

Verse By Verse Through Revelation (1:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John

The Greek word for revelation is **apokalupsis** which means: an unveiling, uncovering, revealing.

The Book of Revelation or the unveiling comes from Jesus Christ Himself to reveal to the saints God's judgments on earth and the last chance for humanity to repent before it's too late. It is vital to evangelize when led by the Spirit of God knowing what's coming.

Verse 1 clearly reveals Jesus as being God, where it says, **the revelation from Jesus Christ** then it says, **God gave him**, clearly making Jesus and God synonymous with each other. Jesus sent this revelation to John through His angel.

2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

John is the one who witnessed and reported everything that the angel from Jesus showed him in this Book being God's Word and Jesus' testimony. The Author of God's Word is God, not men as seen in verse 2 and also in **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.

3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

The Book of Revelation is the only Book that mentions a blessing. The blessings are for those who read it, share it and for those who hear it.

Take it to heart means to believe what it says by first putting your trust and faith in Jesus Christ and living according to His will because the time is closer than one might think which will make one ready for the events that are about to take place.

4 John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne

The seven churches were under the power of Rome and were located where modern day Turkey is today. They were about 40 miles from each other and John sent them the letters to the churches and the rest of the Book of Revelation. **Grace and peace** mean to have God's favor which in the midst of tribulations one can have peace. The phrase **from him who is, and who was, and who is to come**

means that He is eternal (**Revelation 1:8**) and affirms His second coming. The seven spirits refer to the Holy Spirit (**Revelation 4:5**) because the number seven in Genesis means completion and refers to God (**Genesis 2:3**).

5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Jesus Christ is trustworthy that's why we can trust and hold tight to the Word of God. His resurrection is a prelude to what's going to happen to those who have believed in Him as Lord and Savior. Jesus is above all those who rule on earth.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (1:6-10)

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The revelation of Jesus Christ given to John in the island of Patmos

6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

When a person puts their faith in Jesus Christ, the person is sanctified and prepared for service for God's kingdom. Only those with the Holy Spirit can bring Him glory. For God is good and deserves glory and power forever.

**7 “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.**

The phrase “**Look, he is coming with the clouds,**” alludes to **Daniel 7:13-14** which says, **13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**

Daniel saw God the Son, Jesus Christ in his vision and like John, they witnessed His second coming that is going to occur in the future. Everyone that was ever created will see this event. The phrase **“will mourn because of him.”** refer to remorse and repentance as prophesied in **Zechariah 12:10** which says, **10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. “So shall it be! Amen.”** His second coming is guaranteed.

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

The Lord God declares that He is the Alpha and the Omega and is coming. Jesus applies the same title to Himself in **Revelation 1:17-18; 22:12-13** and is the One coming.

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

John as a fellow believer is suffering for the cause of Christ and His glory like all believers. John patiently endures this suffering because he knows that God has a purpose. In his case, it was to reveal to the seven churches and all of us in the future what will take place and need not to worry because at the end the Lamb of God will be victorious.

Patmos was an island that the Roman government used to banish their prisoners and make them work the mines. It was a barren rock belonging to a group of people called “The Sporades.”

10 On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

The phrase **“On the Lord’s Day”** could be referring to the day of Jesus resurrection which happened on the first day of the week (Sunday).

The voice that John heard was like a trumpet. Trumpets in the Old Testament was used to get people’s attention and readiness. In the same way, Jesus was getting John ready to pay close attention to the Lord’s Words and write them down so that upon completion it can be dispersed to the seven churches.

Note: All geographical background information came from “New Unger’s Bible.”



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (1:11-15)

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11 which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

The revelation was to be distributed to the seven churches.

Ephesus: It was located in Asia minor and was a Roman province. It was one of the most important cities in Asia Minor, especially because the goddess Diana was there. Every year pilgrims would go to worship her there.

Smyrna: It was a large ancient city that had a theater on the slope of Mt. Pagus that seated 20,000 spectators. The temple of Zeus and Cybele were located there.

Pergamum: It was 3 miles from the Selinus river and 15 miles from the sea. One of the wonders of the ancient world was located in Pergamum which was the altar of Zeus being 40 feet high.

Thyatira: The city had a population of about 50,000 people. It was considered as the best place for dyeing fabrics in purple. Paul’s first convert to the Lord was in Thyatira by the name of Lydia which is found in **Acts 16:14**. The main deity there was Apollo who was worshiped as a sun-god with the surname Tyrimnas.

Sardis: The city was about 50 miles East of Smyrna and was located on an important commercial route which ran E and W from the kingdom of Lydia being the capital. It also made beautiful jewelry.

Philadelphia: The name means “brotherly love” a city in Lydia. It was about 28 miles SW of Sardis and 100 miles W of Smyrna. Earthquakes have almost destroyed the city several times.

Laodicea: The city was 90 miles E of Ephesus and at the time of the apostles it was mainly Jewish.

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands

The lampstands represent the seven churches that the Book of Revelation was going to go to (see verse 20).

13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

Son of man is a title that Jesus used to describe the side of His humanity and is also connected to the Son of man who is referred in the Book of Daniel. John saw Jesus full of glory and honor. Robe in the Old Testament when referring to God means righteousness (**Isaiah 61:10**) and Yahweh is also mentioned as being enrobed in His throne (**Isaiah 6:1**).

14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

This description points back to Daniel's vision of God which is found in **Daniel 7:9** which says, **9 "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.**

That's another verse that clearly identifies Jesus as God.

15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

Jesus was reflecting the Father's glory (**Matthew 16:27**). His feet glowing like in a furnace and His voice which sounds like rushing waters reveal tremendous power which is heard and seen.

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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (1:16-20)

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16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

The seven stars represent seven angels that are assigned to the churches mentioned in verse 11. The angels can be literal or may mean human messengers who are sent to the churches as the Greek word for angels could mean. I personally believe that it refers to real angels because of **Hebrews 1:14** which says, **14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?**

The phrase "and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword", refers to His Word as seen in **Hebrews 4:12** which says, **12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** Through God's Word Jesus defeated Satan in the wilderness (**Matthew 4**) and likewise in the future, see **Revelation 19:15-21**.

Jesus' face shining like the sun reveals His divine nature because it is attributed only to God. An

example of this is seen in **Psalms 84:11** which says, **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

Jesus’ presence is so powerful that it shows how weak we really are. It is also a picture of our sinful nature that only Jesus can make us alive again through faith in Him. The phrase **“I am the First and the Last”**, Jesus is declaring to be God, [see the commentary on verse 8.](#)

18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Jesus identifies Himself as the one who died on the cross, and proclaims His resurrection so that we may know that our faith in Him is not based on a dead man but on one who lives and is eternal. We can be assured that after we die, believing in Jesus, we will live because He lives.

The phrase **“And I hold the keys of death and Hades”** Jesus is the only one with the authority to send someone to hell or heaven, depending on if the person has trusted in Him or not.

19 “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.

Jesus tells John to write down the vision that He is showing him so that the churches may know where their spiritual growth is at, and what will take place in the future.

20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Jesus is the only one who can reveal mysteries and give one understanding of His Word. The angels are sent to God’s churches to protect those who have eternal life (see **Matthew 18:10** and **Hebrews 1:14**).



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (2:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.

The seven stars are angels who are under Christ’s authority and who are sent to the churches. **“his Right hand”** means great power as seen in **Isaiah 41:10**

2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

The Ephesians knew their theology, they tested with the Word of God those who claimed to be Christians and were found to be wolves in sheep’s clothing. The Word of God gave the Ephesians the strength to persevere through turbulence time.

3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

They were very faithful to the Lord in their time of trials instead of denying Jesus and they found strength in God’s Word.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

The church had good theology but their love for their brothers and sisters in Christ had grown cold. The church was earlier commended by Paul for that love in **Ephesians 1:15-16** which says, **15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.**

That tells you that to know the Bible very well is not enough in God’s eyes but must love the true believers in Christ through support like financially, emotionally and anything else that one can show love. Love is displayed through action.

If a person claims to be a Christian but denies any salvific doctrine, he/she is a false teacher. If a brother has minor differences which are not considered a salvific issue, then we must show support. If we love our brothers and sisters it will show that we truly love the Lord as seen in **1 John 4:20** which says, **Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.**

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Before the Lord brings disciplinary action He warns us. Repentance is a vital practice for a Christian because it shows that we are aware when we fall into sin and want to fix it immediately. The longer we take to repent, the more our hearts grows cold. The phrase **“I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”** means that if a church continues in sin without

repenting, God will remove it since it's not useful anymore to Him and scatter its members to a different one that's obedient to Him by producing fruits but the unrepentant church will be no more.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (2:6-10)

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6 Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Nicolaitans were followers of Nicolaus who was preaching a false doctrine which was a stumbling block to true believers in Jesus Christ. Not much is known about the Nicolaitans and their doctrine. In **verses 14 & 15** of the same chapter, the Nicolaitans teachings are compared to that of Balaam's in making Christians participate in sacrificing and worship of idols.

The Ephesians hated the Nicolaitans doctrine because the church knew God's Word very well.

7 "Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in God's paradise.

The phrase "Anyone who has an ear should listen" was a way of saying that what is being said is very important and the hearer should listen to every detail carefully, especially when the Holy Spirit is revealing something to you from scripture.

The victors are those who have put their trust and faith in Jesus Christ. True believers will reject false doctrine and hold on to the truth that's found in scripture.

8 "Write to the angel of the church in Smyrna:

"The First and the Last, the One who was dead and came to life, says:

Here is another reference to Jesus Deity who is eternal.

9 I know your affliction and poverty, yet you are rich. I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Christian riches are not based on earthly material but on the heavenly treasure. We might seem to be very poor to those on earth when it comes to material and status but in Jesus' eyes, if we are

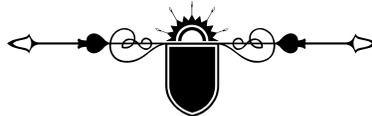
obedient to His Word, we are very rich because we are amassing treasure in heaven for the glory of Jesus Christ. If your heart is all for yourself and selfishness, then you will be rich on earth but if it is for Jesus you will be rich for Him as seen in **Matthew 6:19-21** which says, **19 “Don’t collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

Those who profess to follow God but instead hate you and slander you are driven by Satan because the name Devil in Greek means slanderer. To slander, someone with pure hatred is to be like the Devil and follow his ways.

10 Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will have affliction for 10 days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

All Christians are under that kind of assault from Satan. He will try to break your spirit and make you think that God has abandoned you so that you will abandon God. This is not a new strategy of Satan, we see him do the same thing with Job which can be found in **Job chapter 1 & 2.**

No matter what happens, the Lord says that if we have to die for Him then let it be because once we close our eyes in death, it will reopen in eternity with Jesus.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (2:11-15)

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

The churches who were receiving these letters are to be taken very seriously because God is warning most of them but one to get right with Him before it’s too late.

The victor are those whose faith doesn’t shrink back (**Hebrews 10:38**) but who endures through tribulation showing their genuine faith. When they die is when they will truly live, for hell will never touch them.

12 “Write to the angel of the church in Pergamum:

“The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword says:

The double-edged sword refers to God’s Word, a title which belongs to Jesus Christ.

13 I know where you live—where Satan’s throne is! And you are holding on to My name and did not deny your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

The church that was in Pergamum was surrounded by pagan worship. Satan had conquered that city for himself by deceiving the people through the worship of Zeus.

The church held fast to their faith in Jesus by not denying Him through persecution even though they witnessed the martyrdom of a faithful servant of the Lord named Antipas.

14 But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to place a stumbling block in front of the Israelites: to eat meat sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality.

Not all the members of the church were truly faithful to Jesus. They have been deceived in participating in the worship of false deities and were committing sexual indecency (fornication and adultery). Sex was the tool that Satan used to compromise their relationship with the Lord and through their weakened state, they fell easily into idolatry.

Jesus was warning them of the judgment that the Israelites in times past received for the same act that the church was now committing and that judgment would come upon them if they continued and would not repent.

That incident is seen in **Numbers 25:1-5** which says, **“While Israel was staying in the Acacia Grove, the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab. 2 The women invited them to the sacrifices for their gods, and the people ate and bowed in worship to their gods. 3 So Israel aligned itself with Baal of Peor, and the Lord’s anger burned against Israel. 4 The Lord said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the Lord so that His burning anger may turn away from Israel.” 5 So Moses told Israel’s judges, “Kill each of the men who aligned themselves with Baal of Peor.”**

15 In the same way, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

The teachings of the Nicolaitans were very similar to that of Balaam’s. See notes in [Revelation 2:6](#).



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (2:16–20)

4-5 minutes to read through

16 Therefore repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Jesus is warning those who are worshiping idols by participating in the rituals and engaging in sexual immorality which is the snare that Satan uses to hook them into idolatry.

The phrase “**fight against them with the sword of My mouth**” refers to **Revelation 19:15** which says, **15 A sharp sword came from His mouth so that He might strike the nations with it. He will shepherd them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty.**

With His spoken Word He will destroy and kill those who are against Him by worshiping demons through idols (**Revelation 9:20**), living a life that’s against holy scripture and an unwillingness to submit to Jesus Christ.

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

When the Holy Spirit speaks, one has to give primary attention to God who is the source of our life. The phrase “**I will give the victor some of the hidden manna**” refers to those with genuine faith and manna in the gospel of John equates to Christ Himself. Hidden manna could also mean that in heaven we will fully know Jesus Christ and certain things that weren’t revealed to us here pertaining to our lives on earth as stated in **1 Corinthians 13:12** which says, **For now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known.**

Our names being engraved in a white stone gives a picture that our new name will reflect our new nature in Christ, that of sinlessness, white being a picture of holiness. Our names being in the stone shows that our foundation is Jesus our Rock. Every believer will have a name that no one else knows so that the believer will have that special intimacy with Christ who will be the only one to know.

18 “Write to the angel of the church in Thyatira:

“The Son of God, the One whose eyes are like a fiery flame and whose feet are like fine bronze, says:

Jesus Christ in His full glory reflects His power and greatness—see notes on [Revelation 1:14 & 15](#).

19 I know your works—your love, faithfulness, service, and endurance. Your last works are greater than the first.

Here Jesus reveals that He pays close attention with great interest to His servants' walk and obedience to the Word of God. He tells them that their faithfulness towards His will and endurance through tribulation without wavering has surpassed that of the beginning of their faith in Christ.

20 But I have this against you: You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives My slaves to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols.

Jesus points out that they do have a major problem. It seems that their political correctness and their unwillingness to call out a false teacher for what they are has infected the church with false doctrine and spiritually destroying some.

When a believer encounters someone who claims to be a Christian who is teaching or promoting heresy, if we don't warn other Christians and expose that person as a false teacher for being a wolf among the sheep simply because we don't want to offend, then we are endangering our brothers and sisters in Christ. False doctrine is like a small flame that starts at first but if left alone without putting it out it will burn down the whole house with everyone in it. We cannot tolerate false teaching period. It doesn't matter who the person is, the truth must be primary. Without it there's no point to the message being proclaimed.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (2:21-25)

4-5 minutes to read through

21 I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality.

God being so merciful is giving the false prophetess who in the spirit of Jezebel is deceiving some in the church and is giving her time to repent before judgment is pronounced. It seems though that her fate is sealed because she has allowed her heart to become calloused.

22 Look! I will throw her into a sickbed and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her practices.

The Greek word for **sickbed** is *kline* which is a portable bed for the sick to be carried since they couldn't walk.

The disease that the Lord is going to inflict is one that will make her disabled and make those who got deceived by her to go through extreme tribulation. The good news is that repentance is still

offered to those who follow her.

23 I will kill her children with the plague. Then all the churches will know that I am the One who examines minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you according to your works

If those in the church who are deceived by the false prophetess continue without stopping and repenting, then death will come to them by means of a plague.

The word **plague** in Greek is *thanatos* and it has a double meaning for death which is physical and spiritual according to *Strong's#2288*.

When a professing Christian is deceived and doesn't heed the conviction of the Holy Spirit to turn back to the truth which they left, that person could die physically and has long been dead spiritually by evidence of non-repentance. A Christian cannot lose their salvation but one who doesn't repent shows a vacancy of the Holy Spirit in their heart.

God repays a person for the lifestyle that they have chosen to live, a life with Him or a life apart from Him. No one can hide anything from the Lord and His judgments are a warning for those to take heed and hold tight to the truth of the gospel.

24 I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who haven't known the deep things of Satan—as they say—I do not put any other burden on you.

Jesus addresses those who haven't believed in her lies which false doctrine here is attributed to Satan's secret knowledge which simply means a different interpretation of holy scripture that not many Christians know about. Satan's deep things or teachings are only disclosed to those who have a greater potential of being deceived.

25 But hold on to what you have until I come.

Christians must not abandon the truth at all cost until we meet with Jesus, either in death or in His second coming. The only way to serve Jesus is by clinging to the truth that's found in scripture. Everything that we hear must be put on the scale of scripture to see if it meets the standard of the truth.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (2:26-29)

3-4 minutes to read through

26 The one who is victorious and keeps My works to the end: I will give him authority over the nations

A professing Christian is victorious by living according to holy scripture and those with genuine faith will endure according to **Philippians 1:6** which says, “**6 I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**”

The phrase “**I will give him authority over the nations**” could be talking about Jesus’ millennial reign which the saints are going to participate in His earthly kingdom. Their reward seems to involve authority.

27 and he will shepherd them with an iron scepter; he will shatter them like pottery— just as I have received this from My Father.

Shepherd refers to leadership and iron scepter means great power and authority which Jesus’ saints will have.

Jesus received all authority from the Father and can give authority to His saints to rule alongside Him in righteousness.

28 I will also give him the morning star.

Morning star in **Revelation 22:16** refers to Jesus and in **Isaiah 14:12** it refers to lucifer which is a Latin translation of morning star. In the context morning star refers to authority just like Lucifer had before his fall. Those who are victorious will shine like the morning star with the authority given by Jesus Christ.

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

Again, the Lord is trying to let the readers know the importance in obeying the Word of God. When we read the Bible every day, we must pay close attention to what the Spirit of God is telling us through His Word.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (3:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

A person that's spiritually dead and still in darkness that hasn't repented and believed in Jesus as Lord and Savior

1 "Write to the angel of the church in Sardis:

"The One who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says: I know your works; you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead.

The church in Sardis seemed to those around them that they were very active in the activities of God but the Lord looks at the heart. The outward appearance seemed alive but inside their hearts, they were dying.

2 Be alert and strengthen what remains, which is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before My God.

The word **alert** in Greek means to be **vigilant** or **watchful** spiritually which is pertaining to obedience to God's Word. The reason Jesus says this is because Satan looks for those who are asleep and not living according to God's Word. Just like a lion which looks for the weakest prey amongst the group, so does Satan among those who profess faith in Jesus (**1 Peter 5:8**).

3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; keep it, and repent. But if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you have no idea at what hour I will come against you.

Here we have those who are asleep spiritually by living in sin and Jesus is warning them to repent of their sinful lifestyle or else judgment will come upon them when they least expect it.

4 But you have a few people in Sardis who have not defiled their clothes, and they will walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

This verse gives a contrast between those who are not alert to those who are. Apparently, the ones who are alert are those who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. Only those who have been saved are given white clothes which make them worthy because of their faith in Jesus.

The logical conclusion is that if alertness describes having white clothes (sins were forgiven) then the opposite is true.

There are some in the church who have not truly placed their faith in Jesus Christ yet and it is evident by their lifestyle of sin and unrepentant heart.

Not everyone who goes to church is saved but the Holy Spirit is dealing with them, wanting them to repent and get saved before it's too late.

5 In the same way, the victor will be dressed in white clothes, and I will never erase his name from the book of life but will acknowledge his name before My Father and before His angels.

The words "**victor & white clothes**" mean the same thing, salvation. Once a person puts their trust

and faith in Jesus Christ, their names will never be removed from the Book of Life.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (3:6-10)

3 minutes to read through

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

The church was urged to listen closely to the letters that they were going to receive because it contained God’s message for them.

7 “Write to the angel of the church in Philadelphia:

“The Holy One, the True One, the One who has the key of David, who opens and no one will close, and closes and no one opens says:

Jesus Christ has all power and authority and no one can stand in His way.

8 I know your works. Because you have limited strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name, look, I have placed before you an open door that no one is able to close.

The phrase **“I know your works”** means the Lord examines the heart and weighs their true motives and they were found to be truly faithful.

Their strength against their foes was limited but even so, they held strong to their faith in Jesus Christ. The phrase **“an open door”** means that the Lord was going to give them victory over their enemies. The door that Jesus opens, not even the gates of hell can close it.

9 Take note! I will make those from the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews and are not, but are lying—note this—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.

There were some Jews that were persecuting the church in Philadelphia thinking they were doing God’s will but were not (**John 16:1-2**).

The sad reality was that they were being used and directed by Satan to attack the truth by trying to stop it by any means necessary.

The Lord was going to make them recognize that God was with the church and through His blessings, He was going to humiliate their opponents.

10 Because you have kept My command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come over the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

The members of the church of Philadelphia was a model to be copied because of their faithfulness.

That statement was a proclamation for anyone in the future that if they have not compromised God's Word and endured Satan's attack on their faith by trying to invalidate scripture (**Genesis 3:1**) that He was going to shield them from the great tribulation that was coming upon the whole world.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (3:11-15)

2-3 minutes to read through

11 I am coming quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown.

Crown here refers to one who overcomes or is victorious. The phrase “**Hold on to what you have**” means not to let anyone deceive you through a false gospel.

12 The victor: I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God, and he will never go out again. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God—the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God—and My new name.

The victor are those with true faith in Jesus who overcame the lust and desires of this world.

The phrase “**I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God**” means that no believer will ever have the possibility to lose their place in the new earth but will be with the Lord forever.

By having God's name and His city written on us refers that we have access to His presence and His new home will be ours (**Revelation 21:1-3**) as well.

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

The letters or the Book of Revelation that the churches are receiving are very important.

14 “Write to the angel of the church in Laodicea:

“The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Originator of God’s creation says:

The key words: **“The Amen, the faithful and true Witness”** all refer to Jesus and concludes that all creation came into existence because of Him (**John 1:3, Colossians 1:16**).

15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot.

The church members in Laodicea were compromising their faith in Jesus Christ.

Hot or cold refers to a person’s decision in either obeying the Lord or rejecting His Word. God detests a person who plays both sides.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (3:16–20)

4-5 minutes to read through

16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth.

Lukewarm water is useless, it neither refreshes in hot days nor is it hot enough during cold days.

The church in Laodicea was playing both sides. They were assembling together and learning God’s Word and telling people about Jesus but afterward indulging in worldly lusts. They had one foot in the Lord and the other in the world thus not being committed 100 percent to Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ abhors a heart that’s divided, either you give your whole heart to Jesus or you don’t. This type of half commitment is something God rejects.

17 Because you say, ‘I’m rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,’ and you don’t know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked

The church in Laodicea, materially speaking was very wealthy but spiritually they were bankrupt.

Keywords:

wretched: They were miserable inside because they were not walking with the Lord in righteousness. God wasn’t fulfilling their life spiritually because of their continuous sinful lifestyle

without repenting.

Pitiful: Their spiritual life was pitiful, a tree that refuses to produce fruit is worthless in God's eyes.

Poor: Spiritually they had no fruit for the Lord, nothing whatsoever. The church acted on the outside as though they were producing many fruits for Christ but in God's eyes who sees through their facade, they were as broke spiritually as a homeless man is physically.

Blind: Theologically, they were illiterate and ignorant of God's Word even though they heard it in the church. If you don't practice what you read or hear, your spiritual life starts to crumble along with your understanding of scripture. The Lord gives understanding of His Word to those who seek Him but to those that turn away He takes what they had learned away from them (**Matthew 13:11-12**).

Naked: Naked is a reference of being lost or not yet committed to following Jesus and making Him their Lord and Savior.

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see.

Keywords: Gold, white clothes and ointment all refer to the same thing, salvation.

Gold: Good works that glorify the Lord.

White clothes: A person who has put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ and is born again.

Ointment: Their eyes were spiritually blind but through faith in Jesus, just like an ointment that would help to see so in the spiritual sense it would make them see spiritually, know the truth and understand God's Word.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be committed and repent.

Here it shows how merciful Jesus truly is. He loves them and wants for them to get on their knees and ask for forgiveness which Jesus is willing and ready to forgive them.

20 Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me.

The phrase "**I stand at the door and knock**" refers to the person's heart.

"**If anyone hears My voice and opens the door**" means if you respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and open your heart to Jesus by placing your faith in Him He will come into your heart.

The phrase "**I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me.**" refers to the marriage feast which will occur in heaven (**Revelation 19:9**).



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (3:21-22)

1-2 minutes to read through

21 The victor: I will give him the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I also won the victory and sat down with My Father on His throne.

“**The victor**” are those who held to the truth of the gospel and even died for it rather than denying Jesus. They are the ones who will endure to the end according to **Philippians 1:6** which says, “**6 I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**”

The phrase “**I will give him the right to sit with Me on My throne**” means that Jesus will give every believer authority which could be referring to the millennial reign of Christ on earth or in the new heaven and earth.

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

Chapter 3 ends with the importance of really paying close attention to God’s Word as we all should be doing today because the time is very near.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (4:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

The phrase “**open door**” seems to indicate access to the throne room of God.

The voice that John heard is not revealed who it was but most likely was an angel since he was sent by Christ to show John all that must take place.

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit, and a throne was set there in heaven. One was seated on the throne,

The word **Spirit** could refer to his spirit or that the Holy Spirit took his spirit to see the spiritual revelation from Jesus Christ.

Throne here refers to God who is ruler over the heavens and the earth with all power and wisdom.

John finds himself in the throne room of God.

3 and the One seated looked like jasper and carnelian stone. A rainbow that looked like an emerald surrounded the throne.

God’s appearance is so magnificent that He resembles precious stones with His glorious light who lights up His throne room.

The rainbow being in His throne means that He never forgets His promises and in this case was the promise that is found in **Genesis 9:13** which says, “**I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.**”

4 Around that throne were 24 thrones, and on the thrones sat 24 elders dressed in white clothes, with gold crowns on their heads.

The 24 elders who sat on thrones wearing gold crowns are not angels but believers (**Revelation 3:21**).

Keywords: white clothes and gold crowns.

White clothes-**Revelation 6:11** **So a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer until the number would be completed of their fellow slaves and their brothers, who were going to be killed just as they had been.**

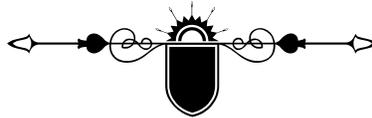
Gold crown- **2 Timothy 4:8** **There is reserved for me in the future the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing.**

Who are the 24 elders seated with the Lord? No one knows but the Lord and those positions are already assigned by God. We see this when two disciples of Jesus asks to sit on thrones next to Him and this is what He said in **Mark 10:40** which says, “**But to sit at My right or left is not Mine to give; instead, it is for those it has been prepared for.**”

5 Flashes of lightning and rumblings of thunder came from the throne. Seven fiery torches were burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.

The phrase “Flashes of lightning and rumblings of thunder” refers to God’s power.

“Seven fiery torches and seven spirits of God” both phrases refer to the same person, the Holy Spirit.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (4:6-10)

3-4 minutes to read through

6 Something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal, was also before the throne. Four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back were in the middle and around the throne.

The phrase “**Something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal**” means that the floor of glass is as vast as the ocean. Its purpose in God’s throne could be to reflect God’s glory in every direction as light goes through glass and also gets reflected back out. God’s glory permeates all of heaven.

The four living creature are called Seraphim and they are constantly in God’s presence giving Him glory and reflecting God’s glory ([Isaiah 6:2-3](#)). They have six wings, two to cover their upper body, two to cover their lower body and two to fly. God’s presence is so powerful that they need to be covered in His presence. God gave them to have eyes all over their wings to see Him and in all different directions. They also have four faces, that of a man, an ox, a lion and of an eagle. They are very powerful and very fast, they move like lightning and shine with the reflection of God’s glory. Their full description can be found in [Ezekiel 1:4-28](#).

A side note: In Ezekiel 10 they are called Cherubim and the details in chapter 1 of Ezekiel are a little different than that of Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4. It seems that Revelation 4 combines some of Ezekiel’s with Isaiah’s descriptions of the living creatures.

7 The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like a calf; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

Lion: Strength ([Isaiah 31:4](#))

Calf: Exalted and majesty ([Psalm 92:10; Deuteronomy 33:17](#))

Man: God's image and His sacrificial love ([Genesis 1:27](#); [John 3:16](#))

Eagle: Swiftmess ([2 Samuel 1:23](#); [Isaiah 40:31](#))

The Seraphim were massively strong and swift, exalted to guard the throne of God and were majestic beings to reflect God's glory and His love.

8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside.

Day and night they never stop, saying:

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God, the Almighty,

who was, who is, and who is coming.

The phrase "Day and night they never stop" refers to a never ending of praises to the Lord God.

Three holies can refer to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The phrase "who was, who is, and who is coming" is a reference to Jesus Christ ([Revelation 1:7-8.17](#)).

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One seated on the throne, the One who lives forever and ever,

Something always occurs every time that the living creature praises the Living God on His throne which is seen in verse 10.

10 the 24 elders fall down before the One seated on the throne, worship the One who lives forever and ever, cast their crowns before the throne, and say:

Every time that the Seraphim give glory to God the 24 elders who are believers (see notes on [Revelation 4:4](#)), they worship the Lord God by casting their crowns towards the Lord. It shows that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (4:11)

2 minutes to read through

11 Our Lord and God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have

created all things, and because of Your will they exist and were created.

The 24 elders declare that only God is worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. One of the reason is given because He created all things which would reflect their praises

This verse is doing a play on words, first, it is addressing the Father but at the same time shifts to Jesus Christ.

Verse 11 clearly identifies Jesus and the Father as being the same God.

Let's look at a parallel with the phrase **“because You have created all things, and because of Your will they exist and were created“**

with

Colossians 1:16-17 which says, **“16 For everything was created by Him, (Him refers to Jesus in this passage) in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.**

There's only one God and one creator who revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (5:1-5)

3 minutes to read through

1 Then I saw in the right hand of the One seated on the throne a scroll with writing on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

Here is the introduction of a series of judgments that's coming upon the whole earth and those who dwell in it.

The phrase **“Then I saw in the right hand of the One seated on the throne a scroll”** is in reference to God the Father.

Seven seals refer to seven different judgments that are on the scroll.

2 I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

The phrase **“Who is worthy to open the scroll”** does not suggest that Almighty God cannot open it but it is in reference to the One who was victorious over sin and death. Sin, because He was tempted

by Satan yet, did not sin (**Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15**) and death because He rose from the grave (**Acts 2:24**). Jesus Christ is worthy to open the scroll because He alone was victorious and that victory came through His death and resurrection.

3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it.

No one was worthy because no one in heaven could have done what Jesus did on earth, that is the cross.

All judgment and authority were given to Jesus from the Father to judge the earth for rejecting Him and for worshipping Satan and his demons through idols, witchcraft and worldly lust.

4 And I cried and cried because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it.

John, started to weep because no one was able to open the scroll and see what the Word of God was about to reveal.

The reason could be he thought that was because he saw that God seated on the throne couldn't open it. It still didn't dawn on him the full scope of the power of the cross regarding the end time judgments until it was revealed to him.

5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Stop crying. Look! The Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has been victorious so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals."

One of the 24 elders proclaimed to John that the reason why no one could open the scroll was because it was only reserved for Jesus Christ who was slaughtered for the sins of the world and was victorious.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (5:6-10)

3 minutes to read through

6 Then I saw One like a slaughtered lamb standing between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of

God sent into all the earth.

“**slaughtered lamb**” is in reference to Jesus’ death on the cross for the sins of the world.

“**Seven horns**” and “**seven eyes**” all mean the same thing, the Holy Spirit. Horns in scripture refer to strength and the seven eyes are in reference to His omnipresence.

7 He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of the One seated on the throne.

Jesus walked towards the Father and took the scroll which the Father has given the Son all authority.

8 When He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

After Jesus took the scroll, all those in God’s throne fell down and worshiped the Lamb Jesus Christ who is worthy of praises because He is God.

In [verses 10-11 of chapter 4 in the Book of Revelation](#) you see the living creatures (Seraphim) and the 24 elders worshipping the One seated on the throne which is God the Father. Now, in turn, they worship Jesus revealing that Jesus is God, the second person of the Godhead.

The prayers of all Christians are referred to as incense showing that God takes pleasure when we pray and seek His face. Just like incense permeates the dwelling where it’s lit so also our prayers reach the very throne of the Living God.

**9 And they sang a new song:
You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because You were slaughtered,
and You redeemed people
for God by Your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.**

Those in God’s throne sang a new song to Jesus Christ praising Him for what He did for humanity on the cross. The cross was a big deal in heaven because it shows not only to us here on earth but also to the angels in heaven that God is love. Those who love Him He will never abandon just like the angels who didn’t rebel against God in heaven with Satan. (He has kept safe in heaven.?)

10 You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.

“**You made them a kingdom and priests to our God**” mean that all Christians are ordained to bring offerings to the Lord that are acceptable to Him because we have the Spirit of the Living God living inside of us who teaches us how to please God.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (5:11-14)

3 minutes to read through

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and also of the living creatures and of the elders. Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands.

The angels are always attentive to God's command as seen in **Matthew 18:10** which says, **"See that you don't look down on one of these little ones, because I tell you that in heaven their angels continually view the face of My Father in heaven."**

The phrase **"Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands."** refers to an ocean of angels that's innumerable.

**12 They said with a loud voice:
The Lamb who was slaughtered is worthy
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing!**

All the hosts of heaven give glory and praises to Jesus Christ.

**13 I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them say:
Blessing and honor and glory and dominion
to the One seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!**

Not only did the angels give glory to Christ as well as the Father but every creature created by God gave them glory because He alone created all things and redeemed men for Himself.

14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The elders worshiped the Living God, the Father, and the Son. Both are the One God who created the universe.

If you look at the **Book of Deuteronomy** you will find the Trinity in the most unlikely way that one would have missed.

Deuteronomy 6:4

4 “Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One (Echad).

The Hebrew word for “**One**” is a unified One. In Hebrew, there are two different words to say one in English.

1. **Echad** which means for an example: There’s “one” team out in the field or as “one” men together. A group which is considered as one is the idea of the word “**Echad**”
2. **Yachid** which means a numeric “one”, a literal one, for an example: I have one pencil left or there’s only one person in the house.

Deuteronomy 6:4 uses the word **Echad** to say the Lord is One.

“**The Lord is One**” is a picture of what you see in **Revelation** and at the same time how the Son can be worshiped just like the Father. That’s because God who is One exists as three persons but at the same time, all three are Yahweh which means I Am who I Am, who never had a beginning and always existed.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (6:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1. Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”

The start of the seals being open will show the cataclysmic events that will come to the inhabitants of the earth.

The Seraphim by their thunderous voice (pure power) called John to witness these events.

2 I looked, and there was a white horse. The horseman on it had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he went out as a victor to conquer.

The phrase “**I looked, and there was a white horse**” is an attempt for Satan through the Antichrist to

imitate Jesus Christ who rides on a white horse and is victorious.

The first seal cannot be Jesus as the Jehovah Witnesses wrongly translate this verse because nowhere in the Book of Revelation do you see Jesus personally taking part as being one of the plagues that are found in the seals, trumpets or bowls. However, He is the one who is administering the judgments upon the earth not being one of them as the first seal.

Another reason it is not Jesus is that He comes with no weapons but with the sword that comes out of His mouth which is the Word of God ([Revelation 19:15](#)). Jesus will defeat the demonic forces and the Antichrist with God's Word. Nowhere in the New Testament is Jesus shown or mentioned with a bow.

The reason that it is the Antichrist on the white horse who will come to rule the world because it is predicted by Jesus in [Matthew 24:15-22](#), also see [Daniel 9:27](#) and [2 Thessalonians 2:1-4](#). After he places his image of himself in the third temple, the judgments will start (the seals, trumpets, and bowls) and he will proclaim to be God which will take place in the second half of the 7 years of the great tribulation.

The phrase **“and he went out as a victor to conquer”** means that the purpose of the Antichrist is to force the human race to abandon God and to worship Satan through the Antichrist by receiving his mark ([Revelation 6:13-16](#)).

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

The second seal is introduced and John once again is invited to witness the Lord's judgments.

4 Then another horse went out, a fiery red one, and its horseman was empowered to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another. And a large sword was given to him.

The second seal was a fiery red horse which most likely is to represent the slaughter that takes place. The world will lose peace as we know it and wars will break out and people will die on a massive scale.

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” And I looked, and there was a black horse. The horseman on it had a set of scales in his hand.

Here, John sees the third seal open and is a black horse with a set of scales which represents people having to take great measures to ration their food because there will be a great famine that will cover the whole world.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (6:6-10)

3-4 minutes to read through

6 Then I heard something like a voice among the four living creatures say, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius—but do not harm the olive oil and the wine.”

The Seraphim declared that in the time of the third seal there will be a great famine because the destruction that takes place on the earth (wars, plagues, and drought) will affect food growth and production ([Matthew 24:7](#)).

A denarius was a silver coin and it was a day’s wage ([Matthew 20:1-2](#)).

Food will be very expensive in the end times for the lack of it and those who will suffer the worst will be the poor and middle class.

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!”

The Lord opens the fourth seal and the Seraphim tells John to come and see the next judgment that takes place.

8 And I looked, and there was a pale green horse. The horseman on it was named Death, and Hades was following after him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill by the sword, by famine, by plague, and by the wild animals of the earth.

The phrase “a pale green horse” resembles the color that a dead body gets after a person has been dead for 24 hours.

A fourth of the earth’s population (25%) will experience death (1.8 billion people will perish) which includes animals as well. To reach such high casualties would most likely include a nuclear exchange ([Zechariah 14:12](#)) in a very big war ([Ezekiel 38-39](#)) by multiple countries. Plus, the high prices of food that almost no one can afford will cause people to die of starvation along with plagues that we will get into the further we get into the chapter which talks of the remaining seals.

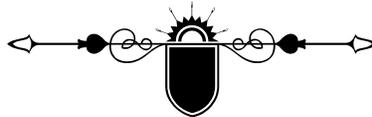
9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the people slaughtered because of God’s word and the testimony they had.

The fifth seal reveals the saints who died in the great tribulation ([Revelation 7:9-14](#)) by the hands of the Antichrist and the false prophet for refusing to worship him and the image of the Antichrist. Their heads were cut off ([Revelation 20:4](#)) who did not denounce their testimony in Jesus Christ or the Word of God but died because they were Christians who loved the Lord more than their lives.

10 They cried out with a loud voice: “Lord, the One who is holy and true, how long until You judge and avenge our blood from those who live on the earth?”

The believers were in the presence of the Lord which after the death of a believer he/she will immediately go to be with Jesus according to **2 Corinthians 5:8** which says, **“8 and we are confident and satisfied to be out of the body and at home with the Lord.”**

The believers cried out to Jesus for justice because they were put to death but were innocent, they did not commit any crime deserving death. They were asking the Lord God when Lord will you avenge us?



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (6:11-15)

3-4 minutes to read through

11 So a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer until the number would be completed of their fellow slaves and their brothers, who were going to be killed just as they had been.

“**white robe**” refers to those whose sins have been forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ.

God’s justice is based on His timing and His will, even though sometimes we might be impatient, it would be prudent to wait on the Lord.

12 Then I saw Him open the sixth seal. A violent earthquake occurred; the sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair; the entire moon became like blood;

The earthquake that will occur will be very destructive with other things hitting the earth that will most likely cause a great amount of dust to go up and block the sun from shining and cause the moon to look like blood according to **Joel 2:30-31** which says, **30 I will display wonders in the heavens and on the earth: blood, fire, and columns of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and awe-inspiring Day of the Lord comes.**

These events show that Jesus’ return will be real close (see also **Matthew 24:29**).

13 the stars of heaven fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a high wind;

Meteorites will bombard the earth which will contribute to darkening of the sun and kill countless of people.

14 the sky separated like a scroll being rolled up; and every mountain and island was moved from its place.

The phrase “**the sky separated like a scroll being rolled up**” refers that the sky will not be visible with all of the smoke from fire, dust, and debris.

Most likely a tremendous earthquake that’s off the charts will change the geography. Islands will seem to move by the earthquake by causing a bigger land mass to break into smaller islands.

15 Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the military commanders, the rich, the powerful, and every slave and free person hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

The phrase “**kings of the earth, the nobles, the military commanders, the rich, the powerful, and every slave and free person**” refers to everyone, atheist, occultist, agnostic, those who denied Jesus as God, actors, all the Bill Gates (the rich) and the poorest who rejected Jesus as Lord will try to hide because they will know that they are guilty of sin. The sin of rejecting the only savior of the world, Jesus Christ and judgment is coming to them.

Atheists will no longer be an atheist and the deniers will no longer deny, that Jesus Christ is Lord of lords and King of kings.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (6:16–17)

2 minutes to read through

16 And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,

All of the wicked people who worshiped idols, self, practiced witchcraft, denied the existence of God, now wants to hide from Jesus Christ’s judgment.

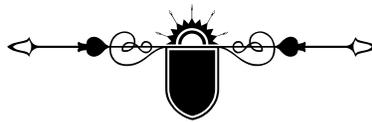
They wanted to be covered by the mountains but the mountains had no refuge for them because

justice will be delivered.

17 because the great day of Their wrath has come! And who is able to stand?"

Everyone knows that they are guilty of sin because the Holy Spirit has made it evident to them but they love physical pleasures, what satisfies the flesh like riches, women, fame, power, love of self, and greed rather than Jesus Christ who gave up His life for them.

The phrase “**And who is able to stand?**” refers to being guiltless or asking the question of whos sins has been washed away by the blood of Jesus? The word “**stand**” means declared righteous as seen in **Jude 1:24** which says, “**Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless and with great joy**”



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (7:1-8)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, restraining the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

Who are these four angles? In **Revelation 9:15** there are also four angels that are unleashed with one of the Trumpets and are clearly demons who come to make war. The context here doesn't say but it does make a distinction between the angel who has the seal, **see verse 2** or mark of God with the four angels who do not have the seal of God. The four angels could possibly be fallen angels since they like those in **Revelation 9:15** will bring destruction upon the earth. Another possibility that they (the four angels) could be demons is because God is going to protect His children from these angels. Only demons attack believers, not angels from the Lord, **see Job 1**.

Angels from the Lord and fallen angels are participating in God's judgments, **see Revelation 9:1-12** (demons) & **see Revelation 16:8** (an angel from the Lord)

The phrase “**four corners of the earth**” could refer that there will be no escaping for what's coming. The four angels were holding back God's judgments that not even the wind was allowed to blow on the earth until the 144,000 were sealed with God's seal, **see verse 3**.

2 Then I saw another angel, who had the seal of the living God rise up from the east. He cried out

in a loud voice to the four angels who were empowered to harm the earth and the sea:

The phrase “**who had the seal of the living God**” means a distinguishable mark to reveal that the angel belongs to the Lord. Satan through the Antichrist also mark those who belong to them.

3 “Don’t harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads.”

God protects His saints by sealing them with His mark (Jesus and the Father’s name was placed on their foreheads, **see Revelation 14**) so that they will be off limits to the four angels.

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 sealed from every tribe of the Israelites:

The ones who are being sealed are messianic Jews who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah through faith.

**5 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Judah,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,**

**6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,**

**7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,**

**8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 sealed from the tribe of Benjamin.**

These 12,000 per tribe are selected for a special ministry for the Lord because they were blameless and righteous before God’s eyes, **see Revelation 14:5** and He will protect them so that they may accomplish His will.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (7:9-13)

3 minutes to read through

9 After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands.

The scene takes place in heaven:

The vast multitude from every nationality are people who gave their lives to Jesus Christ and suffered for His name sake.

Robed in white means righteousness, their sins through faith in Jesus have been forgiven.

Palm branches mean to glorify and declare that Jesus is their King as seen in **John 12:13** which says, **They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"**

**10 And they cried out in a loud voice:
Salvation belongs to our God,
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!**

They were praising the Lamb of God who has given them eternal life, just like the word Hosanna in **John 12:13** which means save so they in heaven are praising God because He has saved them from their sins and eternal hell.

11 All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures, and they fell facedown before the throne and worshiped God,

All the hosts of heaven worship God which Jesus is included as verse 10 attributes salvation coming from the Father and the Son.

**12 saying:
Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and strength
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.**

Only God alone (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) deserves praises from us. No one else contains the attributes that are described in verse 12 but God alone.

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

The phrase “**Then one of the elders**” see notes in **Revelation 4:4**.

The question from the elder was rhetorical, making John realize that the elder did know because he was seated by Jesus Christ. Only those that are close to Jesus in their walk will know God’s Word

I personally think that when we get closer to Christ through prayer and reading of His Word, the Lord will give us the understanding to put to shame those whom the world deems wise so that they may see that it isn’t our wisdom but God’s.

Psalm 119:98

98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are always with me.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (7:14-17)

3-4 minutes to read through

14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” Then he told me: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The elder replies to John and tells him that the multitude are believers in Jesus Christ that got saved during the great tribulation and who didn’t receive the mark (666 or his name) of the beast (**Revelation 14:9-11**).

Believe it or not the words in verse 9 “**vast multitude**” suggest that many people will come to faith during the great tribulation.

It seems that the more Satan tries to put out the fire of the gospel, the spreading of the truth, is when more people come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Like Jesus said in **Matthew 16:18** that not even the gates of hell (Satan and his forces) will be able to destroy the church, believers who preach the truth.

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

Since they got saved during the great tribulation and died remaining faithful to Jesus it showed great and unprecedented faith in the face of death. Jesus will shower them with great honor by having them serve Him in His presence. Now for all eternity, they will be protected by God Himself.

16 They will no longer hunger; they will no longer thirst; the sun will no longer strike them, nor will any heat.

God's protection is described not only for the Christians who will come out of the great tribulation but also for those that believed in Yahweh (minimal revelation or light), the saints of the Old Testament and believers of the New Testament (the full revelation) that believed in Jesus Christ are going to be protected by Almighty God.

This protection takes place or is referred to when God creates the new heaven and earth as seen in **Revelation 21:1,23**

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

The phrase “**For the Lamb who is at the center of the throne**” refers to Jesus being the focal point in heaven because He is God as it is revealed when the same verse uses the word “**God**” wiping away their tears which in **Revelation 21:3-4** reaffirms that it is God who wipes away their tears and then it continues with verse 6 of the same chapter the text revealing that it is Jesus who is being spoken of as wiping every tear by saying “**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.**” The Alpha and Omega is a reference to Jesus Christ in **Revelation 1:8, 17-18.**



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (8:1-5)

2 minutes to read through

1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

The phrase “**half an hour**” could refer to 6 months of calm from the barrages of the prior 6 seals

2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand in the presence of God; seven trumpets were given to them.

The angels were given the trumpets and were on standby, waiting for God's command to blow them. The trumpets are going to be worse than the seals. Each stage of judgments gets more intense.

3 Another angel, with a gold incense burner, came and stood at the altar. He was given a large amount of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the gold altar in front of the throne.

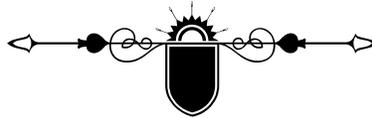
Most likely these prayers refer to the Christians who are going through the great tribulation. All of their prayers for help are brought by an angel to the throne of God.

4 The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up in the presence of God from the angel's hand.

Keywords: **smoke, incense, and prayers** all mean the same. The prayers of the saints fill God's throne and as incense is pleasant to one's nostrils so prayers are to God's ears.

5 The angel took the incense burner, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it to the earth; there were rumblings of thunder, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

God responded to the prayers of the saints by bringing severe judgment upon those on the earth who were persecuting them.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (8:6-10)

2-3 minutes to read through

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

The terrifying events are about to start with the blowing of the trumpets that are going to make men's heart melt in fear.

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

The first trumpet is blown and death rains down on humanity. The phrase "**hail and fire, mixed with blood**" refers to chunks of ice and burning sulfur (**Ezekiel 38:22**) that comes down and causes great destruction, destroying 1/3 of nature. The blood could refer to the death of countless of people who chose darkness rather than the light (**Psalms 11:6**).

8 The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain ablaze with fire was hurled into the sea. So a third of the sea became blood,

The phrase “**great mountain ablaze with fire**” may refer to a huge volcano that erupts and half of it breaks off and slides into the sea or a gigantic meteorite comes from space and strikes the sea.

9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

A third of all kinds of fish and creatures in the sea will perish from a poisonous substance that emits from the huge mountain. It will also cause a massive tsunami wave that will destroy any ship that's out at the time that it hits the water.

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

Now the third trumpet unleashes a judgment that brings another meteorite but this time it will strike the drinking water for mankind.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (8:11-13)

2 minutes to read through

11 The name of the star is Wormwood, and a third of the waters became wormwood. So, many of the people died from the waters, because they had been made bitter.

A massive meteorite caused the waters to become poisonous and those who drank the water died. Most likely thousands of houses were getting their drinking water from the source that got contaminated.

12 The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day was without light, and the night as well.

The likely scenario that would darken the sun, moon, and stars would be clouds of debris from the impact of the meteorites bombardments which will rise up to the sky and block most of the light from shining on the people.

13 I looked again and heard an eagle flying high overhead, crying out in a loud voice, “Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts that the three angels are about to sound!”

The phrase “**heard an eagle flying high overhead**” could refer to an angel that has wings and thus calling it an eagle.

Angels are going to participate in spreading the gospel and warning those who have survived their impending doom for most of them. The angel is trying to get them to realize something worse is coming and they need to repent, like now.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (9:1-5)

4-5 minutes to read through

1 The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth. The key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.

The fifth trumpet initiates the opening of the gates of hell (the abyss, **Luke 8:31**).

The phrase “**I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth**” most likely refers to an angel from the Lord who has the keys to hell and is given the command to open it. We see this illustrated in **Revelation 20:1-3** which says, **Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for 1,000 years. 3 He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the 1,000 years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.**

2 He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke came up out of the shaft like smoke from a great furnace so that the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.

Here the abyss is being described as a furnace which has to be an enormous fire because of the tremendous smoke coming out of it. A parallel in regards of smoke coming out we see that in

Revelation 14:11 where it talks about those who received the mark of the beast will be cast into the Lake of Fire and their smoke will ascend up into the presence of the Lord and His angels. It would be safe to say that the abyss is Hades and the demons that come out of Hades are those that are mentioned in **Jude 1:6** which says, **and He has kept, with eternal chains in darkness for the judgment of the great day, the angels who did not keep their own position but deserted their proper dwelling.**

It also describes them in **2 Peter 2:4** which says, **4 For if God didn't spare the angels who sinned but threw them down into Tartarus and delivered them to be kept in chains of darkness until judgment;**

“**Tartarus**” is defined in **Strong's number “5020** (tartaróō) is a Greek name for the under-world, especially the abode of the damned – hence to cast into hell” (A-S); to send into the subterranean **abyss** reserved for demons and the dead.

The angels that fell away is described in **Genesis 6:1-4** which was after the rebellion of Lucifer and the one-third of the angels that followed him and were thrown out of heaven.

3 Then locusts came out of the smoke on to the earth, and power was given to them like the power that scorpions have on the earth.

The torment that the demons will inflict will resemble a scorpion's venom.

4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green plant, or any tree, but only people who do not have God's seal on their foreheads.

These demons/locusts have one purpose and one target, those who don't have the seal of God on their foreheads to torment them.

The phrase “**God's seal**” could be a reference to the Holy Spirit as mentioned in **Ephesians 1:13** which says, **When you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.**

It could be that the sign of having the Holy Spirit will be visible on the forehead.

Another possibility of what the seal could be is seen in **Revelation 22:4** which says, **They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.**

Whatever that seal is, it will be no question to the demons that you belong to Christ and are protected which will make you off-limits to their sting.

5 They were not permitted to kill them but were to torment them for five months; their torment is like the torment caused by a scorpion when it strikes a man.

Here we see God's mercy that even though He will punish the unbelievers they will not die. The Lord still gives them an opportunity to repent.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (9:6-10)

2-3 minutes to read through

6 In those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

The sting from the demonic locusts will be so painful that the people who are being tormented would rather die than continue to live.

The phrase “**but death will flee from them.**” might refer to the willingness of the sufferer to die or commit suicide but the severe pain will handicap them from performing it, for lack of strength and being in constant anguish.

7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses equipped for battle. Something like gold crowns was on their heads; their faces were like men’s faces;

These locusts/demons will come as an army and will be given instruction on how to best execute ultimate pain.

They are not low-class demons but are high ranking since they come wearing crowns. They will have human characteristics as well.

8 they had hair like women’s hair; their teeth were like lions’ teeth;

Women’s hair can refer to their appearance. They are not going to look like monsters but with the face of a man and a gold crown on their long hair will make them look attractive.

Even though they might look attractive the phrase “**lion’s teeth**” clearly shows that they are coming to tear you to pieces.

9 they had chests like iron breastplates; the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses rushing into battle;

They will be armored-up showing their strength and being impenetrable meaning that they cannot be defeated by those being attacked.

Keywords: **wings, chariots, horses** all refer to a massive army which they won't only be on the ground but also in the air. This will be a ground and air attack, nowhere to run or hide.

10 and they had tails with stingers like scorpions, so that with their tails they had the power to harm people for five months.

It seems that they will resemble from the waist up men and from the waist down some type of creature. The severe pain will last for 152 days with no rest in between.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (9:11-15)

2-3 minutes to read through

11 They had as their king the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, he has the name Apollyon.

The Hebrew word for “**Abaddon**” means *destruction* and the Greek word for “**Apollyon**” means *destroyer*

The king of the demons from the abyss or hell is focused on destroying people's lives by tormenting them with intense pain for 5 months. For an example of the demons' destructive behavior, we see this in **Matthew 17:15-18** which says, **15 “Lord,” he said, “have mercy on my son, because he has seizures and suffers severely. He often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 I brought him to Your disciples, but they couldn't heal him.” 17 Jesus replied, “You unbelieving and rebellious generation! How long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 Then Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and from that moment the boy was healed.**

12 The first woe has passed. There are still two more woes to come after this.

The word “**woe**” is an expression of grief (*Strong's 3759*) and reveals that more grief and sorrow which will intensify is on its way.

13 The sixth angel blew his trumpet. From the four horns of the gold altar that is before God, I heard a voice

The phrase “**I heard a voice**” refers to a command that went out.

14 say to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates.”

The command was given to release the four angels which most likely refers to demonic spirits because of what they are about to do.

15 So the four angels who were prepared for the hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of the human race.

These four angels mirror Apollyon and his hordes who are released to cause havoc by destroying a third or 2.3 billion people on earth. Probably a nuclear detonation which would make the most sense for the high casualties.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (9:16-21)

4-5 minutes to read through

16 The number of mounted troops was 200 million; I heard their number.

The four angels (demons) are going to muster up a huge army that will bring casualties never seen before in a war.

17 This is how I saw the horses in my vision: The horsemen had breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. The heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and from their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur.

First of all, we have to understand that the Apostle John described the best he could with what was being shown to him. He was looking at vehicles and machines that no one in his time could ever imagine men making, especially airplanes.

Now, careful interpretation is vital here with these symbols that John is describing. Look how John uses the word “**like**” meaning he is comparing it to what it best resembles. The phrase “**their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur**” most likely refers to a big barrel of either a tank or some powerful artillery because what comes out is fire, smoke, and sulfur which best describes when a big barrel

fire's off a shell and what follows it.

The color that John mentioned could be to identify the country by their flag.

18 A third of the human race was killed by these three plagues—by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur that came from their mouths.

A massive amount of human life will be wiped out by three plagues that could be a bombardment of rockets and artillery or a nuclear bomb.

19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails, which resemble snakes, have heads, and they inflict injury with them.

These horses must be some type of vehicle that can shoot from either the front or the back which a tank can do by moving its barrel.

20 The rest of the people, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands to stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which are not able to see, hear, or walk.

Those who survived the army's attack and destruction still didn't repent. It is interesting what John said next. He said that people are really worshipping demons and it is done through idols.

We know according to scripture that one of Satan's greatest weapons is idol worship (**Daniel 3**) and it is a way to redirect the person's worship to something else rather than God. Satan loves idols because it steals people's heart away from the Lord.

One of the reasons that God brought judgment on the Israelites was due to idolatry or demon worship in the Old Testament (**Psalms 106:37-38, Deuteronomy 32:17, Leviticus 17:7, 2 Kings 16:3, Isaiah 57:5, Jeremiah 19:5, Ezekiel 16:20**). In the end times, Satan will do it again by setting up an ultimate idol or statue in the likeness of the antichrist and whoever does not worship it will be put to death (**Revelation 13:14-15**). So by bowing down to a statue, you are bowing down to demons which is considered worship.

I am convinced that an idol is a trojan horse. When you bring a religious idol into your home, you are also bringing with what's attached to it, a demon. Demons according to **verse 20** are worshipped even though the person will tell you that they don't worship the devil but oblivious to them they really are, through the idols that are in their homes.

21 And they did not repent of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

God's judgment is like a wake up call to repent but these people still hardened their hearts and continued with their sinful lifestyle even after seeing the slaughter that took place.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (10:1-5)

4 minutes to read through

1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun, his legs were like fiery pillars,

The Greek word for **mighty** is a reference to physical strength with great power.

This mighty angel mirrors the appearance of the Lord by having a cloud, rainbow (**Ezekiel 1:28**), shining like the sun and his legs being fiery pillars.

Scripture reveals that angels can have some of Jesus' appearances or reflection since they are in God's presence. An example of an angel that is described pretty close to how Jesus looks like in Revelation is found in **Daniel 10:5-6** which says, **5 I looked up, and there was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. 6 His body was like topaz, his face like the brilliance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.**

In the same chapter, it reveals that he is not a pre-incarnate Jesus because of **verse 13** which says, **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for 21 days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me after I had been left there with the kings of Persia.**

The angel was attacked by a huge and powerful demonic army. Michael the archangel had to come down and help the angel to get out of the battle so he can go to Daniel and give him the message from the Lord. If it was a pre-incarnate Christ, one spoken word the demons would have left immediately. Jesus does not need help because He is all-powerful.

Back to the mighty angel, nowhere in the Book of Revelation is Jesus called an angel but is revealed as the Alpha and Omega, who is God. As we can see in Daniel angels can have a close resemblance to Jesus but the title is what exhibits who it's talking about.

2 and he had a little scroll opened in his hand. He put his right foot on the sea, his left on the land,

The "**little scroll**" is the judgments pronounced in the Book of Revelation

The phrase "**right foot on the sea, his left on the land**" could refer to the judgments that are going to occur on land and sea.

3 and he cried out with a loud voice like a roaring lion. When he cried out, the seven thunders spoke with their voices.

“**voice like a roaring lion**” shows that the angel’s power could even be heard.

The seven thunders could refer to God speaking since seven is God’s number which means completion in **Genesis 1**.

4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. Then I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down!”

This verse is a mystery because nowhere in Revelation does it explain why John was prohibited in writing what the seven thunders said. One of the reason could be why it is not revealed is because there are some things that are only meant for God to know as seen in **Deuteronomy 29:29** which says, **The hidden things belong to the LORD our God, but the revealed things belong to us and our children forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law.**”

5 Then the angel that I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven.

Here is another reason why this angel is not Jesus because by raising his right-hand signifies swearing by someone greater than himself.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (10:6-11)

4-5 minutes to read through

6 He swore an oath by the One who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: “There will no longer be an interval of time,

Here the mighty angel swore an oath by the Eternal God that the statement he was about to proclaim was true and it was going to come to pass.

7 but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he will blow his trumpet, then God’s

hidden plan will be completed, as He announced to His servants the prophets.”

The mighty angel was proclaiming that the hidden plan of God was going to be revealed at the sound of the seventh trumpet which is found in **Revelation 11:15** which says, **15 The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign forever and ever!**

8 Now the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

John was commanded to go up to the mighty angel and take from his hand God’s Word which pronounces the judgments that will take place at the end times or the great tribulation.

9 So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take and eat it; it will be bitter in your stomach, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.”

It’s interesting to note that reading Scripture is a picture of eating. The reason is that when we eat a meal it goes inside of our body so that it can extract nutrients from what we ate to give us the strength to live. In the same way, when we read the holy Scripture it goes to our inner man, giving us the spiritual nutrients that we need to build up our faith in Christ. Without having a meal of Scripture every day we are starving and weakening our faith in the Lord.

Examples of Scripture being like food. See below

Matthew 4:4

But He answered, “It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Ezekiel 3:1-4

He said to me: “Son of man, eat what you find here. Eat this scroll, then go and speak to the house of Israel.” 2 So I opened my mouth, and He fed me the scroll. 3 “Son of man,” He said to me, “eat and fill your stomach with this scroll I am giving you.” So I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. 4 Then He said to me: “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak My words to them.

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them. Your words became a delight to me and the joy of my heart, for I am called by Your name, Yahweh God of Hosts.

The phrase **“Take and eat it; it will be bitter in your stomach, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.”** means that the bitterness refers to God’s judgment that’s coming on humanity because of their unrepentant heart. The taste of sweetness refers to God’s salvation and the future reign of Jesus Christ on earth.

10 Then I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my

mouth, but when I ate it, my stomach became bitter.

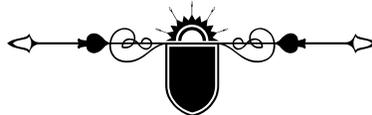
See the comment on the verse above, referring to sweet and bitter.

11 And I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

This verse parallels with **Ezekiel 3:1-4** where after the prophet ate the Word of God then he was ready to go and tell the people what God said.

After John ate the scroll he was ready to proclaim God’s Word about judgment so that through the Book of Revelation people may know the plans of God and repent before it’s too late.

As believers, the only way we can tell people about Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection is by reading His Word daily. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the more we know the more equipped we will be to answer peoples questions and defend God’s Word.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (11:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 Then I was given a measuring reed like a rod, with these words: “Go and measure God’s sanctuary and the altar, and count those who worship there.

Most likely this is a reference to the third temple that will be built before or during the 7-year tribulation.

2 But exclude the courtyard outside the sanctuary. Don’t measure it, because it is given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months.

The phrase “Don’t measure it, because it is given to the nations” refers to **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** which says, **3 Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in God’s sanctuary, publicizing that he himself is God.**

And

Matthew 24:15-16 which says, **15 “So when you see the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place” (let the reader understand), 16 “then those in**

Judea must flee to the mountains!

The Antichrist will rule over the third temple by trying to make himself to be like God, for a time period of 42 months which is the last 3 1/2 years of the great tribulation. For those who refuse to worship him as God will either go to prison or be put to death. The way that the Antichrist is worshipped is by bowing down to his image that will be in the third temple and receiving his mark (666).

3 I will empower my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth.”

The phrase “**I will empower my two witnesses**” refers that they will have supernatural powers.

Wearing sackcloth is a reference or a picture of humility and great distress.

The two witnesses’ clothing is a sign of what the people should do, repent and humble themselves in the sight of God. The two witnesses will prophesy for 3 1/2 years during the great tribulation.

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

The phrase “**the two olive trees and the two lampstands**” point back to **Zechariah 4:1-14** and **Haggai 1:1**. They are Joshua and Zerubbabel whom God used to build the second temple after the 70 years of Babylonian captivity to bring the people back to the true Living God.

The Scripture does not disclose the names of the two witnesses in **Revelation** but what seems to be clear is that they are coming to build a spiritual temple, meaning to bring Jews and Gentiles to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

5 If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and consumes their enemies; if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

Fire is a refiner and eliminates all impurities **Proverbs 25:4**. For those who go against the message of the two witnesses by trying to stop them, they will meet their end by being consumed like dross in the fire. God’s plan cannot be stopped.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (11:6-10)

4 minutes to read through

6 These men have the power to close up the sky so that it does not rain during the days of their

prophecy. They also have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every plague whenever they want.

Their powers resemble Elijah and Moses.

***Elijah: 1 Kings 17:1* Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Gilead settlers, said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, I stand before Him, and there will be no dew or rain during these years except by my command!”**

***Moses: Exodus 7:20* Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded; in the sight of Pharaoh and his officials, he raised the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile was turned to blood.**

Some say that Moses and Elijah will be the two witnesses but the Scripture is silent on their identity.

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, conquer them, and kill them.

After their ministry is completed, God will allow them to be defeated and killed by a high ranking demon who most likely is Apollyon who comes from the abyss, see notes on **Revelation 9:11**.

We might ask the question why would God allow this? It is to show that even if the servants of the Lord are confronted with death, our faith will hold strong. Even if we die for Christ we shall live because He lives. I will elaborate further on their death in verse 11.

8 Their dead bodies will lie in the public square of the great city, which prophetically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

The phrase “**Their dead bodies will lie in the public square**” refers to their bodies being in the middle of the street where all can see them.

They will die in the great city which is Jerusalem.

The phrase “**Sodom and Egypt**” typifies the peoples’ wickedness and hatred for God and His servants in the end times.

“**where also their Lord was crucified**” could mean that the two witnesses will die outside the city like Jesus did (**Hebrews 13:12**).

9 And representatives from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will view their bodies for three and a half days and not permit their bodies to be put into a tomb.

100 years ago it was impossible for everyone everywhere to view a dead body from where they were at. Now through the media and internet, it is possible for this to be seen by all nations at once.

The 3 1/2 days is close to the 3 days of Jesus’ death which indicates their resurrection. It also shows that the great tribulation being 3 1/2 years is not forever but will come to an end through Jesus’ return and with Him those who died in Christ. Whatever happens to us is only for a short time.

10 Those who live on the earth will gloat over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another because these two prophets brought judgment to those who live on the earth.

The wicked will celebrate the death of God's two witnesses because they brought God's judgment upon them when they were alive. When people are given totally to sin, anything from God which is good, they will abhor because they love pure darkness rather than the light, why? Because, they have accepted Satan's offer for this life (*money, women/men, houses, cars, fame and etc.*) instead of the gift of eternal life which the Holy Spirit offered them. One thing Satan intentionally leaves out when one accepts his offer is the Lake of Fire.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (11:11-15)

2-3 minutes to read through

11 But after 3½ days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet. So great fear fell on those who saw them.

God allowed them to be killed so at their resurrection they would bring fear on those watching. Fear is the beginning of knowledge (**Proverbs 1:7**) and fear, in this case, is to wake the people up and understand that God is in control and rejection of Him brings major consequences.

12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." They went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.

God's enemies were celebrating their death and now in defeat, seeing them alive and going up to where the Lord dwells. They are realizing their doom if they continue to persist in rejecting Jesus, knowing that no one can defeat God.

13 At that moment a violent earthquake took place, a tenth of the city fell, and 7,000 people were killed in the earthquake. The survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

In response to their wickedness for killing God's servants, an earthquake occurred that has never been seen on earth before. It took 7000 people to die in a violent earthquake so they could wake up from their stupor and give God glory.

“gave glory to the God “ could mean that the people repented.

14 The second woe has passed. Take note: The third woe is coming quickly!

The first woe was the locusts (**Revelation 9**) that tormented people who didn't have God's mark.

Now, the second woe killed 7000 people in judgment for killing God's two witnesses.

The word “**woe**” means *to utter in grief*, in other words, to suffer greatly.

The woes are not done but one more is yet to come.

15 The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign forever and ever!

The seventh trumpet announces Jesus' millennial reign is coming quickly.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (11:16-19)

2-3 minutes to read through

16 The 24 elders, who were seated before God on their thrones, fell facedown and worshiped God,

“**The 24 elders**” are believers that might represent the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles.

God was worshipped by the 24 elders who saw God's justice displayed on the earth.

17 saying: We thank You, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

The phrase “**who is and who was**” is a reference to the Alpha and Omega as seen in **Revelation 1:8**. In **verse 18 of chapter 1 of Revelation**, it gives a more specific meaning of the phrase.

“**Who is**” means the Living One or the I Am (**Exodus 3:14-15, John 8:58**)

“**Who was**” means His death on the cross but in **Revelation 1:8** it adds “**who is coming**” which is the second advent of Christ.

“have began to reign” refers that Satan’s power on earth is dwindling and Jesus millennial reign will commence very soon.

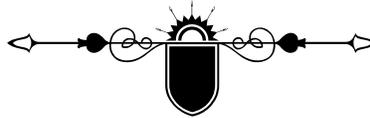
18 The nations were angry, but Your wrath has come. The time has come for the dead to be judged and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets, to the saints, and to those who fear Your name, both small and great, and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth.

The anticipation in heaven to see Jesus reign on earth for the 1000 years is great. The heavenly host has seen the destruction of Satan and his fallen angels have caused to the human race but now finally justice for all the evil that was done is quickly approaching.

19 God’s sanctuary in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant appeared in His sanctuary. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings of thunder, an earthquake, and severe hail.

“the ark of His covenant appeared in His sanctuary” was to show the people of all nationalities who have rejected Christ have broken His covenant law by worshiping false gods.

The earthquake and the severe hail is in response to rejecting Jesus as their Lord and God (**John 20:28**).



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (12:1-5)

4 minutes to read through

1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

The sun, the moon, and the 12 stars represents the lineage (**Genesis 37:9-10**) that the promised Messiah would come from (**Genesis 22:18**).

- **Sun**-Jacob who was the son of Isaac who was the son of Abraham
 - **Moon**-Jacob’s wife
 - **12 stars**-Jacob’s 12 sons which became the 12 tribes of Israel
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2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

This is a reference to Mary about to give birth to Jesus Christ.

Some interpret the woman in **verses 1-2** to be Israel. The reason that the woman is not Israel but Mary is that in the context it makes the “*son*” literal. If the son is literal so must the woman be. It also brings the reader back to **Matthew 1-2**, the birth of Christ and how Satan wanted to kill Him.

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.

The red dragon is Satan, see **verse 9**.

The meaning of the seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns are as follows:

- **Seven heads:** Seven mountains which are also seven kings. **Revelation 17:9-10**
- **Ten horns:** Ten kings who will come later to rule with the Antichrist for a short time. **Revelation 17:12**
- **Seven crowns:** On each crown are names that blaspheme God and those in heaven with Him. **Revelation 13:1**

The red dragon’s appearance with the seven heads, ten horns and seven crowns and that of the Beast (*The Antichrist*) are the same because Satan will rule the people through the Antichrist.

Revelation 13:2 The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

The phrase “**Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky**” refers to angels who Lucifer convinced while in heaven to rebel against God with him. Those angels are now called demons.

The dragon who wanted to devour the child is referring to **Matthew 2:7-8, 16-17** which says, **7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” 16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.**

5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

“**She gave birth to a son**” Mary gave birth to the Savior of the world.

“**will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.**” In the millennial reign, Jesus will be King of kings and Lord of lords and will rule the world and bring true peace.

The phrase “**And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.**” It refers to the ascension of Jesus after His resurrection, away from Satan’s threats. **Luke 24:50-53**



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (12:6-10)

4-5 minutes to read through

6 The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, to be fed there for 1,260 days.

In **verses 1-5**, the woman mentioned was Mary as the context went back in time to the dramatic scene of King Herod who Satan used to try to kill Jesus when He was an infant. Now the scene jumps all the way to a future not yet come which is the great tribulation. Here the woman represents Israel meaning the Jewish people who fled by way of help into a safe place, away from the Antichrist for 3 1/2 years.

Most likely this event, the Jews fleeing, will occur when the Antichrist puts his image in the corner of the third temple in the middle of the great tribulation or the last 3 1/2 years.

In **Matthew 24:15-18** it sheds light to that event which says, **15 “So when you see the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place” (let the reader understand), 16 “then those in Judea must flee to the mountains! 17 A man on the housetop must not come down to get things out of his house. 18 And a man in the field must not go back to get his clothes.**

According to the **Book of Zechariah**, not all of the Jewish people will escape or survive as seen in **Zechariah 13:1-5** which says, **A day of the Lord is coming when your plunder will be divided in your presence. 2 I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle. The city will be captured, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be removed from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations as He fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, forming a huge valley, so that half the mountain will move to the north and half to the south.**

7 Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought,

While the Antichrist is trying to destroy Israel and proclaim to all the people that he is God (2

Thessalonians 2:4) so that he can be worshipped, the scene then changes to a climactic scene of the final spiritual battle that takes place in heaven.

This is Satan's ultimate goal since the very beginning, to take full unlimited control of earth as well as the kingdom of God in heaven. There are two major battles going on for pure domination. Satan and his fallen angels go to make war in heaven against Michael, the chief prince, and his angels. Here we see that Satan wants to make into reality what was said about him saying in **Isaiah 14:12-14** which says, **12** "How you are fallen from heaven,

O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.'

8 but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer.

Satan unquestionably was no match for Michael, the chief prince, and his angels. The red dragon was defeated and permanently was kicked out of heaven.

9 So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

This verse makes it clear who the dragon was which the title "ancient serpent" reveals that Satan was the one who deceived Eve in the garden (**Genesis 3**). Satan and his fallen angels are the ones responsible for all deceptions that have occurred on earth through false religion, atheism, and the occult.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

The salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of His Messiah

have now come,

because the accuser of our brothers

has been thrown out:

the one who accuses them

before our God day and night.

After the defeat of the red dragon and his fallen angels, there is a celebration that takes place in heaven, giving glory to God the Father and God the Son because justice and judgment are quickly

approaching to take place against the devil for all that he has done.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (12:11-17)

3-4 minutes to read through

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

The phrase “**They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb**”, points back to Exodus 12.

- *Vs. 3* **Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.**
- *Vs. 22-23* **22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. 23 When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.**

The houses with the blood of a lamb on it were pointing to Jesus’ death on the cross that by faith in Him we would receive His blood to cover us and protect us from the wrath of God being poured out on the wicked.

1 Peter 1:2

who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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

After Satan’s defeat in heaven, he will come down to earth with the resolve to destroy those who worship Jesus Christ.

13 When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

The first one on his list to destroy will be Israel. The reason is given in the verse itself. Israel produced the Savior of the world.

14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

The phrase “**The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle**” refers to being rescued swiftly and taken to a country that will protect the Jews that God has prepared from the Antichrist's army in the last part of the tribulation.

15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.

“**Water like a river**” refers to a great multitude (see **Revelation 17:15**) or a big army to overtake the Jewish people while they are fleeing.

16 But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Most likely God caused an earthquake to take place to swallow up the army who were pursuing His people.

17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

The dragon and the Antichrist were powerless to do anything to the Jewish people so they turned their focus to the number two on their list, Christians.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (13:1-5)

4-5 minutes to read through

1 And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. He had 10 horns and seven heads. On his horns were 10 diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

“**And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea**” The beast is the Antichrist who will emerge from the earth or from a nation. The 10 horns are 10 kings, see **Daniel 7:24**.

“**He had 10 horns and seven heads**” The seven heads have two meanings, seven hills and seven kings, see **Revelation 7:9**.

The phrase “**his heads were blasphemous names**” is what the Antichrist will serve here on earth which he will team up with the Catholic Church to blaspheme Jesus Christ, see **Revelation 17:1-6**.

2 The beast I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like a bear’s, and his mouth was like a lion’s mouth. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

In the Book of **Daniel chapter 7**, he had a vision of four beasts which were four kings who had great power. The fourth beast was different from the three which pointed to the Antichrist as stated in **Daniel 7:19-22** which says, **19 “Then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws—the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. 20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. 21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.**

The Ancient of Days is the Son of Man or Jesus Christ who will come riding on a white horse to defeat the Antichrist with his army at the Lord’s 2nd coming.

Daniel chapter 7 verses 23-25 continues with the description of the fourth beast/Antichrist who will come in with the fourth kingdom mentioned in the **Book of Daniel** which that kingdom will come during the end times which says, **23 “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. 25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.**

As you can see, the holy people/Christians or followers of Jesus Christ will be handed over to the fourth beast/Antichrist for 3 1/2 years (*time, times and half a time*).

The Antichrist seems to possess the power of a leopard, bear, and a lion as described in **Daniel 7**, meaning that the Antichrist will be very powerful with the combined powers of the nations mentioned in **Daniel**.

3 One of his heads appeared to be fatally wounded, but his fatal wound was healed. The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast.

Either someone will try to kill the Antichrist or it will be staged by him to seem like he was killed and resurrected. The whole world will witness this so-called miracle which will encourage them to follow the beast.

4 They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against him?”

The world gave their allegiance to Satan through the Antichrist’s government, known as the one world order. The people worshipped Satan and the beast by receiving their mark (666) or their name on their bodies (*forehead or right hand*).

5 A mouth was given to him to speak boasts and blasphemies. He was also given authority to act for 42 months.

Everything that came out of the beast’s mouth is to blaspheme God and those who dwell in heaven with Him. He will be allowed to reign with an iron fist on earth for 3 1/2 years or the 2nd part of the great tribulation.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (13:6-10)

2-3 minutes to read through

6 He began to speak blasphemies against God: to blaspheme His name and His dwelling—those who dwell in heaven.

Here the Beast starts to curse God and those who are with Him in heaven. We see the heart of the enemy which is pure evil. His purpose in life is to destroy all that is good and righteous.

7 And he was permitted to wage war against the saints and to conquer them. He was also given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation.

The Antichrist will be allowed for a short time of 3 1/2 years to conquer the world. God permits this

to test His saints and to see who on earth will choose Him or Satan.

8 All those who live on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name was not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.

Only the ones that do not have a genuine faith in Jesus Christ will receive the mark of the Beast (666). This verse here makes it very clear that a Christian whose name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life will never receive the mark of the Beast or his name.

9 If anyone has an ear, he should listen:

Now what will be said in **verse 10** will be of the utmost importance so we as Christians should listen closely and not forget.

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

This demands the perseverance and faith of the saints.

Christians will be put to the ultimate test during the great tribulation. Satan will throw some in prison and others will be put to death. He will do those things for the sole purpose of making them abandon their faith in Christ. Jesus says to persevere and not give in. For those who do give in and receives the mark of Satan to save their life here on earth will mean that their names were never written in heaven according to **verse 8**. Their final state will be in the Lake of Fire.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (13:11-15)

4-5 minutes to read through

11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

The phrase “**rising out of the earth**” refers to coming from a nation.

This second beast is the false prophet of the Antichrist who will promote his rule on earth (**Revelation 16:13**).

“It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.” The false prophet will resemble a man being from God but his words will be the Devil’s. His words will be full of lies, contradictions and very deceptive.

Insight: Beast

The Greek word for Beast here is Therion.

It means a wild animal that’s dangerous with deadly venom.

12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

The false prophet is the Antichrist’s right-hand man who has been given full authority by the first beast. The purpose of the false prophet is to encourage the worship of the first beast.

Satan desires to dethrone God and receive for himself worship which stems from jealousy as seen in **Isaiah 14:14** which says, **14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.**

The second beast is no different from that of a false prophet in today’s time. All false prophets have a goal that is to deceive you into worshipping Satan through the doctrines of demons (**1 Timothy 4:1-3**) which takes you away from the truth. These false prophets are energized by demons.

13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people

The sign of making fire come down from the skies refers to having great powers that it will make the people be in awe.

For Satan to defeat the crowd, he has to make the people doubt the Word of God and substitute Scripture with emotions. Once the crowd is led by their emotions deception takes root.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, 10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Scripture is no longer primary in their lives but an experience which contradicts God’s Word takes precedence.

14 and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

These signs will be so great in the presence of the multitudes that it will convince the people that the first beast must be God or someone as great.

Satan loves to use idols as a weapon to make people stumble. Here we see the second beast making an image of the first beast so that the hearts of the people may be diverted away from God and given to the person that the idol represents.

Insight: Idol

Behind every idol is a demon (1 Corinthians 10:14-22).

Any religion, especially those who identify as Christians that has established idols in their worship gatherings to pray and bow down to is literally demonic worship.

15 And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

Breath can also mean spirit which it would fit perfectly in this passage because it animates the image.

A demon will enter the idol and cause all the people who do not worship it or the real person, the Antichrist to be killed.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (13:16-18)

2-3 minutes to read through

16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads

Insight: The Mark

The Greek word for mark is **charagma** which means *an engraving, a stamp, a sign*. It will be a mark that you can visibly see and would identify the party that you belong to.

The false prophet of the Antichrist will force everyone without exception to receive the mark of the beast and to give their full allegiance to him.

Insight: Hand and Forehead

The right hand and forehead symbolize commitment that the person will give their

hearts and minds to it (**Deuteronomy 11:18-19**).

17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

The Antichrist will be the ultimate dictator and he will rule with an iron fist. Either you will serve him or die.

This mark seems to be a way to get credit, a job, shop for all kinds of things and to survive. Without it, you cannot survive in the New World Order of the beast which will last 7 years. The second half of the 7 years, God's wrath will be poured out on the earth and the beasts will let loose their fury and try to kill all those who have faith in Jesus.

Satan wants his name or the number that represents his name on our foreheads so as to illustrate to God that he is in our hearts and minds and not the Lord. Satan doesn't just want to rule over us but wants to steal our hearts away from God so that he can receive devotion.

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

Those with wisdom and insight will be the ones with the Holy Spirit dwelling in their hearts. The Lord will reveal the Antichrist and his system to the believers in the time of the great tribulation.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (14:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

The phrase “**Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb**” refers to Jesus as King of kings as seen in **Psalms 2:6** which says, “**As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.**”

He will reign on earth at His second coming for 1000 years in Jerusalem.

*For commentary on the **144,000**, please click on the link: [Revelation \(7:1-8\)](#)*

2 And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps

The sound of their voices was heard as one being in harmony with each other. It sounded like a musical instrument that was very beautiful and powerful, resembling the power of God.

3 and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

The 144,000 were rewarded for their faithfulness to the Lord with a new song that only they knew to sing praises before the throne of God and those in it. The song expressed love for their Redeemer.

*For commentary on the **four living creatures**, please click on the link: [Revelation \(4:6-10\)](#)*

*For commentary on the **elders**, please click on the link: [Revelation \(4:1-5\)](#)*

4 It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb

“not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins” refers to their dedication to Jesus Christ. Read below

1 Corinthians 7:32-35, 32 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. 33 But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. 35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

The phrase “**It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.**” Shows their steadfast love and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

They were the firstfruits of Israel, the best of the land (*people*) which show their unique character and commitment to Christ.

5 and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

That which came out of their mouth was the Gospel. They lived what they preached.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (14:6-10)

5-7 minutes to read through

6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

In the time of the Great Tribulation, there will be a lack of (compared to now) preachers of the Gospel. God will send His angels to earth to preach the good news to those who are perishing so that they may believe and not perish with the rest. Even in His judgment, He wants to save them.

The phrase “**and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth**” clearly indicates that Scripture cannot be destroyed or have any errors like false Christians claim today.

God’s Word is eternal and incorruptible as seen in **1 Peter 1:23-25** which says, **23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached to you.**

We as believers can have 100% confidence in the Bible we hold in our hands.

7 He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

“**He said in a loud voice**” shows that the Gospel preached by the angels to the people will be heard by everyone. No one will be left out but will have an opportunity to get saved for those who have not receive the mark of the beast yet.

“**Fear God and give him glory**” We give God glory by surrendering our lives to Him which shows genuine trust.

The phrase “**Worship him**” means that we must first believe that He exists, created all things visible and the unseen world (*spiritual realm*).

One of the plainest ways to be antiGod and to reject worship due Him is through Atheism. Faith comes about by believing in the evidence left by God so that we may know that He created that which we see.

Romans 1:19-20

19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Once a person accepts the evidence which points to the God of the Bible then faith gets activated by

the Lord.

Hebrews 11:3

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

And that faith glorifies, exalts and pleases Him who Lives Forever. For without Him you would have not existed.

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

8 A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great," which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

Insight: Babylon

Babylon comes from the word Babel which means confusion and rebellion (**Genesis 11:1-9**).

The angel of the Lord introduces Babylon the Great which is a reflection of Babylon which is found at the time of the deportation of the Jews. God punished the Jewish people for abandoning Him through idol worship and God sent them the king of Babylon Nebuchadnezzar who defeated them and destroyed God's Temple (**Jeremiah 52**). He took them captive to his land for 70 years (**Daniel 9:2**).

Babylon was a land full of idolatry and witchcraft as seen in **Daniel 3**. In the **Book of Revelation**, there is a land that claims to be Christian but spiritually resembles the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar.

I am convinced and persuaded that it is talking about the **Vatican in Rome**. With their lips, they profess Christ but through their worship of idols, they deny Christ.

Those who join the Catholic Church are committing spiritual adultery.

9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand

The message comes back to the antichrist as a warning to the inhabitants of the earth. The worship of the beast and Satan is not based in bowing down to them even though that is worship but here in the text, just accepting his mark or name is considered our worship. The reason that it is given in reference to receiving the 666 as worship simply means that you would have to give your fidelity to the beast and in retrospect, deny Jesus Christ. The mark identifies who you follow.

10 they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the

Lamb.

The idea that one can receive the mark of the beast and still have a chance to repent is answered in this passage. This verse puts that question to rest. That is why the angel is dispatched to warn the people not to receive the mark of Satan or else it will be too late for them. We must understand that receiving this mark (666) is not like receiving some type of patch or something like that but it is an acknowledgment that you have devoted yourself to the beast.

Getting the mark of the beast is a choice from the heart which cannot be taken back because to receive the mark means to wholeheartedly reject Jesus in place of the devil.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (14:11-15)

4-5 minutes to read through

11 and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or anyone who receives the mark of his name.

“and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever” This phrase gives the clear indication that Hell will never end for those who are cast into it. Hell will be an eternal place for those who reject Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

“**There is no rest day or night**” This means that the torment that will be encountered in Hell will be a continuous one without any breaks in between.

To worship Satan and the image of the Antichrist is by receiving their mark (666). Once that is done there is no turning back.

12 This demands the perseverance of the saints, who keep God’s commands and their faith in Jesus.”

This verse makes it very clear that once a person has decided to receive the mark of the beast, they cannot repent. This is due because their decision was made from the heart.

That is why the verse is telling those who have put their trust in Christ to persevere in not taking the mark. For those who do take it and claim to be a follower of Christ will show that they were never one (**1 John 2:19, Revelation 13:8**).

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write: The dead who die in the Lord from now on are blessed.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “let them rest from their labors, for their works follow them!”

Those who persevere (**verse 12**) and die for rejecting the mark of the beast will rest from this sinful world and enter into an eternal rest with the Lord Jesus. Everything that a Christian has done here on earth for the Lord will follow them into eternity, to receive their rewards.

14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and One like the Son of Man was seated on the cloud, with a gold crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.

It is presumed by some that the person mentioned on the clouds is Jesus Christ because of some key phrases:

- *Like the Son of Man*
- *Seated on the white cloud*
- *Gold crown on his head*

I can say with certainty that the angel with the sickle mentioned is not Jesus Christ. Jesus in the **Gospel of Matthew** already revealed the identity of the angel with the sickle in his hand. Read below

Matthew 13:37-42

36 Then He dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples approached Him and said, “Explain the parable of the weeds in the field to us.” 37 He replied: “The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world; and the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather from His kingdom everything that causes sin and those guilty of lawlessness. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

In the passages above, Jesus is describing the role that His angels will play in the end times. The harvesters are angels with sickles which is used as a metaphor to gather up the unrighteous and throw them to their final destination. God’s angels will be the ones to separate the righteous from the unrighteous.

15 Another angel came out of the sanctuary, crying out in a loud voice to the One who was seated on the cloud, “Use your sickle and reap, for the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

The angel that gives the command seems to have a higher rank and relays the message to start separating the righteous from the unrighteous. This verse refers back to **Matthew 13:37-42**



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (14:16-20)

2-3 minutes to read through

16 So the One seated on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

The angel seized those who have rejected Jesus Christ and cast them into God's wrath.

17 Then another angel who also had a sharp sickle came out of the sanctuary in heaven.

It seems that this angel came to help the other one seated on the cloud to gather the people and make them ready for judgment.

18 Yet another angel, who had authority over fire, came from the altar, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from earth's vineyard, because its grapes have ripened."

The phrase "Yet another angel, who had authority over fire" most likely refers to the angel mentioned in **Revelation 16:8** which will bring a plague upon those who dwell on the earth by making them burn, causing the sun to get extremely hot.

The angel with the authority over fire, tells the other angels that it is time to gather the clusters of grapes which refer to the disobedient. Their sin has come to its full capacity and now they will answer for it (**Joel 3:13**).

19 So the angel swung his sickle toward earth and gathered the grapes from earth's vineyard, and he threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath.

This passage could refer to bringing the nation's army against Israel so that the Lord can judge them and wipe them out (**Ezekiel 38:1-9, 14-16, 18-22**).

20 Then the press was trampled outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press up to the horses' bridles for about 180 miles.

"Then the press was trampled outside the city" this will take place outside of Jerusalem.

The 180 miles give a clear indication that it will be an immense army that will come against the

Jewish people to wipe them out off the face of the earth if it is referring to Gog. But nonetheless, whichever army or nation(s), it makes it very clear that many people who attempt to go against the Living God will pay for it with their lives.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (15:1-5)

2-3 minutes to read through

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

These 7 plagues which are the Bowls in **Revelation 16** that will be brought by the angels of God, are the final judgments that will satisfy God's righteous anger towards sinful humanity.

2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

“sea of glass mingled with fire” is a reference to God's throne, see **Revelation 4:6**.

The believers who went through the great tribulation and did not accept the mark of the beast (666) or his name were given the honor to sing a song of praise in God's presence.

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!”

The song of Moses is a reference to having victory through God's Mighty Power. If you go to **Exodus 14**, it takes you back to the time when God split the sea in two like two walls on either side. The Israelites passed through but the Egyptians were killed when the waters came back down on them. The LORD saved Israel that day and because of such a great deliverance from the Lord, Moses and the people sang a song of praise to God Almighty (**Exodus 15**).

In the same way, the believers who died in the great tribulation for not receiving the mark of the beast by being faithful to Jesus Christ through His power, they now show gratitude for their eternal rest in heaven and sing praises in God's honor.

4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Verse 4 could be in reference to Christ’s millennial reign

5 After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened

“the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven” refers to God’s Temple in heaven. See **Revelation 11:19**.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (15:6-8)

2-3 minutes to read through

6 Out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, dressed in clean, bright linen, with gold sashes wrapped around their chests.

“dressed in clean, bright linen, with gold sashes wrapped around their chests.” The passage points out that even though these angels are used to bring destruction to the world for the sins of men, they are described as righteous angels in God’s sight. That is because righteous judgment is being poured out.

7 One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven gold bowls filled with the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

For more study on “the four living creatures” click here: [Revelation \(4:6-10\)](#)

The bowls are the plagues which are God’s wrath on sin.

8 Then the sanctuary was filled with smoke from God’s glory and from His power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

This verse brings to mind **2 Chronicles 7:1-3** which says, **When Solomon finished praying, fire descended from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the**

LORD filled the temple. 2 The priests were not able to enter the LORD's temple because the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the LORD. 3 All the Israelites were watching when the fire descended and the glory of the LORD came on the temple. They bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground. They worshiped and praised the LORD: For He is good, for His faithful love endures forever.

The Living God is so powerful that not even the host of heaven can stand in His presence when He is displaying His power. Most likely, the reason why He would not allow anyone to enter His presence at the time, besides of what I first mentioned in the beginning, was that of the seriousness in dealing with human sin.

Insight: Sin in people

God takes one's sin very seriously which should make us rethink when we are tempted to depart from the LORD's path.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (16:1-5)

2-3 minutes to read through

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

The phrase, "**Then I heard a loud voice from the sanctuary**" Most likely the voice heard that gave the command was from God.

These are the last 7 plagues of God's wrath being poured out on humanity.

2 The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and severely painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

The first plague (*Bowl*) of punishment or wrath goes to those who chose Satan (*Antichrist/666*) rather than Jesus Christ and received his mark upon their bodies.

The word "severely" in Greek gives the meaning of something rotten. The sores of those who received the mark of the beast started to rot their flesh which made them have great pain.

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

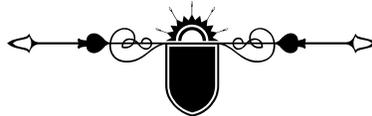
The reason why the second Bowl turned the sea into blood was that blood signifies life and blood that's poured out means death. Turning the ocean into blood showed that the plague was to destroy all living sea creatures. A lot of the food supply for men was destroyed along with the death of the sea creatures.

4 The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

The third Bowl wiped out most of the drinking supply for humanity.

5 I heard the angel of the waters say: You are righteous, who is and who was, the Holy One, for You have decided these things.

After the third Bowl was poured out there was a pause and a proclamation was heard from an angel who testified to God's righteousness for punishing sin.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (16:6-10)

3 minutes to read through

6 for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.”

Here we have a revelation of why God's wrath is being poured out on those who dwell on the earth. The Lord Jesus Christ takes very seriously those who afflict His children (*believers*).

We see this in **Matthew 18:6** which says, **“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.**

7 And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”

The altar was made of pure gold and it was in front of God's throne—**Revelation 8:3**. The golden altar was where the prayers of the saints would come to and where they would be after being put to death

for refusing to take the mark of the beast.

Those on the altar who responded could be:

- Angels-**Revelation 5:11**
- The saints-**Revelation 6:9**
- Both Angels & Saints (*24 elders*)-**Revelation 4:9-10**

The Lord through these plagues avenged the wrong that was done to His servants.

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.

The fourth bowl will cause the sun to be extremely hot, so hot that if you would stay out for a short period of time, you would receive up to a third-degree sunburn or if out longer, death.

By the sun being very hot, it will prevent the people from planting and harvesting, adding to the famine.

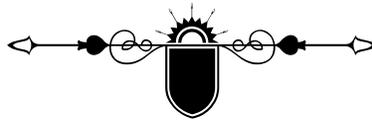
9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

The people's heart grew immensely hard due to God's plagues, showing their true rejection. God's wrath wasn't only for punishment but for softening one's heart for repentance so that salvation may take place.

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony

The fifth bowl was now directed at the Antichrist and those who served him.

The phrase, "**its kingdom was plunged into darkness**" refers to their suffering and not necessarily in a literal sense being dark without light. In **verse 11**, it sheds some light, no pun intended.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (16:11-15)

2-3 minutes to read through

11 and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, yet they did not repent of their actions.

The people who received the mark of the beast (666) cursed God instead of repenting which confirmed that they were committed to Satan even though they knew that God had defeated their leader, the Antichrist. He was of no help to those whom he deceived against God's judgments.

12 The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

The phrase, "**The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates**" refers to the stage being prepared for the heaven and earth war, see **Revelation 19:19**.

13 Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming from the dragon's mouth, from the beast's mouth, and from the mouth of the false prophet.

This three unholy trinity will give the command to send out demons into the four corners of the earth to deceive those who are in a high position to mobilize them with an enormous army to fight against Jesus Christ with His army when He comes to earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords, see **Revelation 20:1-2, 4**.

14 For they are spirits of demons performing signs, who travel to the kings of the whole world to assemble them for the battle of the great day of God, the Almighty.

It seems that the leaders are only convinced through signs and miracles. That is why deception is so effective. It takes your focus away from the Biblical Truth and into the sign being performed.

This is exactly what is occurring within the Catholic Church, they see the statues of Mary crying blood, images in the skies but yet, they disregard the warning of Holy Scripture against idolatry.

15 "Look, I am coming like a thief. The one who is alert and remains clothed so that he may not go around naked and people see his shame is blessed."

The word alert and clothed refers to the same thing. It means to make sure that you are walking in step with the Word of God and are watchful through prayer.

Insight: Naked

Nakedness in Scripture refers to sin (**Isaiah 47:3**).



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (16:16-21)

3 minutes to read through

16 So they assembled them at the place called in Hebrew, Armagedon.

This verse points back to the prophecy that was mentioned in **Ezekiel 38:1-8**, where the Muslim world and most likely Russia, will come down to attack Isreal. Isreal today has natural gas which is as valuable or even more than oil.

17 Then the seventh poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the sanctuary from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Now the scene switches back to the angel with the seventh (*last and final*) bowl. The bowl was to announce that it is accomplished, that is, God's wrath on humanity with the last one as seen in **verse 18**.

18 There were flashes of lightning and rumblings of thunder. And a severe earthquake occurred like no other since man has been on the earth—so great was the quake.

The announcement of the seventh bowl brought about the worst and never seen before, the biggest earthquake known to men.

19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the Great was remembered in God's presence; He gave her the cup filled with the wine of His fierce anger.

"**The great city**" is a reference to Babylon the Great.

The phrase "**the cities of the nations fell**" could either mean that the earthquake devastated the nations that surrounded the city of Babylon as well or that financially their economy fell alongside the destruction of a city who bought most of their merchandise.

The phrase "**Babylon the Great was remembered in God's presence**" shows that God will not forget those who kill His saints and deceived the world through false doctrine and encouraged them to follow other gods.

20 Every island fled, and the mountains disappeared.

The earthquake was so grand that it moved or sank islands and made mountains crumble.

21 Enormous hailstones, each weighing about 100 pounds, fell from the sky on people, and they blasphemed God for the plague of hail because that plague was extremely severe.

Hailstones weighing 100 lbs could penetrate the roof of people houses. There was no refuge found from God's wrath for those in its direct path. Instead of repenting from their sins (*for those who witnessed it*), the opposite occurred.

Insight: Hailstones

The probability of surviving the plague of hailstones was slim to none.

Joshua 10:11

As they fled before Israel, the LORD threw large hailstones on them from the sky along the descent of Beth-horon all the way to Azekah, and they died. More of them died from the hail than the Israelites killed with the sword.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (17:1-5)

4 minutes to read through

1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the judgment of the notorious prostitute who sits on many waters.

Here, the angel who had one of the seven last plagues came to John to reveal the outcome of the prostitute which in Scripture refers to a group of people claiming to be from God but in actuality is teaching false doctrine.

Exodus 34:15

15 "Do not make a treaty with the inhabitants of the land, or else when they prostitute themselves with their gods and sacrifice to their gods, they will invite you, and you will eat their sacrifices.

Once a person spiritually prostitutes him or herself with a false deity by way of believing in their teachings they will embrace and exchange the Truth for the lie and end up teaching it to others.

2 The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and those who live on the earth

became drunk on the wine of her sexual immorality.”

This false church had a lot of influence with many nations and deceived them.

3 So he carried me away in the Spirit to a desert. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and 10 horns.

The Holy Spirit took John to see a vision of the woman (*the prostitute*) to reveal who she was really in cahoots with.

“**scarlet beast**” is a reference to the Antichrist who is a demon in high ranking, very powerful.

The word “**scarlet**” shows that the one controlling the false church is Satan himself, as the word is connected with the beast. Their clothes resemble Satan’s color who is called the **RED** Dragon.

Revelation 18:16

16 saying: Woe, woe, the great city, dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls

“**The great city**” is in reference to the woman sitting on the beast which shows her wearing scarlet (*red*).

“**blasphemous names and had seven heads and 10 horns.**” For an in-depth explanation click on [Revelation 13:1-5](#)

4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls. She had a gold cup in her hand filled with everything vile and with the impurities of her prostitution.

This church is very wealthy but what she’s intaking into her heart is full of vile things which means that her teachings are in conflict with God’s Word because this church embraces doctrines of demons as **1 Timothy 4:1-2** declares, **Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, 2 through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared.**

5 On her forehead a cryptic name was written:

BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE VILE THINGS OF THE EARTH.

The word “**BABYLON**” is not the modern day place which is in Iraq but is used as a spiritual meaning in the sense of worshipping false idols and gods (*demons*) while using Christian vocabulary.

“**THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES**” This false church spearheaded one of the worse false doctrine known today by twisting God’s Word in its early-stage, not long after the death of the Apostles in around the 4th century. The church said that its teachings are from Christ Jesus but in reality, it contradicts the very Scriptures that they profess to follow, thus the deception.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (17:6-10)

3 minutes to read through

6 Then I saw that the woman was drunk on the blood of the saints and on the blood of the witnesses to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.

John was shown that the woman (*the false church*) was responsible for the deaths of the true followers of Jesus Christ and he was amazed by how that church had so much power.

7 Then the angel said to me, “Why are you astonished? I will tell you the secret meaning of the woman and of the beast, with the seven heads and the 10 horns, that carries her.”

As John was mesmerized by the vision of the woman, the angel questioned his astonishment by practically saying, *wait until I reveal to you who is the one behind this false system by which is deriving its power from.*

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up from the abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast that was, and is not, and will be present again.

“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up from the abyss” The beast that the angel is mentioning was seen back in **Revelation 11:7**. This beast comes from the abyss just like the king of the locusts who is seen in **Revelation 9**. Either this beast is in reference to Abaddon in Hebrew and in Greek Apollyon or to the Antichrist, it is not clear. What is clear, it will be a high ranking demon.

“Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life” If you notice that those who are dumbfounded and impressed by the beast are the ones who have rejected Christ and do not have their names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life which indicates that they are highly prone to deception.

9 “Here is the mind with wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is

seated.

This false church (*the woman*) is in a city that is surrounded by seven mountains.

10 They are also seven kings: Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes, he must remain for a little while.

The seven heads have two meanings, 7 mountains (*verse 9*), and 7 kings which means, five kings have died, the sixth king is ruling, probably in John's time, and the seventh is a future one to come. The Antichrist will succeed the seventh (*verse 11*).

The only city who claims to be Christian and is situated by seven mountains is the Vatican city in Rome.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (17:11-15)

3-4 minutes to read through

11 The beast that was and is not, is himself an eighth king, yet he belongs to the seven and is going to destruction.

The Antichrist will follow the succession of these kings.

The phrase, “**yet he belongs to the seven**” could mean that he holds not only to their ideology but the beast will arise from Europe.

12 The 10 horns you saw are 10 kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

The phrase, “**The 10 horns you saw are 10 kings**” The Antichrist will form something like the UN or maybe, it will be the UN, no one knows but he will form a 10 nation confederacy to help him rule the world. These 10 nations' power will be short-lived as the phrase, “one hour” could refer to 1 year for the 10 kings alone or 3 1/2 with the Antichrist.

In the **Book of Daniel chapter 7**, it sheds more light in regards to the Antichrist and the 10 nations.

Daniel's question:

Daniel 7:20-21 “20 I also wanted to know about the 10 horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three fell—the horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke arrogantly, and that was more visible than the others. 21 As I was watching, this horn waged war against the holy ones and was prevailing over them”

The angel's interpretation:

Daniel 7:24-25 “24 The 10 horns are 10 kings who will rise from this kingdom. Another, different from the previous ones, will rise after them and subdue three kings. 25 He will speak words against the Most High and oppress the holy ones of the Most High. He will intend to change religious festivals and laws, and the holy ones will be handed over to him for a time, times, and half a time.”

The 10 nations will be aligned with the false church which is situated in Rome and after the 10 kings come to play, another king, the Antichrist will come forth and it seems that there will be an internal turmoil but the Antichrist will crush his opposition. The Antichrist with these nations will make war with the Christians. The false prophet with the help of the false church will work together to put the image of the Antichrist on the corner of the third Temple to be worshipped. That event will break the 7-year treaty with Israel.

13 These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

The 10 Nations role is to financially and militarily support the Antichrist for world domination.

14 These will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

After the beast has achieved world domination, his next agenda is to defeat Jesus Christ at His second coming because Jesus will come to rule the world that the beast is ruling at the moment but his attempt to stop the Lamb of God will prove to be futile.

15 He also said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute was seated, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

This false apostate church who is masquerading as a Christian church will have deceived countless of people from all walks of life (*1 billion*).



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (17:16-18)

2 minutes to read through

16 The 10 horns you saw, and the beast, will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, devour her flesh, and burn her up with fire.

The Antichrist and his allies will betray the woman (*the false religion*). The beast will do this to get ultimate authority since the woman's power rivals that of the beasts'.

17 For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His plan by having one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until God's words are accomplished.

This phrase, "For God has put it into their hearts" does not suggest that God directs or manipulate men's decisions. But, the Lord gives them up to their hearts decision according to **Romans 1:24-26** which says, **24 Therefore God delivered them over in the cravings of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen. 26 This is why God delivered them over to degrading passions. For even their females exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.**

The 10 horns (*10 kings/nations*) will exalt the Antichrist above them as their supreme leader.

18 And the woman you saw is the great city that has an empire over the kings of the earth."

This false religion has a massive following of 1 billion people and has great influence with the leaders of the world.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (18:1-5)

4 minutes to read through

1 After this I saw another angel with great authority coming down from heaven, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.

This high ranking angel was reflecting God's power on earth. His high position indicates being

constantly in God's presence. When Moses spoke to Yahweh and came down from the mountain, his face was illuminating God's light or glory because of his proximity to God.

Exodus 34:29

As Moses descended from Mount Sinai—with the two tablets of the testimony in his hands as he descended the mountain—he did not realize that the skin of his face shone as a result of his speaking with the Lord.

2 He cried in a mighty voice: It has fallen, Babylon the Great has fallen! She has become a dwelling for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, and a haunt for every unclean and despicable beast.

The phrase “**mighty voice**” is a reference to great power.

The angel's announcement of the fall of Babylon reveals that God will punish any persons, institutes or organizations who purposely go out to deceive the masses.

After the destruction of Babylon, the demons that worked with the false church continued to occupy its ruins.

3 For all the nations have drunk the wine of her sexual immorality, which brings wrath. The kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown wealthy from her excessive luxury.

The phrase “**drunk the wine of her sexual immorality**” Spiritually speaking, always means in Scripture an abandonment of the true Living God for a false god. This is seen in **Numbers 25:1-3** which says, **While Israel was staying in the Acacia Grove, the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab. 2 The women invited them to the sacrifices for their gods, and the people ate and bowed in worship to their gods. 3 So Israel aligned itself with Baal of Peor, and the Lord's anger burned against Israel.**

The phrase “**brings wrath**” means that every person who has abandoned the Truth for the lie will suffer judgment

One of the things that Satan uses to make someone leave the Lord is wealth. This same tactic was even used with Jesus in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:8-10

8 Again, the Devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 And he said to Him, “I will give You all these things if You will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus told him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.”

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven: Come out of her, My people, so that you will not share in her sins or receive any of her plagues.

The phrase “**Come out of her, My people**” is either a reference to Christians living in that city to flee

before its destruction or unknowingly participating in their teachings thinking that they are following God's Word.

Insight: Deception

False teachers use the Bible to establish their teachings as from God. The tweak occurs in the person of Jesus Christ. This is a common tactic used by Satan and puts it in a subtle way. To create this deception, extra-biblical sources are used.

5 For her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

The phrase “**For her sins are piled up to heaven**” refers to a limit that God would allow before His wrath is poured out.



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Verse by Verse through Revelation (18:6-10)

3-4 minutes to read through

6 Pay her back the way she also paid, and double it according to her works. In the cup in which she mixed, mix a double portion for her.

The phrase “**Pay her back the way she also paid**” refers to justice for the murder of believers and the deception of people in making them believe that they were worshiping the true Living God but in retrospect were worshiping a false god. God's judgment will pursue those who participated in Satan's work with double the punishment.

7 As much as she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, give her that much torment and grief, for she says in her heart, “I sit as a queen; I am not a widow, and I will never see grief.”

This false church lived off of the peoples' donations and established with it multiple side businesses which supposedly was for God's work but ended up in their pockets and exalted itself above all others, falsely asserting that judgment will never come to it. She is sadly mistaken. Judgment will come.

8 For this reason her plagues will come in one day—death and grief and famine. She will be burned up with fire, because the Lord God who judges her is mighty.

The phrase **“For this reason her plagues will come in one day”** means that once God is ready to bring judgment upon the false church. It will come quickly without warning.

The phrase **“She will be burned up with fire”** gives the idea that just as fire destroys everything completely, the Lord God will wipe it out from the face of the whole earth.

9 The kings of the earth who have committed sexual immorality and lived luxuriously with her will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning.

Sexual immorality is in reference to spiritual decay. Anyone who is directed to leave Jesus Christ for a false Jesus will commit spiritual adultery.

The phrase **“lived luxuriously”** means that money played a big role in the motivation of deceiving the people.

Anyone who seeks a Jesus other than the Jesus of Holy Scripture without question will end up in the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

10 They will stand far off in fear of her torment, saying: Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! For in a single hour your judgment has come.

The world will witness the destruction of this false religion.

Babylon is not to be taken as a real place but as a spiritual symbol. The reason for this is because of her description and the role she has played in history. Also, for one to commit sexual immorality, one has to be close to the truth or in the truth and who have abandoned the true God for a false one. That would narrow it down to a church that claims to be Christian but denies Jesus through their practices.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (18:11–15)

2 minutes to read through

11 “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

Their distress for the city that was destroyed has nothing to do for the souls that perished but for their wallet.

12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

The woman/city is very wealthy who purchases merchandise from all kinds of vendors which in turn makes them prosperous.

13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

It is interesting to note that the verse reveals not only do they enslave people with false doctrine but also making some physical slaves to carry out their plans.

14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

The merchant's financial tower (business) will collapse due to the downfall of the false religious system.

15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing

See verse 11

Their god is their money and those who serve that god will perish.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (18:16-20)

2 minutes to read through

16 saying: Woe, woe, the great city, dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, adorned with gold,

precious stones, and pearls,

The meaning of the Greek word for “**woe**” is an expression of grief. By the city being destroyed recession will be unavoidable.

17 for in a single hour such fabulous wealth was destroyed! And every shipmaster, seafarer, the sailors, and all who do business by sea, stood far off

The word “hour” refers to a short period of time. Its destruction happened very quickly.

18 as they watched the smoke from her burning and kept crying out: “Who is like the great city?”

The merchants were in dismayed and in unbelief that such a great prosperous city can be wiped out.

19 They threw dust on their heads and kept crying out, weeping, and mourning: Woe, woe, the great city, where all those who have ships on the sea became rich from her wealth, for in a single hour she was destroyed.

It seems that most of their business was conducted with Babylon/the great city because they knew that all their wealth was in that city and it was destroyed along with it.

20 Rejoice over her, heaven, and you saints, apostles, and prophets, because God has executed your judgment on her!

There is a different scene in heaven. A proclamation was pronounced to rejoice over the city’s destruction. Apparently, the religious leaders in that city persecuted Christians for holding on to the Word of God.

The phrase “**you saints, apostles, and prophets**” refers to those who are already in heaven who were killed by the false church as the rejoicing happens in heaven.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (18:21-24)

2-3 minutes to read through

21 Then a mighty angel picked up a stone like a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, In this way, Babylon the great city will be thrown down violently and never be found again.

In the Old Testament, God made His prophets illustrate His judgments that were coming upon those in disobedience as seen in **Ezekiel 4:1-4** which says,

“Now you, son of man, take a brick, set it in front of you, and draw the city of Jerusalem on it. 2 Then lay siege against it: Construct a siege wall, build a ramp, pitch military camps, and place battering rams against it on all sides. 3 Take an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between yourself and the city. Face it so that it is under siege, and besiege it. This will be a sign for the house of Israel.

The mighty angel throwing a millstone into the sea revealed the sure destruction of the city which caused people to be deceived by following a false god.

22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters will never be heard in you again; no craftsman of any trade will ever be found in you again; the sound of a mill will never be heard in you again;

The joyous sounds and business in that city will exist no longer.

23 the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of a groom and bride will never be heard in you again. All this will happen because your merchants were the nobility of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.

Deception occurred through magic and spells as the word sorcery signifies. Their merchandise consists of charms, scapulars, potions, statues, images, and relics to capture people's souls through witchcraft.

24 In her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all those slaughtered on the earth.

Babylon which illustrates a false religion, murdered countless Christians through the ages because they refused to incorporate their rituals and unbiblical teachings.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (19:1-5)

3 minutes to read through

1 After this I heard something like the loud voice of a vast multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,

A **vast multitude** is most likely the angelic beings in heaven who are witnessing the destruction of the false religion/Babylon, see [Revelation 5:11](#)

The praises given to God for the judgment is because it is a righteous act.

2 because his judgments are true and righteous, because he has judged the notorious prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality; and he has avenged the blood of his servants that was on her hands.

Sexual immorality is not physical but spiritual. This false system convinced the masses into following a false Christ even though the people thought that they were indeed following Jesus but they were deceived.

In Scripture, it is said that there is a false Jesus, a false Gospel, and a false spirit which we should be very careful of lest we fall into Satan's trap of deception.

2 Corinthians 11:4

For if a person comes and preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or you receive a different spirit, which you had not received, or a different gospel, which you had not accepted, you put up with it splendidly!

Those who have persecuted Christians will be judged by Christ and will be found guilty.

3 A second time they said, Hallelujah! Her smoke ascends forever and ever!

Hallelujah is a compound word that has **halal** and **Yah** which is of Hebrew origin, see Gk. *Strong's* # 239. The word literally means, "**praise Yahweh.**"

The angels in heaven praised the Lord a second time because evil was punished.

It is a reminder that no one will ever get away with the evil they have done unless they repent.

4 Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who is seated on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah!

For further study on the 24 elders, see [Revelation 4:4](#)

The grand display of God's judgments and His righteous anger moved the 24 elders and the four living creatures to worship the Living God in being in awe of Him and His power.

5 A voice came from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all his servants, and the ones who fear him, both small and great!

There's a call to the saints to praise the Lord because all the evils that were done to them, God is bringing retribution on those evil men that have done them harm.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (19:6-10)

3-4 minutes to read through

6 Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying, Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns!

Vast multitude reveals that there were so many angels that their voices together sounded like a huge waterfall which also echoed thunder showing their great power. God's praises were heard throughout His kingdom.

7 Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has prepared herself.

The marriage of the Lamb refers to the gathering of all believers since the beginning of time to be with Christ.

The word Bride means that the believers are under Jesus Christ who is the one that takes care of them and supplies all their needs.

It also refers to the **Great Banquet** that will take place with all the saints in heaven with Jesus (**Luke 14:15-24**).

8 She was given fine linen to wear, bright and pure. For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints.

The fine linen to wear, bright and pure refers to those who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb, who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, having their sins forgiven.

The righteous acts of the saints refer to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who worked through them to accomplish God's will.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These words of God are true."

The word Blessed in Greek means to be **happy**, someone who desires to have what the **blessed** have, **to be envied**. *Strong's Gr. 3107*

Those who have and those who will put their trust in Jesus Christ are blessed because they will rest from all their turmoil and tribulations that they went through on earth. They will also be safe from the Lake of Fire prepared for Satan, his fallen angels, and for those who have rejected Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"These words of God are true." God's Word can be trusted 100% in accuracy and reliability. If anyone tells you otherwise, that message has not come from the Holy Spirit but is demonic in nature.

10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

The angel that was showing John all these great visions was so magnificent in appearance that for a moment John lost sight of God's Word to only worship God and fell at the angel's feet to worship him. But, the angel quickly reminded John that no angel is to be worshipped but God alone.

Angels and humans are alike, in the sense of servitude, to only worship the Lord Jesus Christ who created all of us.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (19:11-15)

3-4 minutes to read through

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war with justice.

Heaven opened, most likely refers to a literal sky as people will see Him.

The white horse mentioned here is different from the one spoken of in **Revelation 6**. The rider is called Faithful and True which points to two verses

John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus is the one who is faithful and true.

Jesus' judgment upon the wicked is justified and righteous because He is the standard of good and those who are opposed to righteousness will be condemned.

12 His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had a name written that no one knows except himself.

For further study on Jesus' appearance click: [Revelation 1:11-15](#)

Many crowns were on his head refers to being Lord of lords and King of kings

He had a name written that no one knows except himself. Scripture doesn't say why He is keeping His name from anyone but it might be for those who will go to be with Him in heaven.

The name that He is keeping confidential might reflect a characteristic of Jesus not yet known to men.

13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God.

A robe dipped in blood refers to His sacrifice on the cross for humanity.

His name is called the Word of God, it reveals that everything that comes from Jesus' mouth is God-breathed. It also reveals His deity as Creator of the universe.

Genesis 1:3

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

14 The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen.

The armies are in reference to the saints of all times that ever lived will come with Christ at His second coming.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

Wearing pure white linen means righteousness that is only attained through faith in Jesus Christ.

15 A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty.

When Jesus and His army face the antichrist and his forces, with a spoken word He will kill and defeat His enemies.

He will rule them refers to Jesus' millennial reign.

“**Iron rod**” shows that His rule on earth is supreme.

He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, could mean His judgment (*the sword, His spoken word which will cause their death*) will come upon the nations that fight against Him with the antichrist as their leader.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (19:16-21)

4 minutes to read through

16 And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The name or title that Jesus has reveals who He is. He is the ultimate King, not only on earth but the universe for He created it.

The name: “**King of Kings and Lord of Lords**” is a title that only belongs to Yahweh as seen in:

1 Timothy 6:15

15 God will bring this about in his own time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords

Psalms 136:1-3

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His faithful love endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods. His faithful love endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His faithful love endures forever.

Deuteronomy 10:17

17 For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God, showing no partiality and taking no bribe.

According to **verse 16**, Jesus is Yahweh, God the Son.

For further study about the Trinity click here: [The Trinity](#)

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he called out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying high overhead, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

The army that came against Jesus Christ and His army were going to be decimated.

The site of birds feeding on a great army will show the spectators that those who go against the Living God shall not prevail.

18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military commanders, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of everyone, both free and slave, small and great."

This war will occur at the second coming of Christ. The antichrist will try to stop Jesus from becoming King of kings and Lord of lords on earth.

These men will comprise of those who have the lowest rank in the military to those who rule over their nation. Money and human power cannot compare with the power of the Almighty.

19 Then I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and against his army.

The beast is the antichrist who will rule over 10 nations/kings, for further study on the antichrist and his rule over these nations click here: [Revelation 17:11-15](#)

the rider on the horse and against his army points back to **verse 11** being Jesus Christ who comes with the saints (**1 Thessalonians 3:13**).

20 But the beast was taken prisoner, and along with it the false prophet, who had performed the signs in its presence. He deceived those who accepted the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image with these signs. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

After the defeat of the antichrist and his army, Jesus will take him and his false prophet and throw them alive into the Lake of fire where the fire does not die and their smoke will ascend forever and

ever.

Those whom he deceived by receiving his mark (*the mark of the beast*) must also worship his image. The worship of the image is done by bowing down in submission to his commands and rules and their fate shall be as that of the beast and his false prophet.

21 The rest were killed with the sword that came from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds ate their fill of their flesh.

The rest were killed with the sword that came from the mouth of the rider For the meaning of the sword coming from the mouth of the rider click here: [Revelation 19:15](#)



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (20:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

Insight: Abyss

A place in hell called: The bottomless pit, where the dead [**those who rejected the Living God**] and the demons are kept in chains.

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven holding the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

It seems that this heavenly angel was in charge of keeping the demons locked up who had sinned in the time of Noah.

2 Peter 2:4-5

4 For if God didn't spare the angels who sinned but cast them into hell and delivered them in chains of utter darkness to be kept for judgment; 5 and if he didn't spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others, when he brought the flood on the world of the ungodly

2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

The dragon who is Satan was seized by the angel in charge of the abyss and locked him up with chains. For this angel to defeat the devil, reveals that he is a mighty angel of high ranking.

Thousand years refer to the earthly reign of Christ with His saints.

3 He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.

Put a seal on it shows that the devil's sentence was sure to be completed with no one to open and release him until the 1000 years was over.

Would no longer deceive the nations. No longer would the world have to deal with Satan's deceptions and schemes but would be free from his devices so that the world may enjoy Jesus' righteousness on the earth with peace.

4 Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

"Then I saw thrones" means that the saints will have a role in the millennial reign of Christ. They will judge the nations all over the world.

The saints who refused to accept the mark of the beast in the Great Tribulation and were killed, seems to be given a special position with Christ in His millennial reign.

If a person receives the mark of the beast on their hand or forehead, they will not reign with Christ but will be cast into the Lake of Fire [**Revelation 14**].

5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

The rest of the dead did not come to life refers to the lost, those who rejected Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Only the saints will participate in the first resurrection and reign with Christ.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (20:6-10)

4-6 minutes to read through

6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Blessed and holy refer to those who have had their sins forgiven through faith in Jesus, are happy.

shares in the first resurrection will be for the believers [**Christians**] who are coming back to life with their resurrected body that is imperishable [**1 Corinthians 15:53**].

The second death has no power over them reveals that our new bodies will be a spiritual body [**1 Corinthians 15:44**] that has been made by the Lord to be eternal [**1 Corinthians 15:54-55**].

Every Christian who will be raptured before the wrath of God and those who believe afterward who are killed in the Great Tribulation by rejecting the mark of the beast will reign with Christ Jesus for a thousand years.

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison

The completion of Jesus' millennial reign, Satan will be set free for a short period of time.

While the pure light of righteousness [**Jesus Christ**] reigns on the earth as King of kings, the god of this age [**Satan**] who is pure darkness cannot rule or have a place alongside with Him because light eliminates the darkness.

8 and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea.

and will go out to deceive the nations During Christ's reign on earth, people will still reject the Living God even though they have proof of His existence. Those whose hearts are hardened towards Christ are easily given to Satan's deception after his release.

Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Gog and Magog are first seen in the **Book of Ezekiel Chapter 38**. Gog is the prince or leader and Magog is the land. God will allow Gog and his allies to come against Israel for the sole purpose of bringing judgment against Gog and his hordes.

Ezekiel 38:22-23

22 I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed. I will pour out torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and burning sulfur on him, as well as his troops and the many peoples who are with him. 23 I will display my greatness and holiness, and will reveal myself in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.'

Magog is located far north of Israel as Gog prince of Rosh [**could be Russia**] and his allies being from Muslim countries will join forces to destroy Israel for their resources [**Israel today, has natural gas**

worth more than oil].

I believe [my personal opinion] that this war will take place before the Antichrist comes to power as he will take full control without any major rivals to confront.

The Gog and Magog of **Revelation** is not the same one as the one in **Ezekiel 38**. Because, the one in **Ezekiel**, Israel will bury the dead bodies. In **Revelation 20** after the war of Gog and Magog, Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire and the end of the world will occur. Judgment of everyone will commence.

The reason Gog and Magog are mentioned in the Book of Revelation is to reference a huge army that consists of many nations [like **Ezekiel 38**] whom Satan is going to gather for his last attempt to defeat the Lord.

9 They came up across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven and consumed them.

Satan's new army will be gathered from the farthest countries from Jerusalem and will come to fight against believers in Jesus Christ.

Jesus will not come down to fight Satan as He did with the Antichrist. The reason is that with the Antichrist, He was coming down to reign on the earth but that has been fulfilled. But now, the devil's army will meet their end with fire from heaven, illustrating their final destination, the Lake of Fire.

10 The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

After the final battle, the devil is judged for abandoning God and for all of his deceptions from heaven [one-third of the angels] to the earth and is thrown into the lake of Fire for all eternity.

The Lake of Fire is shown to be eternal because of the phrase, tormented day and night forever and ever.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (20:11-15)

3-4 minutes to read through

11 Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence,

and no place was found for them.

This judgment will be for everyone who ever existed.

Earth and heaven fled from his presence refers to Jesus being in His true form, full of power and great glory.

12 I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books.

I also saw the dead, the great and the small points to those who were in lower standing in society and those with greater influence by means of wealth or position.

standing before the throne shows that everyone will stand before a Holy God to be judged for what they did on earth.

and books were opened. There are two books that everyone will be judged with.

1. The first book is called the Book of Life which records the names of those who gave their lives to Jesus Christ by faith.
 2. The second is the book of records, in it, all the evil done to people from cursing them to physically hurting them will be written. Also, every evil [irreverence] hurled at God and those who attacked God's people will be written down for that individual to be judged by.
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13 Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works.

Then the sea gave up the dead refers to those who died at sea will resurrect to face God on judgment day.

death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them Death and Hades is the same place. Those who are spiritually dead, not having the Holy Spirit will be in Hades.

Luke 16:22-25

22 One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torment in Hades, he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off, with Lazarus at his side. 24 'Father Abraham!' he called out, 'Have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this flame!'

14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

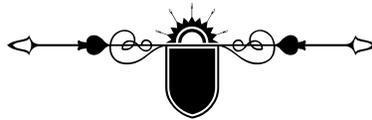
Every single person who is in Hades will be judged for why they are there and afterward will be thrown to their permanent place in the Lake of Fire.

If someone's name was not found in the Book of Life it will reveal that they are lost and still in their

sins. All sinners, those who rejected Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, will be found guilty of every evil act they did here on earth and will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

15 And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

The book of life records the names of those who gave their lives to Jesus Christ. In judgment day, if your name is not found in the book, you shall be thrown into the Lake of Fire, showing that your sins were never forgiven.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (21:1-5)

3-4 minutes to read through

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The phrase “**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth**” reveals that the new earth will be without sin and God the Father and God the Son will live with men for all eternity.

The phrase “for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away” details how it will happen which is found in **2 Peter 3:10** which says, **But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.**

2 I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

The holy city, the new Jerusalem is where God Himself is going to live [**Revelation 21:22-26**] once it is placed on the new earth.

3 Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God’s dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God.

An announcement will be pronounced in heaven that God’s purpose since the beginning of creation

will take place, to live with us. The reason why God, after the new earth is created, will live with men is that sin will be eradicated.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.

With our new body [spiritual body 1 Corinthians 15:44] which will be without sin, we will experience unimaginable joy for all eternity. The nature of sin [envy, deceit, selfishness, the love of money/material, murder, evil intentions, lust, the worship of idols, and death] will end once and for all.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

54 When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

55 Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting?

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

5 Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new.” He also said, “Write, because these words are faithful and true.”

The phrase “Then the one seated on the throne” Is in reference to Jesus Christ [compare John 12:39-41 to Isaiah 6:1-10]

The phrase “these words are faithful and true.” Shows that Jesus Himself testifies to the reliability of the Word of God.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (21:6-8)

4 minutes to read through

6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life.

Then he said to me, “It is done! God’s judgment on a sinful world has been completed and justice was served.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. This is a title that only belongs to Yahweh [**which means I AM the Eternal One found in Exodus 3**] and here in the Book of Revelation it belongs to Jesus Christ [**Revelation 1:17-18**]

I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. Salvation is always free by placing one’s faith in the work of Jesus’ death and resurrection for one’s sins.

7 The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

The one who conquers is in reference to conquering a sinful lifestyle [**see the list in verse 8**], a life lived without God in their hearts. Without the Holy Spirit in one’s heart, there will be no restraint in curbing the sinful craving.

and I will be his God, and he will be my son. Salvation is not only acquiring eternal life but it is also being adopted into God’s family.

8 But the cowards, faithless, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

1. **Cowards**—Those who profess to be Christians but are ashamed of the Word of God by compromising the truth. False converts.
2. **Faithless**—A person who chooses not to believe in the God who is revealed in Scripture. Instead, they live for the pleasures of this world.
3. **Detestable**—Living a life of Atheism, Homosexuality, Bestiality, Abortionist, Trans-Gender, and Witchcraft.
3. **Murderers**—Killing people for hatred of all kinds, money, and revenge.
4. **Sexually Immoral**—Sexual lust which includes Homosexuality, Adultery, Fornication, and Bestiality.
5. **Sorcerers**—Those who practice witchcraft of any kind which includes New Age, Satanism, Voodoo, Santeria [a Spanish form of Voodoo], and Catholicism [**prayers for the dead**].

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

9 “When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not imitate the detestable customs of those nations. 10 No one among you is to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire, practice divination, tell fortunes, interpret omens, practice sorcery, 11 cast spells, consult a medium or a spiritist, or inquire of the dead. 12 Everyone who does these acts is detestable to the Lord, and the Lord your God is driving out the nations before you because of these detestable acts.

Insight: Idolatry

Anyone or anything that takes preeminence over Christ.

6. **Idolaters**-Any religion that worships statues and prays to them. The worship of money, self, any type of worldly material, leaders, and spiritual leaders can become idolatry.

7. **Liars**-Those who always bend the truth to get their way. That type of language is Satanic

John 8:44

44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

Everyone who lives a life from the list mentioned above, will at death be thrown into the Lake of Fire for rejecting the only person that can forgive sins, Jesus Christ.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (21:9-13)

3 minutes to read through

9 Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

The angel who was in charge of bringing one of the worst plagues on the earth [see **Revelation 16:17-21**] came to John to reveal the bride.

The Bride refers to the saints [**Matthew 22:1-14**] and the Lamb is Jesus Christ [**John 1:29**].

The imagery between the saints and Jesus Christ as a husband and wife shows that we are one with Christ [**the Spirit of God living in us**], we will be with Him for all eternity, and see Him as He is. Like a wife who leaves her old life behind to start a new one with her husband, so we are leaving this sinful world to start a new life in the new earth with Jesus Christ.

10 He then carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God

"He then carried me away in the Spirit" refers to the vision that the LORD showed him of the holy city made from the hands of God coming down to the new earth.

11 arrayed with God's glory. Her radiance was like a precious jewel, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

The holy city, the new Jerusalem will contain the glory of the LORD. God's light and power will illuminate the whole city. The city will shine like precious jewels.

12 The city had a massive high wall, with twelve gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the twelve tribes of Israel's sons were inscribed on the gates.

The huge wall and the twelve gates bring to reality that not everyone can just walk in and enter it. To have access through the gates is by being born again through faith in Jesus Christ.

the names of the twelve tribes of Israel's sons were inscribed on the gates. The gates have the names of Jacob's sons because through them [**the 12 sons of Jacob**] the children of Israel [**the Jewish people**] came into being. God changed Jacob's name to Israel.

13 There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

For the names corresponding to every three gates on all four sides read **Ezekiel 48:30-34**.

The new city will have access on all four sides for the saints who will come in to bring glory to the Lord.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (21:14-18)

3-4 minutes to read through

14 The city wall had twelve foundations, and the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb were on the foundations.

Why were the apostles' names on the foundations of the new city, Jerusalem? They were the ones that the Lord sent out into the whole world to preach Jesus Christ, death and resurrection, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but pass from death to life.

The Gospel [**the good news**] holds the rest of the Scriptures up because Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.

All of the Scripture hinges on the coming Messiah and His atoning sacrifice. Everything in the Word of God is about Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:26-27

26 Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

15 The one who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

The angel who was showing John the visions was now going to unveil the size of this massive city.

16 The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 stadia. Its length, width, and height are equal.

There are 600 ft per 1 stadia so the length would be 1,379 miles in either direction [north or south], and the same miles across [west and east]. The wall's height will be 1,379 miles up as it includes height being the same measurement.

To put it into perspective, from Miami Florida to New York City is about 1,278 miles. Using that length and putting it into a square and then straight up is how this massive city will be like.

17 Then he measured its wall, 144 cubits according to human measurement, which the angel used.

One cubit is 1.5 ft. so 144 cubits will be 216 ft. The walls are going to be 216 ft thick. Not only is the new city massive but it will be impenetrable. The huge city and its thickness reveal that it is impossible for sin and anything unclean to ever enter there. It also shows the strength of the city [security].

18 The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold clear as glass.

Gold and precious stones in Scripture represents kingship, sovereignty, majesty, power, and wealth. It also represents righteousness [good works]

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

12 If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, 13 each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work.

the city was pure gold clear as glass. It will reflect the glory of God who will be our light source.



Verse By Verse Through Revelation (21:19-23)

3-4 minutes to read through

19 The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of jewel: the first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald

The material used for the new city was made of precious stones that would surpass the wealth of the earth.

In **Exodus 28:16-20**, the breastpiece for making decisions was placed on the ephod which was for the priest to put on for seeking direction from the Lord. The names of the 12 tribes of Israel were engraved on these stones [**Exodus 28:11**].

The reason God wanted the names of Jacob sons to be engraved on the gemstones was to show how precious they are to Him.

In the same way, the Lord will construct the new city with precious stones which will be for the coming and going of the saints who are to Him highly valued in His sight.

20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

All of the gemstones are in different colors which will display their beautiful colors when God's light pierces through them.

21 The twelve gates are twelve pearls; each individual gate was made of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

The phrase "**The twelve gates are twelve pearls**" The word pearl in Scripture means something that is holy to God [**Matthew 7:6**]. In **Matthew 13:44**, a pearl is considered priceless [**highly valuable or unattainable without help**] and it refers to the kingdom of heaven [**to be with God**]. In **Matthew 13:11**, the kingdom of heaven's secret is only known through the Word of God which is understood through the Holy Spirit residing in a person's heart.

The gate being pearls show that the Holy of Holies [**the Father and the Son**] will dwell within the city making it the kingdom of heaven.

Wherever God is there you shall have heaven.

22 I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

God the Father and God the Son, shall not dwell inside of a temple, but shall be above the city giving the new world its light, reflecting His glory.

The reason why there will not be a temple in the new earth is that in the Old Testament, God would

only stay at a place that was made holy [**the temple**] by purifying it with blood [**only through sacrifice can sin be atoned for making the person holy**]. In the new earth, it will be completely holy, a sinless place because Jesus is our sacrifice who made us holy by placing our faith in Him.

23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Space [**the universe**] as we know it shall not be [**exist**]. For the stars and the sun was to give humanity light, but it will no longer be necessary because the Lord will be our light.

Nighttime and darkness will no longer exist. No need to sleep to gain rest, for our strength and rest is in Christ who will give us a spiritual body like His that need no rest [**sleep**].



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (21:24-27)

3 minutes to read through

24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

“**The nations**” Refers to different races within the believers.

“**the kings of the earth**” Reveals different positions in the new earth that believers will inherit due to what they did for the Lord while they were on the old earth.

25 Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there.

The Lamb [**Jesus**] and the Father [**God Almighty**] will be the light of the new earth [**verse 23**]. Darkness represents sin and since it will no longer exist neither will night. Our bodies will be like Christ's which needs no rest.

26 They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

The nations will bring into the new city, Jerusalem that which Christ has given them [**glory and honor**], the nations will worship the Lamb and the Lord God.

27 Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.

“Nothing unclean will ever enter it” Refers to those who did not wash their sins away by the blood of the Lamb. Satan and his fallen angels can not enter there, for they are unclean spirits and the unclean are assigned to the Lake of Fire.

“detestable or false” Both meaning the same thing, like those who claim to be Christians but were false teachers, are detestable to the Lord and false religion of all kinds is detestable to the Lord.

The only ones who are going to be with Jesus, are those who gave their lives to Him and worshipped Him as Lord of lords and King of kings.

“those written in the Lamb's book of life”

Jesus said in **Luke 10:19-20** **“19 Look, I have given you the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; nothing at all will harm you. 20 However, don't rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

The believers will rejoice in heaven because they will rest from all their labors [**their work for the Lord**] and no longer will they be in a fallen world of sin of tribulations and sufferings. But, the greatest joy besides being with Jesus is not being apart from Him like those who did not have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life and are in hell for all eternity.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (22:1-5)

2 minutes to read through

1 Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

The water of life flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb is in reference to those who will inherit the kingdom of heaven, that eternal life has been given to them.

2 down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations

The tree of life represents eternal healing with no more death, sickness, and any other illnesses.

3 and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him.

“and there will no longer be any curse.” Brings back to mind, **Genesis 3:16–19** which makes a woman’s labor painful, hard work for men, spiritual [separation from God because of sin] and physical death for all humanity.

In the new heaven and the new earth, there will be no more curses as seen in **Genesis 3**, for sin will never again take root. The Lamb and the Lord God will be worshiped in pureness from His saints.

4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

We will see Jesus in His full glory. His name being on our foreheads signifies that we belong to Him forever.

5 Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Lord God Almighty who is pure light will be our sun. The night will not be necessary because as eternal beings, we will need no rest. Also, see notes in [Revelation 21:25](#)



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (22:6–10)

3-4 minutes to read through

6 Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

The Word of God is elevated in such a way to say that it cannot and will not contain any errors as the words, “**faithful and true**” are mentioned.

The phrase “**The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets**” shows that the true author of the Scriptures is God Himself who guided His prophets what to write.

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

The term “**Look, I am coming soon!**” is not in reference to Jesus’ return in thousands upon thousands of years into the future, but in a much smaller number. A clue is given to us in **Matthew 1:1-17**, it took from the time of Abraham to Jesus Christ 14 generations three times, making it 42 generations. A generation was about 35 years so the total number from Abraham to Jesus was 1,470 years of His first coming.

His second coming might differ in several hundreds of years but not in thousands. No one can know the time or the hour of Jesus’ return but we can know the season. And one big clue is the third temple being built which at the present time, all the articles, the priests, and animals [**the red heifer**] are set and ready.

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me.

John fell down at the feet of the angel whom the Lord sent to reveal the Great Tribulation. It seems as if John forgot for a moment what the Word of God clearly says about not worshipping any created thing but God alone.

The angel’s presence might have been magnificent to look upon, plus everything that he showed John as described in the Book of Revelation.

9 But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

The angel quickly told John not to bow down and worship him but to worship God alone. The angel put himself in our level as being a servant like one of us. In God’s presence, we were created, both angels and humans to do the will of Jesus Christ.

As John almost committed an error, God in His mercy through His angel corrected John from straying from obeying the Word of God.

10 Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

The verse above is a fulfillment of **Daniel 12:4** which says, “But you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will roam about, and knowledge will increase.”

The fulfillment was in reference to the ability to understand the end times as seen in **Verse 8 of Daniel 12** which says, **I heard but did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?”**

Before understanding the end times, the first coming of Christ and the completion of the work of redemption, His death on the cross and His resurrection **had to occur first**.

After Jesus’ ascension back to the Father in heaven to sit at His right-hand side, the timetable started

ticking for Jesus' second coming.



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (22:11-15)

4-5 minutes to read through

11 Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness, let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.”

If a person still chooses to continue in a path that is contrary to God, He allows it because He has given us free will. The heart after an encounter with the Holy Spirit will choose to either walk the path of Holy Scripture and will continue to do so [**eternal security [John 6:37-39](#)**] or has rejected the offer of eternal life and will continue to walk in darkness.

12 “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work.

The phrase “**Look, I am coming soon**” see [verse 7](#)

Jesus' rewards most likely refer to having positions for believers at His millennial reign or in the kingdom of heaven [**the new heaven and the earth**].

Matthew 25:19-21

19 “After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I’ve earned five more talents.’ 21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

The Lord God Almighty declares that He is the Alpha and the Omega [**the first and the last**] in:

Isaiah 44:6

This is what the LORD, the King of Israel and its Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says: I am the first and I am the last. There is no God but me.

Jesus applies the same title to Himself here, making Himself equal to the Father [[John 5:18](#)].

14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

The phrase **“Blessed are those who wash their robes”** refers to those who have been cleansed of their sins, forgiven, and provided with a white robe which signifies their righteousness.

Access to the tree of life which symbolizes Jesus Christ, the giver of eternal life which is acquired through faith in the Son of God alone and His atoning sacrifice.

15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

The word **“Outside”** is a reference to the Lake of Fire.

- **[Dogs]- Psalm 22:16 “For dogs have surrounded me; a gang of evildoers has closed in on me; they pierced my hands and my feet.”**
- **[Sorcerers]- 2 Chronicles 33:6 “He passed his sons through the fire in Ben Hinnom Valley. He practiced witchcraft, divination, and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did a huge amount of evil in the Lord’s sight, angering him.”**
- **[Sexually Immoral]- Jude 7 “Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns committed sexual immorality and perversions, and serve as an example by undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.”**
- **[Murderers]- 1 John 3:15 “Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.”**
- **[Idolaters]- Deuteronomy 4:15-18 15 “Diligently watch yourselves—because you did not see any form on the day the Lord spoke to you out of the fire at Horeb— 16 so you don’t act corruptly and make an idol for yourselves in the shape of any figure: a male or female form, 17 or the form of any animal on the earth, any winged creature that flies in the sky, 18 any creature that crawls on the ground, or any fish in the waters under the earth.”**



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Verse By Verse Through Revelation (22:16–21) The Finale

5-6 minutes to read through

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

The **Book of Revelation** came straight from Jesus Christ to the Apostle John, to warn us and to show us that no matter what happens to us here, we are more than victorious.

The phrase **“I am the root and descendant of David”** shows that Jesus is the promised Christ/Messiah who was foretold in the Old Testament that would come.

Deuteronomy 18:15

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

5 “Look, the days are coming”—this is the Lord’s declaration— “when I will raise up a Righteous Branch for David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the name he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

The phrase **“the bright morning star”** could refer to the sign given by which it would show who was the Christ, the chosen one from God.

Matthew 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him.”

17 Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

The phrase **“Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”** The believer and the Spirit of God are one in mind, the desire for the coming of Christ and to be with Him.

The Holy Spirit through the believer in Jesus encourages everyone to put their trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life.

18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.

Whoever adds to the words of the **Book of Revelation** will drink a full cup of His wrath. In other words, to add to the Bible is to reject the Lord Jesus Christ, as the evidence shows a lack of love for God’s Word.

The phrase **“God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book”** Could refer to the ones who would add to God’s Word, even though they might not live in the time mentioned in the **Book of Revelation**, must likely feel some of the plagues in hell which will follow them there.

19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.

When a person decides to tamper with God's Word and remove words or verses as to deceive people by making the Bible say something else, their fate has been sealed. A love for God's Word shows that the Spirit of God resides in you. Whoever hates the Scriptures, hates Jesus whose name is the Word of God [**Revelation 19:13**].

20 He who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Jesus said in **Matthew 24:32-33**, **32 "Learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 In the same way, when you see all these things, recognize that he is near—at the door.**

What to look for, for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, these things will intensify right before His return. Below is that list.

1. [**Verses 4-5**] A mass deception through false Christs
 2. [**Verse 6**] Threats of world wars
 3. [**Verse 7**] Famine reaching more countries and earthquakes in various places being more frequent
 4. [**Verse 9**] An alarming rate of persecutions of Christians in the world
 5. [**Verse 10**] A mass decline of Christians, those who professed to be a follower of Jesus Christ and turns back from following Him
 6. [**Verse 11**] A lot of false Christians will arise [the prosperity Gospel and liberal Christianity of all kind] and deceive many from following the true Christ of Scripture
 7. [**Verse 12**] The love for one's neighbor will decline drastically through the influx of Atheism, cults, and the occult.
 8. [**Verse 14**] The Gospel will reach to all the countries of the world, everyone will hear the Gospel about Jesus Christ
 9. [**Verse 15**] And the greatest sign to watch for is the rebuilding of the Third Temple when the Antichrist will place his statue of himself in the corner of the temple and proclaim to be God [**2 Thessalonians 2:4**]. That act will start the Great Tribulation plagues mentioned in the Book of Revelation.
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21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.

The Greek word for grace is charis which means kindness and favor.

God's favor upon a person is having their sins forgiven and obtaining eternal life through faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.



The End