>8</sup>The fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. <sup>9</sup>Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

<sup>10</sup>Then the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, <sup>11</sup>and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

NRSV

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

<sup>2</sup>So the first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped its image.

<sup>3</sup>The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died.

<sup>4</sup>The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

<sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel of the waters say,

"You are just, O Holy One, who are and were, for you have judged these things;

<sup>6</sup> because they shed the blood of saints and prophets,

you have given them blood to drink.

It is what they deserve!"

<sup>7</sup>And I heard the altar respond,

"Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty,

your judgments are true and just!"

<sup>8</sup>The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch them with fire; <sup>9</sup>they were scorched by the fierce heat, but they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues, and they did not repent and give him glory.

<sup>10</sup>The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness; people gnawed their tongues in agony, <sup>11</sup>and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.

ESV

*The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath*

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup>The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel in charge of the waters<sup>a</sup> say,

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

<sup>6</sup> For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,

and you have given them blood to drink.

It is what they deserve!"

<sup>7</sup>And I heard the altar saying,

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

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

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

a Lit soul

a Greek *angel of the waters*

b Greek *blasphemed*; also verses 11,21

## NIV

*The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath*

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

<sup>2</sup>The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

<sup>3</sup>The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

<sup>4</sup>The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say:

"You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were;  
<sup>6</sup> for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

<sup>7</sup>And I heard the altar respond:

"Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

<sup>8</sup>The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. <sup>9</sup>They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

<sup>10</sup>The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony <sup>11</sup>and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

## HCSB

*The First Bowl*

**16** Then I heard a loud voice from the sanctuary saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven<sup>a</sup> bowls of God's wrath on the earth." <sup>2</sup>The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and severely painful sores<sup>b</sup> broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

*The Second Bowl*

<sup>3</sup>The second<sup>c</sup> poured out his bowl into the sea. It turned to blood like a dead man's, and all life<sup>d</sup> in the sea died.

*The Third Bowl*

<sup>4</sup>The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>I heard the angel of the waters say:

You are righteous, who is and who was, the Holy One, for You have decided these things.  
<sup>6</sup> Because they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets, You also gave them blood to drink; they deserve it!

<sup>7</sup>Then I heard someone from the altar say:

Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.

*The Fourth Bowl*

<sup>8</sup>The fourth<sup>e</sup> poured out his bowl on the sun. He<sup>f</sup> was given the power<sup>g</sup> to burn people with fire, <sup>9</sup>and people were burned by the intense heat. So they blasphemed the name of God who had the power over these plagues, and they did not repent and give Him glory.

*The Fifth Bowl*

<sup>10</sup>The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. People<sup>h</sup> gnawed their tongues from pain <sup>11</sup>and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, yet they did not repent of their actions.

a 16:1 Other mss omit seven

b 16:2 Lit and a severely painful sore

c 16:3,4 Other mss add angel

d 16:3 Lit and every soul of life

e 16:8,10,12,17 Other mss add angel

f 16:8 Or it

g 16:8,9 Or authority

h 16:10 Lit They

## CEB

**16** Then I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's anger on the earth." <sup>2</sup>So the first angel poured his bowl on the earth, and a nasty and terrible sore appeared on the people who had the beast's mark and worshipped its image. <sup>3</sup>The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and the sea turned into blood, like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died. <sup>4</sup>The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they turned into blood. <sup>5</sup>Then I heard the angel of the waters say,

"You are just, holy one, who is and was, because you have given these judgments.

<sup>6</sup> They poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve it!"

<sup>7</sup>And I heard the altar say, "Yes, Lord God Almighty, your judgments are true and just."

<sup>8</sup>The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to burn people with fire. <sup>9</sup>The people were burned by intense heat, and they cursed the name of the God who had power over these plagues. But they didn't change their hearts and lives and give him glory. <sup>10</sup>The fifth angel poured his bowl over the beast's throne, and darkness covered its kingdom. People bit their tongues because of their pain, <sup>11</sup>and they cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores; but they didn't turn away from what they had done.

REVELATION 16:12

NAS95

<sup>12</sup>The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

*Armageddon*

<sup>13</sup>And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; <sup>14</sup>for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. <sup>15</sup>(“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”) <sup>16</sup>And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called <sup>a</sup>Har-Magedon.

*Seventh Bowl of Wrath*

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done.” <sup>18</sup>And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. <sup>19</sup>The great city was 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 His fierce wrath. <sup>20</sup>And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup>And huge hailstones, about <sup>b</sup>one hundred pounds each, <sup>\*</sup>came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague <sup>\*</sup>was extremely severe.

NRSV

<sup>12</sup>The sixth angel poured his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up in order to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

<sup>13</sup>And I saw three foul spirits like frogs coming from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet.

<sup>14</sup>These are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. <sup>15</sup>(“See, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and is clothed,<sup>a</sup> not going about naked and exposed to shame.”) <sup>16</sup>And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Harmagedon.

<sup>17</sup>The seventh angel poured his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup>And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a violent earthquake, such as had not occurred since people were upon the earth, so violent was that earthquake. <sup>19</sup>The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. God remembered great Babylon and gave her the wine-cup of the fury of his wrath. <sup>20</sup>And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found; <sup>21</sup> and huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,<sup>b</sup> dropped from heaven on people, until they cursed God for the plague of the hail, so fearful was that plague.

ESV

<sup>12</sup>The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. <sup>13</sup>And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.

<sup>14</sup>For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. <sup>15</sup>(“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) <sup>16</sup>And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

*The Seventh Bowl*

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

a Two early mss read *Armageddon*  
b Lit the weight of a talent

a Gk and keeps his robes  
b Gk weighing about a talent

a Or voices, or sounds  
b Greek a talent in weight

## NIV

<sup>12</sup>The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. <sup>13</sup>Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

<sup>15</sup>“Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

<sup>16</sup>Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

<sup>17</sup>The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup>Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. <sup>19</sup>The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. <sup>20</sup>Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. <sup>21</sup>From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,<sup>a</sup> fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

## HCSB

*The Sixth Bowl*

<sup>12</sup>The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the east. <sup>13</sup>Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs |coming| from the dragon’s mouth, from the beast’s mouth, and from the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>For they are spirits of demons performing signs, who travel to the kings of the whole world to assemble them for the battle of the great day of God, the Almighty.

<sup>15</sup>“Look, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who is alert and remains clothed<sup>a</sup> so that he may not go naked, and they see his shame.”

<sup>16</sup>So they assembled them at the place called in Hebrew Armageddon.<sup>b c</sup>

*The Seventh Bowl*

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventh poured out his bowl into the air,<sup>d</sup> and a loud voice came out of the sanctuary,<sup>e</sup> from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup>There were lightnings, rumblings, and thunders. And a severe earthquake occurred like no other since man has been on the earth—so great was the quake. <sup>19</sup>The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations<sup>f</sup> fell. Babylon the Great was remembered in God’s presence; He gave her the cup filled with the wine of His fierce anger. <sup>20</sup>Every island fled, and the mountains disappeared.<sup>g</sup> <sup>21</sup>Enormous hailstones, each weighing about 100 pounds,<sup>h</sup> fell from heaven on the people, and they<sup>i</sup> blasphemed God for the plague of hail because that plague was extremely severe.

a 16:15 Or *and guards his clothes*

b 16:16 Other mss read *Armageddon*; other mss read *Harmegeidon*; other mss read *Mageddon*; other mss read *Magedon*

c 16:16 Traditionally *the hill of Megiddo*, a great city that guarded the pass between the coast and the valley of Jezreel or Esdraelon; see Jdg 5:19; 2 Kg 9:27

d 16:17 Or *on the air*

e 16:17 Other mss add *of heaven*

f 16:19 Or *the Gentile cities*

g 16:20 Lit *mountains were not found*

h 16:21 Lit *about a talent*; talents varied in weight upwards from 75 pounds

i 16:21 Lit *people*

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<sup>12</sup>Then the sixth angel poured his bowl on the great river Euphrates. Its water was dried up so that the way was ready for the kings from the east. <sup>13</sup>Then I saw three unclean spirits, like frogs, come from the dragon’s mouth, the beast’s mouth, and the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>These are demonic spirits that do signs. They go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. <sup>15</sup>(Look! I’m coming like a thief! Favored are those who stay awake and clothed so that they don’t go around naked and exposed to shame.) <sup>16</sup>The spirits gathered them at the place that is called in Hebrew, Harmagedon.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventh angel poured his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out from the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup>There were lightning strikes, voices, and thunder, and a great earthquake occurred. The earthquake was greater than any that have occurred since there have been people on earth. <sup>19</sup>The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. God remembered Babylon the great so that he gave her the wine cup of his furious anger. <sup>20</sup>Every island fled, and the mountains disappeared. <sup>21</sup>Huge hailstones weighing about one hundred pounds came down from heaven on the people. They cursed God for the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

a 21 Or about 45 kilograms

a Or *Armageddon*

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*The Doom of Babylon*

**17**Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,<sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth committed *acts of immorality*, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality."<sup>3</sup> And he carried me away<sup>a</sup> in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.<sup>4</sup> The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,<sup>5</sup> and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."<sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.<sup>7</sup> And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

<sup>8</sup>"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and<sup>b</sup> go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come."<sup>9</sup> "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,<sup>10</sup> and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while."<sup>11</sup> "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction."<sup>12</sup> "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour."<sup>13</sup> "These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

*Victory for the Lamb*

<sup>14</sup>"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."

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*The Great Whore and the Beast*

**17**Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great whore who is seated on many waters,<sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of whose fornication the inhabitants of the earth have become drunk."<sup>3</sup> So he carried me away in the spirit<sup>a</sup> into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.<sup>4</sup> The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her fornication;<sup>5</sup> and on her forehead was written a name, a mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of whores and of earth's abominations."<sup>6</sup> And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly amazed.<sup>7</sup> But the angel said to me, "Why are you so amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her."<sup>8</sup> The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the inhabitants of the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will be amazed when they see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

<sup>9</sup>"This calls for a mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; also, they are seven kings,<sup>10</sup> of whom five have fallen, one is living, and the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain only a little while."<sup>11</sup> As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction."<sup>12</sup> And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast."<sup>13</sup> These are united in yielding their power and authority to the beast;<sup>14</sup> they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

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*The Great Prostitute and the Beast*

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

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

<sup>a</sup> Or in spirit

<sup>b</sup> One early ms reads *is going*

<sup>a</sup> Or in the Spirit

<sup>a</sup> Greek *the witnesses to Jesus*

<sup>b</sup> Greek *the abyss*

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*Babylon, the Prostitute on the Beast*

**17** One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. <sup>2</sup>With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. <sup>5</sup>The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

BABYLON THE GREAT  
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES  
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

<sup>6</sup>I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. <sup>7</sup>Then the angel said to me: “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. <sup>8</sup>The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.

<sup>9</sup>“This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup>They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. <sup>11</sup>The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

<sup>12</sup>“The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. <sup>13</sup>They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

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*The Woman and the Scarlet Beast*

**17** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me: “Come, I will show you the judgment of the notorious prostitute<sup>a</sup> who sits on many<sup>b</sup> waters. <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and those who live on the earth became drunk on the wine of her sexual immorality.” <sup>3</sup>So he carried me away in the Spirit<sup>c</sup> to a desert. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered<sup>d</sup> with blasphemous names, having seven heads and 10 horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls. She had a gold cup in her hand filled with everything vile and with the impurities of her<sup>e</sup> prostitution. <sup>5</sup>On her forehead a cryptic name was written:

**BABYLON THE GREAT  
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES  
AND OF THE VILE THINGS OF THE  
EARTH**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw that the woman was drunk on the blood of the saints and on the blood of the witnesses to Jesus. When I saw her, I was utterly astounded.

*The Meaning of the Woman and of the Beast*

<sup>7</sup>Then the angel said to me, “Why are you astounded? I will tell you the secret meaning<sup>f</sup> of the woman and of the beast, with the seven heads and the 10 horns, that carries her. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up from the <sup>a</sup>abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on the earth whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will be astounded when they see the beast that was, and is not, and will be present [again].

<sup>9</sup>“Here is the mind with wisdom:<sup>g</sup> the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. <sup>10</sup>They are also seven kings:<sup>h</sup> five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes, he must remain for a little while. <sup>11</sup>The beast that was and is not, is himself the eighth, yet is of the seven and goes to destruction. <sup>12</sup>The 10 horns you saw are 10 kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. <sup>13</sup>These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>These will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with him are called and elect and faithful.”

a 17:1 Traditionally, *the great whore*

b 17:1 Or *by many*

c 17:3 Or *in spirit*

d 17:3 Lit *was filled*

e 17:4 Other mss read *of earth’s*

f 17:7 Lit *the mystery*

g 17:9 Or *This calls for the mind with wisdom*

h 17:10 Some editors or translators put *They are also seven kings*: in v. 9.

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*Babylon and the beast*

**17** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls spoke with me. “Come,” he said, “I will show you the judgment upon the great prostitute, who is seated on deep waters. <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her, and those who live on earth have become drunk with the wine of her whoring.”

<sup>3</sup>Then he brought me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a desert. There I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names. It had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman wore purple and scarlet clothing, and she glittered with gold and jewels and pearls. In her hand she held a gold cup full of the vile and impure things that came from her activity as a prostitute. <sup>5</sup>A name—a mystery—was written on her forehead: “Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes and the vile things of the earth.” <sup>6</sup>I saw that the woman was drunk on the blood of the saints and the blood of Jesus’ witnesses. I was completely stunned when I saw her.

<sup>7</sup>Then the angel said to me, “Why are you amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and the seven-headed, ten-horned beast that carries her. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on earth, whose names haven’t been written in the scroll of life from the time the earth was made, will be amazed when they see the beast, because it was and is not and will again be present. <sup>9</sup>This calls for an understanding mind. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. They are also seven kings. <sup>10</sup>Five kings have fallen, the one is, and the other hasn’t yet come. When that king comes, he must remain for only a short time. <sup>11</sup>As for the beast that was and is not, it is itself an eighth king that belongs to the seven, and it is going to destruction. <sup>12</sup>The ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who haven’t yet received royal power. But they will receive royal authority for an hour, along with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These kings will be of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>They will make war on the Lamb, but the Lamb will emerge victorious, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

REVELATION 17:15

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<sup>15</sup>And he \*said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>"The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

*Babylon is Fallen*

**18**After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. <sup>3</sup>"For all the nations <sup>a</sup>have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed *acts* of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

<sup>4</sup>I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; <sup>5</sup>for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup>"Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to *her* double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. <sup>7</sup>"To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT AS A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.' <sup>8</sup>"For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

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<sup>15</sup>And he said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the whore is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the whore; they will make her desolate and naked; they will devour her flesh and burn her up with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by agreeing to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."

*The Fall of Babylon*

**18**After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was made bright with his splendor. <sup>2</sup>He called out with a mighty voice,

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!  
It has become a dwelling place of demons,  
a haunt of every foul and hateful bird,  
a haunt of every foul and hateful beast.<sup>a</sup>  
<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk<sup>b</sup>  
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 have grown  
rich from the power<sup>c</sup> of her luxury."

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

"Come out of her, my people,  
so that you do not take part in her sins,  
and so that you do not share  
in her plagues;  
<sup>5</sup> for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.  
<sup>6</sup> Render to her as she herself has rendered,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double draught for her in the cup she  
mixed.

<sup>7</sup> As she glorified herself and lived luxuriously,  
so give her a like measure of torment and  
grief.

Since in her heart she says,  
'I rule as a queen;  
I am no widow,  
and I will never see grief,'

<sup>8</sup> therefore her plagues will come in a single  
day—  
pestilence and mourning and famine—  
and she will be burned with fire;  
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her."

<sup>a</sup> Some ancient authorities lack *a haunt of every foul and hateful beast*

<sup>b</sup> Other ancient authorities read *she has made all nations drink*

<sup>c</sup> Or *resources*

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<sup>15</sup>And the angel<sup>a</sup> said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, <sup>17</sup>for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth."

*The Fall of Babylon*

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

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!  
She has become a dwelling place for demons,  
a haunt for every unclean spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.  
<sup>3</sup> For all nations have drunk<sup>b</sup>  
the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,  
and the kings of the earth have committed  
immorality with her,  
and the merchants of the earth have grown  
rich from the power of her luxurious  
living."

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

"Come out of her, my people,  
lest you take part in her sins,  
lest you share in her plagues;  
<sup>5</sup> for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.  
<sup>6</sup> Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double portion for her in the cup she  
mixed.

<sup>7</sup> As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,  
so give her a like measure of torment and  
mourning,  
since in her heart she says,  
'I sit as a queen,  
I am no widow,  
and mourning I shall never see.'

<sup>8</sup> For this reason her plagues will come in a single  
day,  
death and mourning and famine,  
and she will be burned up with fire;  
for mighty is the Lord God who has judged  
her."

<sup>a</sup> Greek *he*

<sup>b</sup> Some manuscripts *fallen by*

<sup>a</sup> Two early mss read *have fallen by*

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<sup>15</sup>Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

*Lament Over Fallen Babylon*

**18**After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. <sup>2</sup>With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!<sup>a</sup>  
She has become a dwelling for demons  
and a haunt for every impure spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
a haunt for every unclean and detestable  
animal.

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk  
the maddening wine of her adulteries.  
The kings of the earth committed adultery with  
her,  
and the merchants of the earth grew rich from  
her excessive luxuries.”

*Warning to Escape Babylon’s Judgment*

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people,<sup>b</sup>  
so that you will not share in her sins,  
so that you will not receive any of her plagues;  
<sup>5</sup> for her sins are piled up to heaven,  
and God has remembered her crimes.  
<sup>6</sup> Give back to her as she has given;  
pay her back double for what she has done.  
Pour her a double portion from her own cup.  
<sup>7</sup> Give her as much torment and grief  
as the glory and luxury she gave herself.  
In her heart she boasts,  
‘I sit enthroned as queen.  
I am not a widow;<sup>c</sup>  
I will never mourn.’

<sup>8</sup> Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake  
her:  
death, mourning and famine.  
She will be consumed by fire,  
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

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<sup>15</sup>He also said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute was seated, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. <sup>16</sup>The 10 horns you saw, and the beast, will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, devour her flesh, and burn her up with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His plan by having one purpose, and to give their kingdom<sup>a</sup> to the beast until God’s words are accomplished. <sup>18</sup>And the woman you saw is the great city that has an empire<sup>b</sup> over the kings of the earth.”

*The Fall of Babylon the Great*

**18**After this I saw another angel with great authority coming down from heaven, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. <sup>2</sup>He cried in a mighty voice:

It has fallen,<sup>c</sup> Babylon the Great has fallen!  
She has become a dwelling for demons,  
a haunt<sup>d</sup> for every unclean spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
and a haunt for every unclean and despicable  
beast.<sup>e</sup>

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk<sup>f</sup>  
the wine of her sexual immorality, which brings  
wrath.

The kings of the earth have committed sexual  
immorality with her,  
and the merchants of the earth have grown  
wealthy from her excessive luxury.

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven:

Come out of her, My people,  
so that you will not share in her sins,  
or receive any of her plagues.  
<sup>5</sup> For her sins are piled up<sup>g</sup> to heaven,  
and God has remembered her crimes.  
<sup>6</sup> Pay her back the way she also paid,  
and double it according to her works.  
In the cup in which she mixed,  
mix a double portion for her.  
<sup>7</sup> As much as she glorified herself and lived  
luxuriously,  
give her that much torment and grief.  
Because she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen;  
I am not a widow, and I will never see grief;’  
<sup>8</sup> therefore her plagues will come in one day<sup>h</sup>—  
death, and grief, and famine.  
She will be burned up with fire,  
because the Lord God who judges her is mighty.

a 17:17 Or *sovereignty*  
b 17:18 Or *has sovereignty or rulership*  
c 18:2 Other mss omit *it has fallen*  
d 18:2 Or *prison*  
e 18:2 Other mss omit *and a haunt for every unclean beast*.  
The words *and despicable* then refer to the *bird* of the  
previous line.  
f 18:3 Other mss read *have collapsed*; other mss read *have  
fallen*  
g 18:5 Or *sins have reached up*  
h 18:8,10 Suddenly

CEB

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to me, “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples, crowds, nations, and languages. <sup>16</sup> As for the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will destroy her and strip her bare. They will devour her flesh and burn her with fire <sup>17</sup> because God moved them to carry out his purposes. That is why they will be of one mind and give their royal power to the beast, until God’s words have been accomplished. <sup>18</sup> The woman whom you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

*Babylon’s fall*

**18** After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was filled with light because of his glory. <sup>2</sup> He called out with a loud voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a home for demons and a lair for every unclean spirit. She is a lair for every unclean bird, and a lair for every unclean and disgusting beast <sup>3</sup> because all the nations have fallen<sup>a</sup> due to the wine of her lustful passion. The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her loose and extravagant ways.”

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven say, “Come out of her, my people, so that you don’t take part in her sins and don’t receive any of her plagues. <sup>5</sup> Her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God remembered her unjust acts. <sup>6</sup> Give her what she has given to others. Give her back twice as much for what she has done. In the cup that she has poured, pour her twice as much. <sup>7</sup> To the extent that she glorified herself and indulged her loose and extravagant ways, give her pain and grief. In her heart she says, ‘I sit like a queen! I’m not a widow. I’ll never see grief.’ <sup>8</sup> This is why her plagues will come in a single day—deadly disease, grief, and hunger. She will be consumed by fire because the Lord God who judges her is powerful.

a Critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *have drunk*

a 2 Isaiah 21:9  
b 4 Jer. 51:45  
c 7 See Isaiah 47:7,8.

REVELATION 18:9

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*Lament for Babylon*

<sup>9</sup>“And the kings of the earth, who committed *acts of immorality* and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, <sup>10</sup>standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’

<sup>11</sup>“And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes anymore—<sup>12</sup>cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind of citron wood* and every article of ivory and every article *made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble*, <sup>13</sup>and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives*. <sup>14</sup>“The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them.

<sup>15</sup>“The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, <sup>16</sup>saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; <sup>17</sup>for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!’ And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, <sup>18</sup>and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What *city* is like the great city?’ <sup>19</sup>“And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’ <sup>20</sup>“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.”

NRSV

<sup>9</sup>And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning; <sup>10</sup>they will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas, alas, the great city,  
Babylon, the mighty city!  
For in one hour your judgment has come.”

<sup>11</sup>And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup>cargo of gold, silver, jewels and pearls, fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet, all kinds of scented wood, all articles of ivory, all articles of costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble, <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, choice flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, slaves—and human lives.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>14</sup> “The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your dainties and your splendor are lost to you, never to be found again!”

<sup>15</sup>The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

<sup>16</sup> “Alas, alas, the great city,  
clothed in fine linen,  
in purple and scarlet,  
adorned with gold,  
with jewels, and with pearls!

<sup>17</sup> For in one hour all this wealth has been laid waste!”

And all shipmasters and seafarers, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup>and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

“What city was like the great city?”

<sup>19</sup>And they threw dust on their heads, as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, the great city,  
where all who had ships at sea  
grew rich by her wealth!

For in one hour she has been laid waste.

<sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her, O heaven,  
you saints and apostles and prophets!  
For God has given judgment for you against her.”

ESV

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

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

<sup>11</sup>And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup>cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>14</sup> “The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!”

<sup>15</sup>The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

<sup>16</sup> “Alas, alas, for the great city  
that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet,  
adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls!

<sup>17</sup> For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup>and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

“What city was like the great city?”

<sup>19</sup>And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city  
where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth!

For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

<sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her, O heaven,  
and you saints and apostles and prophets,  
for God has given judgment for you against her!”

a Or chariots, and human bodies and souls

a Or and slaves, and human lives

NIV

*Threefold Woe Over Babylon's Fall*

<sup>9</sup>When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. <sup>10</sup>Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,  
you mighty city of Babylon!  
In one hour your doom has come!”

<sup>11</sup>“The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore—<sup>12</sup>cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; <sup>13</sup>cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

<sup>14</sup>“They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.’ <sup>15</sup>The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn <sup>16</sup>and cry out:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,  
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,  
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!

<sup>17</sup> In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!”

“Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. <sup>18</sup>When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ <sup>19</sup>They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,  
where all who had ships on the sea  
became rich through her wealth!  
In one hour she has been brought to ruin!”

<sup>20</sup> “Rejoice over her, you heavens!  
Rejoice, you people of God!  
Rejoice, apostles and prophets!  
For God has judged her  
with the judgment she imposed on you.”

HCSB

*The World Mourns Babylon's Fall*

<sup>9</sup>The kings of the earth who have committed sexual immorality and lived luxuriously with her will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning. <sup>10</sup>They stand far off in fear of her torment, saying:

Woe, woe, the great city,  
Babylon, the mighty city!  
For in a single hour  
your judgment has come.

<sup>11</sup>The merchants of the earth will also weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any longer—<sup>12</sup>merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; fine fabrics of linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; all kinds of fragrant wood products; objects of ivory; objects of expensive wood, brass,<sup>a</sup> iron, and marble; <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, spice,<sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup> incense, myrrh,<sup>d</sup> and frankincense; wine, olive oil, fine wheat flour, and grain; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human bodies and souls.<sup>e,f</sup>

<sup>14</sup> The fruit you craved has left you.  
All your splendid and glamorous things are gone;  
they will never find them again.

<sup>15</sup>The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand far off in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, <sup>16</sup>saying:

Woe, woe, the great city,  
clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet,  
adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls;  
<sup>17</sup> because in a single hour such fabulous wealth  
was destroyed!

And every shipmaster, seafarer, the sailors, and all who do business by sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup>as they watched the smoke from her burning and kept crying out: “Who is like the great city?” <sup>19</sup>They threw dust on their heads and kept crying out, weeping, and mourning:

Woe, woe, the great city,  
where all those who have ships on the sea  
became rich from her wealth;  
because in a single hour she was destroyed.

<sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her, heaven, and you saints,  
apostles, and prophets,  
because God has executed your judgment on her!<sup>h</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>“The kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality with her and shared her loose and extravagant ways, will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke from her burning. <sup>10</sup>They will stand a long way off because they are afraid of the pain she suffers, and they will say, ‘Oh, the horror! Babylon, you great city, you powerful city! In a single hour your judgment has come.’

<sup>11</sup>“The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their cargoes anymore—<sup>12</sup>cargoes of gold, silver, jewels, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; all those things made of scented wood, ivory, fine wood, bronze, iron, and marble; <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, incense, fragrant ointment, and frankincense; wine, oil, fine flour, and wheat; cattle, sheep, horses, and carriages; and slaves, even human lives. <sup>14</sup>“The fruit your whole being craved has gone from you. All your glitter and glamour are lost to you, never ever to be found again.’

<sup>15</sup>“The merchants who sold these things, and got so rich by her, will stand a long way off because they fear the pain she suffers. They will weep and mourn, and say, <sup>16</sup>‘Oh, the horror! The great city that wore fine linen, purple, and scarlet, who glittered with gold, jewels, and pearls—<sup>17</sup>in just one hour such great wealth was destroyed.’

“Every sea captain, every seafarer, sailors, and all who make their living on the sea stood a long way off.

<sup>18</sup>They cried out as they saw the smoke from her burning and said, ‘What city was ever like the great city?’ <sup>19</sup>They threw dust on their heads, and they cried out, weeping and mourning. They said, ‘Oh, the horror! The great city, where all who have ships at sea became so rich by her prosperity—in just one hour she was destroyed. <sup>20</sup>Rejoice over her, heaven—you saints, apostles, and prophets—because God has condemned her as she condemned you.’”

a 18:12 Or bronze, or copper

b 18:13 Other mss omit spice

c 18:13 Or amomum, an aromatic plant

d 18:13 Or perfume

e 18:13 Or carriages; and slaves, namely, human beings

f 18:13 Slaves; “bodies” was the Gk way of referring to slaves; “souls of men” was the Hb way.

g 18:17,19 Suddenly

h 18:20 Or God pronounced on her the judgment she passed on you; see Rv 18:6

REVELATION 18:21

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<sup>21</sup>Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. <sup>22</sup>"And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; <sup>23</sup>and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. <sup>24</sup>"And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

NRSV

<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "With such violence Babylon the great city will be thrown down, and will be found no more; <sup>22</sup>and the sound of harpists and minstrels and of flutists and trumpeters will be heard in you no more; and an artisan of any trade will be found in you no more; and the sound of the millstone will be heard in you no more; <sup>23</sup>and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more; and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more; for your merchants were the magnates of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. <sup>24</sup>And in you<sup>a</sup> was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slaughtered on earth."

ESV

<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; <sup>22</sup>and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, <sup>23</sup>and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. <sup>24</sup>And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."

<sup>a</sup> Gk *her*

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*The Finality of Babylon's Doom*

<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

“With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.

<sup>22</sup> The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again.

No worker of any trade will ever be found in you again.

The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again.

<sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp will never shine in you again.

The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world's important people.

By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

<sup>24</sup> In her was found the blood of prophets and of God's holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”

HCSB

*The Finality of Babylon's Fall*

<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel picked up a stone like a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying:

In this way, Babylon the great city will be thrown down violently and never be found again.

<sup>22</sup> The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters

will never be heard in you again; no craftsman of any trade

will ever be found in you again; the sound of a mill

will never be heard in you again;

<sup>23</sup> the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of a groom and bride will never be heard in you again.

[All this will happen]

because your merchants were the nobility of the earth,

because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery;<sup>a</sup>

<sup>24</sup> and the blood of prophets and saints, and all those slaughtered on earth, was found in you.<sup>b</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> Then a powerful angel picked up a stone that was like a huge millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “With such violent force the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, and it won't be found anymore. <sup>22</sup> The sound of harpists and musicians, of pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard among you again. No craftsman of any kind will ever be found among you again. The sound of the hand mill will never be heard among you again. <sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp will never shine among you again. The sound of a bridegroom and bride will never be heard among you again because your merchants ran the world, because all the nations were deceived by the spell you cast, and because <sup>24</sup> the blood of prophets, of saints, and of all who have been slaughtered on the earth was found among you.”<sup>a</sup>

a 18:23 Ancient sorcery or witchcraft often used spells and drugs. Here the term may be non-literal, that is, Babylon drugged the nations with her beauty and power.

b 18:24 Lit in her

a Or her

REVELATION 19:1

NAS95

*The Fourfold Hallelujah*

**19**After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; <sup>2</sup>BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER.” <sup>3</sup>And a second time they said, “Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER.” <sup>4</sup>And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” <sup>5</sup>And a voice came from the throne, saying,

“Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.” <sup>6</sup>Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.”

*Marriage of the Lamb*

<sup>7</sup>“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” <sup>8</sup>It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>Then he \*said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he \*said to me, “These are true words of God.” <sup>10</sup>Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he \*said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

NRSV

*The Rejoicing in Heaven*

**19**After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power to our God, <sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just; he has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”<sup>a</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Once more they said, “Hallelujah! The smoke goes up from her forever and ever.”

<sup>4</sup>And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying,

“Amen. Hallelujah!” <sup>5</sup>And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, “Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said<sup>b</sup> to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.” <sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant<sup>c</sup> with you and your comrades<sup>d</sup> who hold the testimony of Jesus.<sup>e</sup> Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

a Gk slaves  
b Gk he said  
c Gk slave  
d Gk brothers  
e Or to Jesus

ESV

*Rejoicing in Heaven*

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

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”<sup>a</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

<sup>4</sup>And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” <sup>5</sup>And from the throne came a voice saying,

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

*The Marriage Supper of the Lamb*

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said<sup>b</sup> to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” <sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant<sup>c</sup> with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

*The Rider on a White Horse*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup>He is clothed in a

a Greek bondservants; also verse 5  
b Greek he said  
c Greek fellow bondservant

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Threefold Hallelujah Over Babylon's Fall

**19** After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

"Hallelujah!  
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

<sup>2</sup> for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

<sup>3</sup> And again they shouted:

"Hallelujah!  
The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

<sup>4</sup> The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

"Amen, Hallelujah!"

<sup>5</sup> Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

"Praise our God,  
all you his servants,  
you who fear him,  
both great and small!"

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah!  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!  
For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."  
(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

<sup>9</sup> Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

<sup>10</sup> At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

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Heaven Exults over Babylon

**19** After this I heard something like the loud voice of a vast multitude in heaven, saying:

Hallelujah!<sup>a</sup>  
Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,  
<sup>2</sup> because His judgments are true<sup>b</sup> and righteous, because He has judged the notorious prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality;  
and He has avenged the blood of His servants that was on her hands.

<sup>3</sup> A second time they said:

Hallelujah!<sup>c</sup>  
Her smoke ascends forever and ever!

<sup>4</sup> Then the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who is seated on the throne, saying:

\*Amen! Hallelujah!

<sup>5</sup> A voice came from the throne, saying:

Praise our God,  
all you His servants, you who fear Him,  
both small and great!

Marriage of the Lamb Announced

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying:

Hallelujah<sup>d</sup>—because our Lord God, the Almighty,  
has begun to reign!

<sup>7</sup> Let us be glad, rejoice, and give Him glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has prepared herself.

<sup>8</sup> She was permitted to wear fine linen, bright and pure.

For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> Then he<sup>e</sup> said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These words of God are true." <sup>10</sup> Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow \*slave with you and your brothers who have the testimony about Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony about<sup>f</sup> Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

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Celebration in heaven

**19** After this I heard what sounded like a huge crowd in heaven. They said,

"Hallelujah! The salvation and glory and power of our God!

<sup>2</sup> His judgments are true and just, because he judged the great prostitute, who ruined the earth by her whoring, and he exacted the penalty for the blood of his servants from her hand."

<sup>3</sup> Then they said a second time, "Hallelujah! Smoke goes up from her forever and always."

<sup>4</sup> The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who is seated on the throne, and they said, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

<sup>5</sup> Then a voice went out from the throne and said,

"Praise our God, all you his servants, and you who fear him, both small and great."

<sup>6</sup> And I heard something that sounded like a huge crowd, like rushing water and powerful thunder. They said,

"Hallelujah! The Lord our God, the Almighty, exercised his royal power!

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and celebrate, and give him the glory, for the wedding day of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> She was given fine, pure white linen to wear, for the fine linen is the saints' acts of justice."

<sup>9</sup> Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Favored are those who have been invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb." He said to me, "These are the true words of God." <sup>10</sup> Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said, "Don't do that! I'm a servant just like you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the witness of Jesus. Worship God! The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!"

a 19:1 Lit *Praise Yahweh*; the Gk word is transliterated *hallelujah* from a Hb expression of praise and is used in many places in the OT, such as Ps 106:1.

b 19:2 Valid; see Jn 8:16; 19:35

c 19:3,4 See note at Rv 19:1

d 19:6 See note at Rv 19:1

e 19:9 Probably an angel; see Rv 17:1; 22:8-9

f 19:10 Or *testimony to*

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*The Coming of Christ*

<sup>11</sup>And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. <sup>13</sup>He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of <sup>a</sup>commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

<sup>19</sup>And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

*Doom of the Beast and False Prophet*

<sup>20</sup>And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. <sup>21</sup>And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup>He is clothed in a robe dipped in<sup>a</sup> blood, and his name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule<sup>b</sup> them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and their riders—flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great." <sup>19</sup>Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup>And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed in its presence the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup>And the rest were killed by the sword of the rider on the horse, the sword that came from his mouth; and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

robe dipped in<sup>a</sup> blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

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

a I.e. chiliarchs, in command of one thousand troops

a Other ancient authorities read *sprinkled with*  
b Or *will shepherd*

a Some manuscripts *sprinkled with*  
b Greek *bondservant*  
c Or *on its behalf*

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*The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast*

<sup>11</sup>I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter."<sup>a</sup> He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

<sup>17</sup>And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."

<sup>19</sup>Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. <sup>20</sup>But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. <sup>21</sup>The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

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*The Rider on a White Horse*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knows except Himself. <sup>13</sup>He wore a robe stained with blood,<sup>a</sup> and His name is called the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies that were in heaven followed Him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. <sup>15</sup>From His mouth came a sharp<sup>b</sup> sword, so that with it He might strike the nations. He will shepherd<sup>c</sup> them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written:

KING OF KINGS  
AND LORD OF LORDS

*The Beast and His Armies Defeated*

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying in mid-heaven, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of everyone, both free and \*slave, small and great."

<sup>19</sup>Then I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and against His army. <sup>20</sup>But the beast was taken prisoner, and along with him the false prophet, who had performed signs on his authority,<sup>d</sup> by which he deceived those who accepted the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup>The rest were killed with the sword that came from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

a 19:13 Or a robe dipped in  
b 19:15 Other mss add double-edged  
c 19:15 Or rule  
d 19:20 Lit signs before him

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*Christ defeats the beast*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider was called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war justly. <sup>12</sup>His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on his head were many royal crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup>He wore a robe dyed<sup>a</sup> with blood, and his name was called the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>Heaven's armies, wearing fine linen that was white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From his mouth comes a sharp sword that he will use to strike down the nations. He is the one who will rule them with an iron rod. And he is the one who will trample the winepress of the Almighty God's passionate anger. <sup>16</sup>He has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of kings and Lord of lords.

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he called out with a loud voice and said to all the birds flying high overhead, "Come and gather for God's great supper. <sup>18</sup>Come and eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of the powerful, and the flesh of horses and their riders. Come and eat the flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great." <sup>19</sup>Then I saw that the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies had gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. <sup>20</sup>But the beast was seized, along with the false prophet who had done signs in the beast's presence. (He had used the signs to deceive people into receiving the beast's mark and into worshipping the beast's image.) The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup>The rest were killed by the sword that comes from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds ate their fill of their flesh.

a Critical editions of the Gk New Testament read *dipped* or *covered with*

a 15 Psalm 2:9

*Satan Bound*

**20** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup>and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

*Satan Freed, Doomed*

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, <sup>8</sup>and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. <sup>9</sup>And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup>And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

*Judgement at the Throne of God*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup>Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup>And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**20** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

*The Millennial Kingdom*

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus<sup>a</sup> and for the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him a thousand years.

*The Final Defeat of Satan*

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison<sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, in order to gather them for battle; they are as numerous as the sands of the sea. <sup>9</sup>They marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from heaven<sup>b</sup> and consumed them. <sup>10</sup>And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

*The Dead are Judged*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; <sup>15</sup>and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

a Or for the testimony of Jesus

b Other ancient authorities read from God, out of heaven, or out of heaven from God

*The Thousand Years*

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

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

*The Defeat of Satan*

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

*The Great White Throne Judgment*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup>And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

a Greek the abyss; also verse 3

b Some manuscripts from God out of heaven, or out of heaven from God

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*The Thousand Years*

**20**And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

<sup>4</sup>I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

*The Judgment of Satan*

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. <sup>9</sup>They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup>And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

*The Judgment of the Dead*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup>Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup>Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

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*Satan Bound*

**20**Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the <sup>a</sup>abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the Devil and Satan,<sup>3</sup> and bound him for 1,000 years. <sup>3</sup>He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the 1,000 years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.

*The Saints Reign with the Messiah*

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. <sup>b</sup>They were the souls of those who had been beheaded<sup>b</sup> because of their testimony about Jesus and because of God's word, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with the <sup>c</sup>Messiah for 1,000 years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1,000 years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power<sup>c</sup> over these, but they will be priests of God and the Messiah, and they will reign with Him for 1,000 years.

*Satanic Rebellion Crushed*

<sup>7</sup>When the 1,000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup>They came up over the surface of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven<sup>d</sup> and consumed them. <sup>10</sup>The Devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

*The Great White Throne Judgment*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and One seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books.

<sup>13</sup>Then the sea gave up its dead, and Death and <sup>e</sup>Hades gave up their dead; all<sup>e</sup> were judged according to their works. <sup>14</sup>Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.<sup>f</sup> <sup>15</sup>And anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

a 20:2 Other mss add *who deceives the whole world*

b 20:4 All who had given their lives for their faith in Christ

c 20:6 Or *authority*

d 20:9 Other mss add *from God*

e 20:13 Lit *each*

f 20:14 Other mss omit *the lake of fire*

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*Satan confined*

**20**Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a huge chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, the old snake, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>He threw him into the abyss, then locked and sealed it over him. This was to keep him from continuing to deceive the nations until the thousand years were over. After this he must be released for a little while.

*The saints rule with Christ*

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and people took their seats on them, and judgment was given in their favor.<sup>a</sup> They were the ones who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and God's word, and those who hadn't worshipped the beast or its image, who hadn't received the mark on their forehead or hand. They came to life and ruled with Christ for one thousand years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead didn't come to life until the thousand years were over. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Favored and holy are those who have a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will rule with him for one thousand years.

*Satan's defeat*

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison. <sup>8</sup>He will go out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog. He will gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup>They came up across the whole earth and surrounded the saints' camp, the city that God loves. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them. <sup>10</sup>Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet also were. There painful suffering will be inflicted upon them day and night, forever and always.

*Final judgment*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and the one who is seated on it. Before his face both earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Another scroll was opened too; this is the scroll of life. And the dead were judged on the basis of what was written in the scrolls about what they had done. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and the Grave gave up the dead that were in them, and people were judged by what they had done. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and the Grave were thrown into the fiery lake. This, the fiery lake, is the second death. <sup>15</sup>Then anyone whose name wasn't found written in the scroll of life was thrown into the fiery lake.

a Or *to them*

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*The New Heaven and Earth*

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,<sup>a</sup> <sup>4</sup>and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He <sup>\*</sup>said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."<sup>6</sup>Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. <sup>7</sup>"He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. <sup>8</sup>"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

*The New Jerusalem*

<sup>10</sup>And he carried me away <sup>b</sup>in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. <sup>12</sup>It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>*There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. <sup>16</sup>The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, <sup>c</sup>fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>And he measured its wall, <sup>d</sup>seventy-two yards, *according* to human measurements, which are *also* angelic measurements. <sup>18</sup>The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind

a One early ms reads, and be *their God*

b Or in *spirit*

c Lit *twelve thousand stadia*; a stadion was approx 600 ft

d Lit *one hundred forty-four cubits*

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*The New Heaven and the New Earth*

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home<sup>a</sup> of God is among mortals. He will dwell<sup>a</sup> with them as their God;<sup>b</sup> they will be his peoples,<sup>c</sup> and God himself will be with them;<sup>d</sup> <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless,<sup>e</sup> the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

*Vision of the New Jerusalem*

<sup>9</sup>Then one 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 wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And in the spirit<sup>f</sup> he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup>The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. <sup>18</sup>The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the wall of the city are

a Gk *tabernacle*

b Other ancient authorities lack *as their God*

c Other ancient authorities read *people*

d Other ancient authorities add *and be their God*

e Or *the unbelieving*

f Or in *the Spirit*

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*The New Heaven and the New Earth*

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

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

*The New Jerusalem*

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

<sup>15</sup>And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup>The city lies foursquare; its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia.<sup>d</sup> Its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>He also measured its wall, 144 cubits<sup>e</sup> by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. <sup>18</sup>The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, clear as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

a Or *tabernacle*

b Some manuscripts *peoples*

c Some manuscripts omit *as their God*

d About 1,380 miles; a *stadion* was about 607 feet or 185 meters

e A *cubit* was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters

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*A New Heaven and a New Earth*

**21** Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”<sup>a</sup> for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death<sup>b</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup>He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

*The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb*

<sup>9</sup>One 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 wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup>There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. <sup>14</sup>The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. <sup>16</sup>The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia<sup>c</sup> in length, and as wide and high as it is long. <sup>17</sup>The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits<sup>d</sup> thick.<sup>e</sup> <sup>18</sup>The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the

a 1 Isaiah 65:17

b 4 Isaiah 25:8

c 16 That is, about 1,400 miles or about 2,200 kilometers

d 17 That is, about 200 feet or about 65 meters

e 17 Or high

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*The New Creation*

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. <sup>2</sup>I also saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:<sup>a</sup>

Look! God’s dwelling<sup>b</sup> is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will exist no longer; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, because the previous things<sup>d</sup> have passed away.

<sup>5</sup>Then the One seated on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new.” He also said, “Write, because these words<sup>e</sup> are faithful and true.” <sup>6</sup>And He said to me, “It is done! I am the \*Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to the thirsty from the spring of living water as a gift. <sup>7</sup>The victor will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. <sup>8</sup>But the cowards, unbelievers,<sup>f</sup> vile, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

*The New Jerusalem*

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>He then carried me away in the Spirit<sup>g</sup> to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>arrayed with God’s glory. Her radiance was like a very precious stone, like a jasper stone, bright as crystal. <sup>12</sup>[The city] had a massive high wall, with 12 gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; [on the gates], names were inscribed, the names of the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup>The city wall had 12 foundations, and on them were the 12 names of the Lamb’s 12 apostles.

<sup>15</sup>The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. <sup>16</sup>The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 stadia.<sup>h</sup> Its length, width, and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>Then he measured its wall, 144 \*cubits

a 21:3 Other mss read *from heaven*

b 21:3 Or *tent, or tabernacle*

c 21:3 Other mss omit *and be their God*

d 21:4 Or *the first things*

e 21:5 Other mss add *of God*

f 21:8 Other mss add *the sinful*

g 21:10 Or *in spirit*

h 21:16 A *stadion* (sg) equals about 600 feet; the total is about 1,400 miles.

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*New heaven and new earth*

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.”

He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring. <sup>7</sup>Those who emerge victorious will inherit these things. I will be their God, and they will be my sons and daughters. <sup>8</sup>But for the cowardly, the faithless, the vile, the murderers, those who commit sexual immorality, those who use drugs and cast spells, the idolaters and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.”

*New Jerusalem*

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues spoke with me. “Come,” he said, “I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” <sup>10</sup>He took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>The city had God’s glory. Its brilliance was like a priceless jewel, like jasper that was as clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great high wall with twelve gates. By the gates were twelve angels, and on the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel’s sons. <sup>13</sup>There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup>The city wall had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the Lamb’s twelve apostles.

<sup>15</sup>The angel who spoke to me had a gold measuring rod with which to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. <sup>16</sup>Now the city was laid out as a square. Its length was the same as its width. He measured the city with the rod, and it was fifteen hundred miles.<sup>a</sup> Its length and width and height were equal. <sup>17</sup>He also measured the thickness of its wall. It was two hundred sixteen feet<sup>b</sup> thick, as a person—or rather, an angel—measures things.

<sup>18</sup>The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure glass. <sup>19</sup>The city wall’s foundations were decorated with every kind of jewel. The first foundation was jasper, the second was sapphire, the third was chalcedony, and the fourth was emerald. <sup>20</sup>The fifth was sardonyx, the sixth was carnelian,

a Or *twelve thousand stades*

b Or *one hundred forty-four pechon* (cubits)

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of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; <sup>20</sup>the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; <sup>26</sup>and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; <sup>27</sup>and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

*The River and the Tree of Life*

**22** Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of <sup>a</sup>the Lamb, <sup>2</sup>in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve <sup>b</sup>kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; <sup>4</sup>they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

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adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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<sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

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

*The River of Life*

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

a Or the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was

b Or crops of fruit

a Greek *he*

b Or the Lamb in the midst of the street of the city, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life

c Greek *bondservants*; also verse 6

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eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.<sup>a</sup>  
<sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.  
<sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup>On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

*Eden Restored*

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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according to human measurement, which the angel used. <sup>18</sup>The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold like clear glass.

<sup>19</sup>The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone:

the first foundation jasper,  
 the second sapphire,  
 the third chalcedony,  
 the fourth emerald,  
<sup>20</sup>the fifth sardonyx,  
 the sixth carnelian,  
 the seventh chrysolite,  
 the eighth beryl,  
 the ninth topaz,  
 the tenth chrysoprase,  
 the eleventh jacinth,  
 the twelfth amethyst.

<sup>21</sup>The 12 gates are 12 pearls; each individual gate was made of a single pearl. The broad street<sup>a</sup> of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a sanctuary in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its sanctuary.

<sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations<sup>b</sup> will walk in its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.<sup>c</sup> <sup>25</sup>Each day its gates will never close because it will never be night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.<sup>d</sup> <sup>27</sup>Nothing profane will ever enter it: no one who does what is vile or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.

*The Source of Life*

**22** Then he showed me the river<sup>e</sup> of living water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the broad street [of the city]. On both sides of the river was the tree of life<sup>f</sup> bearing 12 kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations,<sup>3</sup> and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city,<sup>g</sup> and His servants will serve Him. <sup>4</sup>They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>Night will no longer exist, and people will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.

a 21:21 Or *The public square*

b 21:24 Other mss add *of those who are saved*

c 21:24 Other mss read *will bring to Him the nations' glory and honor*

d 21:26 Other mss add *in order that they might go in*

e 22:1 Other mss read *pure river*

f 22:2 Or *was a tree of life, or was a tree that gives life*

g 22:3 Lit *in it*

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the seventh was chrysolite, and the eighth was beryl. The ninth was topaz, the tenth was chrysoprase, the eleventh was jacinth, and the twelfth was amethyst. <sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was made from a single pearl. And the city's main street was pure gold, as transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>I didn't see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful, but only those who are registered in the Lamb's scroll of life.

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water,<sup>a</sup> shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month. The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

a 20 The precise identification of some of these precious stones is uncertain.

a Or *the water of life*

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<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

<sup>7</sup>"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

<sup>8</sup>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 me these things. <sup>9</sup>But he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

*The Final Message*

<sup>10</sup>And he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

<sup>11</sup>"Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy."

<sup>12</sup>"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

<sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

<sup>18</sup>I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with <sup>a</sup>all. Amen.

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

<sup>7</sup>"See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

*Epilogue and Benediction*

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

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

<sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as

a gift.

<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>19</sup>if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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*Jesus is Coming*

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." <sup>7</sup>"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

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

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

<sup>12</sup>"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes,<sup>b</sup> so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

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

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

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

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

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.<sup>c</sup> Amen.

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<sup>a</sup> Greek *fellow bondservant*

<sup>b</sup> Some manuscripts *do his commandments*

<sup>c</sup> Some manuscripts *all the saints*

<sup>a</sup> One early ms reads *the saints*

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*John and the Angel*

<sup>6</sup>The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup>“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

<sup>10</sup>Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

*Epilogue: Invitation and Warning*

<sup>12</sup>“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

<sup>14</sup>“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you<sup>a</sup> this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. <sup>19</sup>And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

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a 16 The Greek is plural

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*The Time Is Near*

<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets,<sup>a</sup> has sent His angel to show His servants what must quickly take place.”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>7</sup>“Look, I am coming quickly! Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic words of this book.”

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow \*slave with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” <sup>10</sup>He also said to me, “Don’t seal the prophetic words of this book, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy go on being made filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; and let the holy go on being made holy.”

<sup>12</sup>“Look! I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me to repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the \*Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

<sup>14</sup>“Blessed are those who wash their robes,<sup>c</sup> so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

<sup>16</sup>“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to attest these things to you<sup>d</sup> for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star.”

<sup>17</sup>Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Anyone who hears should say, “Come!” And the one who is thirsty should come. Whoever desires should take the living water as a gift.

<sup>18</sup>I testify to everyone who hears the prophetic words of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. <sup>19</sup>And if anyone takes away from the words of this prophetic book, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, written in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.”

\*Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus<sup>e</sup> be with all the saints.<sup>f</sup> Amen.<sup>g</sup>

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a 22:6 Other mss read *God of the holy prophets*

b 22:6 Or *soon*

c 22:14 Other mss read *who keep His commandments*

d 22:16 *you* (pl in Gk)

e 22:21 Other mss add *Christ*

f 22:21 Other mss omit *the saints*

g 22:21 Other mss omit *Amen*.

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*Jesus is coming soon*

<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.

<sup>7</sup>“Look! I’m coming soon. Favored is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy contained in this scroll.”

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I’m a servant just like you and your brothers and sisters, the prophets, and those who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy contained in this scroll, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let those who do wrong keep doing what is wrong. Let the filthy still be filthy. Let those who are righteous keep doing what is right. Let those who are holy still be holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Look! I’m coming soon. My reward is with me, to repay all people as their actions deserve. <sup>13</sup>I am the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. <sup>14</sup>Favored are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right of access to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, the drug users and spell-casters, those who commit sexual immorality, the murderers, the idolaters, and all who love and practice deception.

<sup>16</sup>“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to bear witness to all of you about these things for the churches. I’m the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star. <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who is thirsty come! Let the one who wishes receive life-giving water<sup>a</sup> as a gift.”

<sup>18</sup>Now I bear witness to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy contained in this scroll: If anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues that are written in this scroll. <sup>19</sup>If anyone takes away from the words of this scroll of prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are described in this scroll.

<sup>20</sup>The one who bears witness to these things says, “Yes, I’m coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

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a Or *the water of life*

HCSB bullet notes

abyss	The <i>bottomless pit</i> or <i>the depths</i> (of the sea); the prison for Satan and the demons.	Messiah	Or <i>the Christ</i> ; the Greek word <i>Christos</i> means “the anointed one.”
Alpha & Omega	The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet; it is used to refer to God the Father in Rv 1:8 and 21:6, and to Jesus, God the Son, in Rv 22:13.	slave	The strong Greek word <i>doulos</i> cannot be accurately translated in English by “servant” or “bond servant”; the HCSB translates this word as “slave,” not out of insensitivity to the legitimate concerns of modern English speakers, but out of a commitment to accurately convey the brutal reality of the Roman empire’s inhumane institution as well as the ownership called for by Christ.
Amen	The transliteration of a Hebrew word signifying that something is certain, valid, truthful, or faithful; it is often used at the end of biblical songs, hymns, and prayers.	Son of Man	The most frequent title Jesus used for Himself, Dn 7:13.
cubit	An OT measurement of distance that equaled about 18 inches.	synagogue	A place where the Jewish people met for prayer, worship, and teaching of the Scriptures.
firstfruits	The agricultural products harvested first and given to God as an offering; also the first of more products to come.		
Hades	The Greek word for the place of the dead; it corresponds to the Hebrew word <i>Sheol</i> .		

## NLT

*Prologue*

**1** This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

*John's Greeting to the Seven Churches*

<sup>4</sup>This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. <sup>6</sup>He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.

And everyone will see him—  
even those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the world  
will mourn for him.

Yes! Amen!

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One."

*Vision of the Son of Man*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. <sup>10</sup>It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. <sup>11</sup>It said, "Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. <sup>13</sup>And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. <sup>16</sup>He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

<sup>19</sup>"Write down what you have seen—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen. <sup>20</sup>This is the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven gold lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## THE MESSAGE

**1** A revealing of Jesus, the Messiah. God gave it to make plain to his servants what is about to happen. He published and delivered it by Angel to his servant John. <sup>2</sup>And John told everything he saw: God's Word—the witness of Jesus Christ!

<sup>3</sup>How blessed the reader! How blessed the hearers and keepers of these oracle words, all the words written in this book!

Time is just about up.

*His Eyes Pouring Fire-Blaze*

<sup>4</sup>I, John, am writing this to the seven churches in Asia province: All the best to you from THE GOD WHO IS, THE GOD WHO WAS, AND THE GOD ABOUT TO ARRIVE, and from the Seven Spirits assembled before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ—Loyal Witness, Firstborn from the dead, Ruler of all earthly kings.

Glory and strength to Christ, who loves us,  
who blood-washed our sins from our lives,

<sup>6</sup> Who made us a Kingdom, Priests for his Father,  
forever—and yes, he's on his way!

<sup>7</sup> Riding the clouds, he'll be seen by every eye,  
those who mocked and killed him will see him,  
People from all nations and all times  
will tear their clothes in lament.

Oh, Yes.

<sup>8</sup>The Master declares, "I'm A to Z. I'm THE GOD WHO IS, THE GOD WHO WAS, AND THE GOD ABOUT TO ARRIVE. I'm the Sovereign-Strong."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, with you all the way in the trial and the Kingdom and the passion of patience in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of God's Word, the witness of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>It was Sunday and I was in the Spirit, praying. I heard a loud voice behind me, trumpet-clear and piercing: <sup>11</sup>"Write what you see into a book. Send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea." <sup>12</sup>I turned and saw the voice.

I saw a gold menorah  
with seven branches,

<sup>13</sup> And in the center, the Son of Man,  
in a robe and gold breastplate,

<sup>14</sup> hair a blizzard of white,  
Eyes pouring fire-blaze,

<sup>15</sup> both feet furnace-fired bronze,  
His voice a cataract,

<sup>16</sup> right hand holding the Seven Stars,  
His mouth a sharp-biting sword,  
his face a perigee sun.

<sup>17</sup>I saw this and fainted dead at his feet. His right hand pulled me upright, his voice reassured me:

"Don't fear: I am First, I am Last, <sup>18</sup>I'm Alive. I died, but I came to life, and my life is now forever. See these keys in my hand? They open and lock Death's doors, they open and lock Hell's gates. <sup>19</sup>Now write down everything you see: things that are, things about to be. <sup>20</sup>The Seven Stars you saw in my right hand and the seven-branched gold menorah—do you want to know what's behind them? The Seven Stars are the Angels of the seven churches; the menorah's seven branches are the seven churches."

*The Message to the Church in Ephesus*

**2**“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:

<sup>2</sup>“I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. <sup>3</sup>You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.

<sup>4</sup>“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! <sup>5</sup>Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. <sup>6</sup>But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do.

<sup>7</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

*The Message to the Church in Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive:

<sup>9</sup>“I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. <sup>10</sup>Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

<sup>11</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.

*The Message to the Church in Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword:

<sup>13</sup>“I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city.

<sup>14</sup>“But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. <sup>15</sup>In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. <sup>16</sup>Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

*To Ephesus*

**2**Write this to Ephesus, to the Angel of the church. The One with Seven Stars in his right-fist grip, striding through the golden seven-lights’ circle, speaks:

<sup>2</sup>“I see what you’ve done, your hard, hard work, your refusal to quit. I know you can’t stomach evil, that you weed out apostolic pretenders. <sup>3</sup>I know your persistence, your courage in my cause, that you never wear out.

<sup>4</sup>“But you walked away from your first love—why? What’s going on with you, anyway? <sup>5</sup>Do you have any idea how far you’ve fallen? A Lucifer fall!

“Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste, for I’m well on my way to removing your light from the golden circle.

<sup>6</sup>“You do have this to your credit: You hate the Nicolaitan business. I hate it, too.

<sup>7</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I’m about to call each conqueror to dinner. I’m spreading a banquet of Tree-of-Life fruit, a supper plucked from God’s orchard.”

*To Smyrna*

<sup>8</sup>Write this to Smyrna, to the Angel of the church. The Beginning and Ending, the First and Final One, the Once Dead and Then Come Alive, speaks:

<sup>9</sup>“I can see your pain and poverty—constant pain, dire poverty—but I also see your wealth. And I hear the lie in the claims of those who pretend to be good Jews, who in fact belong to Satan’s crowd.

<sup>10</sup>“Fear nothing in the things you’re about to suffer—but stay on guard! Fear nothing! The Devil is about to throw you in jail for a time of testing—ten days. It won’t last forever.

“Don’t quit, even if it costs you your life. Stay there believing. I have a Life-Crown sized and ready for you.

<sup>11</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. Christ-conquerors are safe from Devil-death.”

*To Pergamum*

<sup>12</sup>Write this to Pergamum, to the Angel of the church. The One with the sharp-biting sword draws from the sheath of his mouth—out come the sword words:

<sup>13</sup>“I see where you live, right under the shadow of Satan’s throne. But you continue boldly in my Name; you never once denied my Name, even when the pressure was worst, when they martyred Antipas, my witness who stayed faithful to me on Satan’s turf.

<sup>14</sup>“But why do you indulge that Balaam crowd? Don’t you remember that Balaam was an enemy agent, seducing Balak and sabotaging Israel’s holy pilgrimage by throwing unholy parties? <sup>15</sup>And why do you put up with the Nicolaitans, who do the same thing?

<sup>16</sup>“Enough! Don’t give in to them; I’ll be with you soon. I’m fed up and about to cut them to pieces with my sword-sharp words.

<sup>17</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I’ll give the sacred manna to every conqueror; I’ll also give a clear, smooth stone inscribed with your new name, your secret new name.”

## NLT

*The Message to the Church in Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze:

<sup>19</sup>“I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things.

<sup>20</sup>“But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality.

<sup>22</sup>“Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. <sup>23</sup>I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve.

<sup>24</sup>“But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching (‘deeper truths,’ as they call them—depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you <sup>25</sup>except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end,

To them I will give authority over all the nations.

<sup>27</sup> They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.

<sup>28</sup> They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star!

<sup>29</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

*The Message to the Church in Sardis*

**3**“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars:

<sup>2</sup>“I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. <sup>3</sup>Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don’t wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.

<sup>4</sup>“Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.

<sup>6</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

*The Message to the Church in Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David.

What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open.

<sup>8</sup>“I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. <sup>9</sup>Look, I will force those who belong to Satan’s synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love.

<sup>10</sup>“Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to

## THE MESSAGE

*To Thyatira*

<sup>18</sup>Write this to Thyatira, to the Angel of the church. God’s Son, eyes pouring fire-blaze, standing on feet of furnace-fired bronze, says this:

<sup>19</sup>“I see everything you’re doing for me. Impressive! The love and the faith, the service and persistence. Yes, very impressive! You get better at it every day.

<sup>20</sup>“But why do you let that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet mislead my dear servants into Cross-denying, self-indulging religion? <sup>21</sup>I gave her a chance to change her ways, but she has no intention of giving up a career in the god-business. <sup>22</sup>I’m about to lay her low, along with her partners, as they play their sex-and-religion games. <sup>23</sup>The bastard offspring of their idol-whoring I’ll kill. Then every church will know that appearances don’t impress me. I x-ray every motive and make sure you get what’s coming to you.

<sup>24</sup>“The rest of you Thyatirans, who have nothing to do with this outrage, who scorn this playing around with the Devil that gets paraded as profundity, be assured I’ll not make life any harder for you than it already is. <sup>25</sup>Hold on to the truth you have until I get there.

<sup>26</sup>“Here’s the reward I have for every conqueror, everyone who keeps at it, refusing to give up: You’ll rule the nations, <sup>27</sup>your Shepherd-King rule as firm as an iron staff, their resistance fragile as clay pots. This was the gift my Father gave me; I pass it along to you— <sup>28</sup>and with it, the Morning Star!

<sup>29</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.”

*To Sardis*

**3**Write this to Sardis, to the Angel of the church. The One holding the Seven Spirits of God in one hand, a firm grip on the Seven Stars with the other, speaks:

“I see right through your work. You have a reputation for vigor and zest, but you’re dead, stone dead.

<sup>2</sup>“Up on your feet! Take a deep breath! Maybe there’s life in you yet. But I wouldn’t know it by looking at your busywork; nothing of God’s work has been completed. Your condition is desperate. <sup>3</sup>Think of the gift you once had in your hands, the Message you heard with your ears—grasp it again and turn back to God.

“If you pull the covers back over your head and sleep on, oblivious to God, I’ll return when you least expect it, break into your life like a thief in the night.

<sup>4</sup>“You still have a few Christians in Sardis who haven’t ruined themselves wallowing in the muck of the world’s ways. They’ll walk with me on parade! They’ve proved their worth!

<sup>5</sup>“Conquerors will march in the victory parade, their names indelible in the Book of Life. I’ll lead them up and present them by name to my Father and his Angels.

<sup>6</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.”

*To Philadelphia*

<sup>7</sup>Write this to Philadelphia, to the Angel of the church. The Holy, the True—David’s key in his hand, opening doors no one can lock, locking doors no one can open—speaks:

<sup>8</sup>“I see what you’ve done. Now see what I’ve done. I’ve opened a door before you that no one can slam shut. You don’t have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn’t deny me when times were rough.

<sup>9</sup>“And watch as I take those who call themselves true believers but are nothing of the kind, pretenders whose true membership is in the club of Satan—watch as I strip off their pretensions and they’re forced to acknowledge it’s you that I’ve loved.

<sup>10</sup>“Because you kept my Word in passionate patience, I’ll keep you safe in the time of testing that will be here soon, and all over the earth, every man, woman, and child put to the test.

<sup>11</sup>“I’m on my way; I’ll be there soon. Keep a tight grip on what you have so no one distracts you and steals your crown.

test those who belong to this world. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. <sup>12</sup>All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.

<sup>13</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

*The Message to the Church in Laodicea*

<sup>14</sup>“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s new creation:

<sup>15</sup>“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! <sup>16</sup>But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! <sup>17</sup>You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. <sup>19</sup>I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

<sup>20</sup>“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. <sup>21</sup>Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

<sup>22</sup>“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

*Worship in Heaven*

**4** Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” <sup>2</sup>And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. <sup>4</sup>Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. <sup>6</sup>In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. <sup>7</sup>The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup>Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

<sup>9</sup>Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say,

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>“I’ll make each conqueror a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, a permanent position of honor. Then I’ll write names on you, the pillars: the Name of my God, the Name of God’s City—the new Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven—and my new Name.

<sup>13</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.”

*To Laodicea*

<sup>14</sup>Write to Laodicea, to the Angel of the church. God’s Yes, the Faithful and Accurate Witness, the First of God’s creation, says:

<sup>15</sup>“I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You’re not cold, you’re not hot—far better to be either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup>You’re stale. You’re stagnant. You make me want to vomit. <sup>17</sup>You brag, ‘I’m rich, I’ve got it made, I need nothing from anyone,’ oblivious that in fact you’re a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless.

<sup>18</sup>“Here’s what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that’s been through the refiner’s fire. Then you’ll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You’ve gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, *really* see.

<sup>19</sup>“The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they’ll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!

<sup>20</sup>“Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I’ll come right in and sit down to supper with you. <sup>21</sup>Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honor at the side of my Father. That’s my gift to the conquerors!

<sup>22</sup>“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.”

*A Door into Heaven*

**4** Then I looked, and, oh!—a door open into Heaven. The trumpet-voice, the first voice in my vision, called out, “Ascend and enter. I’ll show you what happens next.”

<sup>2</sup>I was caught up at once in deep worship and, oh!—a Throne set in Heaven with One Seated on the Throne, <sup>3</sup>suffused in gem hues of amber and flame with a nimbus of emerald. <sup>4</sup>Twenty-four thrones circled the Throne, with Twenty-four Elders seated, white-robed, gold-crowned. <sup>5</sup>Lightning flash and thunder crash pulsed from the Throne. Seven fire-blazing torches fronted the Throne (these are the Sevenfold Spirit of God). <sup>6</sup>Before the Throne it was like a clear crystal sea.

Prowling around the Throne were Four Animals, all eyes. Eyes to look ahead, eyes to look behind. <sup>7</sup>The first Animal like a lion, the second like an ox, the third with a human face, the fourth like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup>The Four Animals were winged, each with six wings. They were all eyes, seeing around and within. And they chanted night and day, never taking a break:

Holy, holy, holy  
Is God our Master, Sovereign-Strong,  
THE WAS, THE IS, THE COMING.

<sup>9</sup>Every time the Animals gave glory and honor and thanks to the One Seated on the Throne—the age-after-age Living One—<sup>10</sup>the Twenty-four Elders would fall prostrate before the One Seated on the Throne. They worshiped the age-after-age Living One. They threw their crowns at the foot of the Throne, chanting,

<sup>11</sup> Worthy, O Master! Yes, our God!  
Take the glory! the honor! the power!  
You created it all;  
It was created because you wanted it.

## NLT

*The Lamb Opens the Scroll*

**S**Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?” <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.

<sup>4</sup>Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. <sup>5</sup>But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, “Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David’s throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. <sup>7</sup>He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song with these words:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and break its seals and open it.

For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> And you have caused them to become  
a Kingdom of priests for our God.  
And they will reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. <sup>12</sup>And they sang in a mighty chorus:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—  
to receive power and riches  
and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and blessing.”

<sup>13</sup>And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power  
belong to the one sitting on the throne  
and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

<sup>14</sup>And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

## THE MESSAGE

*The Lion Is a Lamb*

**S**I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One Seated on the Throne. It was written on both sides, fastened with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>I also saw a powerful Angel, calling out in a voice like thunder, “Is there anyone who can open the scroll, who can break its seals?”

<sup>3</sup>There was no one—no one in Heaven, no one on earth, no one from the underworld—able to break open the scroll and read it.

<sup>4</sup>I wept and wept and wept that no one was found able to open the scroll, able to read it. <sup>5</sup>One of the Elders said, “Don’t weep. Look—the Lion from Tribe Judah, the Root of David’s Tree, has conquered. He can open the scroll, can rip through the seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup>So I looked, and there, surrounded by Throne, Animals, and Elders, was a Lamb, slaughtered but standing tall. Seven horns he had, and seven eyes, the Seven Spirits of God sent into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He came to the One Seated on the Throne and took the scroll from his right hand. <sup>8</sup>The moment he took the scroll, the Four Animals and Twenty-four Elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb. Each had a harp and each had a bowl, a gold bowl filled with incense, the prayers of God’s holy people. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song:

Worthy! Take the scroll, open its seals.

Slain! Paying in blood, you bought men and women,  
Bought them back from all over the earth,  
Bought them back for God.

<sup>10</sup> Then you made them a Kingdom, Priests for our God,  
Priest-kings to rule over the earth.

<sup>11</sup>I looked again. I heard a company of Angels around the Throne, the Animals, and the Elders—ten thousand times ten thousand their number, thousand after thousand after thousand <sup>12</sup> in full song:

The slain Lamb is worthy!

Take the power, the wealth, the wisdom, the strength!  
Take the honor, the glory, the blessing!

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in Heaven and earth, in underworld and sea, join in, all voices in all places, singing:

To the One on the Throne! To the Lamb!  
The blessing, the honor, the glory, the strength,  
For age after age after age.

<sup>14</sup>The Four Animals called out, “Oh, Yes!” The Elders fell to their knees and worshiped.

*The Lamb Breaks the First Six Seals*

**6**As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll. Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”<sup>2</sup>I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory.

<sup>3</sup>When the Lamb broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, “Come!”<sup>4</sup>Then another horse appeared, a red one. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take peace from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere.

<sup>5</sup>When the Lamb broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, “Come!” I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.<sup>6</sup>And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, “A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day’s pay. And don’t waste the olive oil and wine.”

<sup>7</sup>When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, “Come!”<sup>8</sup>I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.

<sup>9</sup>When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony.<sup>10</sup>They shouted to the Lord and said, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?”<sup>11</sup>Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters—their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred—had joined them.

<sup>12</sup>I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood.<sup>13</sup>Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind.<sup>14</sup>The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places.

<sup>15</sup>Then everyone—the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person—all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains.<sup>16</sup>And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.<sup>17</sup>For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to survive?”

*Unsealing the Scroll*

**6**I watched while the Lamb ripped off the first of the seven seals. I heard one of the Animals roar, “Come out!”<sup>2</sup>I looked—I saw a white horse. Its rider carried a bow and was given a victory garland. He rode off victorious, conquering right and left.

<sup>3</sup>When the Lamb ripped off the second seal, I heard the second Animal cry, “Come out!”<sup>4</sup>Another horse appeared, this one red. Its rider was off to take peace from the earth, setting people at each other’s throats, killing one another. He was given a huge sword.

<sup>5</sup>When he ripped off the third seal, I heard the third Animal cry, “Come out!” I looked. A black horse this time. Its rider carried a set of scales in his hand.<sup>6</sup>I heard a message (it seemed to issue from the Four Animals): “A quart of wheat for a day’s wages, or three quarts of barley, but all the oil and wine you want.”

<sup>7</sup>When he ripped off the fourth seal, I heard the fourth Animal cry, “Come out!”<sup>8</sup>I looked. A colorless horse, sickly pale. Its rider was Death, and Hell was close on its heels. They were given power to destroy a fourth of the earth by war, famine, disease, and wild beasts.

<sup>9</sup>When he ripped off the fifth seal, I saw the souls of those killed because they had held firm in their witness to the Word of God. They were gathered under the Altar,<sup>10</sup>and cried out in loud prayers, “How long, Strong God, Holy and True? How long before you step in and avenge our murders?”<sup>11</sup>Then each martyr was given a white robe and told to sit back and wait until the full number of martyrs was filled from among their servant companions and friends in the faith.

<sup>12</sup>I watched while he ripped off the sixth seal: a bone-jarring earthquake, sun turned black as ink, moon all bloody,<sup>13</sup>stars falling out of the sky like figs shaken from a tree in a high wind,<sup>14</sup>sky snapped shut like a book, islands and mountains sliding this way and that.<sup>15</sup>And then pandemonium, everyone and his dog running for cover—kings, princes, generals, rich and strong, along with every commoner, slave or free. They hid in mountain caves and rocky dens,<sup>16</sup>calling out to mountains and rocks, “Refuge! Hide us from the One Seated on the Throne and the wrath of the Lamb!<sup>17</sup>The great Day of their wrath has come—who can stand it?”

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*God's People Will Be Preserved*

**7** Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds so they did not blow on the earth or the sea, or even on any tree. <sup>2</sup>And I saw another angel coming up from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted to those four angels, who had been given power to harm land and sea, <sup>3</sup>“Wait! Don’t harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.”

<sup>4</sup>And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God—144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> from Judah	12,000
from Reuben	12,000
from Gad	12,000
<sup>6</sup> from Asher	12,000
from Naphtali	12,000
from Manasseh	12,000
<sup>7</sup> from Simeon	12,000
from Levi	12,000
from Issachar	12,000
<sup>8</sup> from Zebulun	12,000
from Joseph	12,000
from Benjamin	12,000

*Praise From the Great Crowd*

<sup>9</sup>After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they were shouting with a mighty shout,

“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne  
and from the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. <sup>12</sup>They sang,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and strength belong to our God  
forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, “Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>And I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

<sup>15</sup> “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne  
and serve him day and night in his Temple.  
And he who sits on the throne  
will give them shelter.

<sup>16</sup> They will never again be hungry or thirsty;  
they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb on the throne  
will be their Shepherd.  
He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.  
And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

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*The Servants of God*

**7** Immediately I saw Four Angels standing at the four corners of earth, standing steady with a firm grip on the four winds so no wind would blow on earth or sea, not even rustle a tree.

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another Angel rising from where the sun rose, carrying the seal of the Living God. He thundered to the Four Angels assigned the task of hurting earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>“Don’t hurt the earth! Don’t hurt the sea! Don’t so much as hurt a tree until I’ve sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads!”

<sup>4</sup>I heard the count of those who were sealed: 144,000! They were sealed out of every Tribe of Israel: <sup>5</sup>12,000 sealed from Judah, 12,000 from Reuben, 12,000 from Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from Asher, 12,000 from Naphtali, 12,000 from Manasseh, <sup>7</sup>12,000 from Simeon, 12,000 from Levi, 12,000 from Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from Zebulun, 12,000 from Joseph, 12,000 sealed from Benjamin.

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<sup>9</sup>I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were *standing*, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb <sup>10</sup>and heartily singing:

Salvation to our God on his Throne!  
Salvation to the Lamb!

<sup>11</sup>All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing:

Oh, Yes!  
The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,  
The honor and power and strength,  
To our God forever and ever and ever!  
Oh, Yes!

<sup>13</sup>Just then one of the Elders addressed me: “Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?” <sup>14</sup>Taken aback, I said, “O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know.”

Then he told me, “These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they’ve washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>That’s why they’re standing before God’s Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: <sup>16</sup>no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

*The Lamb Breaks the Seventh Seal*

**8**When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup>I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets.

<sup>3</sup>Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. <sup>4</sup>The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.

*The First Four Trumpets*

<sup>6</sup>Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts.

<sup>7</sup>The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth. One-third of the earth was set on fire, one-third of the trees were burned, and all the green grass was burned.

<sup>8</sup>Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. One-third of the water in the sea became blood, <sup>9</sup>one-third of all things living in the sea died, and one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed.

<sup>10</sup>Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch. It fell on one-third of the rivers and on the springs of water. <sup>11</sup>The name of the star was Bitterness. It made one-third of the water bitter, and many people died from drinking the bitter water.

<sup>12</sup>Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night.

<sup>13</sup>Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets."

*The Fifth Trumpet Brings the First Terror*

**9**Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup>When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke.

<sup>3</sup>Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. <sup>4</sup>They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. <sup>6</sup>In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them!

<sup>7</sup>The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. <sup>8</sup>They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. <sup>9</sup>They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup>They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people. <sup>11</sup>Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is *Abaddon*, and in Greek, *Apollyon* the Destroyer.

<sup>12</sup>The first terror is past, but look, two more terrors are coming!

**8**When the Lamb ripped off the seventh seal, Heaven fell quiet—complete silence for about half an hour.

*Blowing the Trumpets*

<sup>2</sup>I saw the Seven Angels who are always in readiness before God handed seven trumpets. <sup>3</sup>Then another Angel, carrying a gold censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given a great quantity of incense so that he could offer up the prayers of all the holy people of God on the Golden Altar before the Throne. <sup>4</sup>Smoke billowed up from the incense-laced prayers of the holy ones, rose before God from the hand of the Angel.

<sup>5</sup>Then the Angel filled the censer with fire from the Altar and heaved it to earth. It set off thunders, voices, lightnings, and an earthquake.

<sup>6</sup>The Seven Angels with the trumpets got ready to blow them. <sup>7</sup>At the first trumpet blast, hail and fire mixed with blood were dumped on earth. A third of the earth was scorched, a third of the trees, and every blade of green grass—burned to a crisp.

<sup>8</sup>The second Angel trumpeted. Something like a huge mountain blazing with fire was flung into the sea. A third of the sea turned to blood, <sup>9</sup>a third of the living sea creatures died, and a third of the ships sank.

<sup>10</sup>The third Angel trumpeted. A huge Star, blazing like a torch, fell from Heaven, wiping out a third of the rivers and a third of the springs. <sup>11</sup>The Star's name was Wormwood. A third of the water turned bitter, and many people died from the poisoned water.

<sup>12</sup>The fourth Angel trumpeted. A third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were hit, blacked out by a third, both day and night in one-third blackout.

<sup>13</sup>I looked hard; I heard a lone eagle, flying through Middle-Heaven, crying out ominously, "Doom! Doom! Doom to everyone left on earth! There are three more Angels about to blow their trumpets. Doom is on its way!"

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**9**The fifth Angel trumpeted. I saw a Star plummet from Heaven to earth. The Star was handed a key to the Well of the Abyss. <sup>2</sup>He unlocked the Well of the Abyss—smoke poured out of the Well, billows and billows of smoke, sun and air in blackout from smoke pouring out of the Well.

<sup>3</sup>Then out of the smoke crawled locusts with the venom of scorpions. <sup>4</sup>They were given their orders: "Don't hurt the grass, don't hurt anything green, don't hurt a single tree—only men and women, and then only those who lack the seal of God on their foreheads." <sup>5</sup>They were ordered to torture but not kill, torture them for five months, the pain like a scorpion sting. <sup>6</sup>When this happens, people are going to prefer death to torture, look for ways to kill themselves. But they won't find a way—death will have gone into hiding.

<sup>7</sup>The locusts looked like horses ready for war. They had gold crowns, human faces, <sup>8</sup>women's hair, the teeth of lions, <sup>9</sup>and iron breastplates. The sound of their wings was the sound of horse-drawn chariots charging into battle. <sup>10</sup>Their tails were equipped with stings, like scorpion tails. With those tails they were ordered to torture the human race for five months. <sup>11</sup>They had a king over them, the Angel of the Abyss. His name in Hebrew is *Abaddon*, in Greek, *Apollyon*—"Destroyer."

<sup>12</sup>The first doom is past. Two dooms yet to come.

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*The Sixth Trumpet Brings the Second Terror*

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. <sup>14</sup>And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River.” <sup>15</sup>Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. <sup>16</sup>I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops.

<sup>17</sup>And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and dark blue and yellow. The horses had heads like lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths. <sup>18</sup>One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues—by the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. <sup>19</sup>Their power was in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.

<sup>20</sup>But the people who did not die in these plagues still refused to repent of their evil deeds and turn to God. They continued to worship demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that can neither see nor hear nor walk! <sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

*The Angel and the Small Scroll*

**10** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face shone like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup>And in his hand was a small scroll that had been opened. He stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. <sup>3</sup>And he gave a great shout like the roar of a lion. And when he shouted, the seven thunders answered.

<sup>4</sup>When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. But I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Keep secret what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven. <sup>6</sup>He swore an oath in the name of the one who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and everything in them, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it. He said, “There will be no more delay. <sup>7</sup>When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God’s mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets.”

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice from heaven spoke to me again: “Go and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

<sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll. “Yes, take it and eat it,” he said. “It will be sweet as honey in your mouth, but it will turn sour in your stomach!” <sup>10</sup>So I took the small scroll from the hand of the angel, and I ate it! It was sweet in my mouth, but when I swallowed it, it turned sour in my stomach.

<sup>11</sup>Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

*The Two Witnesses*

**11** Then I was given a measuring stick, and I was told, “Go and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshipers. <sup>2</sup>But do not measure the outer courtyard, for it has been turned over to the nations. They will trample the holy city for 42 months. <sup>3</sup>And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy during those 1,260 days.”

<sup>4</sup>These two prophets are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>5</sup>If anyone tries to harm them, fire flashes from their mouths and consumes their enemies. This is how anyone who tries to harm them must die. <sup>6</sup>They have power to shut the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. And they have the power to turn the rivers and oceans into blood, and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish.

<sup>7</sup>When they complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the

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<sup>13</sup>The sixth Angel trumpeted. I heard a voice speaking to the sixth Angel from the horns of the Golden Altar before God: <sup>14</sup>“Let the Four Angels loose, the Angels confined at the great River Euphrates.”

<sup>15</sup>The Four Angels were untied and let loose, Four Angels all prepared for the exact year, month, day, and even hour when they were to kill a third of the human race. <sup>16</sup>The number of the army of horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard the count <sup>17</sup>and saw both horses and riders in my vision: fiery breastplates on the riders, lion heads on the horses breathing out fire and smoke and brimstone. <sup>18</sup>With these three weapons—fire and smoke and brimstone—they killed a third of the human race. <sup>19</sup>The horses killed with their mouths and tails; their serpentlike tails also had heads that wreaked havoc.

<sup>20</sup>The remaining men and women who weren’t killed by these weapons went on their merry way—didn’t change their way of life, didn’t quit worshiping demons, didn’t quit centering their lives around lumps of gold and silver and brass, hunks of stone and wood that couldn’t see or hear or move. <sup>21</sup>There wasn’t a sign of a change of heart. They plunged right on in their murderous, occult, promiscuous, and thieving ways.

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**10** I saw another powerful Angel coming down out of Heaven wrapped in a cloud. There was a rainbow over his head, his face was sun-radiant, his legs pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup>He had a small book open in his hand. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left foot on land, <sup>3</sup>then called out thunderously, a lion roar. When he called out, the Seven Thunders called back. <sup>4</sup>When the Seven Thunders spoke, I started to write it all down, but a voice out of Heaven stopped me, saying, “Seal with silence the Seven Thunders; don’t write a word.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the Angel I saw astride sea and land lifted his right hand to Heaven <sup>6</sup>and swore by the One Living Forever and Ever, who created Heaven and everything in it, earth and everything in it, sea and everything in it, that time was up—<sup>7</sup>that when the seventh Angel blew his trumpet, which he was about to do, the Mystery of God, all the plans he had revealed to his servants, the prophets, would be completed.

<sup>8</sup>The voice out of Heaven spoke to me again: “Go, take the book held open in the hand of the Angel astride sea and earth.” <sup>9</sup>I went up to the Angel and said, “Give me the little book.” He said, “Take it, then eat it. It will taste sweet like honey, but turn sour in your stomach.” <sup>10</sup>I took the little book from the Angel’s hand and it was sweet honey in my mouth, but when I swallowed, my stomach curdled. <sup>11</sup>Then I was told, “You must go back and prophesy again over many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

*The Two Witnesses*

**11** I was given a stick for a measuring rod and told, “Get up and measure God’s Temple and Altar and everyone worshiping in it. <sup>2</sup>Exclude the outside court; don’t measure it. It’s been handed over to non-Jewish outsiders. They’ll desecrate the Holy City for forty-two months.

<sup>3</sup>“Meanwhile, I’ll provide my two Witnesses. Dressed in sackcloth, they’ll prophesy for one thousand two hundred sixty days. <sup>4</sup>These are the two Olive Trees, the two Lampstands, standing at attention before God on earth. <sup>5</sup>If anyone tries to hurt them, a blast of fire from their mouths will incinerate them—burn them to a crisp just like that. <sup>6</sup>They’ll have power to seal the sky so that it doesn’t rain for the time of their prophesying, power to turn rivers and springs to blood, power to hit earth with any and every disaster as often as they want.

<sup>7</sup>“When they’ve completed their witness, the Beast from the Abyss will emerge and fight them, conquer and kill them, <sup>8</sup>leaving their corpses exposed on the street of the Great City spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, the same City where their Master was crucified. <sup>9</sup>For three and a half days they’ll be there—exposed, prevented from getting a decent burial, stared at by the curious from all over the world. <sup>10</sup>Those people will cheer at the spectacle, shouting ‘Good riddance!’ and calling for a celebration, for these two prophets pricked the conscience of all the people on earth, made it impossible for them

bottomless pit will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. <sup>8</sup>And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, the city that is figuratively called “Sodom” and “Egypt,” the city where their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>And for three and a half days, all peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will stare at their bodies. No one will be allowed to bury them. <sup>10</sup>All the people who belong to this world will gloat over them and give presents to each other to celebrate the death of the two prophets who had tormented them.

<sup>11</sup>But after three and a half days, God breathed life into them, and they stood up! Terror struck all who were staring at them. <sup>12</sup>Then a loud voice from heaven called to the two prophets, “Come up here!” And they rose to heaven in a cloud as their enemies watched.

<sup>13</sup>At the same time there was a terrible earthquake that destroyed a tenth of the city. Seven thousand people died in that earthquake, and everyone else was terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second terror is past, but look, the third terror is coming quickly.

*The Seventh Trumpet Brings the Third Terror*

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven:

“The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.”

<sup>16</sup>The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones before God fell with their faces to the ground and worshiped him. <sup>17</sup>And they said,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who always was, for now you have assumed your great power and have begun to reign.

<sup>18</sup>The nations were filled with wrath, but now the time of your wrath has come. It is time to judge the dead and reward your servants the prophets, as well as your holy people, and all who fear your name, from the least to the greatest.

It is time to destroy all who have caused destruction on the earth.”

<sup>19</sup>Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and roared, and there was an earthquake and a terrible hailstorm.

to enjoy their sins.

<sup>11</sup>“Then, after three and a half days, the Living Spirit of God will enter them—they’re on their feet!—and all those gloating spectators will be scared to death.”

<sup>12</sup>I heard a strong voice out of Heaven calling, “Come up here!” and up they went to Heaven, wrapped in a cloud, their enemies watching it all. <sup>13</sup>At that moment there was a gigantic earthquake—a tenth of the city fell to ruin, seven thousand perished in the earthquake, the rest frightened to the core of their being, frightened into giving honor to the God of Heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second doom is past, the third doom coming right on its heels.

*The Last Trumpet Sounds*

<sup>15</sup>The seventh Angel trumpeted. A crescendo of voices in Heaven sang out,

The kingdom of the world is now  
the Kingdom of our God and his Messiah!  
He will rule forever and ever!

<sup>16</sup>The Twenty-four Elders seated before God on their thrones fell to their knees, worshiped, <sup>17</sup> and sang,

We thank you, O God, Sovereign-Strong,  
WHO IS AND WHO WAS.  
You took your great power  
and took over—reigned!

<sup>18</sup> The angry nations now  
get a taste of *your* anger.  
The time has come to judge the dead,  
to reward your servants, all prophets and saints,  
Reward small and great who fear your Name,  
and destroy the destroyers of earth.

<sup>19</sup>The doors of God’s Temple in Heaven flew open, and the Ark of his Covenant was clearly seen surrounded by flashes of lightning, loud shouts, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a fierce hailstorm.

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*The Woman and the Dragon*

**12** Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.

<sup>3</sup>Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.

<sup>5</sup>She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup>And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.

<sup>7</sup>Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. <sup>8</sup>And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. <sup>9</sup>This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens,

“It has come at last—  
salvation and power  
and the Kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Christ.  
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters  
has been thrown down to earth—  
the one who accuses them  
before our God day and night.

<sup>11</sup> And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by their testimony.

And they did not love their lives so much  
that they were afraid to die.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, O heavens!

And you who live in the heavens, rejoice!  
But terror will come on the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you in great anger,  
knowing that he has little time.”

<sup>13</sup>When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time.

<sup>15</sup>Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. <sup>17</sup>And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God’s commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus.

<sup>18</sup>Then the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea.

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*The Woman, Her Son, and the Dragon*

**12** A great Sign appeared in Heaven: a Woman dressed all in sunlight, standing on the moon, and crowned with Twelve Stars. <sup>2</sup>She was giving birth to a Child and cried out in the pain of childbirth.

<sup>3</sup>And then another Sign alongside the first: a huge and fiery Dragon! It had seven heads and ten horns, a crown on each of the seven heads. <sup>4</sup>With one flick of its tail it knocked a third of the Stars from the sky and dumped them on earth. The Dragon crouched before the Woman in childbirth, poised to eat up the Child when it came.

<sup>5</sup>The Woman gave birth to a Son who will shepherd all nations with an iron rod. Her Son was seized and placed safely before God on his Throne. <sup>6</sup>The Woman herself escaped to the desert to a place of safety prepared by God, all comforts provided her for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

<sup>7</sup>War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his Angels fought the Dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left. <sup>9</sup>The great Dragon—ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray—thrown out, and all his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a strong voice out of Heaven saying,

Salvation and power are established!  
Kingdom of our God, authority of his Messiah!  
The Accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out,  
who accused them day and night before God.

<sup>11</sup> They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb  
and the bold word of their witness.

They weren’t in love with themselves;  
they were willing to die for Christ.

<sup>12</sup> So rejoice, O Heavens, and all who live there,  
but doom to earth and sea,

For the Devil’s come down on you with both feet;  
he’s had a great fall;  
He’s wild and raging with anger;  
he hasn’t much time and he knows it.

<sup>13</sup>When the Dragon saw he’d been thrown to earth, he went after the Woman who had given birth to the Man-Child. <sup>14</sup>The Woman was given wings of a great eagle to fly to a place in the desert to be kept in safety and comfort for a time and times and half a time, safe and sound from the Serpent. <sup>15</sup>The Serpent vomited a river of water to swamp and drown her, <sup>16</sup>but earth came to her help, swallowing the water the Dragon spewed from its mouth. <sup>17</sup>Helpless with rage, the Dragon raged at the Woman, then went off to make war with the rest of her children, the children who keep God’s commands and hold firm to the witness of Jesus.

*The Beast out of the Sea*

**13** Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. <sup>2</sup>This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority.

<sup>3</sup>I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. <sup>4</sup>They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast. “Who is as great as the beast?” they exclaimed. “Who is able to fight against him?”

<sup>5</sup>Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his temple—that is, those who live in heaven. <sup>7</sup>And the beast was allowed to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation. <sup>8</sup>And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life before the world was made—the Book that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.

<sup>10</sup> Anyone who is destined for prison will be taken to prison.

Anyone destined to die by the sword will die by the sword.

This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful.

*The Beast out of the Earth*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon. <sup>12</sup>He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup>He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching. <sup>14</sup>And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. <sup>15</sup>He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.

<sup>16</sup>He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. <sup>17</sup>And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. <sup>18</sup>Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666.

*The Lamb and the 144,000*

**14** Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were <sup>144,000</sup> who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together.

<sup>3</sup>This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. No one could learn this song except the <sup>144,000</sup> who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>They have kept themselves as pure as virgins, following the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>They have told no lies; they are without blame.

*The Beast from the Sea*

**13** And the Dragon stood on the shore of the sea. I saw a Beast rising from the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads—on each horn a crown, and each head inscribed with a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup>The Beast I saw looked like a leopard with bear paws and a lion’s mouth. The Dragon turned over its power to it, its throne and great authority.

<sup>3</sup>One of the Beast’s heads looked as if it had been struck a deathblow, and then healed. The whole earth was agog, gaping at the Beast. <sup>4</sup>They worshiped the Dragon who gave the Beast authority, and they worshiped the Beast, exclaiming, “There’s never been anything like the Beast! No one would dare go to war with the Beast!”

<sup>5</sup>The Beast had a loud mouth, boastful and blasphemous. It could do anything it wanted for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It yelled blasphemies against God, blasphemed his Name, blasphemed his Church, especially those already dwelling with God in Heaven. <sup>7</sup>It was permitted to make war on God’s holy people and conquer them. It held absolute sway over all tribes and peoples, tongues and races. <sup>8</sup>Everyone on earth whose name was not written from the world’s foundation in the slaughtered Lamb’s Book of Life will worship the Beast.

<sup>9</sup>Are you listening to this? <sup>10</sup>They’ve made their bed; now they must lie in it. Anyone marked for prison goes straight to prison; anyone pulling a sword goes down by the sword. Meanwhile, God’s holy people passionately and faithfully stand their ground.

*The Beast from Under the Ground*

<sup>11</sup>I saw another Beast rising out of the ground. It had two horns like a lamb but sounded like a dragon when it spoke. <sup>12</sup>It was a puppet of the first Beast, made earth and everyone in it worship the first Beast, which had been healed of its deathblow.

<sup>13</sup>This second Beast worked magical signs, dazzling people by making fire come down from Heaven. <sup>14</sup>It used the magic it got from the Beast to dupe earth dwellers, getting them to make an image of the Beast that received the deathblow and lived. <sup>15</sup>It was able to animate the image of the Beast so that it talked, and then arrange that anyone not worshiping the Beast would be killed. <sup>16</sup>It forced all people, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to have a mark on the right hand or forehead. <sup>17</sup>Without the mark of the name of the Beast or the number of its name, it was impossible to buy or sell anything.

<sup>18</sup>Solve a riddle: Put your heads together and figure out the meaning of the number of the Beast. It’s a human number: six hundred sixty-six.

*A Perfect Offering*

**14** I saw—it took my breath away!—the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, <sup>1</sup>One Hundred and Forty-four Thousand standing there with him, his Name and the Name of his Father inscribed on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice out of Heaven, the sound like a cataract, like the crash of thunder.

And then I heard music, harp music <sup>3</sup>and the harpists singing a new song before the Throne and the Four Animals and the Elders. Only the Hundred and Forty-four Thousand could learn to sing the song. They were bought from earth, <sup>4</sup>lived without compromise, virgin-fresh before God. Wherever the Lamb went, they followed. They were bought from humankind, firstfruits of the harvest for God and the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>Not a false word in their mouths. A perfect offering.

## NLT

*The Three Angels*

<sup>6</sup>And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>“Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.”

<sup>8</sup>Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, “Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen—because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality.”

<sup>9</sup>Then a third angel followed them, shouting, “Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand <sup>10</sup>must drink the wine of God’s anger. It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name.”

<sup>12</sup>This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!”

*The Harvest of the Earth*

<sup>14</sup>Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

<sup>15</sup>Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, “Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe.” <sup>16</sup>So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested.

<sup>17</sup>After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, “Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment.” <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God’s wrath. <sup>20</sup>The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse’s bridle.

*The Song of Moses and of the Lamb*

**15** Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues, which would bring God’s wrath to completion. <sup>2</sup>I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. They were all holding harps that God had given them. <sup>3</sup>And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

“Great and marvelous are your works,  
O Lord God, the Almighty.  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations.  
<sup>4</sup> Who will not fear you, Lord,  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship before you,  
for your righteous deeds have been revealed.”

## THE MESSAGE

*Voices from Heaven*

<sup>6</sup>I saw another Angel soaring in Middle-Heaven. He had an Eternal Message to preach to all who were still on earth, every nation and tribe, every tongue and people. <sup>7</sup>He preached in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory! His hour of judgment has come! Worship the Maker of Heaven and earth, salt sea and fresh water!”

<sup>8</sup>A second Angel followed, calling out, “Ruined, ruined, Great Babylon ruined! She made all the nations drunk on the wine of her whoring!”

<sup>9</sup>A third Angel followed, shouting, warning, “If anyone worships the Beast and its image and takes the mark on forehead or hand, <sup>10</sup>that person will drink the wine of God’s wrath, prepared unmixed in his chalice of anger, and suffer torment from fire and brimstone in the presence of Holy Angels, in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>Smoke from their torment will rise age after age. No respite for those who worship the Beast and its image, who take the mark of its name.”

<sup>12</sup>Meanwhile, the saints stand passionately patient, keeping God’s commands, staying faithful to Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>I heard a voice out of Heaven, “Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on; how blessed to die that way!”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they’ve done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end.”

*Harvest Time*

<sup>14</sup>I looked up, I caught my breath!—a white cloud and one like the Son of Man sitting on it. He wore a gold crown and held a sharp sickle. <sup>15</sup>Another Angel came out of the Temple, shouting to the Cloud-Enthroned, “Swing your sickle and reap. It’s harvest time. Earth’s harvest is ripe for reaping.” <sup>16</sup>The Cloud-Enthroned gave a mighty sweep of his sickle, began harvesting earth in a stroke.

<sup>17</sup>Then another Angel came out of the Temple in Heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Yet another Angel, the one in charge of tending the fire, came from the Altar. He thundered to the Angel who held the sharp sickle, “Swing your sharp sickle. Harvest earth’s vineyard. The grapes are bursting with ripeness.”

<sup>19</sup>The Angel swung his sickle, harvested earth’s vintage, and heaved it into the winepress, the giant winepress of God’s wrath. <sup>20</sup>The winepress was outside the City. As the vintage was trodden, blood poured from the winepress as high as a horse’s bridle, a river of blood for two hundred miles.

*The Song of Moses, the Song of the Lamb*

**15** I saw another Sign in Heaven, huge and breathtaking: seven Angels with seven disasters. These are the final disasters, the wrap-up of God’s wrath.

<sup>2</sup>I saw something like a sea made of glass, the glass all shot through with fire. Carrying harps of God, triumphant over the Beast, its image, and the number of its name, the saved ones stood on the sea of glass. <sup>3</sup>They sang the Song of Moses, servant of God; they sang the Song of the Lamb:

Mighty your acts and marvelous,  
O God, the Sovereign-Strong!  
Righteous your ways and true,  
King of the nations!  
<sup>4</sup> Who can fail to fear you, God,  
give glory to your Name?  
Because you and you only are holy,  
all nations will come and worship you,  
because they see your judgments are right.

*The Seven Bowls of the Seven Plagues*

<sup>5</sup>Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God's Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. <sup>6</sup>The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup>The Temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.

**16** Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, "Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath."

<sup>2</sup>So the first angel left the Temple and poured out his bowl on the earth, and horrible, malignant sores broke out on everyone who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue.

<sup>3</sup>Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse. And everything in the sea died.

<sup>4</sup>Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying,

"You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was,  
because you have sent these judgments.

<sup>6</sup> Since they shed the blood  
of your holy people and your prophets,  
you have given them blood to drink.  
It is their just reward."

<sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice from the altar, saying,

"Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty,  
your judgments are true and just."

<sup>8</sup>Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. <sup>9</sup>Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory.

<sup>10</sup>Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish, <sup>11</sup>and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.

<sup>12</sup>Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance. <sup>13</sup>And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty.

<sup>15</sup>"Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed."

<sup>16</sup>And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name *Armageddon*.

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!" <sup>18</sup>Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. <sup>19</sup>The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. <sup>20</sup>And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled. <sup>21</sup>There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.

<sup>5</sup>Then I saw the doors of the Temple, the Tent of Witness in Heaven, open wide. <sup>6</sup>The Seven Angels carrying the seven disasters came out of the Temple. They were dressed in clean, bright linen and wore gold vests. <sup>7</sup>One of the Four Animals handed the Seven Angels seven gold bowls, brimming with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup>Smoke from God's glory and power poured out of the Temple. No one was permitted to enter the Temple until the seven disasters of the Seven Angels were finished.

*Pouring Out the Seven Disasters*

**16** I heard a shout of command from the Temple to the Seven Angels: "Begin! Pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on earth!"

<sup>2</sup>The first Angel stepped up and poured his bowl out on earth: Loathsome, stinking sores erupted on all who had taken the mark of the Beast and worshiped its image.

<sup>3</sup>The second Angel poured his bowl on the sea: The sea coagulated into blood, and everything in it died.

<sup>4</sup>The third Angel poured his bowl on rivers and springs: The waters turned to blood. <sup>5</sup>I heard the Angel of Waters say,

Righteous you are, and your judgments are righteous,  
THE IS, THE WAS, THE HOLY.

<sup>6</sup> They poured out the blood of saints and prophets  
so you've given them blood to drink—  
they've gotten what they deserve!

<sup>7</sup>Just then I heard the Altar chime in,

Yes, O God, the Sovereign-Strong!  
Your judgments are true and just!

<sup>8</sup>The fourth Angel poured his bowl on the sun: Fire blazed from the sun and scorched men and women. <sup>9</sup>Burned and blistered, they cursed God's Name, the God behind these disasters. They refused to repent, refused to honor God.

<sup>10</sup>The fifth Angel poured his bowl on the throne of the Beast: Its kingdom fell into sudden eclipse. Mad with pain, men and women bit and chewed their tongues, <sup>11</sup>cursed the God of Heaven for their torment and sores, and refused to repent and change their ways.

<sup>12</sup>The sixth Angel poured his bowl on the great Euphrates River: It dried up to nothing. The dry riverbed became a fine roadbed for the kings from the East. <sup>13</sup>From the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet I saw three foul demons crawl out—they looked like frogs. <sup>14</sup>These are demon spirits performing signs. They're after the kings of the whole world to get them gathered for battle on the Great Day of God, the Sovereign-Strong.

<sup>15</sup>"Keep watch! I come unannounced, like a thief. You're blessed if, awake and dressed, you're ready for me. Too bad if you're found running through the streets, naked and ashamed."

<sup>16</sup>The frog-demons gathered the kings together at the place called in Hebrew *Armageddon*.

<sup>17</sup>The seventh Angel poured his bowl into the air: From the Throne in the Temple came a shout, "Done!" <sup>18</sup>followed by lightning flashes and shouts, thunder crashes and a colossal earthquake—a huge and devastating earthquake, never an earthquake like it since time began. <sup>19</sup>The Great City split three ways, the cities of the nations toppled to ruin. Great Babylon had to drink the wine of God's raging anger—God remembered to give her the cup! <sup>20</sup>Every island fled and not a mountain was to be found. <sup>21</sup>Hailstones weighing a ton plummeted, crushing and smashing men and women as they cursed God for the hail, the epic disaster of hail.

## NLT

*The Great Prostitute*

**17** One of the seven angels who had poured out the seven bowls came over and spoke to me. “Come with me,” he said, “and I will show you the judgment that is going to come on the great prostitute, who rules over many waters. <sup>2</sup>The kings of the world have committed adultery with her, and the people who belong to this world have been made drunk by the wine of her immorality.”

<sup>3</sup>So the angel took me in the Spirit into the wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, and blasphemies against God were written all over it. <sup>4</sup>The woman wore purple and scarlet clothing and beautiful jewelry made of gold and precious gems and pearls. In her hand she held a gold goblet full of obscenities and the impurities of her immorality. <sup>5</sup>A mysterious name was written on her forehead: “Babylon the Great, Mother of All Prostitutes and Obscenities in the World.” <sup>6</sup>I could see that she was drunk—drunk with the blood of God’s holy people who were witnesses for Jesus. I stared at her in complete amazement.

<sup>7</sup>“Why are you so amazed?” the angel asked. “I will tell you the mystery of this woman and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns on which she sits. <sup>8</sup>The beast you saw was once alive but isn’t now. And yet he will soon come up out of the bottomless pit and go to eternal destruction. And the people who belong to this world, whose names were not written in the Book of Life before the world was made, will be amazed at the reappearance of this beast who had died.

<sup>9</sup>This calls for a mind with understanding: The seven heads of the beast represent the seven hills where the woman rules. They also represent seven kings. <sup>10</sup>Five kings have already fallen, the sixth now reigns, and the seventh is yet to come, but his reign will be brief.

<sup>11</sup>“The scarlet beast that was, but is no longer, is the eighth king. He is like the other seven, and he, too, is headed for destruction. <sup>12</sup>The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with the beast. <sup>13</sup>They will all agree to give him their power and authority. <sup>14</sup>Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the angel said to me, “The waters where the prostitute is ruling represent masses of people of every nation and language. <sup>16</sup>The scarlet beast and his ten horns all hate the prostitute. They will strip her naked, eat her flesh, and burn her remains with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put a plan into their minds, a plan that will carry out his purposes. They will agree to give their authority to the scarlet beast, and so the words of God will be fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And this woman you saw in your vision represents the great city that rules over the kings of the world.”

*The Fall of Babylon*

**18** After all this I saw another angel come down from heaven with great authority, and the earth grew bright with his splendor. <sup>2</sup>He gave a mighty shout:

“Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen!  
She has become a home for demons.  
She is a hideout for every foul spirit,  
a hideout for every foul vulture  
and every foul and dreadful animal.

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have fallen  
because of the wine of her passionate immorality.  
The kings of the world  
have committed adultery with her.  
Because of her desires for extravagant luxury,  
the merchants of the world have grown rich.”

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice calling from heaven,

“Come away from her, my people.

## THE MESSAGE

*Great Babylon, Mother of Whores*

**17** One of the Seven Angels who carried the seven bowls came and invited me, “Come, I’ll show you the judgment of the great Whore who sits enthroned over many waters, <sup>2</sup>the Whore with whom the kings of the earth have gone whoring, show you the judgment on earth dwellers drunk on her whorish lust.”

<sup>3</sup>In the Spirit he carried me out in the desert. I saw a woman mounted on a Scarlet Beast. Stuffed with blasphemies, the Beast had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, festooned with gold and gems and pearls. She held a gold chalice in her hand, brimming with defiling obscenities, her foul fornications. <sup>5</sup>A riddle-name was branded on her forehead: GREAT BABYLON, MOTHER OF WHORES AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. <sup>6</sup>I could see that the woman was drunk, drunk on the blood of God’s holy people, drunk on the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

Astonished, I rubbed my eyes. I shook my head in wonder. <sup>7</sup>The Angel said, “Does this surprise you? Let me tell you the riddle of the woman and the Beast she rides, the Beast with seven heads and ten horns. <sup>8</sup>The Beast you saw once was, is no longer, and is about to ascend from the Abyss and head straight for Hell. Earth dwellers whose names weren’t written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be dazzled when they see the Beast that once was, is no longer, and is to come.

<sup>9</sup>“But don’t drop your guard. Use your head. The seven heads are seven hills; they are where the woman sits. <sup>10</sup>They are also seven kings: five dead, one living, the other not yet here—and when he does come his time will be brief. <sup>11</sup>The Beast that once was and is no longer is both an eighth and one of the seven—and headed for Hell.

<sup>12</sup>“The ten horns you saw are ten kings, but they’re not yet in power. They will come to power with the Scarlet Beast, but won’t last long—a *very* brief reign. <sup>13</sup>These kings will agree to turn over their power and authority to the Beast. <sup>14</sup>They will go to war against the Lamb but the Lamb will defeat them, proof that he is Lord over all lords, King over all kings, and those with him will be the called, chosen, and faithful.”

<sup>15</sup>The Angel continued, “The waters you saw on which the Whore was enthroned are peoples and crowds, nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns you saw, together with the Beast, will turn on the Whore—they’ll hate her, violate her, strip her naked, rip her apart with their teeth, then set fire to her. <sup>17</sup>It was God who put the idea in their heads to turn over their rule to the Beast until the words of God are completed. <sup>18</sup>The woman you saw is the great city, tyrannizing the kings of the earth.”

*Doom to the City of Darkness*

**18** Following this I saw another Angel descend from Heaven. His authority was immense, his glory flooded earth with brightness, <sup>2</sup>his voice thunderous:

Ruined, ruined, Great Babylon, ruined!  
A ghost town for demons is all that’s left!  
A garrison of carrion spirits,  
garrison of loathsome, carrion birds.

<sup>3</sup> All nations drank the wild wine of her whoring;  
kings of the earth went whoring with her;  
entrepreneurs made millions exploiting her.

<sup>4</sup>Just then I heard another shout out of Heaven:

Get out, my people, as fast as you can,  
so you don’t get mixed up in her sins,  
so you don’t get caught in her doom.  
<sup>5</sup> Her sins stink to high Heaven;  
God has remembered every evil she’s done.

<sup>6</sup> Give her back what she’s given,  
double what she’s doubled in her works,  
double the recipe in the cup she mixed;

<sup>7</sup> Bring her flaunting and wild ways

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Do not take part in her sins,  
or you will be punished with her.

<sup>5</sup> For her sins are piled as high as heaven,  
and God remembers her evil deeds.

<sup>6</sup> Do to her as she has done to others.  
Double her penalty for all her evil deeds.  
She brewed a cup of terror for others,  
so brew twice as much for her.

<sup>7</sup> She glorified herself and lived in luxury,  
so match it now with torment and sorrow.  
She boasted in her heart,  
'I am queen on my throne.  
I am no helpless widow,  
and I have no reason to mourn.'

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, these plagues will overtake her in a single day—  
death and mourning and famine.  
She will be completely consumed by fire,  
for the Lord God who judges her is mighty."

<sup>9</sup>And the kings of the world who committed adultery with her and enjoyed  
her great luxury will mourn for her as they see the smoke rising from her  
charred remains. <sup>10</sup>They will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment.  
They will cry out,

"How terrible, how terrible for you,  
O Babylon, you great city!  
In a single moment  
God's judgment came on you."

<sup>11</sup>The merchants of the world will weep and mourn for her, for there is  
no one left to buy their goods. <sup>12</sup>She bought great quantities of gold, silver,  
jewels, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet cloth; things made of  
fragrant thyme wood, ivory goods, and objects made of expensive wood; and  
bronze, iron, and marble. <sup>13</sup>She also bought cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh,  
frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, chariots,  
and bodies—that is, human slaves.

<sup>14</sup> "The fancy things you loved so much  
are gone," they cry.  
"All your luxuries and splendor  
are gone forever,  
never to be yours again."

<sup>15</sup>The merchants who became wealthy by selling her these things will stand  
at a distance, terrified by her great torment. They will weep and cry out,

<sup>16</sup> "How terrible, how terrible for that great city!  
She was clothed in finest purple and scarlet linens,  
decked out with gold and precious stones and pearls!

<sup>17</sup> In a single moment  
all the wealth of the city is gone!"

And all the captains of the merchant ships and their passengers and sailors  
and crews will stand at a distance. <sup>18</sup>They will cry out as they watch the smoke  
ascend, and they will say, "Where is there another city as great as this?" <sup>19</sup>And  
they will weep and throw dust on their heads to show their grief. And they will  
cry out,

"How terrible, how terrible for that great city!  
The shipowners became wealthy  
by transporting her great wealth on the seas.  
In a single moment it is all gone."

<sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her fate, O heaven  
and people of God and apostles and prophets!  
For at last God has judged her  
for your sakes.

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to torment and tears.  
Because she gloated, "I'm queen over all,  
and no widow, never a tear on my face,"

<sup>8</sup> In one day, disasters will crush her—  
death, heartbreak, and famine—  
Then she'll be burned by fire, because God,  
the Strong God who judges her,  
has had enough.

<sup>9</sup>"The kings of the earth will see the smoke of her burning, and they'll cry  
and carry on, the kings who went night after night to her brothel. <sup>10</sup>They'll  
keep their distance for fear they'll get burned, and they'll cry their lament:

Doom, doom, the great city doomed!  
City of Babylon, strong city!  
In one hour it's over, your judgment come!

<sup>11</sup>"The traders will cry and carry on because the bottom dropped out of  
business, no more market for their goods: <sup>12</sup>gold, silver, precious gems, pearls;  
fabrics of fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet; perfumed wood and vessels of ivory,  
precious woods, bronze, iron, and marble; <sup>13</sup>cinnamon and spice, incense,  
myrrh, and frankincense; wine and oil, flour and wheat; cattle, sheep, horses,  
and chariots. And slaves—their terrible traffic in human lives.

<sup>14</sup> Everything you've lived for, gone!  
All delicate and delectable luxury, lost!  
Not a scrap, not a thread to be found!

<sup>15</sup>"The traders who made millions off her kept their distance for fear of getting  
burned, and cried and carried on all the more:

<sup>16</sup> Doom, doom, the great city doomed!  
Dressed in the latest fashions,  
adorned with the finest jewels,  
<sup>17</sup> in one hour such wealth wiped out!

"All the ship captains and travelers by sea, sailors and toilers of the sea, stood  
off at a distance <sup>18</sup>and cried their lament when they saw the smoke from her  
burning: 'Oh, what a city! There was never a city like her!' <sup>19</sup>They threw dust  
on their heads and cried as if the world had come to an end:

Doom, doom, the great city doomed!  
All who owned ships or did business by sea  
Got rich on her getting and spending.  
And now it's over—wiped out in one hour!

<sup>20</sup>"O Heaven, celebrate! And join in, saints, apostles, and prophets! God has  
judged her; every wrong you suffered from her has been judged."

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<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a huge millstone. He threw it into the ocean and shouted,

“Just like this, the great city Babylon  
will be thrown down with violence  
and will never be found again.

<sup>22</sup>The sound of harps, singers, flutes, and trumpets  
will never be heard in you again.

No craftsmen and no trades  
will ever be found in you again.  
The sound of the mill  
will never be heard in you again.

<sup>23</sup>The light of a lamp  
will never shine in you again.

The happy voices of brides and grooms  
will never be heard in you again.

For your merchants were the greatest in the world,  
and you deceived the nations with your sorceries.

<sup>24</sup>In your streets flowed the blood of the prophets and of God’s holy people  
and the blood of people slaughtered all over the world.”

*Songs of Victory in Heaven*

**19**After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting,

“Praise the LORD!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.

<sup>2</sup>His judgments are true and just.

He has punished the great prostitute  
who corrupted the earth with her immorality.  
He has avenged the murder of his servants.”

<sup>3</sup>And again their voices rang out:

“Praise the LORD!

The smoke from that city ascends forever and ever!”

<sup>4</sup>Then the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God, who was sitting on the throne. They cried out, “Amen! Praise the LORD!”

<sup>5</sup>And from the throne came a voice that said,

“Praise our God,  
all his servants,  
all who fear him,  
from the least to the greatest.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder:

“Praise the LORD!

For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

<sup>7</sup>Let us be glad and rejoice,  
and let us give honor to him.

For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb,  
and his bride has prepared herself.

<sup>8</sup>She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.”

For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”

<sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, “No, don’t worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.”

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<sup>21</sup>A strong Angel reached for a boulder—huge, like a millstone—and heaved it into the sea, saying,

Heaved and sunk, the great city Babylon,  
sunk in the sea, not a sign of her ever again.

<sup>22</sup>Silent the music of harpists and singers—  
you’ll never hear flutes and trumpets again.

Artisans of every kind—gone;  
you’ll never see their likes again.

The voice of a millstone grinding falls dumb;  
you’ll never hear that sound again.

<sup>23</sup>The light from lamps, never again;  
never again laughter of bride and groom.

Her traders robbed the whole earth blind,  
and by black-magic arts deceived the nations.

<sup>24</sup>The only thing left of Babylon is blood—  
the blood of saints and prophets,  
the murdered and the martyred.

*The Sound of Hallelujahs*

**19**I heard a sound like massed choirs in Heaven singing,  
Hallelujah!

The salvation and glory and power are God’s—

<sup>2</sup>his judgments true, his judgments just.

He judged the great Whore  
who corrupted the earth with her lust.

He avenged on her the blood of his servants.

<sup>3</sup>Then, more singing:

Hallelujah!

The smoke from her burning billows up  
to high Heaven forever and ever and ever.

<sup>4</sup>The Twenty-four Elders and the Four Animals fell to their knees and worshiped God on his Throne, praising,

Amen! Yes! Hallelujah!

<sup>5</sup>From the Throne came a shout, a command:

Praise our God, all you his servants,  
All you who fear him, small and great!

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard the sound of massed choirs, the sound of a mighty cataract, the sound of strong thunder:

Hallelujah!

The Master reigns,  
our God, the Sovereign-Strong!

<sup>7</sup>Let us celebrate, let us rejoice,  
let us give him the glory!

The Marriage of the Lamb has come;  
his Wife has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup>She was given a bridal gown  
of bright and shining linen.

The linen is the righteousness of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>The Angel said to me, “Write this: ‘Blessed are those invited to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.’” He added, “These are the true words of God!”

<sup>10</sup>I fell at his feet to worship him, but he wouldn’t let me. “Don’t do that,” he said. “I’m a servant just like you, and like your brothers and sisters who hold to the witness of Jesus. The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

*The Rider on the White Horse*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. <sup>13</sup>He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. <sup>16</sup>On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. <sup>18</sup>Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great."

<sup>19</sup>Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. <sup>20</sup>And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. <sup>21</sup>Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.

*The Thousand Years*

**20** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

<sup>5</sup>This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

*The Defeat of Satan*

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. <sup>8</sup>He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. <sup>9</sup>And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them.

<sup>10</sup>Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

*The Final Judgment*

<sup>11</sup>And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. <sup>12</sup>I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup>Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the

*A White Horse and Its Rider*

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw Heaven open wide—and oh! a white horse and its Rider. The Rider, named Faithful and True, judges and makes war in pure righteousness. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are a blaze of fire, on his head many crowns. He has a Name inscribed that's known only to himself. <sup>13</sup>He is dressed in a robe soaked with blood, and he is addressed as "Word of God." <sup>14</sup>The armies of Heaven, mounted on white horses and dressed in dazzling white linen, follow him. <sup>15</sup>A sharp sword comes out of his mouth so he can subdue the nations, then rule them with a rod of iron. He treads the winepress of the raging wrath of God, the Sovereign-Strong. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and thigh is written, KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS.

<sup>17</sup>I saw an Angel standing in the sun, shouting to all flying birds in Middle-Heaven, "Come to the Great Supper of God! <sup>18</sup>Feast on the flesh of kings and captains and champions, horses and their riders. Eat your fill of them all—free and slave, small and great!"

<sup>19</sup>I saw the Beast and, assembled with him, earth's kings and their armies, ready to make war against the One on the horse and his army. <sup>20</sup>The Beast was taken, and with him, his puppet, the False Prophet, who used signs to dazzle and deceive those who had taken the mark of the Beast and worshiped his image. They were thrown alive, those two, into Lake Fire and Brimstone. <sup>21</sup>The rest were killed by the sword of the One on the horse, the sword that comes from his mouth. All the birds held a feast on their flesh.

*A Thousand Years*

**20** I saw an Angel descending out of Heaven. He carried the key to the Abyss and a chain—a huge chain. <sup>2</sup>He grabbed the Dragon, that old Snake—the very Devil, Satan himself!—chained him up for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>dumped him into the Abyss, slammed it shut and sealed it tight. No more trouble out of him, deceiving the nations—until the thousand years are up. After that he has to be let loose briefly.

<sup>4</sup>I saw thrones. Those put in charge of judgment sat on the thrones. I also saw the souls of those beheaded because of their witness to Jesus and the Word of God, who refused to worship either the Beast or his image, refused to take his mark on forehead or hand—they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years! <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were up. This is the first resurrection—<sup>6</sup>and those involved most blessed, most holy. No second death for them! They're priests of God and Christ; they'll reign with him a thousand years.

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are up, Satan will be let loose from his cell, <sup>8</sup>and will launch again his old work of deceiving the nations, searching out victims in every nook and cranny of earth, even Gog and Magog! He'll talk them into going to war and will gather a huge army, millions strong. <sup>9</sup>They'll stream across the earth, surround and lay siege to the camp of God's holy people, the Beloved City. They'll no sooner get there than fire will pour out of Heaven and burn them up. <sup>10</sup>The Devil who deceived them will be hurled into Lake Fire and Brimstone, joining the Beast and False Prophet, the three in torment around the clock for ages without end.

*Judgment*

<sup>11</sup>I saw a Great White Throne and the One Enthroned. Nothing could stand before or against the Presence, nothing in Heaven, nothing on earth. <sup>12</sup>And then I saw all the dead, great and small, standing there—before the Throne! And books were opened. Then another book was opened: the Book of Life. The dead were judged by what was written in the books, by the way they had lived. <sup>13</sup>Sea released its dead, Death and Hell turned in their dead. Each man and woman was judged by the way he or she had lived. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hell were hurled into Lake Fire. This is the second death—Lake Fire. <sup>15</sup>Anyone whose name was not found inscribed in the Book of Life was hurled into Lake Fire.

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Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

*The New Jerusalem*

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

<sup>5</sup>And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

<sup>8</sup>"But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

<sup>10</sup>So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. <sup>13</sup>There were three gates on each side—east, north, south, and west. <sup>14</sup>The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. <sup>16</sup>When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1,400 miles. <sup>17</sup>Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (according to the human standard used by the angel).

<sup>18</sup>The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass. <sup>19</sup>The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious stones: the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

<sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. <sup>26</sup>And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. <sup>27</sup>Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

**22** Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

<sup>3</sup>No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them.

## THE MESSAGE

*Everything New*

**21** I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea.

<sup>2</sup>I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. <sup>4</sup>He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." <sup>5</sup>The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate."

<sup>6</sup>Then he said, "It's happened. I'm A to Z. I'm the Beginning, I'm the Conclusion. From Water-of-Life Well I give freely to the thirsty. <sup>7</sup>Conquerors inherit all this. I'll be God to them, they'll be sons and daughters to me. <sup>8</sup>But for the rest—the feckless and faithless, degenerates and murderers, sex peddlers and sorcerers, idolaters and all liars—for them it's Lake Fire and Brimstone. Second death!"

*The City of Light*

<sup>9</sup>One of the Seven Angels who had carried the bowls filled with the seven final disasters spoke to me: "Come here. I'll show you the Bride, the Wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>He took me away in the Spirit to an enormous, high mountain and showed me Holy Jerusalem descending out of Heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>resplendent in the bright glory of God.

The City shimmered like a precious gem, light-filled, pulsing light. <sup>12</sup>She had a wall majestic and high with twelve gates. At each gate stood an Angel, and on the gates were inscribed the names of the Twelve Tribes of the sons of Israel: <sup>13</sup>three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup>The wall was set on twelve foundations, the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb inscribed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The Angel speaking with me had a gold measuring stick to measure the City, its gates, and its wall. <sup>16</sup>The City was laid out in a perfect square. He measured the City with the measuring stick: twelve thousand stadia, its length, width, and height all equal. <sup>17</sup>Using the standard measure, the Angel measured the thickness of its wall: 144 cubits. <sup>18</sup>The wall was jasper, the color of Glory, and the City was pure gold, translucent as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the City walls were garnished with every precious gem imaginable: the first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate a single pearl.

The main street of the City was pure gold, translucent as glass. <sup>22</sup>But there was no sign of a Temple, for the Lord God—the Sovereign-Strong—and the Lamb are the Temple. <sup>23</sup>The City doesn't need sun or moon for light. God's Glory is its light, the Lamb its lamp! <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk in its light and earth's kings bring in their splendor. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day, and there won't be any night. <sup>26</sup>They'll bring the glory and honor of the nations into the City. <sup>27</sup>Nothing dirty or defiled will get into the City, and no one who defiles or deceives. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will get in.

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**22** Then the Angel showed me Water-of-Life River, crystal bright. It flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb, <sup>2</sup>right down the middle of the street. The Tree of Life was planted on each side of the River, producing twelve kinds of fruit, a ripe fruit each month. The leaves of the Tree are for healing the nations. <sup>3</sup>Never again will anything be cursed. The Throne of God and of the Lamb is at the center. His servants will offer God service—worshiping, <sup>4</sup>they'll look on his face, their foreheads mirroring God. <sup>5</sup>Never again will there be any night. No one will need lamplight or sunlight. The shining of God, the Master, is all the light anyone needs. And they will rule with him age after age after age.

And they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>Then the angel said to me, "Everything you have heard and seen is trustworthy and true. The Lord God, who inspires his prophets, has sent his angel to tell his servants what will happen soon."

*Jesus Is Coming*

<sup>7</sup>"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book."

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw all these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me. <sup>9</sup>But he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers the prophets, as well as all who obey what is written in this book. Worship only God!"

<sup>10</sup>Then he instructed me, "Do not seal up the prophetic words in this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy."

<sup>12</sup>"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. <sup>15</sup>Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshippers, and all who love to live a lie.

<sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. <sup>18</sup>And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup>And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

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*Don't Put It Away on the Shelf*

<sup>6</sup>The Angel said to me, "These are dependable and accurate words, every one. The God and Master of the spirits of the prophets sent his Angel to show his servants what must take place, and soon. <sup>7</sup>And tell them, 'Yes, I'm on my way!' Blessed be the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

<sup>8</sup>I, John, saw all these things with my own eyes, heard them with my ears. Immediately when I heard and saw, I fell on my face to worship at the feet of the Angel who laid it all out before me. <sup>9</sup>He objected, "No you don't! I'm a servant just like you and your companions, the prophets, and all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

<sup>10</sup>The Angel continued, "Don't seal the words of the prophecy of this book; don't put it away on the shelf. Time is just about up. <sup>11</sup>Let evildoers do their worst and the dirty-minded go all out in pollution, but let the righteous maintain a straight course and the holy continue on in holiness."

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<sup>12</sup>"Yes, I'm on my way! I'll be there soon! I'm bringing my payroll with me. I'll pay all people in full for their life's work. <sup>13</sup>I'm A to Z, the First and the Final, Beginning and Conclusion.

<sup>14</sup>"How blessed are those who wash their robes! The Tree of Life is theirs for good, and they'll walk through the gates to the City. <sup>15</sup>But outside for good are the filthy curs: sorcerers, fornicators, murderers, idolaters—all who love and live lies.

<sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, sent my Angel to testify to these things for the churches. I'm the Root and Branch of David, the Bright Morning Star."

<sup>17</sup>"Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride.

Whoever hears, echo, "Come!"

Is anyone thirsty? Come!

All who will, come and drink,

Drink freely of the Water of Life!

<sup>18</sup>I give fair warning to all who hear the words of the prophecy of this book: If you add to the words of this prophecy, God will add to your life the disasters written in this book; <sup>19</sup>if you subtract from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will subtract your part from the Tree of Life and the Holy City that are written in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to all these things says it again: "I'm on my way! I'll be there soon!"

Yes! Come, Master Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Master Jesus be with all of you. Oh, Yes!

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