**The Revelation of John**

**Revelation Chapter 1**

Prologue

1The Revelation of Jesus Christ,[[1]](#footnote-20472) which God gave to him to show to his servants the things that must shortly come to pass. And he sent and clearly indicated *it* by his angel to his servant John, 2who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* to all that he saw. 3Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy *aloud*, and those who hear and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is near.

Greeting and Doxology

4John, to the seven congregations that are in *the province of* Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, 5and 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 freed us from our sins by his blood 6and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to his God and Father; to him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7Look! 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 because of him. So will it be. Amen.

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

John’s Vision of the Risen Lord and the Future

9I, John, your brother and partaker with you in the affliction and *the* kingdom and endurance in *connection* *with* Jesus, was on the island that is called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus. 10I was in the spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11saying, “Write what you see in a book and send *it* to the seven congregations: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamum, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

12And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and in the midst of the lampstands *was* one like a Son of Man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash wrapped around his chest. 14And his head and his hair were white as white wool, *white* as snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire, 15and his feet were like burnished bronze when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16And he had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged broadsword, and his face was like the sun shining in its *full* strength. 17And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid! I am the first and the last, 18and the Living One, and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of the grave. 19Therefore, write the things that you saw and what they signify, even what is about to come to pass after this. 20The sacred secret of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, *is this*: the seven stars are the messengers of the seven congregations, and the seven lampstands are seven congregations.

**Revelation Chapter 2**

Letter to Ephesus

1“To the messenger of the congregation in Ephesus write: These things says he who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands. 2I know your works, and *your* labor, and your endurance, and that you are not able to put up with *those who are* evil, and you tested those who call themselves apostles (and they are not), and found them false, 3and you have endurance and have put up with *many things* for my name’s sake and have not grown weary. 4But I have *this* against you, that you left your first love. 5Therefore, remember from where you have fallen and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent. 6But this you do have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations! To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Letter to Smyrna

8“And to the messenger of the congregation in Smyrna write: These things says the First and the Last, who was dead and was made alive *again*. 9I know your affliction and poverty (but you are rich), and the slander *against you* by those who say they are Jews, and are not, but are a synagogue of the Adversary.[[2]](#footnote-27411) 10Do not fear the things that you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil[[3]](#footnote-29144) is about to throw some of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will be afflicted for ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations! Whoever overcomes will absolutely not be hurt by the second death.

Letter to Pergamum

12“And to the messenger of the congregation in Pergamum write: These things says he who has the sharp two-edged broadsword. 13I know where you live, *even* where the Adversary’s throne is, and you hold on firmly to my name, and did not deny your trust in me, even in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where the Adversary lives. 14But I have a few things against you because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, *the one* who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15So you also have some who in the same way hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16Repent therefore, or else I will come to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the broadsword *coming* from my mouth. 17Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations! To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no one knows but the one who receives it.

Letter to Thyatira

18“And to the messenger of the congregation in Thyatira write: These things says the Son of God, who has his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like burnished bronze. 19I know your works and love and trust and service and endurance, and that your last works are greater than the first. 20But I have *this* against you, that you do not restrain the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads astray my servants to commit sexual immorality, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 21And I gave her time so she could repent, and she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality. 22Look! I am throwing her onto a bed *of suffering*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works. 23And I will kill her children with death, and all the congregations will know that I am he who searches the kidneys and hearts, and I will give to each one of you according to your works. 24But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, who do not know the deep things of the Adversary (as they call them), I place no other burden on you. 25Nevertheless, hold on firmly to what you have until I come. 26And whoever overcomes, and whoever keeps my works to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations 27(and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron…as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces),[[4]](#footnote-18502) as I also have received from my Father, 28and I will give him the morning star. 29Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations!

**Revelation Chapter 3**

Letter to Sardis

1“And to the messenger of the congregation in Sardis write: These things says he who has the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars. I know your works, that you have a reputation that you are alive, but you are dead. 2Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die, for I have not found your works completed in the sight of my God. 3Remember, then, what you have received and heard, and keep *it*, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will absolutely not know what hour I will come against you. 4But you have a few names in Sardis that did not defile their clothes, and they will walk with me *dressed* in white, because they are worthy. 5Whoever overcomes will also be dressed in white robes, and I will never wipe his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name in the presence of my Father and in the presence of his angels. 6Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations!

Letter to Philadelphia

7“And to the messenger of the congregation in Philadelphia write: These things says he who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David, he who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens. 8I know your works (Look! I have set before you a door that has been opened, which none is able to shut), that you have little power, and *yet* kept my word, and did not deny my name. 9Look, I will make those of the synagogue of the Adversary, who say they are Jews, and are not, but are lying…. Look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet and know that I have loved you. 10Because you kept my word regarding endurance, I also will keep you from the hour of trial that is about to come upon the whole inhabited world, to test those who live on the earth. 11I am coming quickly. Hold on firmly to what you have, so that no one takes your crown. 12Whoever overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, and he will absolutely not go out from there 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 own new name. 13Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations!

Letter to Laodicea

14“And to the messenger of the congregation in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of the creation of God. 15I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were *either* cold or hot. 16So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth, 17because you say, ‘I am rich, and have acquired riches, and have need of nothing,’ and *yet* do not know that you are the wretched one, and pitiful, and poor, and blind, and naked. 18I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you will be rich, and white robes so that you can clothe yourself, and the shame of your nakedness is not revealed, and eye ointment to anoint your eyes, so that you can see. 19As many as are my friends, I reprove and discipline, therefore be zealous, and repent. 20Look! I am standing at the door and knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he with me. 21Whoever overcomes, I will give to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22Anyone who has an ear had better listen to what the Spirit says to the congregations!”

**Revelation Chapter 4**

The Throne in Heaven

1After these things, look, I saw a door that had been opened 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 the things that must come to pass after this.” 2Immediately I was in the spirit, and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *someone* was sitting on the throne, 3and the one sitting *was* in appearance like a jasper stone and a carnelian. And *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. 4And around the throne were 24 thrones, and on the thrones *I saw* 24 elders sitting, dressed in white robes, and on their heads *were* crowns of gold. 5And out from the throne was coming lightning and rumbling and thunder. And in front of the throne there were seven lamps of fire burning, which are the seven spirits of God.

6And in front of the throne, *there was something* like a sea of glass like crystal, and on every side of the throne, around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. 7And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like an ox, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. 8And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within. And day and night they never stop saying, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”

9And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives forever and ever, 10the 24 elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever, and throw their crowns before the throne, saying, 11“You are worthy, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for you created all things, and because of your will they exist and were created.”

**Revelation Chapter 5**

The Scroll and the Lamb

1And I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to break its seals?” 3And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the scroll, or to look in it. 4And I cried and cried, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll, or to look in it.

5And one of the elders said to me, “Stop crying. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome, so he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” 6And in the middle of the throne *area*, and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, I saw a Lamb standing, *looking* as if it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God, sent out to all the earth. 7And he came, and he took *it* out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.

9And they were singing a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God *people* from every tribe, and language, and people, and nation, 10and made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

11And I looked, and I heard a voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12saying with a great voice, “The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing.” 13And every created thing that is in the heavens, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and everything that is in them, I heard saying, “To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever.” 14And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Revelation Chapter 6**

The Seals

1And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” 2And look, I saw a white horse, and the one who sat on it had a bow, and there was given to him a crown, and he went out conquering, and to conquer. 3And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” 4And another *horse* came out, a red horse, and the one who sat on it was given *power* to take peace from the earth so that they would slay one another, and there was given to him a great sword.

5And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” And, look, I saw a black horse, and the one who sat on it had a set of scales in his hand. 6And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A measure of wheat[[5]](#footnote-31989) for a denarius,[[6]](#footnote-17793) and three measures of barley for a denarius, and do not hurt the olive oil and the wine.”

7And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” 8And look, I saw a pale horse, and the one who sat on him, his name was Death, and the Grave was with him, following. And there was given to them authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with broadsword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony they had maintained, 10and they cried with a great voice, saying, “O Master, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who live on the earth?” 11And each one of them was given a long white robe, and they were told that they will rest a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers and sisters, who were about to be killed just as they had been, was complete.

12And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth made of *goat* hair,[[7]](#footnote-21267) and the full moon became like blood, 13and the stars of heaven fell to the earth like a fig tree casts its unripe figs when it is shaken by a great wind. 14And the heavens were removed like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of their places. 15And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the military commanders, and the rich, and the strong, and every slave and free person, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

**Revelation Chapter 7**

144,000 of Israel Sealed

1After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree. 2And I saw another angel ascending from *the* rising of the sun,[[8]](#footnote-16312) having the seal of the living God, and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3saying, “Do not hurt the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” 4And I heard the number of those who were sealed, 144,000, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. 5Of the tribe of Judah *were* sealed 12,000, of the tribe of Reuben 12,000, of the tribe of Gad 12,000, 6of the tribe of Asher 12,000, of the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, of the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, 7of the tribe of Simeon 12,000, of the tribe of Levi 12,000, of the tribe of Issachar 12,000, 8of the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, of the tribe of Joseph 12,000, of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed 12,000.

A Great Multitude from the Nations

9After these things, look, I saw a great multitude that no one was able to count, out of every nation; and from *all* tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in long white robes, and *with* palm branches in their hands, 10and they were crying out with a great voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

11And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell facedown before the throne and worshiped God, 12saying, “Amen! The blessing, and the glory, and the wisdom, and the thanksgiving, and the honor, and the power, and the might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

13And one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These that are clothed in long white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?” 14And I say to him, “My lord,[[9]](#footnote-29589) you know.” And he said to me, “These are those who come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his sanctuary, and he who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. 16They will hunger no more, nor thirst any more, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat, 17for the Lamb in the middle of the throne *area* will shepherd them and will guide them to springs of living waters, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Revelation Chapter 8**

Seventh Seal and Golden Censer

1And when he opened the seventh seal, there was a silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2And I saw the seven angels that stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3And another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer, and there was given to him much incense, that he should add it to the prayers of all the holy ones on the golden altar that was before the throne. 4And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the holy ones, went up before God out of the angel’s hand. 5And the angel took the censer and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it on the earth, and there was thunder, and sounds, and lightning, and an earthquake.

The Trumpets

6And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to blow them.

7And the first blew his trumpet, and there came hail and fire, mingled 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 green grass was burned up.

8And 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, 9and a third of the creatures that were in the sea that had soul *life*,[[10]](#footnote-24758) died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

10And the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star, burning like a torch, fell from heaven and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the springs of the waters, 11and the name of the star is called Wormwood. And a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters because they were made bitter.

12And 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 were darkened, and the day did not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

13And *then* I looked, and I heard an eagle, flying high overhead, saying with a loud voice, “How terrible! How terrible! How terrible it will be for those who live on the earth, because of the other sounds of the trumpets of the three angels who are about to blow their trumpets.”

**Revelation Chapter 9**

The Woe Trumpets

1And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to the earth, and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him. 2And he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke rose out of the shaft, like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. 3And out of the smoke locusts came onto the earth, and power was given to them, like the scorpions of the earth have power. 4And they were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5And they were not given *authority* to kill them, but that they were to be tormented five months, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes someone. 6And in those days people will seek death but will not find it, and they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

7And the shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared for war, and on their heads were something like crowns similar to gold, and their faces were like human faces. 8And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. 9And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war. 10And they have tails like scorpions, and stingers, and in their tails is their power to hurt people for five months. 11They have as king over them the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek *language* he has the name Apollyon.[[11]](#footnote-10693)

12The first Terror[[12]](#footnote-11906) is past. Look! There are still two Terrors after this.

13And the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar that is before God, 14one saying to the sixth angel that had one trumpet, “Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates.” 15And the four angels that had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of humankind. 16And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (I heard the number of them). 17And this is how I saw the horses in the vision, and those who sat on them: having breastplates *as* of fire and of hyacinth and of sulfur, and the heads of lions, and out of their mouths comes fire and smoke and sulfur. 18By these three plagues a third of humankind was killed; by the fire and the smoke and the sulfur that came out of their mouths. 19For 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.

20And the rest of humankind, those who were not killed with these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, nor *did they* give up worshiping demons and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, and of stone, and of wood, which are not able to see, nor hear, nor walk, 21and they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.

**Revelation Chapter 10**

Angel with Small Scroll; The Seven Thunders

1And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was on his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire, 2and he had in his hand a little scroll that was open. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the earth, 3and he cried with a great voice, like a lion roars, and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. 4And when the seven thunders uttered *their voices*, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up the things that the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”

5And the angel that I saw standing on the sea and on the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and the things that are in it, and the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there will be no more delay, 7but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he is about to blow his trumpet, then will be finished the sacred secret of God, according to the good news that he told to his servants the prophets.

8And the voice that I heard from heaven, *I heard it* again speaking with me, and saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel that stands on the sea and on the earth.” 9And I went to the angel, saying to him that he should give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take it, and eat it up, and it will make your belly bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” 10And I took the little scroll out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey, and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter.

11And they said to me, “You must prophesy again over many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

**Revelation Chapter 11**

The Two Witnesses

1And there was given to me a measuring rod like a staff, and one said, “Get up and measure the sanctuary of God, and the altar, and *count* those who worship there. 2But the court that is outside the sanctuary leave out, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will tread the holy city under foot for 42 months. 3And I will give *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

4These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, standing before the Lord of the earth. 5And if anyone wants to hurt them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies, and if anyone wants to hurt them, he must be killed this way. 6These have the power to shut the heavens so that it does not rain during the days of their prophecy, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they want to. 7And 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. 8And their dead bodies *will lie* on the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9And some from among the peoples and tribes and languages and nations look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and do not permit their dead bodies to be put in a tomb. 10And those who live on the earth rejoice over them, and make merry, and they will send gifts to one another because these two prophets tormented those who live on the earth.

11And after the three and a half days, the spirit of life from God entered them and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12And they heard a great voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and 7,000 people, counted by name, were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14The second Terror[[13]](#footnote-18929) is past. Look! The third Terror is coming quickly.

The Seventh Trumpet

15And the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were great voices in heaven saying, “The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of his Christ,[[14]](#footnote-24282) and he will reign forever and ever.”[[15]](#footnote-16275)

16And the 24 elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell facedown and worshiped God, 17saying, “We give you thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power, and reigned; 18and the nations were enraged, but your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give the rewards to your servants the prophets and to the holy ones and to those who fear your name (*both* the small and the great), and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

19And the sanctuary of God that is in heaven was opened, and in his sanctuary the ark of his covenant was seen, and there was lightning, and voices, and thunder, and an earthquake, and great hail.

**Revelation Chapter 12**

The Woman and the Dragon

1And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars. 2And she was pregnant and crying out, having birth pains and the struggle of giving birth.

3And another sign was seen in heaven, and look, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. 4And his tail dragged away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth, and the dragon stands before the woman who is about to give birth, in order that when she gives birth to her child, he can devour *him*. 5And she gave birth to a son, a male, who is about to shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron,[[16]](#footnote-24069) and her child was caught up to God, and to his throne.

The Dragon Thrown to Earth

6And the woman fled into the desert, where she has a place prepared by God, that there they can nourish her 1,260 days. 7And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels *went* to fight with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought *back*, 8and they were not strong enough, nor was a place found for them in heaven any more. 9And the great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the Devil[[17]](#footnote-21396) and the Adversary,[[18]](#footnote-22933) the one who is deceiving the whole inhabited world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

10And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ[[19]](#footnote-27134) have come, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters is thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. 11And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives—even to death. 12Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who live in them. How terrible it will be for the earth and the sea because the Devil has gone down to you, having great fury, knowing that he has but a short time.”

13And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the man *child*. 14And the woman was given the two wings of a great eagle so that she could fly into the desert to her place, where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15And the serpent spewed water, like a river, out of his mouth after the woman, so that he could cause her to be carried away by the stream. 16And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon spewed out of his mouth. 17And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus.

**Revelation Chapter 13**

The Beast from the Sea

1And he[[20]](#footnote-21903) stood on the sand of the sea, and I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns, and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority. 3And *I saw* one of his heads as if it was slain to death, and his mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast, 4and 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 war with him?” 5And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and there was given to him authority to continue 42 months. 6And he opened his mouth to utter blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, *and* those who dwell in heaven. 7And it was given to him to make war with the holy ones, and to overcome them, and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. 8And all who live on the earth will worship him, *everyone whose* name has not been written in the book of life of the Lamb that has been slain from the foundation of the world.

9If anyone has an ear, he had better listen! 10If anyone *is* *to go* into captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone *is to be* killed by the sword, *then* by the sword he will be killed. This calls for the endurance and the trust of the holy ones.

The Beast from the Earth

11And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and *yet* he spoke like a dragon. 12And he will exercise all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he will make the earth and those who live on it worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed. 13And he will do great signs, so that he will even make fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of people. 14And he will deceive those who live on the earth by the signs that were given him to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image of the beast who had the stroke of the sword and lived. 15And it was granted *to him* to give life to it, *even* to the image to the beast, so that the image of the beast could both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16And he will make everyone, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 17so that no one will be able to buy or to sell unless he has the mark, *which is* the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18This calls for wisdom. Whoever has understanding, let him count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

**Revelation Chapter 14**

The Lamb and the 144,000

1And look, I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. 2And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder. And the voice that I heard *was* as *the voice* of harpers harping with their harps, 3and they sing a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. 4These are those who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. These *are* those who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among humankind as the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5And no lie was found in their mouth; they are without blemish.

The Messages of the Three Angels

6And I saw another angel flying high overhead, having the good news of the age *to come* to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people, 7and he said with a great voice, “Fear God, and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship him who made the heavens and the earth and sea and springs of water.”

8And another, a second angel, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

9And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a great voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand, 10he also will drink of the wine of the fury of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his wrath, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb, 11and the smoke of their torment goes up for ages and ages,[[21]](#footnote-27662) and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” 12This demands the endurance of the holy ones; those who keep the commandments of God and their trust in Jesus.

13And I heard the 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.”

The Harvest and the Winepress

14And look, I saw a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud *I saw* one like the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15And another angel came out of the sanctuary, crying with a great voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap is come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.” 16And he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17Another angel came out of the sanctuary that is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18And another angel came out from the altar, he who has power over fire, and he called with a great voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” 19And the angel swung his sickle onto the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the fury of God.[[22]](#footnote-17740) 20And the winepress is trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the winepress, even to the bridles of the horses, for as far as 1600 stadia.[[23]](#footnote-28289)

**Revelation Chapter 15**

Preparation for Bowl Judgments

1And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having seven plagues, *which are* the last ones, for with them the fury of God is finished. 2And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those coming victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3And they sing the song of Moses the 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, you King of the ages. 4Who will not fear *you*, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you only are sacred, for all the nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

5And after these things, I looked and the sanctuary of the Tent of the Testimony in heaven was opened, 6and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels that had the seven plagues, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and girded across their chests with golden sashes. 7And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the fury of God, who lives forever and ever. 8And the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one was able to enter into the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

**Revelation Chapter 16**

Bowl Judgments

1And I heard a great voice out of the sanctuary saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the seven bowls of the fury of God onto the earth.”

2And the first went, and poured out his bowl onto the earth, and it became ugly and grievous sores on the people who had the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image.

3And the second poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man, and every living soul in the sea died.

4And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of the water, and they became blood. 5And I heard the angel *in charge* of the waters saying, “Righteous are you, who are and who were, the Devout One, because you have so judged, 6for they poured out the blood of the holy ones and the prophets, and you have given them blood to drink; they deserve it.” 7And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty; true and righteous are your judgments.”

8And the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was given to it to scorch people with fire. 9And people were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent to give him glory.

10And the fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was darkened, and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, 11and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and they did not repent of their works.

12And the sixth poured out his bowl on the great river, the *river* Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings *that* *come* from the east. 13And 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, as it were frogs, 14for they are spirits, (that is, demons), working signs, *and* they go out to the kings of the whole inhabited world, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. 15“(Look! I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays alert and *thus* keeps his clothes, lest he walks naked and they see his shame.)” 16And they gathered them together into the place that is called in Hebrew, Armageddon.[[24]](#footnote-25989)

17And the seventh poured out his bowl on the air, and a great voice came out of the sanctuary from the throne, saying, “It is done,” 18and there was lightning, and voices, and thunders, and there was a great earthquake, such as there had never been since humankind was on the earth, so great an earthquake, *and* so mighty. 19And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21And great hailstones, *every stone* about the weight of a talent,[[25]](#footnote-32331) came down out of heaven upon people, and people blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because that plague was exceedingly great.

**Revelation Chapter 17**

The Woman on the Scarlet Beast

1And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute that sits on many waters, 2with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality, and those who live on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality.”

3And he carried me away in the spirit into a desert, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations, even the unclean things of her sexual immorality, 5and on her forehead a name written, SECRET: BABYLON THE GREAT. THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the holy *ones*, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I was astonished with great astonishment. 7And the angel said to me, “Why did you wonder? I will tell you the sacred secret of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss, and to go into destruction. And those who live on the earth will wonder, *they* whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and will come. 9Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, 10and they are seven kings, the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come, and when he comes, he must remain a little while. 11And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven, and he goes into destruction. 12And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. 13These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast. 14These will fight against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings, and those who are with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

15And he said to me, “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and languages. 16And the ten horns that you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh, and will burn her up with fire. 17For God put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are accomplished. 18And the woman that you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

**Revelation Chapter 18**

The Fall of Babylon

1After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen, is Babylon the great, and has become a dwelling place of demons, and a haunt of every unclean spirit, and a dwelling place for every unclean and hateful bird. 3For by the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality all the nations have fallen, and the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become wealthy by the power of her profligate luxuries.”

4And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you have no fellowship with her sins, and so that you do not receive her plagues, 5for her sins have reached even to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6Render to her just as she rendered, and double *to her* the double according to her works. In the cup that she mingled, mingle to her double. 7To whatever extent she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, give her a like measure of torment and mourning, for she says in her heart, ‘I sit *as* a queen, and am not a widow, and will absolutely not see mourning.’ 8Therefore in one day her plagues will come; death, and mourning, and famine, and she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judged her.

9“And the kings of the earth who committed sexual immorality and lived in excessive luxury with her will cry and wail over her when they look at the smoke of her burning, 10standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘How terrible, how terrible it will be for the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’

11“And the merchants of the earth cry and mourn over her, for no one buys their cargo any more, 12cargo of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all your citron wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of the most precious wood, and of bronze, and iron, and marble, 13and cinnamon, and spice, and incense, and perfume, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and *cargo* of horses and chariots, and “bodies,” (that is *slaves,* the souls of human beings). 14And the fruit that your soul lusted after has gone away from you, and all the things that were luxurious and sumptuous have perished from you, no more, never, to be found again. 15The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, crying and mourning *and* 16saying, ‘How terrible, how terrible it will be for the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearl! 17For in an hour such great riches are made desolate.’

“And every ship captain, and everyone who sails anywhere, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood far off 18and cried out as they looked at the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What *city* is like the great city?’ 19And they threw dust on their heads, and were crying out, crying and mourning, saying, ‘How terrible, how terrible it will be for the great city, by which all who had their ships in the sea became rich from her wealth! For in one hour she has been made desolate.’ 20Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy ones, and you apostles, and you prophets, for God has judged her because of her judgment of you.”

21And a mighty angel took up a stone like a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “Thus with a mighty fall will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down, and will absolutely not be found any more at all. 22And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters will absolutely not be heard any more at all in you, and not any craftsman, of whatever craft, will be found any more in you at all, and the sound of a *grain* mill will absolutely not be heard at all any more in you, 23and the light of a lamp will absolutely not shine any more at all in you, and the voice of the groom and of the bride will absolutely not be heard any more in you at all, because your merchants were the great ones of the earth *and* because by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24And in her was found the blood of prophets and of holy ones, and of all who have been slain on the earth.”

**Revelation Chapter 19**

Rejoicing in Heaven

1After these things I heard something like the loud voice of a large multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah![[26]](#footnote-26244) Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God, 2for true and righteous are his judgments, for he has judged the great prostitute, she who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants *shed* by her hand.”

3And a second time they said, “Hallelujah!” And *they said,* “Her smoke goes up for ages and ages.”[[27]](#footnote-29051) 4And the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God that sits on the throne, saying, “Amen! Hallelujah!” 5And a voice came out from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, the small and the great.”

6And I heard something like the sound of a great multitude, and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty thunders, saying, “Hallelujah; for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. 7Let’s rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let’s give the glory to him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.” 8And it was granted to her to be clothed with fine linen, bright *and* pure, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the holy ones.

9And he said to me, “Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage banquet of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.” 10And I fell down at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, “See that you do not do *it*. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus (Worship God!), for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

The Rider on the White Horse

11And I saw the heavens opened, and behold, a white horse, and he who was sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12And his eyes were a flame of fire, and on his head were many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but he himself. 13And he was clothed in a robe sprinkled with blood, and his name is called “The Word of God.” 14And the armies that are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean. 15And out of his mouth came a sharp broadsword, so that with it he can strike down the nations (and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron),[[28]](#footnote-21352) and he tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God, the Almighty. 16And he has on his robe and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly high overhead, “Come *and* be gathered together to the great banquet of God, 18so that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of military commanders, and the flesh of the mighty, and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slave, and small and great.”

19And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse, and against his army. 20And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who did the signs in his sight, with 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 that burns with sulfur, 21and the rest were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, *even the sword* that came out of his mouth, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

**Revelation Chapter 20**

The 1,000 Year Messianic Kingdom

1And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the Abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, who is the Devil[[29]](#footnote-13122) and the Adversary,[[30]](#footnote-13839) and bound him for 1,000 years, 3and he threw him into the abyss and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him so that he could not deceive the nations any more until the 1,000 years were finished; after that he must be loosed for a short time.

4And I saw thrones, and those seated on them had been given authority to judge. And *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and such as had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received the mark on their forehead or on their hand, and they came to life, and reigned with Christ[[31]](#footnote-24330) 1,000 years; 5this is the first resurrection. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1,000 years were finished. 6Blessed and holy is whoever has a part in the first resurrection, over these *people* the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him 1,000 years.

The Final War & Satan Defeated

7And when the 1,000 years are finished, the Adversary will be loosed out of his prison 8and will come out to deceive the nations that are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9And they went up over the width of the earth and surrounded the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city, and fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. 10And the Devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where both the beast and the false prophet *had been thrown*, and they will be tormented day and night for ages and ages.[[32]](#footnote-15571)

Second Resurrection and White Throne Judgment

11And I saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away, and there was no place found for them. 12And 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 out of the things that were written in the books, according to their works. 13And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one, according to their works. 14And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire. 15And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Revelation Chapter 21**

The New Heaven and Earth

1And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea is no more. 2And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, “Look! The tabernacle of God is with man, and he will live with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them, *and be* their God, 4and he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, nor *will there be* mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more; the former things have passed away.”

5And he who sits on the throne said, “Look! I make all things new.” And he said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” 6And 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 *a drink* from the spring of the water of life freely. 7Whoever overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. 8But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and the sexually immoral, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their place *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

The New Jerusalem

9And one of the seven angels came—one of those who had the seven bowls full with the seven last plagues—and he spoke with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10And 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, 11having the glory of God, her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal, 12having a wall great and high, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written on it, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. 13On the east were three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15And he who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall. 16And the city is laid out like a square, and the length of it is as great as the width. And he measured the city with the rod—*about* 1,380 miles.[[33]](#footnote-13635) The length and the width and the height of it are equal. 17And he measured the wall of it, about 200 feet,[[34]](#footnote-30514) *according to* human measurement, which is *also* the angel’s. 18And the material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure glass. 19The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second, lapis lazuli, the third, chalcedony, the fourth, emerald, 20the fifth, sardonyx, the sixth, sardius, the seventh, chrysolite, the eighth, beryl, the ninth, topaz, the tenth, chrysoprase, the eleventh, jacinth, the twelfth, amethyst. 21And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each one of the gates was of one pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22And I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are its temple. 23And the city has no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24And the nations will walk in the light of it, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. 25And its gates will never ever be shut by day (for there will be no night there), 26and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it, 27and unclean things will never ever enter into it, nor whoever does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

**Revelation Chapter 22**

1And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2in the middle of the street. And on this side of the river and on that *side* was the tree of life, bearing 12 *manner of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3And there will be no curse any more, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him 4and they will see his face, and his name *will be* on their foreheads. 5And there will be no more night, and they will not need any light from a lamp, nor light from *the* sun, for the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Jesus is Coming

6And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show to his servants the things that must shortly come to pass.”

7“And Look! I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

8And I, John, am he 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. 9And he said to me, “See that you do not do *it*. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

10And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11Let the one who is unrighteous be unrighteous still, and let the one who is filthy be filthy still, and let the one who is righteous be righteous still, and let the one who is holy be holy still.”

12“Look! I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to render to each one according to his work. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

14“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to the tree of life and can enter into the city through the gates. 15Outside *are* the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the sexually immoral, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone who likes and keeps doing falsehood.

16“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things for the congregations. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright, the morning star.”

17And 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 wants it take of the water of life as a gift.

18I testify to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this book, if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book, 19and 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 out of the holy city, which are written in this book.

20He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the holy ones.

1. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-20472)
2. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-27411)
3. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-29144)
4. From Ps. 2:8-9 [↑](#footnote-ref-18502)
5. The “measure” was about two pints. [↑](#footnote-ref-31989)
6. A denarius was worth about a day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-17793)
7. Goats in the Middle East were typically black. [↑](#footnote-ref-21267)
8. The east. [↑](#footnote-ref-16312)
9. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-29589)
10. God created animals with “soul,” which is what gives them life (see Gen. 1:20). [↑](#footnote-ref-24758)
11. “Destroyer” in both Hebrew and Greek [↑](#footnote-ref-10693)
12. Or “Woe,” referring to the “terrible” things in Revelation 8:13 that were coming (Cf. Rev 11:14). [↑](#footnote-ref-11906)
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14. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24282)
15. From Exod. 15:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-16275)
16. From Ps. 2:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-24069)
17. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-21396)
18. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-22933)
19. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-27134)
20. “He” is the dragon (see Rev. 12:17). [↑](#footnote-ref-21903)
21. Lit. “ages of ages” [↑](#footnote-ref-27662)
22. The “winepress” is the Battle of Armageddon, see Isa. 63:1-6. [↑](#footnote-ref-17740)
23. About 180 miles (290 kilometers) [↑](#footnote-ref-28289)
24. The Hebrew is technically Har-megiddo, the hill of Megiddo. [↑](#footnote-ref-25989)
25. The Roman talent weight varied, but most scholars place this around 100 pounds (45 kilograms). [↑](#footnote-ref-32331)
26. A Hebrew word meaning, “Praise Yahweh.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26244)
27. Lit. “for ages of ages” [↑](#footnote-ref-29051)
28. From Ps. 2:9 LXX [↑](#footnote-ref-21352)
29. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-13122)
30. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-13839)
31. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24330)
32. Lit. “ages of ages” [↑](#footnote-ref-15571)
33. The Greek reads 12,000 stadia. A stadion was about 607 feet. Thus, it is about 1,380 miles (2,220 kilometers). [↑](#footnote-ref-13635)
34. The Greek reads 144 pechus, which is about 200 feet (65 meters). [↑](#footnote-ref-30514)