

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

Conversational Version

Introduction

^{1:1}The revelation God gave to Jesus Christ^{Messiah} to show his servants about what must happen soon. He sent it through his angel to his servant John, ²who has passed on everything he saw about God's message and Jesus Christ's revelation. ³Blessed is the one who reads and the ones that hear the prophecy^{fem} and keep what's written in it^{fem}. It's coming soon. Rev 1:1-3

Salutation

⁴John, to the seven churches in Asia. Grace and peace from him who is and was and is to come, from the seven spirits in front of his throne, ⁵⁻⁶and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead, ruler over the kings of the world. Glory and dominion forevermore to him who loved us, released us from our sins with his blood, and made us into a kingdom of priests to his God and Father. Amen. Rev 1:4-6

⁷He'll come with the clouds;
everyone will see him,
including those who pierced him.

Every tribe on earth will mourn because of him.

Yes. Amen

⁸"I'm Alpha and Omega," the Lord God Almighty says, who is and was and is to come. Rev 1:7-8

Vision of Christ

⁹I'm John, your^{pl} brother, who shares your hardships, kingdom, and endurance in Jesus. I was exiled on the island Patmos for preaching God's message and for my testimony about Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day when I heard a loud voice behind me that sounded like a trumpet, ¹¹"Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

¹²I turned around to see who was talking to me, and I saw seven gold lampstands. ¹³Among them was One that looked like a man in a long robe with a wide gold sash across his chest. ¹⁴His hair was white like wool, and his eyes flamed like fire. ¹⁵His feet looked like refined, polished brass; and his voice sounded like crashing waves. ¹⁶He held seven stars in his right hand and had a sharp double-edged sword coming out of his mouth. His face shined like the sun at its brightest. Rev 1:9-16

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell down like a dead man. He put his right hand on me, "Don't be afraid. I'm the First and Last, ¹⁸the Living One that died and came back to life forevermore. I have the keys to death and the grave. ¹⁹Write down

what you've seen, what is and will be. **20***The seven stars in my right hand are the evangelists for the seven churches; the lampstands are the churches.”* **Rev 1:17-20**

The Letter to Ephesus

2:1 “*Write this to the evangelist for the church in Ephesus:*

‘This is what he says who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven gold lampstands: **2** “*I know what you’re doing—your labor and endurance. I know you can’t put up with sinful people. You’ve tested those who called themselves apostles and weren’t, and found them false.* **3** *You’ve endured for me without wearing out.*

4 *But you’ve slacked off from the level of love you had at first.*

5 *So remember where you’ve come down from, repent, and do what you were doing at first. Otherwise, I’ll come and take your lampstand away.* **6** *To your credit, like me, you hate what the Nicolaitans do.*

7 *Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit’s telling the churches. Those who are victorious I’ll let eat from the tree of life in Paradise.’’’’* **Rev 2:1-7**

The Letter to Smyrna

8 “*Write this to the evangelist for the church in Smyrna:*

‘This is what the First and Last says, who died and came back to life: **9** “*I know your hardship and poverty (but you’re rich) and the slander of those who call themselves Jews but belong to Satan’s synagogue.* **10** *Don’t be afraid of what you’re going to suffer. The devil will throw some of you in jail to test you. You’ll have hardship for ten days.*

Be faithful till death, and I’ll give you life as a crown.

11 *Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit’s telling the churches. Those who are victorious won’t suffer the second death.’’’’* **Rev 2:8-11**

The Letter to Pergamum

12 “*Write this to the evangelist for the church in Pergamum:*

‘This is what he says who has the sharp two-edged sword: **13** “*I know you live where Satan’s throne is. You’ve held fast to me and haven’t denied faith in me, even when Antipas my faithful witness was executed among you, where Satan lives.*

14 *But I do have some things against you. You have people that are following the teaching of Balaam, who showed Balak how to make the Israelites stumble—by eating things sacrificed to idols and doing immoral things.* **15** *You also have people that hold to what the Nicolaitans teach.*

16 *So repent; otherwise, I'll come quickly and fight them with the sword that's in my mouth.*

17 *Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit's telling the churches. Those who are victorious I'll supply with hidden manna and give them a white stone inscribed with a new name that nobody knows but him. " "* **Rev 2:12-17**

The Letter to Thyatira

18 *"Write this to the evangelist for the church in Thyatira:*

*'This is what the Son of God says, who has eyes like flames and feet like refined, polished brass: **19** "I know what you're doing—your love, faith, service, and endurance, and that your last works are greater than the first.*

20 *But, I have against you that you've allowed Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach my servants to do immoral things and eat things offered to idols. **21** I gave her time to repent, but she didn't want to. **22-23** Unless they repent of her deeds, I'll throw them and her into a bed with a terminal plague. I'll certainly kill her offspring, and all the churches will know that I examine minds and hearts. I'll give to each according to what they've done. **24** The rest of you in Thyatira—who don't have that teaching, who don't know 'the deep things of Satan,' as they call them—I won't burden with anything else. **25** Just hold on to what you have till I come.*

26 *Those who are victorious and keep my deeds to the end, I'll give authority over the nations. **27** He'll shepherd them with an iron rod and shatter them like clay pots. **28** As I received from my Father, I'll give them the morning star.*

29 *Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit's telling the churches. " "*

Rev 2:18-29

The Letter to Sardis

3:1 *"Write this to the evangelist for the church in Sardis:*

*'This is what he says who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know what you're doing, that you're alive in name only. **2** Wake up and strengthen what's left that's about to die. I haven't found your deeds perfect in front of my God. **3** So remember what you've received, keep it, and repent. If you don't wake up, I'll come like a thief at night when you don't expect it. **4** You have a few in Sardis that haven't gotten their clothes dirty. They'll live with me in white because they're worthy.*

5 *Those who are victorious I'll dress in white clothes, I won't remove from the Book of Life, and I'll acknowledge in front of my Father and his angels.*

6 *Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit's telling the churches. " "*

Rev 3:1-6

The Letter to Philadelphia

7 “Write this to the evangelist for the church in Philadelphia:

‘These things the Holy and True says,
who has **the key** of David,
who opens and nobody shuts,
who shuts and nobody opens,

8 “I know what you’re doing. I’ve opened a door for you that nobody can shut. Because you have a little strength, you’ve kept my word and haven’t denied me.

9 The ones that claim to be Jews but belong to Satan’s synagogue, I’ll make bow down to you and recognize that I love you. **10** Because you’ve kept my word and persevered, I’ll protect you from the testing that’s coming on the world. **11** I’m coming soon; hold onto what you have so nobody takes your crown.

12 Those who are victorious I’ll make pillars in the Temple of my God, and they’ll never leave it. I’ll write my new name on them, the name of my God, and the name of his city, the New Jerusalem that’s coming down out of heaven from him.

13 Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit’s telling the churches.””

Rev 3:7-13

The Letter to Laodicea

14 “Write this to the evangelist for the church in Laodicea:

This is what **the faithful and true witness** says, the ruler of God’s creation: **15** “I know what you’re doing—that you’re not hot or cold. I’d rather you were one or the other. **16** Since you’re lukewarm, I’ll spew you out of my mouth. **17** You say, ‘I’m rich; I’ve made money and don’t need anything.’ You don’t realize that you’re miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. **18** I advise you to buy gold from me refined by fire so you’ll be rich, white clothes to cover your nakedness, and eye salve so you can see. **19** I reprove and discipline the ones I care about; so be earnest and repent. **20** I’m knocking at the door. If anybody hears me and opens it, I’ll come in and we’ll eat together.

21 “Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne like I overcame and sat with my Father on his throne.

22 Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit’s telling the churches.”””

Rev 3:14-22

The Throne Room in Heaven

4:1 After that, I saw a door standing open in heaven. The first voice I heard sounded like a trumpet, “Come up here, and I’ll show you what needs to happen.” **2** Right away I was in the spirit and saw a throne in heaven and One sitting on it **3**that looked like jasper and cardelian with

an emerald rainbow arching over the throne.⁴ Around the throne, 24 elders were sitting on 24 thrones, dressed in white and wearing gold crowns.⁵ Lightning flashes and loud peals of thunder came out of the throne. In front of the throne, seven braziers were burning that were the seven spirits of God.⁶ What looked like a clear crystal sea lay in front of the throne.

Close around the throne were four living beings with eyes all over them.⁷ The first looked like a lion, the second like a calf; the third had a man's face, and the fourth looked like a flying eagle.⁸ The four living beings, each with six wings and eyes all over, kept saying day and night,

*"Holy, holy, holy,
LORD God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come."*

⁹When the four living beings gave glory, honor, and thanks to the One on the throne, who lives forevermore,¹⁰ the 24 elders knelt to worship him and cast their crowns in front of the throne, saying,

*"11 "Our LORD and God, you deserve
glory, honor, and power
because you created everything;
by your will they came into being."*

Rev 4:1-11

The Scroll with the 7 Seals

5:1 I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One on the throne. It had writing inside and out, and seven seals on it.² A strong angel shouted, "*Who's worthy to break the seven seals and unroll the scroll?*"³ Nobody in heaven, on earth, or under the earth could unroll it—or even look at it.⁴ I started to cry because nobody could unroll it.⁵ One of the elders said, "*Don't cry. The Lion from the tribe of Judah, David's descendant, has overcome death. He can break the seven seals and unroll it.*"

Rev 5:1-5

Worshipping the Lamb

⁶ Among the throne, elders, and four living beings, I saw a Lamb standing as if it had been slain. It had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits God sent into the whole world.⁷ He came and took the scroll from the One on the throne.⁸ Then the four living beings and 24 elders knelt in front of the Lamb. Each one had a harp and a gold bowl of incense, which is the saints' prayers.⁹ They sang a new song,

*"You're worthy to take the scroll and break its seals
because you were killed.

With your blood you purchased for God
people out of every tribe, language, people group, and nation.*

10 *You made them into a kingdom of priests for our God,
and they'll rule on earth."*

Rev 5:6-10

¹¹I saw countless thousands of angels around the throne, created beings, and elders, shouting,

¹²“*The Lamb that was killed deserves to receive authority, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!*”

¹³Everyone created in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea said,

“*To the One on the throne and to the Lamb, blessing, honor, glory, and power forevermore.*”

¹⁴The four living beings said, “*Amen,*” and the elders knelt down in worship.

Rev 5:11-14

Breaking the First 6 Seals

^{6:1}When I saw the Lamb break the first seal, I heard one living being say like thunder, “*Come.*” ²A white horse *came out*; its rider had a bow. He received a crown and went out to conquer.

³When *the Lamb* broke the second seal, the second living being said, “*Come.*” ⁴A fiery red horse came out. Its rider was allowed to take peace away from the earth so people would kill each other. He received a large sword.

Rev 6:1-4

⁵When *the Lamb* broke the third seal, the third living being said, “*Come.*” A black horse *came out*. Its rider was holding a balance scales. ⁶I heard a voice from among the four living beings, “*A quart of wheat for a day’s pay; three quarts of barley for a day’s pay. Use oil and wine sparingly.*”

⁷When *the Lamb* broke the fourth seal, the fourth living being said, “*Come.*” ⁸A pale green horse *came out*. Its rider was named Death; Grave followed him. They received control over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine, death, and wild animals.

Rev 6:5-8

⁹When *the Lamb* broke the fifth seal, under the altar I saw the souls of people that had been martyred for the message of God that they had. ¹⁰They cried out, “*How long, Master, holy and true, before you avenge our blood on the people living on earth?*” ¹¹He gave each one a white robe and told them to rest a little longer till their fellow martyrs fulfill their course.

Rev 6:9-11

¹²When I saw *the Lamb* break the sixth seal, there was a major earthquake. The sun got as dark as burlap made of hair, and the whole moon looked like blood. ¹³Stars fell to earth like unripe figs in a strong wind. ¹⁴The sky separated like a scroll being unrolled, and every mountain and island quaked. ¹⁵The kings on earth, the elite, the commanders of 1,000 [*chiliarchs*], the rich, the powerful, servants and freemen hid in caves and mountain rocks. ¹⁶They said to the mountains and rocks, “*Bring an avalanche over us and hide us from the One on the throne and from the anger of the Lamb.*” ¹⁷*The time for their great fury has come. Who can survive it?*”

Rev 6:12-17

Sealing the 144,000

7:1 After that, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the world. They were keeping the four winds from blowing on the land, sea, and trees. **2**I watched another angel come down from the east with the seal of the living God. He shouted to the four angels that could harm the land and sea, **3***“Don’t harm the land, sea, or trees till we seal our God’s servants on their foreheads!”* **4**I heard the number that were sealed: 144,000—from every tribe of Israel; 12,000 each **5**from Judah, Reuben, Gad, **6**Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, **7**Simeon, Levi, Issachar, **8**Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Rev 7:1-8

The Great Host in White Robes

9After that, I saw a tremendous host nobody could count, from every nation, tribe, people group, and language, standing in front of the throne and the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and holding palm branches. **10**They shouted,

*“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”*

11All the angels around the throne, the elders, and the living beings fell on their faces in front of the throne and worshiped God,

12*“Amen. Blessing, glory, wisdom,
thanks, honor, power, and strength
to our God forevermore. Amen.”*

Rev 7:9-12

13One of the elders asked me, “*Who are the ones in white robes? Where’d they come from?*”

14I said, “Sir, you know.”

He said, “*They came through the great ordeal and washed their robes to make them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

15*“That’s why they’re in front of God’s throne,
and worship him day and night in his sanctuary.
The One on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them.*

16*“They won’t get hungry or thirsty anymore;
the sun won’t beat down on them with scorching heat anymore.*

17*“The Lamb at the throne will shepherd them
and guide them to springs of running water.
God will wipe every tear out of their eyes.”*

Rev 7:13-17

Breaking the Seventh Seal

8:1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, heaven was silent for about a half hour. **2**I saw seven angels standing in front of God, receiving seven trumpets.

3Another angel came and stood by the altar, holding a gold censer. He received a large amount incense to add to the prayers of the saints on the gold altar in front of the throne. **4**The

smoke from the incense rose up from the angel's hand with the saints' prayers. ⁵The angel filled the censer with fire from the altar and threw it onto the earth. There came peals of thunder, lightning flashes, and an earthquake.

Rev 8:1-5

Blowing the 7 Trumpets

⁶The seven angels with the seven trumpets raised them to blow.

⁷The first blew his trumpet. Hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown onto the earth. A third of the earth, a third of the trees, and all the green grass burned up.

⁸The second angel blew his trumpet. Something like a burning mountain was thrown into the ocean and turned a third of it to blood, ⁹killed a third of marine life, and destroyed a third of the ships *that were on it*.

Rev 8:6-9

¹⁰The third angel blew his trumpet. A big star, burning like a torch, fell on a third of the springs and rivers. ¹¹It's name was Wormwood. A third of the water turned bitter, and many people died from the brackish water.

Rev 8:10-11

¹²The fourth angel blew his trumpet. A third of the sun, moon, and stars was struck. A third of the stars went out; the sun didn't shine for a third of the day, and the moon didn't shine for a third of the night.

¹³I saw and heard an eagle flying in the sky, shouting, "*Woe, woe, woe to people on earth because of the last three trumpet blasts!*"

Rev 8:12-13

The Fifth Trumpet/The First Woe

^{9:1}The fifth angel blew his trumpet. I saw a star that had just fallen* to earth. He received a key to the deep abyss. ²He opened it, and a cloud of smoke came out of it as from a huge furnace, and the sun and air grew dark from it. ³Locusts swarmed out of the cloud onto the earth with ability like scorpions have. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass, anything green, any tree—just people that didn't have God's seal on their foreheads. ⁵They weren't to kill them, but to torment them for five months as with scorpion stings. ⁶The people would want to die but couldn't; they'd long for death, but it would elude them.

Rev 9:1-6

⁷The locusts looked like horses outfitted for war. They wore what looked like gold helmets* [*chanfrons + crinets?*] on their heads. They had faces like people, ⁸manes like women's hair, teeth like lions' teeth, ⁹and iron chest plates* [*peytrals*]. Their wings sounded like hordes of horses with chariots charging into battle. ¹⁰Their tails had stingers like scorpions that they could torment people with for five months. ¹¹Their king, the angel of the abyss, had the Hebrew name Abaddon—*Apollyon** [*Destroyer*] in Greek.

¹²The first woe is over; two more are coming.

Rev 9:7-12

The Sixth Trumpet/The Second Woe

¹³The sixth angel blew his trumpet. I heard a voice from the four horns of the gold altar in front of God, ¹⁴telling the sixth angel to release the four angels on hold at the great River Euphrates. ¹⁵He released the four angels—readied for an hour, day, month, and year—to massacre a third of all people. ¹⁶The army of horsemen numbered 200,000,000 (I heard the number). ¹⁷The horses and their riders in the vision looked like this: the riders wore chest plates the color of fire, hyacinth, and sulfur; the horses had heads like lions with fire, smoke, and sulfur coming out of their mouths. ¹⁸The fire, smoke, and sulfur killed a third of all people. ¹⁹The horses' power was in their mouths and tails; their tails were like snakes with heads that could injure people.

²⁰People that didn't die from these plagues refused to stop worshiping demons and turn away from the idols their hands had made out of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood—that can't see, hear, or walk. ²¹They didn't repent of their murders, witchcraft, sexual immorality, or thefts.

Rev 9:13-21

The Little Open Scroll

10:1I watched another powerful angel come down from the sky, dressed in a cloud with a rainbow above his head. His face shined like the sun, and his legs were like pillars of fire. **2**He was holding a little, open scroll in his right hand. With his right foot on the sea and his left one on land, **3**he shouted like a roaring lion. When he shouted, seven thunders pealed. **4**When they did, I was about to write, but a voice from the sky said, “*Seal up what the seven thunders said; don't write it down.*” **5**The angel that was standing on land and sea, lifted his right hand toward the sky **6**and swore by the One who lives forevermore—who created earth, sky, sea, and everything in them—that there wouldn't be any more delay. **7**When it's time for the seventh angel to blow his trumpet, God's unrevealed plan will come to completion like he'd told his servants the prophets.

Rev 10:1-7

8The voice from the sky spoke to me again, “*Go take the little, open scroll that's in the hand of the angel that's standing on land and sea.*” **9**I went and asked him for it. He said, “*Eat it; it'll make your stomach sour, but it'll leave a sweet taste in your mouth.*” **10**I took it and ate it. It tasted sweet like honey; but when I swallowed it, it made my stomach sour. **11**They told me, “*You have to prophesy some more to many people groups, nations, languages, and kings.*”

Rev 10:8-11

The Two Witnesses

11:1I received a measuring rod like a staff. “*Measure God's sanctuary, the altar, and the worshipers.*” **2***Don't measure the court outside the sanctuary because the Gentiles have received it, and they'll trample the Holy City underfoot for 42 months.* **3***I'll authorize my two witnesses to prophecy for those 1260 days in burlap and ashes.*” **4**They're two olive trees, two lampstands in front of the Lord of the earth. **5**If anybody tries to injure them, fire will come out of their mouths and burn them up. **6**During the time they prophesy, they'll have authority to keep it from raining,

to turn water into blood, to strike the earth with any plague as often as they like. ⁷When they've finished speaking for God, the beast from the abyss will attack them, conquer, and kill them. ⁸Their corpses will lie in the street of the great city spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord also was crucified. ⁹People from tribes, languages, and nations will look at their corpses for 3½ days and won't let them be buried. ¹⁰They'll celebrate and send gifts to each other because those two prophets had tormented them. ¹¹After 3½ days, breath from God will return, and they'll stand up and terrify everyone that sees them. ¹²I heard a loud voice from heaven tell them, "*Come up here*"; and they went up in a cloud while their enemies watched. ¹³Then a severe earthquake made a tenth of the city fall; 7,000 people died in the earthquake. Fear overwhelmed the rest, and they praised the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second woe is over. The third's coming soon.

Rev 11:1-14

The Seventh Trumpet/The Third Woe

¹⁵The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and loud voices from heaven said,
*"The kingdom of this world has become
 the kingdom of our LORD and his Christ^{Messiah},
 and he'll reign forevermore."*

¹⁶The 24 elders on their thrones in front of God fell on their faces and worshiped him,

¹⁷*"Thank you, LORD God Almighty, who is and was,
 because you've assumed power and begun to reign."*

¹⁸*"The nations raged, and your anger came.
 The time came for judging the dead,
 the time for rewarding your servants the prophets and saints—
 those who respect you from least to greatest;
 the time for destroying those who destroy the world."*

¹⁹God's sanctuary in heaven opened, and the Ark of the Covenant became visible there. There came lightning flashes, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a severe hailstorm. Rev 11:14-19

The Woman and the Red Dragon

^{12:1}An important sign appeared in the sky, a woman dressed in the sun with the moon under her feet and twelve crowns on her head. ²She was pregnant and cried out in labor, straining to give birth. ³Another sign appeared in the sky, a big red dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven diadems on its heads. ⁴Its tail dragged down a third of the stars and threw them onto earth. It stood in front of the woman, ready to devour her child. ⁵She had a Son that would rule the nations with an iron rod. He was snatched up to God and his throne, and ⁶the woman ran into the desert. God had prepared a place there for people to sustain her 1260 days. Rev 12:1-6

⁷War broke out in heaven, Michael and his angels battling the dragon and his angels. ⁸The dragon wasn't powerful enough, and he and his angels no longer had a place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown out, the old serpent, the devil, Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He and his angels were thrown down to earth. ¹⁰I heard a loud voice in heaven,

*"Now salvation and power has come,
the kingdom of our God,
the authority of his Christ^{Messiah},
because our brothers' accuser has been thrown out
who accused them in front of our God day and night.*

¹¹They triumphed over their accuser
by the blood of the Lamb and by his message;
they didn't love their life so much that they shrank from death.

¹²So celebrate, heaven, and you that tabernacle there.

*Woe to land and sea
because the devil has come down to you furious;
he knows he doesn't have much time left."*

Rev 12:7-12

¹³When the dragon saw he'd been thrown down to earth, he persecuted the woman that had given birth to the male *child*. ¹⁴She received the two wings of a giant eagle so she could fly into the wilderness away from the dragon and be sustained for 3½ times. ¹⁵The dragon spewed a river out of its mouth to sweep the woman away in a flood, ¹⁶but the earth helped her and opened its mouth and drank up the river. ¹⁷The dragon raged over the woman and went away to fight her other offspring that keep God's commands and have the message about Jesus. Rev 12:13-17

The Beast from the Sea

^{13:1}The dragon stood on the sand on the seashore. I watched as a beast came up out of the sea. It had ten horns, seven heads, ten diadems, and blasphemous names on its heads. ²It looked like a leopard with bear's feet and a lion's mouth. The dragon gave it power, dominion, and great authority. ³One of its heads looked like it had been mortally wounded and its mortal wound had healed. The whole earth marveled at the beast ⁴and worshiped the dragon that gave it authority. They also worshiped the beast, "*Who's like it? Who can wage war with it?*" Rev 13:1-4

⁵The beast was allowed to speak great blasphemous things and have authority *to do it* for 42 months. ⁶It blasphemed God, his tabernacle, and those who live in heaven. ⁷It was allowed to fight the saints and defeat them, and to control every tribe, people group, language, and nation. ⁸People worshiped it whose names weren't in the Lamb's Book of Life, *the Lamb* that was slain from the founding of the world.

⁹Whoever has an ear, listen:

¹⁰anyone that's *destined* for captivity

will go into captivity;
anyone that murders with a sword
will be killed with a sword.
That's why the saints stay confident.

Rev 13:5-10

The Beast from the Land

11I watched another beast come up out of the land. It had two horns like a lamb and talked like a dragon. **12**It exercised all the authority the first beast had, and made people worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had healed. **13**It performed great signs, even making fire come down from the sky. **14**It deceived people with the signs it was allowed to do in front of the *first* beast. It told them to make an image to the beast that had the sword wound and came back to life. **15**It was allowed to make the image of the *first* beast breathe so it could even speak, and it was allowed to execute people that refused to worship the image. **16**It made everybody—great or small, rich or poor, servant or free—receive a stamp on the forehead or right hand. **17**They couldn't buy or sell without the stamp of the beast or the number of its name. **18**Here's a hint for a discerning person to calculate its number. It's the number in use among people: 666.

Rev 13:11-18

The Lamb on Mt. Zion

14:1I saw the Lamb standing on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 that had his and his Father's name written on their foreheads. **2**I heard a noise from heaven like crashing waves and loud thunder—like harpists playing harps. **3**They sang a new song in front of the throne, the four living beings, and the elders. Nobody could learn the song except the 144,000 that had been purchased out of the earth. **4**They hadn't defiled themselves with women; they were virgins, who followed the Lamb wherever he went. They'd been purchased from among people as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. **5**They'd never lied; they were blameless.

Rev 14:1-5

The Messages from Three Angels

6I saw another angel flying in the sky who had the everlasting good news to present to every nation, tribe, language, and people group. **7**He shouted, “*Fear God and honor him! His time for judging has come. Worship the One that made sky, earth, sea, and springs.*”

8A second angel followed, “*Fallen, fallen, ‘Babylon’ the Great that made the nations drink the wine of her immoral passion.*”

9A third angel followed them, shouting, “*Those who have worshiped the beast and its image and received a stamp on their forehead or right hand, 10 will drink the wine of God’s displeasure full strength. They’ll be tormented with fire and sulfur in front of the holy angels and the Lamb. The smoke from their torment will go up forevermore. 11 There’ll be no rest day or night for those who’ve worshiped the beast and its image and received the stamp of its name. 12 That’s why the saints stay confident in Christ.*”

¹³I heard a voice from the sky, “*Write this, ‘People that die in the Lord from now on are fortunate.’ ‘Yes,’ the Spirit says, ‘so they can rest from their labors, because the account of their deeds stays on their record.’”*

Rev 14:6-13

Harvesting the Earth

¹⁴I saw what looked like a man sitting on a white cloud. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp scythe in his hand. ¹⁵Another angel came out of the sanctuary in heaven and called out to him, “*Use your scythe to reap; it’s time to harvest; earth’s harvest is ready.*” ¹⁶The one on the cloud swung his scythe over the earth and harvested it.

¹⁷Another angel came out of the sanctuary, holding a sharp hook-blade. ¹⁸Another angel came out of the altar with authority over fire and shouted to the one with the hook-blade, “*Use your blade to gather the clusters from the vine (the world); the grapes are ripe.*” ¹⁹The angel used it to harvest the vine, and he put the grapes in the large winepress of God’s anger. ²⁰The wine was pressed out outside the city, and the blood from the winepress came up to the horses’ bridles for some 180 miles.

Rev 14:14-20

The 7 Last Plagues

^{15:1}I saw another great, amazing sign: seven angels that had the seven last plagues. With them God will finish his anger.

²I saw what looked like a glass sea mixed with fire. Those who were victorious over the beast, its image, and the number of its name, stood on the glass sea, holding harps God gave them ³and singing the Song of Moses, God’s servant, and the Song of the Lamb:

“Your works are great and amazing,
LORD God Almighty.
Your ways are just and true,
King of the nations.

⁴Who won’t respect you
and praise you?
Only you are holy;
all nations will come and worship before you
because your judgments have been revealed.”

Rev 15:1-4

⁵After that, I saw in heaven the open sanctuary in the tabernacle of testimony. ⁶Seven angels with the seven last plagues came out of the sanctuary dressed in clean, bright linen with gold sashes across their chests. ⁷One of the four living beings gave the seven angels gold bowls full of the eternal God’s anger. ⁸Smoke from God’s glory and power filled the sanctuary. Nobody could go into it till the seven plagues were over.

Rev 15:5-8

Pouring Out the 7 Angels' Bowls

16:1I heard a loud voice from the sanctuary, telling the seven angels, “*Pour out the seven bowls of God's anger on the earth.*”

2The first poured out his bowl on the land. A foul, painful boil festered up on the ones that had the stamp of the beast and worshiped its image.

3The second poured out his bowl on the ocean. It became like dead men's blood. Everything in the ocean died. Rev 16:1-3

4The third poured out his bowl on rivers and springs. They became blood. **5**I heard that angel say,

*“You're just, Holy One, who are and were,
for decreeing those judgments.*

*6Because they poured out the blood of saints and prophets,
you've given them blood to drink.
That's what they deserve!”*

7I heard the altar say,

*“Yes, LORD God Almighty;
your judgments are true and just.”*

Rev 16:4-7

8The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it scorched people **9**with searing heat. They blasphemed God, who authorized those plagues; and they didn't repent or praise him.

10The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast. Its kingdom grew dark, and people gnawed their tongues in agony. **11**They blasphemed God in their agony and sores, but they didn't repent. Rev 16:8-11

12The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the big Euphrates River. It dried up so the kings in the East could cross it. **13**I saw three unclean spirits *leap* like frogs out of the mouths of the dragon, beast, and false prophet. **14**They were demons that performed signs, and they went to gather the kings of the world for war at the great day of God Almighty. **15***“I'm coming like a thief at night. Blessed are those who stay awake and dressed so they won't be walking around naked, and people see their shame.”* **16**He gathered them to a place called in Hebrew The Mound of Megiddo [*Harmagedon*]*. Rev 16:12-16

17The seventh angel poured out his bowl on the air. A voice shouted out of the sanctuary from the throne, “*It's finished!*” **18**There came lightning flashes, peals of thunder, and the most severe earthquake in history. **19**The great city ‘Babylon’ split into three parts, and the cities in the nations crumbled. God remembered to give ‘Babylon’ the Great his wine cup of fierce fury. **20**The islands sank, and the mountains collapsed. **21**Enormous hailstones, weighing over 90 pounds, fell on people. They blasphemed God because the hailstone plague was so severe.

Rev 16:17-21

17:1One of the seven angels with the seven bowls came over to me,
*"Come here; I'll show you the condemnation of the great prostitute that sits on a vast expanse of water. **2**Kings committed immoral acts with her, and people got drunk on the wine of her immorality."*

3He took me in spirit to a desert place, and I saw a woman on a red beast covered with blasphemous names and having seven heads and ten horns. **4**She wore purple and scarlet with precious stones and pearls, and held a gold cup full of detestable, unclean things related to her immorality. **5**On her headband was the mysterious name, *"'Babylon' the Great, Mother of Prostitutes and Detestable Things."*

Rev 17:1-5

6She was drunk from the blood of saints, martyrs for Jesus. I was amazed. **7**The angel said,

*"Why be amazed? I'll explain to you the meaning of the woman and the beast she's riding. **8**The beast was, is not, and will come up from the abyss to its eternal destruction. People will marvel when they see it—people whose names haven't been in the Book of Life from the founding of the world. **9**Here's the explanation. The seven heads represent seven hills the woman sits on. There are seven kings: **10**five fallen, one existing, and the other yet to come. When he comes, he has to stay a little while. **11**The beast that was and is not, is an eighth, is like the seven, and is destined for destruction. **12**The ten horns are ten kings that haven't received a kingdom yet, but they'll receive authority like kings for a short time with the beast. **13**They have a joint purpose and give their power and authority to the beast. **14**They'll battle the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them because he's Lord of lords and King of kings. The ones on his side are called, chosen, and faithful.*

Rev 17:6-14

15*"The water where the woman is sitting represents masses of people, nations, and languages. **16**The ten horns and the beast will hate the harlot, strip her bare, eat her flesh, and burn her up. **17**That's because God has put it in their minds to accomplish his purpose by making common cause and giving their kingdom to the beast till God's words come to fulfillment. **18**The woman is the great city that rules the kings on earth."*

Rev 17:15-18

18:1After that, I watched a different angel come down from the sky with great authority, and his glory lit up the world. **2**He shouted,

*"Fallen, fallen, 'Babylon' the Great!
 She's become a place where demons live,
 a haunt for unclean spirits and filthy birds.*

3*All the nations have gotten drunk on the wine of her immoral fury.*

*Kings have committed immoral acts with her;
merchants have gotten rich from her sensual luxuries.”*

Rev 18:1-3

⁴I heard another voice from the sky,

“*Get out of her, my people;
don’t take part in her sins
so you can avoid her plagues.*

⁵*Her sins have piled up to the sky;
God has remembered her unjust acts.*

⁶*Pay her back like she paid;
give her full payback for what she’s done;
mix double to her the cup she mixed.*

⁷*As much as she glorified herself and lived sensuously,
give her torment and mourning.*

*Because she said to herself,
‘I sit like a queen;
I’ll never mourn,’*

⁸*her plagues will all come at the same time:
mourning, famine, and death.*

She’ll be burned up

because the LORD God that condemns her has the power.” **Rev 18:4-8**

⁹The kings that committed immoral acts and lived sensuously with her will cry and mourn when they see the smoke from her burning. ¹⁰They’ll stand a long way off in fear of her torment,

“*Woe, woe, the great city;
'Babylon' the powerful city,
all at once its condemnation has come.”*

Rev 18:9-10

¹¹The merchants will cry and mourn over it because nobody’s buying their merchandise anymore: ¹²gold, silver, precious stones, pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, red; different kinds of scented wood, articles made out of ivory and expensive wood, bronze, iron, marble; ¹³cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense; wine, olive oil, fine wheat flour, wheat; cattle, sheep, horses, four-wheeled chariots, slaves (human lives).

¹⁴“*The fruit you craved has left you;
everything luxurious and splendid
has perished from you;
people won’t find them anymore.”*

Rev 18:11-14

¹⁵Merchants who got rich from those things will stand a long way off, crying and mourning, in fear of her torment.

¹⁶“*Woe, woe, the great city,*

*clothed in fine linen, purple, and red;
adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls!
17In a moment such wealth has disappeared!"*

Shipmasters and sailors, who make their living on the sea, will stand a long way off ¹⁸and cry as they watch the smoke from her burning. "What other city is like this great city?"

Rev 18:15-18

¹⁹They'll throw dust on their heads, shout, cry, and weep,
*"Woe, woe, to the great city
where those with ships got rich from its wealth,
because all at once it's been laid waste!"*

²⁰Rejoice over it, heaven, saints, apostles, and prophets;
*because God has decreed against it
the condemnation it decreed against you."*

Rev 18:19-20

²¹A strong angel picked up a stone the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea,
*"That's how 'Babylon,' the great city,
will be violently overthrown,
and won't be there anymore.*

²²The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters
*won't be heard in it anymore;
no craftsman of any craft will be found in it anymore;
the sound of a mill won't be heard in it anymore;*

²³*the light of a lamp won't shine in it anymore;
the voice of the bride and groom won't be heard in it anymore,*

*because its merchants were the greatest on earth,
because it deceived the nations with its sorceries,*

²⁴*and because the blood of prophets and saints was found in it
and all those murdered on earth."*

Rev 18:21-24

19:1 After that, I heard what sounded like a great crowd in heaven,

"Hallelujah!

Salvation, glory, and power to our God

²*because his judgments are true and just;*

he's judged the great prostitute

that corrupted the earth with her immorality;

he's avenged the murder of his servants at her hand."

Rev 19:1-2

³A second time they shouted,

"Hallelujah!"

and her smoke rose up forevermore. ⁴The 24 elders and the 4 living beings knelt down and worshiped God Almighty, who sits on the throne,

“Amen! Hallelujah!”

5A voice came from the throne,

*“Praise our God, all his servants,
everybody that fears him from least to greatest.”*

6I heard a great crowd like crashing waves and loud thunder,

*“Hallelujah!
the LORD God Almighty has taken up his reign.*

7*Let’s rejoice, be happy, and give him glory,
because the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has gotten herself ready.”*

8She was allowed to dress in bright clean linen, the righteous acts of the saints.

Rev 19:3-8

9The angel said to me, “*Write this down: ‘People are fortunate who are invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb. That is God’s true message.’”* **10**I fell down in front of him in worship him, but he said, “*Don’t do that. I’m a fellow servant with you and your brothers that have the message about Jesus. Worship God. The message about Jesus is the purpose of prophecy.”*

11I watched heaven open up. There was a white horse with a Rider called Faithful and True. He judged rightly and waged war justly. **12**His eyes were like flames; he wore several diadems and had a name that nobody understood but him. **13**He wore a robe soaked in blood; his name was The Word of God. **14**The armies in heaven, wearing clean white linen, followed him on white horses. **15**From his mouth came a sharp sword for striking the nations. He shepherded them with an iron rod and trod the winepress of the fierce anger of God Almighty. **16**On the thigh of his robe, it said *King of kings, Lord of lords.*

Rev 19:9-16

17I saw an angel standing in the sun. He shouted to the vultures in the sky, “*Flock to God’s great feast!* **18***Eat the flesh of kings, commanders [chiliarchs]*, powerful men, horses, and riders!*” **19**I watched the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies gather to battle the Rider on the horse and his armies. **20**He and his forces captured the beast and the false prophet that performed signs in front of it, *signs* it used to deceive people that had the stamp of the beast and worshiped its image. They threw them both alive into the burning sulfur lake. **21**The Rider on the horse killed the rest with the sword from his mouth, and the vultures gorged on their flesh.

Rev 19:17-21

The Millennium

20:1I watched an angel come down from heaven with the key to the abyss and a big chain in his hand. **2**He seized the dragon—the old serpent, the devil, Satan—bound him for 1,000 years, **3**and threw him into the abyss. He locked it and sealed it over him so he couldn’t deceive the nations till the 1,000 years were over. Afterward he’ll need to be released for a little while.

Rev 20:1-3

⁴I saw thrones, and the people that sat on them received the authority to judge. I saw the souls of the people beheaded for *bearing* the message about Jesus and the word of God, *people* that hadn't worshiped the beast or its image and hadn't received the stamp on their forehead or hand. They'll live and reign with Christ 1,000 years. ⁵The rest of the dead didn't live again till the 1,000 years ended. That's the first resurrection. ⁶People that take part in the first resurrection are blessed and holy; the second death won't have any power over them. They'll be priests for God and Christ, and reign with him 1,000 years.

Rev 20:4-6

Satan Unleashed and Conquered

⁷When the 1,000 years end, Satan will be released from his prison. ⁸He'll go out to deceive the nations, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number will be like the sand on the seashore. ⁹They'll come up on the plain of the earth and surround the camp of the saints and the dearly loved city; fire will come from the sky and consume them. ¹⁰The devil will be thrown into the burning lake of sulfur, where the beast and false prophet have been. They'll be tormented day and night forevermore.

Rev 20:7-10

The Great White-Throne Judgment

¹¹I saw a large white throne and the One that was sitting on it. Earth and sky fled from him; they were no longer there. ¹²I saw the dead, from least to greatest, standing in front of the throne, and the books were opened. Another book was opened, *the Book of Life*; and the dead were judged by their deeds written in the books. ¹³The sea, death, and the grave gave up their dead. ¹⁴Death and the grave were thrown into the burning lake, which is the second death. ¹⁵Anybody that wasn't in the Book of Life was thrown into the burning lake.

Rev 20:11-15

The New Earth and Sky

21:¹I saw a new earth and sky. The first earth and sky had passed away, and there wasn't any ocean anymore. ²I watched the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, come down out of heaven from God, ready like a bride adorned for her husband. ³A loud voice came from the throne,

"God's tabernacle is with his people; he'll live with them, and they'll belong to him. ⁴He'll wipe away every tear, and there won't be any pain, weeping, crying, or death anymore. Former things will pass away."

Rev 21:1-4

⁵The One on the throne said,

"I'm making everything new. ⁶Write this down because it's true and reliable. It's done. I'm Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end. I'll let whoever's thirsty drink from the spring of living water free of charge. ⁷Those who overcome will inherit these things. I'll be their God, and they'll be my children. ⁸But the unfaithful and corrupt, the cowards, murderers, sorcerers, idolaters,

liars, and immoral will burn in the lake of sulfur, which is the second death.”

Rev 21:5-8

The New Jerusalem

⁹One of the angels with the seven bowls of final plagues came to me, “*Come with me; I’ll show you the Lamb’s bride.*” ¹⁰He took me in spirit to a big, tall mountain and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹shining with God’s glory. Its brilliance was like a very valuable stone, like crystal-clear jasper.

¹²It had a broad, high wall and twelve gates, with an angel at each gate and the names of Israel’s twelve tribes inscribed on them. ¹³There were three gates each on the east, north, south, and west. ¹⁴The wall consisted of twelve foundations with the names of the Lamb’s twelve apostles on them.

Rev 21:9-14

¹⁵The *angel* that was talking to me had a gold rod for measuring the city, its gates, and wall. ¹⁶The city was shaped like a cube 1380 miles long, wide, and high; ¹⁷its wall measured 216 feet high, ¹⁸made out of jasper; the city was pure gold like clear glass. ¹⁹The foundation stones were beautiful precious stones. In order, they were jasper, sapphire, agate, emerald, ²⁰sardonyx, carnelian*, chrysolite* [*yellow topaz*], beryl, topaz, chrysoprase* [*green quartz*], hyacinth, and amethyst. ²¹Each gate was a single pearl, and the streets were pure gold like transparent glass.

²²I didn’t see a sanctuary in it because God Almighty and the Lamb were its sanctuary. ²³The city didn’t need the sun or moon because God’s glory gave it light, and the Lamb was its lamp. ²⁴, ²⁶The nations lived by its light, and kings brought their glory and the honor of their nations into it. ²⁵Its gates never shut because there wasn’t any night there. ²⁷Nothing profane or anyone detestable or false could go in, only the ones written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Rev 21:15-27

The River of Life, The Tree of Life

22:1The angel showed me a crystal-clear river of life flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ²Between the city street and the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit and growing leaves that heal the nations. ³There won’t be any more curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in *that city*, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They’ll see his face and have his name on their foreheads. ⁵There won’t be any night; they won’t need a lamp or the sun because God will give them light, and they’ll reign forevermore.

Rev 22:1-5

The Return of Christ

⁶The angel said,

“What you’ve seen and heard is true and trustworthy. The LORD God of the spirits of the prophets sent his angel to show his servants what needs to happen soon. ⁷I’m coming soon. Blessed are those who keep the prophecy that’s in this book.”

Rev 22:6-7

8I, John, heard and saw those things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship the angel that was showing them to me. **9**But he said,

“Don’t do that. I’m a fellow servant with your brothers the prophets and the people that keep the message in this book. Worship God.

10*“Don’t seal up the prophecy in this book because the time is soon.*

11*Let the unrighteous stay unrighteous;*

let the filthy stay filthy;

let the holy stay holy.

12*“I’m coming soon. I’ll bring with me the reward for each person according to what they’ve done. **13**I’m Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the beginning and end.”*

Rev 22:8-13

Keeping the Message of This Book

14Blessed are those who wash their robes so they’ll have a right to the tree of life and a right to go into the city through its gates. **15**Outside are dogs, sorcerers, immoral people, murderers, idolaters, and everybody that enjoys telling and doing something false.

16*“I, Jesus, sent my angel to tell you^{pl} these things for the churches. I’m the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star.”*

17The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let the one that hears it say, “Come.” Let the thirsty come and drink the water of life free of charge.

Rev 22:14-17

No Tampering with the Message

18I say to everybody that hears the prophecy in this book: if you add to it, God will add to you the plagues in this book. **19**If you take anything away from it, he will take away your part from the tree of life and the Holy City in this book.

20The One that’s telling *you* these things says, “Yes, I’m coming soon.”

Come, Lord Jesus.

21The grace of the Lord Jesus *be* with you all.

Rev. 22:18-21