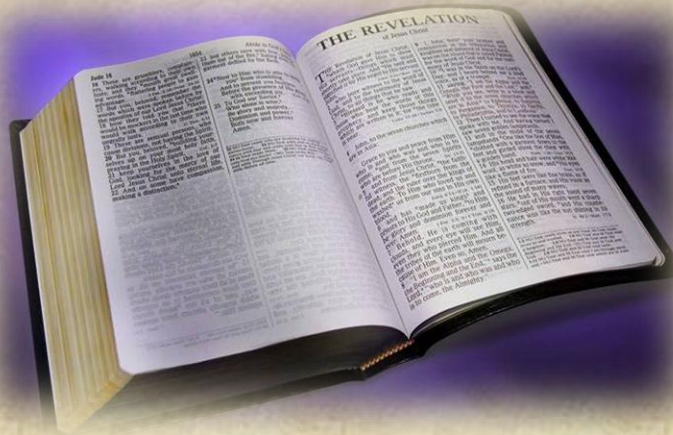




Thoughts on Revelation



**a commentary on the book of
Revelation**

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Revelation 1 (1) The Revelation of

Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, *even* the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John; (2) who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* of all things that he saw.

(3) Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand. (4) John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits that are before his throne; (5) and from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; (6) and he made us *to be* a kingdom, *to be* priests unto his God and Father; to him *be* the glory

Comment [1]: REVELATION is the revealing, unfolding, explanation, expansion.... Revelation is good news—an insight!

Comment [2]: Jesus inspired this; He gave this message to John (through an angel), then to us

Comment [3]: Prophecy shows us that GOD IS IN CONTROL!! 😊

Comment [4]: John is the beloved disciple John (Mt 4:21, etc.), on island of Patmos, receiving these insights from God (see [v.9](#))

Comment [5]: We CAN understand Revelation

Comment [6]: which also represent 7 church periods of the New Testament time period (covered in [chaps 2 & 3](#))

Comment [7]: God & Christ are interchangeable—they can be used synonymously (Jn 14:9, Jn 1:1, Jn 10:30, ...)

and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (7)

Comment [8]: that's Jesus

Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they that pierced him;

and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over

him. Even so, Amen. (8) I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (9) I

Comment [9]: See VIDEO "The Second Coming - Are you ready?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lOrDhcChKvE>



Comment [10]: notice Jesus' words in red? That's Him speaking

John, your brother and partaker with you in tribulation and kingdom and patience which are in Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

(10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet

Comment [11]: the Sabbath day, the 7th day ("My holy day" Is. 58:13, Ex 20:10, ...)

Comment [12]: usually signifies God

(11) saying, What thou seest, write in a book and send it to the seven churches: unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. (12) And I

Comment [13]: here's the 7 churches; again to be discussed in [chaps. 2 & 3](#)

turned to see the voice that spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks;

(13) and in the midst of the candlesticks one

like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle. (14) And his head and his hair were white as white wool, *white* as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; (15) and his feet like unto burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters. (16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. (17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, **Fear not; I am the first and the last, (18) and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (19) Write therefore the things which thou sawest, and the things which are, and the things which shall come to pass hereafter; (20) the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the**

Comment [14]: begins a description with characteristics of both Jesus & God (see comment about “God and Christ” @ [v. 4](#))

Comment [15]: garment is a symbol for righteousness; for Christ, it is His perfect righteousness (Is 64:6, 61:10, Job 29:14, etc). (see VIDEO at comment [Rev 6:11](#), for example)

Comment [16]: a description of Jesus, matching a description of God the Father (i.e. Dan 7:9)

Comment [17]: again, a description of God

Comment [18]: the words of the Bible (Heb 4:12)

Comment [19]: again, this is Jesus speaking through prophecy (notice the **red** letters)

Comment [20]: again, Revelation is given by Jesus—John is not making this up (2Pe 1:20-21)

Comment [21]: notice all the “sevens”? 7 is God’s perfect number

seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks are seven churches.

Comment [22]: the Bible decodes itself! Here's an example where the Bible explains its own symbols (Is 28:10, Mt 13:10-11, i.e. Luke 8:11, ...)

Revelation 2 (1) To the angel of the

church in Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: (2) I know thy works, and thy toil and patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that call themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; (3) and thou hast patience and didst bear for my name's sake, and hast not grown weary.

Comment [23]: FIRST Church Ephesus means 'desirable'. Approx 31-100 A.D.

1. these are 7 actual churches in history
2. they also represent 7 time periods of the Christian church spanning from the First Coming of Christ to the Second. In other words, the New Testament period (the history since Christ through the end) is divided into 7 phases: the 7 churches of Revelation. This is known as the 'historicist' view.
3. these churches can also apply to individual spiritual conditions. One possible devotion a person can have is "Which of these 7 churches am I like at this time in my life?"

(4) But I have *this* against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. (5) Remember therefore

Comment [24]: this church has nice qualities

whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent. (6) But this thou hast, that thou hatest

Comment [25]: "you left your first love" — the main problem with this church. (Again, this can apply to us as well). → **Spend time with Jesus!** (thinking & contemplating, praying, Bible, groups, sermons....)

the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

(7) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the

Spirit saith to the churches. To him that

overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree

of life, which is in the Paradise of God. (8) And

to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These things saith the first and the last, who was

dead, and lived again: (9) I know thy

tribulation, and thy poverty (but thou art rich),

and the blasphemy of them that say they are

Jews, and they art not, but are a synagogue of

Satan. (10) Fear not the things which thou art

about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast

some of you into prison, that ye may be tried;

and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou

faithful unto death, and I will give thee the

crown of life. (11) He that hath an ear, let him

hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. He

that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second

death. (12) And to the angel of the church in

Pergamum write: These things saith he that

Comment [26]: a promise of God

Comment [27]: SECOND Church Smyrna means 'myrrh' or 'sweet smelling'. Approx 100-313 A.D.

Comment [28]: another description of Jesus

Comment [29]: THIRD Church Pergamos means 'height' or 'elevation' (or fortified like a castle). Approx 325-538 A.D.

hath the sharp two-edged sword: (13) I know where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth. (14) But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. (15) So hast thou also some that hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner. (16) Repent therefore; or else I come to thee quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. (17) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it. (18)

Comment [30]: another description of Jesus

Comment [31]: an example of "Pagianity": the mixing of pagan practices in the Christian church

Comment [32]: "which thing I hate" (in some versions). Jesus hates a certain doctrine! TRUTH IS IMPORTANT!! (Jn 8:31-32)

Comment [33]: amazing promises that we may not know until we get to heaven

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished brass: (19) I know thy works, and

thy love and faith and ministry and patience, and that thy last works are more than the first.

(20) But I have *this* against thee, that thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat

things sacrificed to idols. (21) And I gave her time that she should repent; and she willeth not to repent of her fornication. (22) Behold, I cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they

repent of her works. (23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he that searcheth the reins and hearts; and I will give unto each one of you

according to your works. (24) But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as have

Comment [34]: FOURTH Church Thyatira (meaning unknown). Starts 538 A.D. (ends possibly 1517 A.D.).

Comment [35]: another description of Jesus

Comment [36]: false teachers

Comment [37]: we can turn to the Lord no matter what we've done

Comment [38]: similar scenario with (spiritual) Babylon in these end times: the lead woman & her children who taught and led churches wrong are getting destroyed. (more on this in [chap. 17](#) and [chap. 18](#)).

not this teaching, who know not the deep things of Satan, as they are wont to say; I cast upon you none other burden. (25) Nevertheless that which ye have, hold fast till I come. (26) And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations: (27) and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father: (28) and I will give him the morning star. (29) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

Revelation 3 (1) And to the angel of

the church in **Sardis** write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead. (2) **Be thou watchful**, and establish the things that remain,

Comment [39]: FIFTH Church Sardis possibly means 'that which remains' or 'remnant'. Starts possibly 1517 A.D., but ends 1798 A.D. coinciding with the 1260-year prophecy and the "dark/middle ages" ([Rev. 11:3](#), [12:6](#)).

Comment [40]: an expression for being "spiritually aware" (Mt chap. 24, i.e. v.42) or being "spiritually sober" (the [Three Angels' Messages](#) of [Rev 14:6-12](#), ...)

which were ready to die: for I have found no works of thine perfected before my God. (3)

Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep *it*, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief,

and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. (4) But thou hast a few names in

Sardis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. (5) He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise

blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before

his angels. (6) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

Comment [41]: (I think God had messages/impressions for me in this Sardis section as I did this devotion)

Comment [42]: similar description as the Second Coming of Christ (Mt 24:42-44, 1Th 5:2,4, 2Pe 3:10).

See VIDEO "The Second Coming - Are you ready?"

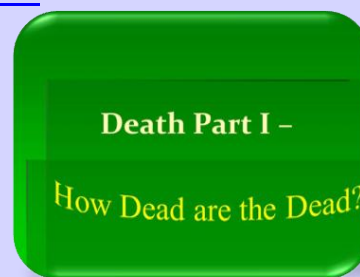
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Comment [43]: in this section some similarities to the Second Coming of Christ: "watch", "hold fast" ("keep"), "come as a thief", "don't know the hour", etc. Although Christ's second coming did not come in this Sardis time period (ending 1798), people, with God's help, get ready for His Coming whether they shall be alive for it (translation) or fall asleep beforehand.

See VIDEO "Death Part I - How Dead are the Dead?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9gMiGkJAOE>



Comment [44]: sounds like Salvation!

(7) And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and none shall shut, and that shutteth and none openeth: (8) I know thy works (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name. (9) Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. (10) Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. (11) I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown. (12) He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no

Comment [45]: SIXTH Church Philadelphia means 'brotherly love'. Approx 1798-1844 A.D. Also corresponding to the end of the 2300-year prophecy (Dan 8:14)

Comment [46]: open door / shut door. See Adventist history or Stephen Bohr's teachings. Protestantism (most of the non-Catholic Christian churches) have not gone through. In other words, most are still (spiritually) in the holy place of the sanctuary while Jesus has moved into the most holy since 1844. Ultimately, the transgressions of the 'little horn' power (Dan 7:8, 8:9-14)

[See VIDEO "P3-The Great Sea Beast"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8W9Y4oIIHA>



or even as the Egyptians were behind the Israelites as they left Egypt (Ex 14:9, ...)

Comment [47]: again, Jesus is helping us prepare for His Second Coming.

See VIDEO "The Second Coming - Are you ready?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lOrDhcChKvE>



more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name.

(13) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. (14) And to the

angel of the church in **Laodicea** write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

(15) I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. (16) So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth. (17)

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and

miserable and poor and blind and naked: (18) I

counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire,

that thou mayest become rich; and white

garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and

that the shame of thy nakedness be not made

Comment [48]: SEVENTH and FINAL Church Laodicea means 'judgment of the people'. 1844 - The End A.D.

Comment [49]: again, more description of who Jesus is

Comment [50]: the 'lukewarm' spiritual state, with a very strong warning

Comment [51]: This section can be hard, but Jesus' insight to us is that we NEED him, because many people may say "I already have everything I need/want (material goods, etc.)

Comment [52]: He tells us this is our REAL condition

Comment [53]: again, hard counsel, but His solution is to try us through the fire—with FAITH we can achieve (Eph. 2:8-9, etc.)

manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. (19) As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. (20) Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (21) He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. (22) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

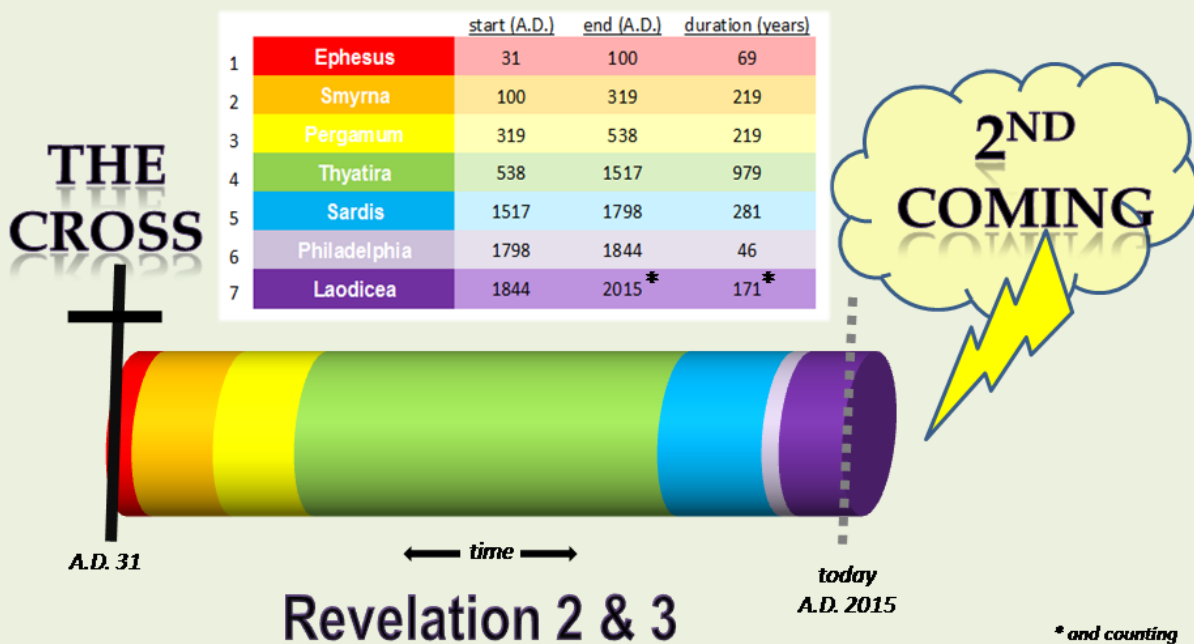
Comment [54]: rewards and solutions to the problems

Comment [55]: spiritual sight (i.e. EGW)

Comment [56]: again, a reference to Christians going through trials (1Pe 4:12, ...)

Comment [57]: Will you let Jesus into your heart or life?

See VIDEO "Good God...Bad World...Why?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to9FpQoV0Z8>



Revelation 4 (1) After these things I

saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, *a voice* as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will show thee the things which must come to pass hereafter. (2) Straightway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne; (3) and he that sat *was* to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon. (4) And round about the throne *were* four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones *I saw* four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold. (5) And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; (6) and before the throne, as it were a sea

Comment [58]: again, an OPEN door. Truth is progressive; Jesus keeps moving forward

Comment [59]: a description of God and the throne room of God!

of glass like a crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. (7)

And the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. (8) And the

four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and

within: and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the Lord God, the

Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come. (9) And when the living creatures shall

give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth for ever

and ever, (10) the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne,

and shall worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the

throne, saying, (11) Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor

Comment [60]: compare these heavenly & good creatures with the worldly beasts of Daniel 7—who would win that battle (like an HD movie)?

See VIDEO “P2-the Little Horn”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAycVNb68eU>



Comment [61]: praise

and the power: for thou didst create all things,
and because of thy will they were, and were
created.

Comment [62]: this is a nice text to
memorize

Revelation 5 (1) And I saw in the right

hand of him that sat on the throne a book
written within and on the back, close sealed with
seven seals. (2) And I saw a strong angel

proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to
open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Comment [63]: God holds a special scroll (a
book) in His hand

(3) And no one in the heaven, or on the earth,
or under the earth, was able to open the book, or
to look thereon. (4) And I wept much, because

Comment [64]: no one was worthy; no one
could perform the task

no one was found worthy to open the book, or to
look thereon: (5) and one of the elders saith
unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of

the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath
overcome to open the book and the seven seals

Comment [65]: I love Jesus!

thereof. (6) And I saw in the midst of the

Comment [66]: Jesus is worthy!

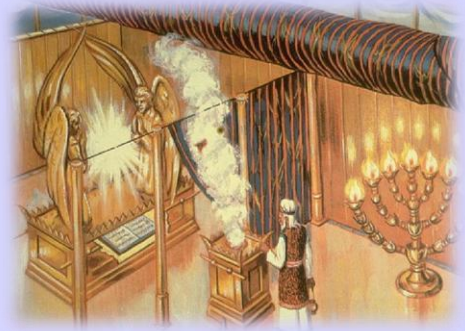
throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. (7) And he came, and he taketh *it* out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne. (8) And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (9) And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood *men* of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, (10) and madest them *to be* unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon earth. (11)

And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten

Comment [67]: Jesus, the lamb of God (Jn 1:29, Gen 22:8, ...)

Comment [68]: Jesus took the scroll (the book) from God

Comment [69]: the Bible again decoding its symbols: prayer is like incense, like the altar of incense in the Holy Place of the sanctuary (wilderness tabernacle)



Comment [70]: a Gospel song

thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; (12) saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might and honor, and glory, and blessing. (13)

Comment [71]: praising God

And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, *be* the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever. (14) And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Comment [72]: praising & worshipping God

Comment [73]: these two chapters of [Revelation \(4 & 5\)](#) are like a big worship celebration and act

Revelation 6 (1) And I saw when the

Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, Come. (2) And I saw, and

behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer. (3) And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come. (4) And another *horse* came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. (5) And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand. (6) And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A measure of wheat for a shilling, and three measures of barley for a shilling; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not. (7) And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come. (8) And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat

upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth. (9)

And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: (10) and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? (11) And there was given them to each

one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should have fulfilled *their course*. (12) And I saw when he

opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became

Comment [74]: martyrs, those killed for Jesus

Comment [75]: Deut 32:35 / Rom 12:19 / Heb 10:30

Comment [76]: righteousness comes from God alone (we don't earn it ourselves).

See Sermon VIDEO "Rags to Riches"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKBv6Hpl8MY>



Comment [77]: God has a plan. He is still in control, even when His people are dying! (If only I could remember that...!)

as blood; (13) and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. (14) And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. (15) And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; (16) and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: (17) for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

Revelation 7 (1) After this I saw four

angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind

Comment [78]: this expression is a clue for a sequence of events; notice how it appears in Revelation ([Rev 4:1](#), [7:1](#), [7:9](#), [15:5](#), [18:1](#), [19:1](#))

should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree.

Comment [79]: Thank God for His protection! These are the mighty angels protecting humans from damaging each other! Yes, with the Spirit of God, He is helping us by holding back the “winds of strife”— from keeping the world from destroying itself and people’s true motives taking place. (For an example when God’s spirit is greatly removed, look at the terrible onslaught & massacre of the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in A.D. 70).

(2) And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Comment [80]: ‘from the east’ or ‘from the direction of the sun’. This refers to the Lord, like “coming from the Lord” or representing the Lord’s causes or way. In contrast, notice how the early Babylonians (the Tower of Babel) “journeyed FROM the east” (Gen 11:2), meaning their thoughts, mentality, and actions were drifting further and further from the ways of the Lord, His principles and purposes.

Comment [81]: the seal of the Living God. The Lord can apply this to His servants. Accept His covenant, which includes the Sabbath. For a study on law, grace, the New Covenant, Sabbath & the Gospel,

see PAPER “Love in a Stone Age” (free Download PDF) at:



http://www.mediafire.com/view/516h5bjt0lciyyt/Love_in_a_Stone_Age.pdf

(3) saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. (4) And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel: (5) Of the tribe of Judah *were* sealed twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand; (6) Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand; (7) Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand; (8) Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand. (9) After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before

Comment [82]: again, in other words from vs. 1 & 2, God is protecting the earth while He seals His servants. Becoming God's servant is an act rooted in grace, by faith it turns into obedience and glory to God. It comes from following & accepting His ways.

Comment [83]: notice how the seal is on the forehead (a symbol for your mind or belief system). We are saved by faith not works (Eph 2:8-9, Rom 3:22+, ...)

Comment [84]: whether literal or symbolic/spiritual number (or both) the author does not know. Do we need this information for our salvation? Is this information pertinent to my life application today? Are there things we don't understand? (1Cor 13:12, Mt 13:10-11, ...) Truth is progressive....the Revealing....

Comment [85]: Manasseh is listed instead of Dan, not sure why (Gen 35:22+, etc)

the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; (10) and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb. (11) And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, (12) saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. (13) And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and whence came they? (14) And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (15) Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and

he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. (16) They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: (17) for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 8 (1) And when he opened

the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. (2) And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets.

(3) And another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (4) And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers

Comment [86]: a container for the incense (or prayers)

Comment [87]: God is interceding with our prayers! Prayers get anointed and ministered to!

of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. (5) And the angel taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake. (6) And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. (7) And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. (8) And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; (9) and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, *even* they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed. (10) And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part

Comment [88]: the 'smoke of our prayers' goes up before God. This is the good news for believers—our prayers go before God! Contrast this with the unfaithful or unrighteous, whose smoke of their pain rises up ([Third Angels' Message Rev 14:11](#), [19:3](#), etc)

of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; (11) and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. (12) And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner. (13) And I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

Comment [89]: or angel (a messenger) (i.e., Dan 9:21, Lk 1:19, 26...)

Revelation 9 (1) And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the

key of the pit of the abyss. (2) And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. (3) And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. (4) And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads. (5) And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it striketh a man. (6) And in those days men shall seek death, and shall in no wise find it; and they shall desire to die, and death fleeth from them. (7) And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war; and upon their heads as it were crowns like unto gold, and

Comment [90]: or “bottomless pit”—even a ‘living hell’. The devil’s ways (sin/unrightousness 1Jn 3:4) get worse & worse—there can be “no depth to hell”—but Jesus can bring us out, no matter how far we’ve gone down. As long as we’re alive...let us turn to Him. (Jn 3:16, ...)



Comment [91]: a scary (or painful) situation; however, we can have protection in Jesus if we claim Him and His promises. Let us stick to Him (Psalm 91, Heb 13:5, Ps 27:5, etc)

Psalm 91

Hebrews 13:5

PSALM 27:5

their faces were as men's faces. (8) And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions. (9) And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war. (10) And they have tails like unto scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men five months. (11) They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek *tongue* he hath the name Apollyon. (12) The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woes hereafter. (13) And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, (14) one saying to the sixth angel that had one trumpet, Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates. (15) And the four angels were loosed, that had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men.

Comment [92]: meaning 'destruction'. A dark time, where the devil has power to do evil

(16) And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard the number of them. (17) And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates *as* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone: and the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceedeth fire and smoke and brimstone. (18) By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. (19) For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like unto serpents, and have heads; and with them they hurt. (20) And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: (21) and they repented not of their

Comment [93]: these plagues afflict the evil—the lost—the ones who don't develop faith. Let us get into the Bible, church, prayer, ministry, sermons, etc....

See VIDEO "How do I choose a Church?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U0VjPQYkU>



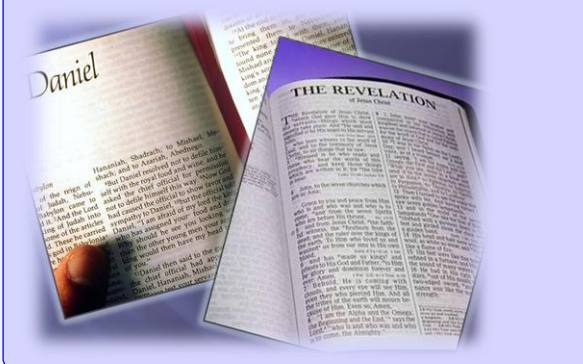
murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 10 (1) And I saw another

strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; (2) and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth; (3) and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. (4) And when the seven thunders uttered *their voices*, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. (5) And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, (6) and swore by

Comment [94]: try to imagine this section. See if you can picture some of this in your head

Comment [95]: is this the book of Daniel? The book was shut 'til the end of time (Dan 12:4,9). Daniel and Revelation are companion books—they go together and can be studied together



him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer: (7) but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets. (8) And the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard it* again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. (9) And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey. (10) And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. (11) And

Comment [96]: similar to Dan 12:7

Comment [97]: the Creator God

Comment [98]: some people thought the Lord would return in 1844 (known in history as The Great Disappointment). Out of this struggle, came many great things....

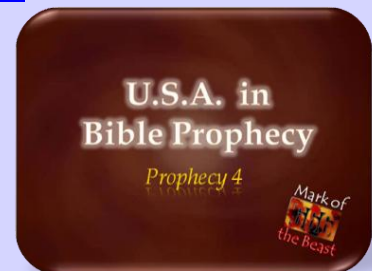
Comment [99]: the end of time (in this world), coming up...

Comment [100]: sea representing populated areas (Rev 17:15), thus the world (not God's people) and applying prophetically to Europe. The earth (or land) represents sparse or un-populated area (applying prophetically to the United States.)

See VIDEO "P3-The Great Sea Beast"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8W9Y4oIIHA>



or VIDEO "P4-USA in Bible Prophecy"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rY2IRXLUg0s>



Comment [101]: Jer 15:16

they say unto me, Thou must prophesy again over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

Revelation 11 (1) And there was given

me a reed like unto a rod: and one said, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. (2) And the court which is without the temple leave without,

and measure it not; for it hath been given unto the nations: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. (3) And I will

give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (4) These

are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth. (5) And if any man desireth to hurt them, fire proceedeth

out of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; and if any man shall desire to hurt them, in this

Comment [102]: sanctuary reference—the “court” outside the temple, meaning the world (not God’s people). “Don’t measure it” meaning apply not the Judgment to them yet (1Pe 4:17)



Comment [103]: 42 months is 1260 days (at 30 days/month). Prophetically, this is the 1260-year time period using the Day-for-a-Year principle (Eze 4:5-6, Num 14:34)

Comment [104]: 1260, connecting with the 42-month interpretation

manner must he be killed. (6) These have the power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they shall desire. (7) And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that cometh up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. (8) And their dead bodies lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. (9) And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do men look upon their dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. (10) And they that dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and make merry; and they shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. (11) And after the three days and a half the breath of life from God

Comment [105]: again the “dark ages”, the 1260, the period of Papal persecution. Notice how persecution turns back on the persecutors (“fire proceedeth out of their [the witnesses] mouth”)

Comment [106]: the sea beast (Rev 13), also the harlot (Rev 17), also the power behind the Roman nation (Dan 7:7-8)... All are the Roman Catholic church (Papacy)!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8W9Y4oIIHA>



Comment [107]: Papal persecution of Christians

entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them that beheld them. (12) And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them. (13) And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand persons: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. (14) The second Woe is past: behold, the third Woe cometh quickly. (15) And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever. (16) And the four and twenty elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God, (17) saying, **We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast;** because thou hast taken thy great

Comment [108]: “who is and who was and who is to come” (some versions). God is infinite (“only God has immortality” 1Tim 6:16). Meanwhile, the beast is an imitator (“was, but is not” [Rev 17:8, 11](#)). The beast tries to be alive, but only God has life and that life is in His Son (1Jn 5:12-13, John 3:16, etc)

1 John 5:12

power, and didst reign. (18) And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth. (19) And there was opened the temple of God that is in heaven;

Comment [109]: the real temple—the temple in heaven! The sanctuary on earth (the wilderness tabernacle) God gave to Moses (Ex 25:9, 40) for the Israelites journey from Egypt to Canaan (Ex to Deut). As amazing as it was, this earthly sanctuary of sacrifices and offerings was only a SHADOW of the real heavenly temple where Jesus ministers (Heb 8:1-2,5, 9:24, ...)!



and there was seen in his temple **the ark of his covenant**; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

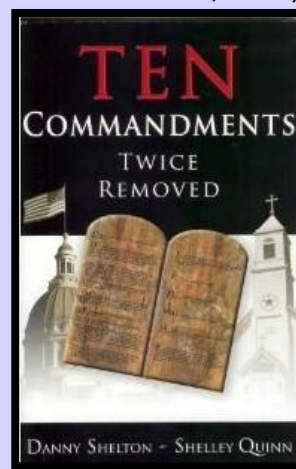
Revelation 12 (1) And a great sign was

seen in heaven: a **woman** arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; (2) and she was with child; and she crieth out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered. (3) And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red **dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. (4) And his tail draweth the third part of the **stars** of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon standeth before the woman that is about to be delivered, that when she is delivered he may devour her child. (5) And she was delivered of a

Comment [110]: the ark of 10 commandments (eternal covenant), also written as "The Testimony" (Ex 25:16, 22, etc) .



Yes, the 10 Commandments are alive! A good book to review on Sabbath vs. Sunday issues is *Ten Commandments, Twice Removed* (Danny Shelton & Shelley Quinn, Remnant Publications, 2005)



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Comment [111]: lots of symbolism here.... Neat imagery...praise God!. If you like, try to imagine the imagery (like in [Rev 10](#))

Comment [112]: a woman represents a church (Jer 6:2, 2Cor 11:2, by analogy Eph 5:23-25)

Comment [113]: who is "the dragon"? (see [v. 9](#))

Comment [114]: stars are angels ([Rev 1:20](#))

son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. (6) And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days. (7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; (8) And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. (10) And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God,

Comment [115]: again, the 1260 prophecy

Comment [116]: in Hebrew Mîykâ'êl, or "he who is like God". A symbol for Jesus!

Comment [117]: Is 14:12

Comment [118]: Bible definition! (another Bible symbol). Who is this sinister character (Jn 10:10)? Once beautiful and amazing, intelligent and splendid (Is 14:12-14, ...), now turned rogue, evil, and unrepentant (not willing to change his ways)....

See AMAZING FACTS Study Guide (www.amazingfacts.org) "Did God Create the Devil?"



<http://www.amazingfacts.org/media-library/study-guide/e/4979/t/did-god-create-the-devil.aspx>

Comment [119]: "drew a third part of the stars of heaven" (v. 4)

and the authority of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night. (11) And **they overcame him** because of **the blood of the Lamb**, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death. (12) Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that **he hath but a short time**. (13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he **persecuted the woman** that brought forth the man *child*. (14) And there were **given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. (15) And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. (16) And the earth

Comment [120]: a description of the devil; "Satan" means 'adversary'. (see comment at [v.9](#))

Comment [121]: Christians/believers overcome the enemy (1Cor 15:57, 1Jn 5:4, 4:4, ...)

Comment [122]: the priceless blood of Jesus, His sacrifice

Comment [123]: the devil has a death sentence ([Rev 20:10](#))

Comment [124]: symbols for persecuting the church & Christian believers. The devil does this through people.

Comment [125]: one of the many ways God helps save the faithful.

"Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing"

(Ellen White, *The Ministry of Healing* chap. 40 p. 481 {MH 481.2} or *The Desire of Ages* chap. 34 p. 330 {DA 330.1}) .

See VIDEO "True vs. False Prophet"

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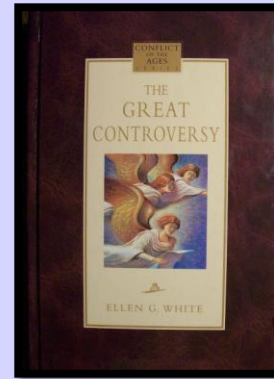
helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth. (17) And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus:

Revelation 13 (1) And he stood upon

the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns, and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. (2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

(3) And *I saw* one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke

Comment [126]: part of the epic, spiritual *Great Controversy*, summarized in one line.



Great Controversy PDF:

<http://www.connectingwithjesus.org/media/GC.pdf>

Great Controversy audio:

<http://ellenwhiteaudio.org/books/ellen-g-white-audiobooks/great-controversy/>

Comment [127]: represents the Papacy—the Papal power (just like the Little horn of Dan 7).

See VIDEO “P3-The Great Sea Beast”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8W9Y4oIIHA>



Comment [128]: the dragon gave the sea beast his power: the devil gives the papacy power! Straight talk from the Bible when you decode the symbols....

was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;

Comment [129]: ‘the whole earth was in amazement after the beast’. Many people, like most of the world, respect, appreciate, follow, or even adore the Papacy (the Catholic church). People marvel (in their heads) or are in awe of it they way you would be spellbound during a spectacular magician’s trick. (The magicians in Egypt did some feats Ex 7:22, 8:7)

See VIDEO “Death Part II - Is it a Saint or Satan?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2pJHBym9Xg>



(4) and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? And who is able to war with him?

Comment [130]: (the world) gave worship to the dragon—people are doing this even unknowingly, unintentionally (Mt 6:24, ...). God and the devil are competing for worship (Rev 14:7, Mt 4:9-10, Jn 4:22-23, Dan 3:18, 28,)

Comment [131]: again, people (the world in general) regard the beast, the Papacy, as awesome or consider them THE religious authority on earth or the leader of religions



(5) and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority to continue forty and two months. (6) And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, *even* them that dwell in the heaven. (7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (8) And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, *every one* whose name hath not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain.

Comment [132]: the arrogant mouth of the Papacy (when you get into some of the claims). The little horn of Dan 7:20, 25, ...

Comment [133]: again, the time prophecy (see [Rev 11:2](#))

Comment [134]: the Papal persecution of Christians (the 'dark ages', etc)

Comment [135]: there are two teams

(9) If any man hath an ear, let him hear. (10) If any man *is* for captivity, into captivity he goeth: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword must he be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Comment [136]: an expression for ‘pay attention to what I’m writing here!’

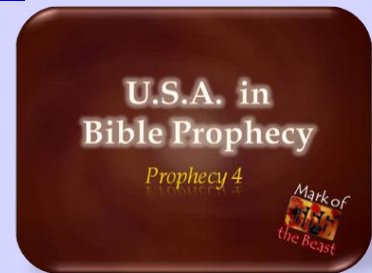
Comment [137]: “you reap what you sow” (Gal 6:7). In other words, if you play with guns, you’re going to get played by guns; if you murder, you’re going to get murdered, etc. In the Revised Standard:

If any one is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if any one slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints (Revelation 13:10)

(RSV, a nice version for devotional)
This can be referred to as ‘karma’ by much of the world or even ‘paybacks’.... There is escape through Jesus and He can break the cycle (Ex 20:5-6, Jn 14:6, ...)

Comment [138]: similar expression to [Rev 14:12](#)

Comment [139]: this is the 2nd beast (of this chapter): the Earth beast. See VIDEO “P4-USA in Bible Prophecy” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rY2IRXLUg0s>



(11) And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. (12) And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in

Comment [140]: notice the contrast: a lamb (Jn 1:29, 36) and a dragon ([Rev 12:9](#))—quite opposite! Looks like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon: confusing, deceptive, possibly terrible beast indeed! (Mt 7:15)

Comment [141]: lots of power! The Bible indicates that this 2nd beast (the earth beast) has the Papacy’s power! Watch out for persecution! The [3 Angel’s Messages \(Rev 14:6-12\)](#) are the victory over the beast! God can keep us through trouble (Ps 91, 27:5, Phil 4:13, ...)

his sight. And he maketh the earth and them dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed. (13) And he doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men.

(14) And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who hath the stroke of the sword and lived. (15) And it was given unto him to give breath to it, even to the image to the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Comment [142]: the earth beast (USA) causes (influences) the world to worship (through the Papacy)! Again, competing for worship (Ex 20:1-3, ...) Notice how this is 'forced' worship, a coerced worship ("maketh"), not a free act of love, will, conscience.... (i.e. 2Cor 9:7)

Comment [143]: great powers, even supernatural "tricks". See VIDEO "Death Part II - Is it a Saint or Satan?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2pJHBym9Xg>



Comment [144]: "he" (the earth beast) deceives!: the devil's great strategy (Mt 10:16, ...)

Comment [145]: earth beast (the 2nd beast, USA) compels people to "recreate" the Papacy, now forcing worship including death penalty (similar to Dan 3)

See VIDEO on Daniel chapter 3 "P5-TOO HOT...The Lord's Glory"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1JyUE-RHBk>



(16) And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead; (17) and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, *even* the name of the beast or the number of his name. (18) Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and sixty and six.

Comment [146]: again, forced worship: an enforced decree. Hang in there for the victory: [Revelation 14!](#)

Comment [147]: a.k.a., the whole world

Comment [148]: the mark of the beast, opposite the seal of God (Rom 4:11, [Rev 7:2](#)). To uncover the mark of the beast, check out the VIDEO "P4-USA in Bible Prophecy"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rY2IRXLUg0s>



Comment [149]: refers to "the ways of man", not the principles ("ways") of God. 6 is man's number: they don't use the Bible, they stray from the Word (Adam & Eve, Tower of Babel...)

Revelation 14 (1) And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. (2) And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and

Comment [150]: the **VICTORY** over [Revelation 13](#) and the beasts!

Comment [151]: John is still in vision

Comment [152]: despite all the darkness and rebellion (of the last chapter), Jesus is still in control. He lives and stands, He is in charge, and will triumph (Jn 16:33, ...)

Comment [153]: looks like the seal ([Rev 7:2](#))

Comment [154]: God's voice

the voice which I heard *was* as *the voice* of harpers harping with their harps: (3) and they sing as it were a new song **before the throne**, and before the four living creatures and the elders: and no man could learn the song save **the hundred and forty and four thousand**, *even* they that had been purchased out of the earth. (4) **These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These *are* they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, *to be* the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb.** (5) And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish.

Comment [155]: back in heaven, in the throne room ([Rev 4](#))

Comment [156]: the hundred forty-four thousand (144k) ([Rev 7:4](#))



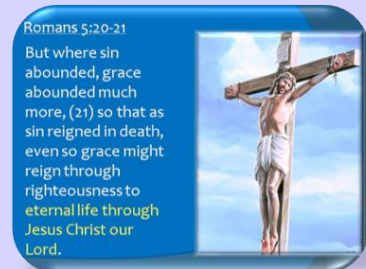
Three Angel's Messages

(6) And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

Comment [157]: Revelation 14, verses 6-12—PRESENT TRUTH—truth for today! The times we're living in...

Comment [158]: an angel is a messenger (see comment at [Rev 8:13](#)), so messages are going around the world, with and without technology

Comment [159]: the GOSPEL going around the world. See VIDEO "Good God...Bad World...Why?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to9FpQoV0Z8>



The 'everlasting gospel' includes the New Covenant which includes the 10 Commandments. See VIDEO "The Law of Love"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxZmtkRQYQk>



1st Angel

(7) and he saith with a great voice, Fear God,

Comment [160]: this is the good “fear”: to respect God, to revere and look at Him in awe, courtesy...to honor Him, appreciate Him. Even to obey Him....

and give him glory; for

Comment [161]: that is the question

the hour of his judgment

Comment [162]: we are living in the ‘judgment hour’—the time of His judgment! (Dan 7:22,), this current time period of Laodicea ([Rev 3:14+](#))

is come: and worship him that made the heaven

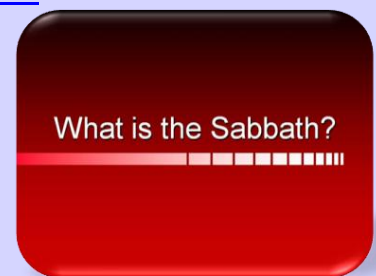
Comment [163]: worship God. Again the call for true worship (Jn 4:23-24)

and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

Comment [164]: which God? the Creator God! The Maker of heaven and earth—this is the God we should revere! Notice the reference to creation: the true God is specifically identified as the Creator God. This is related to creation week and the Sabbath (Gen 1, 2:1-4).

See VIDEO “What is the Sabbath?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtsOFaWc5ho>



2nd Angel

(8) And another, a second angel, followed, saying, **Fallen, fallen** is **Babylon the great,**

Comment [165]: important terminology: “Fallen”! Babylon has left the gospel path (and therefore leaving the kingdom of heaven). “How you are fallen” (Is 14:12, ...)

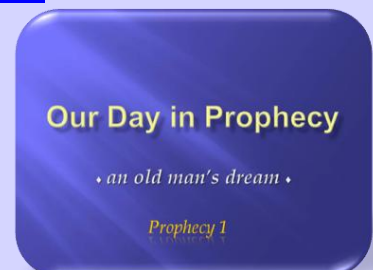
Comment [166]: Spiritual Babylon. See VIDEO “What is Babylon?”
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Literal Babylon had already been destroyed (history circa 539 BC). See VIDEO on Daniel chapter 5 “P7-The Fall of Babylon”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUI2oTLyi4g>



or See VIDEO “P1-Our Day in Prophecy”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3C4KZENRskO>



that hath made all the nations to drink of the

wine

of the wrath of her fornication.

Comment [167]: false doctrine (Jer 51:7). Truth—the words of the Bible & Jesus—is important (Jn 8:31-32). [The mark of the beast is NOT on the gospel path. The mark of the beast should be a 'DANGER' sign like driving down the wrong road]. Also an expression for 'wrath' (Jer 25:15-17, Mk 14:36)

Comment [168]: spiritually adulterous (having other gods) (Ex 20:3, ...)

3rd Angel

(9) And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshipping the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand,

(10) he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Comment [169]: again, it all comes down to worship. We are all worshipping ~something even if we think of it that way or not. If the mind is like an altar, you can place on it the True Creator God, or a variety of other things... (Mt 24:35, ...)

Comment [170]: the mark is on the forehead (symbol for your belief system) OR hand (symbol for your works). Compare with the seal of God which is only on the forehead—your belief system. (Related comment at [Rev 7:3](#)) → **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH!** See Sermon VIDEO “Rags to Riches”

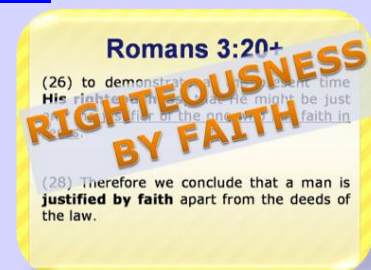
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Comment [171]: God’s judgment on sin and sinners (Rom 6:23), including spiritual Babylon: the Catholic church and many ‘Protestant’ churches and their members who have not heeded the call to Come Out of Babylon [2nd Angel’s Message Rev 14:8, 18:4](#)). Also includes the world (non-believers who receive the mark [v.9](#)).

CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH IS THE ONLY WAY THROUGH! See very nice Sermon VIDEO “Rags to Riches”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKBv6Hpl8MY>



(11) and the smoke of their torment goeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name. (12) Here is the patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. (13) And I heard the voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

Comment [172]: please don't make a doctrine out of this phrase; check the rest of the Bible for consistency (Is 28:10, 13, 2Tim 3:16, 2:15, see comment at [Rev 19:3](#)).

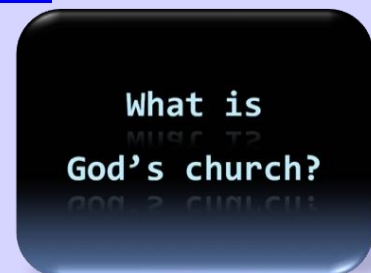
Comment [173]: God's saints. The real, Biblical saints, not necessarily deceased people that a church has declared to be saints (i.e. Catholic church with various Saints). God has been calling His people out of Babylon ([Rev 14:8](#), [18:2-4](#)), to join His **remnant**. The **remnant** is a Biblically accurate and historic concept, sometimes referred to as the 'residue' or 'remainder' (i.e. Dan 7:7,19, and here [Rev 14:12](#)).

→ The faithful **remnant** vs. groups of apostasy. For example:

- *rebellion at Mt Sinai*: a remnant (a minority) accepted His law, while the rest apostatized, leading to idolatry (Ex 32:7-8)
- *Judah vs. Israel in the promised land*: a smaller group (a remnant) was faithful while many of "God's people" apostatized, wicked kings, etc. (Jer 2:5+, Rom 9:6-8, ...)
- *Noah in the world*: kept God's promises despite (local) worldwide rebellion, disinterest, and/or disbelief ("science was their god", etc...)
- *Elijah..., Daniel chap. 3..., ...*

→ The **remnant** is a Biblical concept from Genesis to Revelation (Jer 23:3, 42:2, Is 1:9, 10:19-22, Rom 11:5, ...). A remnant is described here in [Rev 14:12](#). See VIDEO "How do I choose a Church?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UOVjPQYkU>



Revelation 14:12 - Amplified

Here [*comes in a call for*] the steadfastness of the saints [*the patience, the endurance of the people of God*], those who [*habitually*] keep God's commandments and [*their*] faith in Jesus.

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(14) And I saw, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud *I saw* one sitting like

unto a son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand sharp sickle.

(15) And another angel came out from the temple, crying with a great voice to him that sat on the cloud, Send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. (16) And he that sat on the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped. (17) Another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. (18) And another angel came out from the altar, he that hath power over fire; and he called with a great voice to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Send forth thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth;

Comment [174]: starting a description of the Second Coming of Christ.

See VIDEO "The Second Coming - Are you ready?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOrDhcChKvE>



Comment [175]: referring to Jesus (i.e. Mt 8:20, 9:6, ...)

Comment [176]: the reaping (based on the judgment). Notice how the (investigative) judgment ("judgment hour" or "time of His judgment" [Rev 14:7](#), Dan 7:22, 26) happened BEFORE the reaping (sentencing or rewards). It's logical, biblical, and like in a courtroom: You must examine the evidence first before you give a sentence (examine the fruit...).

Comment [177]: the angel is not in charge (making the command); s/he is a messenger, proclaiming what has already been declared. (i.e. [Rev 22:11](#))

Comment [178]: a metaphor for sorting the saved from the lost ('sifting the earth') (Mt 13:30, 38-42, ...); a farming analogy or symbol (i.e. Mt 13:3+, verse 10...).

for her grapes are fully ripe. (19) And the angel cast his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and cast it into the winepress, the great *winepress*, of the wrath of God. (20) And the winepress was trodden without the city, and there came out blood from the winepress, even unto the bridles of the horses, as far as a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Comment [179]: referring to the lost

Comment [180]: outside the city of God (again, the lost)

Comment [181]: 200 miles (based on a furlong = 1/8 mile). Imagery (of payback/judgment for the lost) of a pool of blood like 4 feet tall and 200 miles long....

Comment [182]: Remember, Revelation isn't always chronological: sometimes the timing or sequence of events jumps back and forth as you read chapters (like the prophetic book Daniel, parts in the first few chapters of Genesis...).

Comment [183]: in heaven ([Rev 4:6](#)).

See AMAZING FACTS VIDEO (www.amazingfacts.org) on heaven "Is Heaven 4 Real?"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-qsxXr0YrY> (video originating elsewhere)

Comment [184]: victory over the beast and his evil, traps/snares, and deception ([Rev 13:14+](#))

Revelation 15 (1) And I saw another

sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having seven plagues, *which are* the last,

for in them is finished the wrath of God. (2)

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having

harps of God. (3) And they sing the song of

Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages. (4)

Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest. (5)

And after these things I saw, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was

opened: (6) and there came out from the temple the seven angels that had the seven plagues, arrayed with *precious* stone, pure and bright, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles. (7) And one of the four living creatures

gave unto the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. (8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the

Comment [185]: praising God, again, even in light of His judgments, destruction, and pain inflicted on people (v.1). Yea, they call God's judgments on people a righteous act. Do we understand how that can be good or ok?

Comment [186]: again, the heavenly temple (Heb 8:1-2,5, 9:24)



Comment [187]: the mysterious 4 creatures around God's throne (Rev 4:6-8). Are there any artists out there? If you like, send me some creatures! (check Eze chap. 1 for more info on these creatures, email me at [contact info](#))

seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

Revelation 16 (1) And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth. (2) And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a noisome and grievous sore upon the men that had the mark of the beast, and that worshipped his image.

Comment [188]: Again, the glory of God associated with judgment (similar comment at [y.3-4](#)). God’s character is mercy & righteousness—He is merciful, but still retains righteousness.



In the Most Holy, the Ark of the Covenant contained the law of 10 Commandments, which was under the Mercy seat (Ex 25:21) → Mercy covered the law, but the law was still there....

Comment [189]: the 7 plagues of Revelation. Compare with the 10 plagues on Egypt (Ex 7:17+):

	Rev. 16	Exo. 7:14+
#	Bowls of wrath	Egypt
1	sore	rivers -> blood
2	sea -> blood	frogs
3	rivers -> blood	lice
4	sun/heat scorched	flies
5	darkness & pain	livestock diseased
6	Euphrates dried up	boils
7	earthquake & hail	hail
8		locusts
9		darkness
10		death firstborn

Comment [190]: 1st plague: sores. Similar as the 6th plague in Egypt: boils (Ex 9:8-9)

Comment [191]: these plagues are on people who have received the mark, a sign of rejecting Christ. Although the beasts of [Rev 13](#) tried to enforce and coerce people to receive it, the mark represents sin, and these judgments are on them

(3) And the second poured out his bowl into the sea; and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living soul died, *even* the things that were in the sea. (4) And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; and it became blood. (5) And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst thus judge: (6) for they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets, and blood hast thou given them to drink: they are worthy. (7) And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. (8) And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given unto it to scorch men with fire. (9) And men were scorched with great heat: and they blasphemed the name of God who hath the power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory. (10) And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his

Comment [192]: 2nd plague: sea turns to blood. Similar as the 1st plague in Egypt: rivers turn to blood (Ex 7:17)

Comment [193]: 3rd plague: rivers turn to blood. Similar as the 1st plague in Egypt (Ex 7:17)

Comment [194]: again, God is called righteous for destroying and penalizing the wicked. Do we understand this? (also [v. 7](#))

Comment [195]: the persecutors get persecuted—it comes back on them. You reap what you sow? (Gal 6:7, Job 4:8, Hos 8:7). There is mercy in Jesus....

Comment [196]: similarly like “an eye for an eye”, like Rev [13:10](#)?

Comment [197]: 4th plague: sun scorches. No apparent similar plague in Egypt

Comment [198]: God seems to be allowing people to turn to Him, even after the mark of the beast ([Rev 13:16-17](#), [14:9](#)), even after His servants have been sealed ([Rev 7:2-3](#))? God is still allowing people to choose Him (or surrender to Him) during these painful plagues? (Josh 24:15)

kingdom was darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, (11) and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their works. (12) And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the *river* Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that *come* from the sunrising. (13) And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs:

Comment [199]: 5th plague: darkness. Similar as the 9th plague in Egypt (Ex 10:21-23)

Comment [200]: 6th plague: river dries up. No apparent similar plague in Egypt; however, this is how (literal) Babylon fell (history and Daniel 5:30): The river going into the city dried up and armies sacked the unrepentant Babylon (like [v.11](#)). [For example, read "Persia captures Babylon" at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylon>]

See VIDEO on Daniel chapter 5 "P7-The Fall of Babylon"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUIJ2oTLyi4g>



"From the sunrising", from the Lord (see comment at [Rev 7:2](#))

(14) for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. (15)

(Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.) (16) And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon. (17)

And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the temple, from the throne, saying, It is done: (18)

and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. (19)

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. (20) And every island

Comment [201]: Be aware of deception and don't have to worry if you are Christ's (claiming Him). These are supernatural, spiritual dark (evil) forces influencing the lost. Know that the dead are asleep (and are therefore not influencing the living, Ecc 9:5-6,10).

See VIDEO "Death Part I - How Dead are the Dead?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9gMiGkJAOE>



See VIDEO "Death Part II - Is it a Saint or Satan?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2pJHBym9Xg>



Comment [202]: Jesus talking, again about the 2nd coming and awaiting Him. This is not a secret rapture—no one knows the day or hour of his return (Mt 24:36)—but to the lost, the 2nd Coming will be a surprise or unexpected event like His analogy: a thief sneaking into a house (Mt 24-42:44).

Comment [203]: 7th plague: earthquake and hail (v. 21).

fled away, and the mountains were not found.

(21) And **great hail**, *every stone* about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great.

Revelation 17 (1) And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the judgment of the **great harlot** that **sitteth upon many waters**; (2) with whom the **kings of the earth committed fornication**, and they that

Comment [204]: continuing the 7th plague (see [v.18](#)). Similar as the 7th plague in Egypt: hail (Ex 9:18-19)

Comment [205]: or “great whore”. Spiritual apostasy is having different “lovers”: having different gods and not faithful to Jesus or the Creator God ([First Angel’s Message, Rev 14:7](#)). The first 4 commandments show us how to worship (Ex 20:1-11) :



10 commandments (short form):

1. no other gods
2. no idols or images
3. respect Lord’s name
4. honor/remember 7th-day Sabbath

Comment [206]: important symbolism. (For ‘waters’ see [v. 15](#))



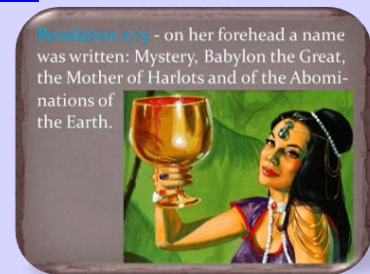
Comment [207]: political powers (“the kings”) were in (sinful) collaboration with this harlot. Again, “fornication” (like “harlot” in [v.1](#)) is a play on spiritual adultery with God and unfaithfulness.

dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication.

Comment [208]: wine is false doctrine & lies. Not the truth. False teachings lead to spiritual drunkenness (non-sobriety), while truth (God's Word and like the [3 Angel's Messages](#)) lead to spiritual sobriety. God is calling His people out of Babylon ([Rev 18:4](#)), into the Remnant (see [Rev 14:12](#)), into spiritual sobriety.

See VIDEO "What is Babylon?"

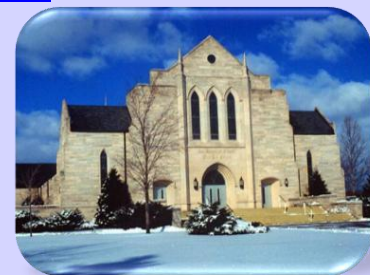
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(3) And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness:

See VIDEO "How do I choose a Church?"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U0VjPQYk_U



and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy,

Comment [209]: John is still receiving a vision (again). This is symbolic...

Comment [210]: still this "great whore" ([v.1](#)). A beast represents a nation or political (and thus military) power (Dan 7:17, 23).

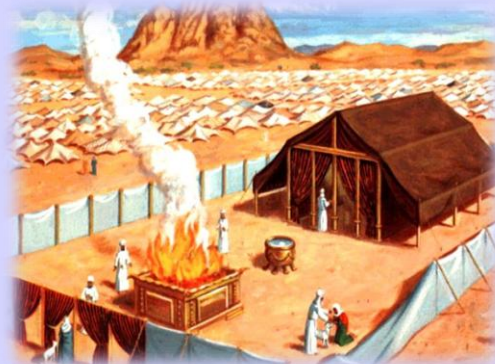


having seven heads and ten horns. (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls,

having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, even the unclean things of her fornication, (5) and upon her forehead a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF

Comment [211]: same as [Rev 13:1](#)—describing the beast; John is still in vision

Comment [212]: notice ‘blue’ is not in this list. Blue represents the law (Num 15:38-41) and was included in the Sanctuary (Ex 25:4, 26:1, 31, 36, 27:16, 28:5-6, 28:8, ...).



A woman represents a church (see comment at [Rev 12:1](#)). So symbolically, this church in [Rev 17](#) did away with some of the law (Dan 7:25).

Comment [213]: her sins—the wickedness she has committed over time

Comment [214]: Babylon the great is the Catholic church over time. The “Mother of harlots” indicates daughter churches (“offspring harlots”) a.k.a. the many “protestant” churches still founded and operating on some Catholic doctrines. (This is not denomination bashing, but about churches, powers, or individuals that stand, or not stand, on the Word of God, the Bible, the history of Protestant reform...).

See VIDEO “What is Babylon?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfsWlk2hzT4>



THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (6)

And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.** And when I saw her, I wondered with a great wonder. (7) And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of **the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns.** (8) **The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and is about to come up** out of the abyss, and to go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, *they* whose name hath not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast, how **that he was, and is not, and shall come.** (9) Here is the mind that hath wisdom. The **seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth: (10)** and they are **seven kings;** the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little while. (11) And the beast

Comment [215]: God calls them “abominations”—come out! ([Rev 18:2-4](#))

Comment [216]: persecution

Comment [217]: the “woman that rides the beast” (see [v.18](#))

Comment [218]: the beast that “was, is not, and shall ascend”. The beast that “was”: papal power during the 1260-year reign (‘middle ages’, Dan 7:25). “Is not”: the temporary defeat of the Catholic church, when Napoleon’s General Berthier of France entered Rome and took the Pope captive in 1798. This was a temporary defeat or setback of the papal power (“is not”), which has been restoring power in the last 100 years.



“About to come up”: one last chance at life. But Babylon is Fallen ([2nd Angel’s Message](#))

For more, see VIDEO “P2-the Little Horn” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAycV Nb68eU>



Comment [219]: same expression as beginning of [v.8](#)

Comment [220]: Bible decoding symbols

that was, and is not, **is himself also an eighth,**
and is of the seven; and he goeth into perdition.

(12) And the ten horns that thou sawest are ten
kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but
they receive authority as kings, with the beast,
for one hour. (13) These have one mind, and
they give their power and authority unto the

beast. (14) These shall war against the Lamb,
and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is

Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they *also*
shall overcome that are with him, called and

chosen and faithful. **(15) And he saith unto me,**

The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot
sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and

nations, and tongues.

Comment [221]: foretelling, again, the fall of the beast (the Papacy) ('he is an eighth, of the seven') going into 'perdition' (destruction or ruin). The fall of Babylon is expanded on in [Rev 18](#).

Comment [222]: these 10 kings (10 nations) are given power (temporarily) to help and aide the beast (Catholic church power). "One hour" refers to a short time. (continue reading, [v.16](#))

Comment [223]: Victory in Jesus, again!

Comment [224]: Bible definition of waters: Waters are a bunch of people—highly populated areas: the earth, the "world". Europe fits this really well.

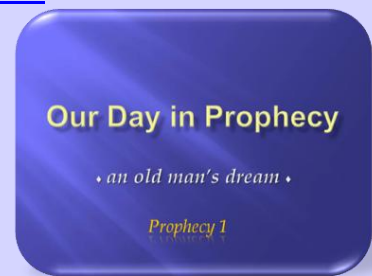
(16) And the ten horns which thou sawest, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her utterly with fire. (17) For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their

kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. (18) And the woman whom thou sawest is the great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Comment [225]: these 10 kings now turn on the Papacy and attack it! They were a power for the Papacy (v.12-13) but now are against the harlot.

Comment [226]: God is putting His will into the worldly nations—God is still in control! See the timeline, VIDEO “P1-Our Day in Prophecy”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3C4KZENRsko>



Comment [227]: NOTE: Referring to the Papacy & Catholic church—it is the SYSTEM (and thus majority of its individuals) who this applies to. There are individuals in there who are not this way and can learn of the Creator God, to worship Him and come out of Babylon, righteousness through faith alone (Rom 3:28, ...)—[The Three Angels' Messages](#). To reinforce, the Bible is talking about the majority of the system and the populace as a whole, not necessarily every individual in that system. (Similar to when the Bible says, again and again through the major prophets, that Israel played the harlot and rebelled (Is 1:21, Jer 3:1, 6, Eze 16:35+, ...). It was the system as a whole and the majority of its inhabitants.... (See comment about the Remnant at [Rev 14:12](#)).

Comment [228]: that great city: the spiritual Babylonian empire—The Papacy—which has influenced in the political powers: “reigning over kings”. In other words, the “woman rides the beast”: the church is in control and influencing political powers (v.7). Church influencing state.

Revelation 18 (1) After these things I

saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory. (2) And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird.

(3) For by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations are fallen;

and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her,

and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her wantonness.

Comment [229]: the destruction of spiritual Babylon

Comment [230]: the real, prophetic, spiritual description of what's really going on inside many fallen minds, Catholic and Protestant, (false) religious systems, individuals not grasping the truth.... See VIDEO "What is Babylon?" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfsWIk2hzT4>



Comment [231]: take note! (Spiritual) Babylon is described as unclean spirits and hateful birds (people)! You wouldn't want to raise your kids here or support their ministries....

Comment [232]: her approaches, including false doctrine—YES, TRUTH MATTERS! Actually contributing to the downfall of nations! (Mt 7:24-27, Is 14:12)

Comment [233]: NOT the separation of church and state. Ultimately, the Papacy is involved with political powers (including overtaking political powers like 'three horns plucked up' Dan 7:8, ...)

Comment [234]: Babylon is good for business! Their methods...notice how, for example, on holidays and religious days people go shopping and buy gifts? Some of this is influenced by papal & pagan practices and observances. In other words, these religions influence people to spend money, further taxing people.

(4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come forth, my people, out of her, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues:** (5) **for her sins have reached even unto heaven,** and God hath remembered her iniquities. (6) **Render unto her even as she rendered, and double *unto her*** the double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle unto her double. (7) How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for **she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning.** (8) **Therefore in one day shall her plagues come,** death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judged her. (9) **And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her,** when they look upon the smoke of her burning, (10) standing afar off

Comment [235]: God is calling His people out of Babylon! Not everybody, not the once-saved-always-saved crowd...He is calling HIS PEOPLE out of Babylon

Comment [236]: God says straightforwardly that Babylon is a fallen, sinful system....

Comment [237]: Pay her back twice with the sins she has committed.... God is merciful, but He still is/has justice. (See comment at [Rev 15:8.](#))

Comment [238]: Babylon, and thus individuals of the same mindset, ultimately say in their heart “I am in charge and will not get in trouble”—all outside the protection of God and outside the boundaries of His word (see Isaiah chap. 47 for a parallel). There is risk of safety outside of Christ.

Comment [239]: the destruction of Babylon comes quickly: “in one day”

Comment [240]: (at first, i.e. [Rev 17:16](#)) people will mourn over the loss of Babylon. At first...

for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. (11) And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise any more; (12) merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble; (13) and cinnamon, and spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep; and *merchandise* of horses and chariots and slaves; and souls of men. (14) And the fruits which thy soul lusted after are gone from thee, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from thee, and *men* shall find them no more at all. (15) The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off

Comment [241]: a quick fall, like the fall of literal Babylon ~539B.C. (Dan 5:30).

See VIDEO "P7-The Fall of Babylon"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUI2oTLyi4g>



Comment [242]: again, Babylon was good for business! Indirectly, "you scratch my back, I'll scratch your back"? (also comment at [v.3](#))

Comment [243]: God wants us to become first to be rich in Him (Mt 6:30-33)—through Christ, not the Babylonian (false) religious systems... (Jn 10:10, Ps 1, [Rev 3:17-18](#), ...)

for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; (16) saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she that was arrayed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearl!

(17) for in an hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and every one that saileth any wither, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood afar off, (18) and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like the great city? (19) And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. (20) Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged your judgment on her. (21) And a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone and cast it into the

Comment [244]: again, no blue (see comment at [Rev 17:4](#))

Comment [245]: again, judgment comes quickly ([v.8](#) and [v.10](#))

Comment [246]: God's people can be happy about this; God has judged (Rom 12:19, ...). Babylon is fallen ([Rev. 18](#)) is the 2nd Angel's Message.

sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall
Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall
be found no more at all. (22) And the voice of
harpers and minstrels and flute-players and
trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee;
and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft, shall be
found any more at all in thee; and the voice of a
mill shall be heard no more at all in thee; (23)
and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all
in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of
the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee:
for thy merchants were the princes of the earth;

Comment [247]: like literal Babylon (and Sodom and Gomorrah)....gone and not coming back! Empty! Deserted! Desolate!



(literal Babylon in 1932, wikipedia)

Comment [248]: Jesus will no longer minister in Babylon....Come out! ([Second Angel's Message Rev 14:8](#))

for with thy sorcery were all the nations deceived.

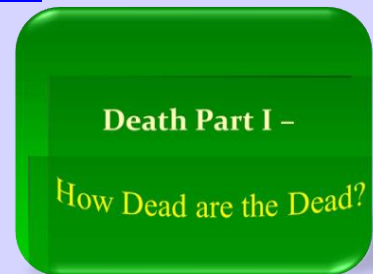
Comment [249]: “sorcery” from Greek word “pharmakeia” referring to medication or pharmacy, like the use of medicine, drugs, or spells. From Thayer’s definition:

1. the use or the administering of drugs
2. poisoning
3. sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry & fostered by it
4. metaphorically the deceptions and seductions of idolatry

It is very important we know that the dead sleep (Ecc 9:5-6,10).

See VIDEO “Death Part I - How Dead are the Dead?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9gMiGkJAOE>



See VIDEO “Death Part II - Is it a Saint or Satan?”

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(24) And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth.

Comment [250]: again this is the system of Cain, not of Abel (Gen 4:8)

Revelation 19 (1) After these things I

heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah; Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God: (2) for true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great harlot, her that corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. (3) And a second time they say, Hallelujah. And her smoke goeth up for ever and ever.

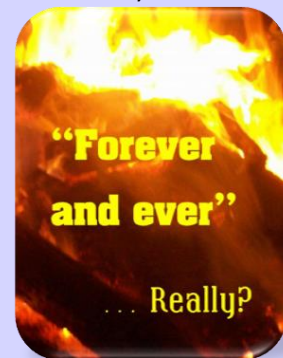
(4) And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God that sitteth on the throne, saying, Amen; Hallelujah. (5) And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all ye his servants, ye that fear him, the small and the great. (6) And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders,

Comment [251]: John still in vision, hearing these things...

Comment [252]: God is called righteous and just for destroying Babylon—come out! (see comments at [Rev 15:3-4](#), [16:5](#))

Comment [253]: a complicated issue or not understood.

See PAPER “Forever and Ever” (free Download PDF) at:



http://www.mediafire.com/view/ac61k252iy44waf/For_Ever_and_Ever.pdf

Comment [254]: from [Rev 4 \(v.4\)](#)

Comment [255]: lots of praise...

saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. (7) Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (8) And it was given unto her that she should array herself

in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (9) And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are true words of God.

Comment [256]: the bride of Christ—His church (Eph 5:25-32)—is ready after the destruction of Babylon ([Rev 18](#)).

See VIDEO “How do I choose a Church?”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U0VjPQYkU>



Comment [257]: Bible symbol: (fine/clean/pure) linen (or clothing) is righteousness, ultimately the righteousness of Christ (Philippians 3:8-9, ...).

See Sermon VIDEO “Rags to Riches”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKBv6Hpl8MY>



(10) And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not:

Comment [258]: John falls down to worship an angel and the angel says “don’t do it” 😊



I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Comment [259]: the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy! Prophecy and prophetic gifts are important to God’s church (Eph 4:11-14). This includes the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation,

See VIDEO series “Prophecy Series Key”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCh5Iqla5LQ>



and any prophets God has given us. See Ellen G. White or see how the Bible tells us to determine between true and false prophets and interpretations (Is 8:20, etc)

see VIDEO “True vs. False Prophet”
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCE96BD4840FF20E2>



(11) And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (12) And his eyes are a flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself. (13) And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure. (15) And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty.

(16) And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written, **KINGS OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. (17) And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid

Comment [260]: a description of Jesus: Jesus the CONQUEROR, Jesus the KING! When Jesus first came 2000 years ago, He came as a **LAMB**, crucified for sins (1 Pe 1:18-21, [Rev 13:8](#), ...). At the Second Coming, He returns as a **LION** ([Rev 5:5](#))! He first came as a **PEASANT** ("tabernacled among us" Jn 1:14, Lk 2:7), and will return as a **KING!** (Jer 23:5-6, Zec 9:9/Mt 21:5/Jn 12:15, 1Ti 6:14-15, [Rev 17:14](#), [19:16](#)).

(1) (2)
LAMB → LION
PEASANT → KING

See VIDEO "The Second Coming - Are you ready?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOrDhcChKvE>



Much of the world says "who can make war with [the beast]" (Rev [13:4](#)). But Jesus can! In actuality, who can make war with the Righteous King ([Rev 15:3-4](#), [16:5](#), [19:11](#), [19:16](#))? Pharaoh certainly didn't succeed (Ex 14:27-28, 15:19)

Comment [261]: God's judgment. Christ is our sacrifice (Heb 9:26, 28, 10:10, Rom 6:9-10, 2Cor 5:14-15, 1Pe 2:24). See VIDEO "Good God...Bad World...Why?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to9FpQoV0Z8>



Comment [262]: this is Jesus!

heaven, Come *and* be gathered together unto the great supper of God; (18) that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great. (19) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. (20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image:

Comment [263]: those against the Lord, Babylon, nations, ... (Mt 6:24, ...)

Comment [264]: modern-day Christianity. "Protestantism" acts as a false prophet, ultimately directing people back to the Papacy...

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."

(Ellen White, *The Great Controversy* chap. 36 p. 588 {GC 588.1})

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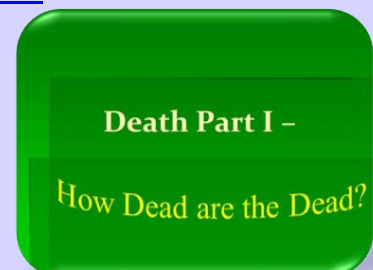
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See VIDEO "Death Part I - How Dead are the Dead?"

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Comment [265]: [CONT'D] from above comment on "false prophet" ([Rev 19:20](#))

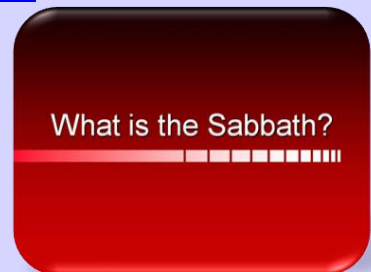
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See VIDEO "What is the Sabbath?"

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See VIDEO "The Forgotten Blessing"

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See VIDEO "The Law of Love"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxZmtkRQYQk>



they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: (21) and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, *even the sword* which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Comment [266]: the beast and the false prophet ([Rev 19:20](#))

Comment [267]: the slaying of the world. Is Jesus your Savior? Give your heart to Him? Let Him help guide your life?

Revelation 20 (1) And I saw an angel

coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, (3) and cast him into the abyss, and shut *it*, and sealed *it* over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time. (4) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of

Comment [268]: a clear definition of Bible symbol (see [Rev 12:9](#))

Comment [269]: the devil “bound” for a 1000 years. He is in a figurative “jail”—no one to tempt or torment...he is “locked up”. This is a reason why there is a millennium of peace—people are dead and the devil is bound up! No more mischief makers, whether earthly or fallen angels. Finally the earth can rest and keep Sabbath! (This desolation actually brings peace like 2Chr 36:21). For a more detailed study on the Sabbath,

See VIDEO “The Forgotten Blessing”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UosQZ_OMffc



them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (5) The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power;

Comment [270]: sad, but they did it, praise God!

Comment [271]: perhaps a few different groups in this verse; there are ones with the righteousness that comes through faith, the 3rd Angel's Message, ... ([Rev 14:9-11](#)).
Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message, in verity."-- The Review and Herald, April 1, 1890. {1SM 372.2}
(Ellen White, *1st Selected Messages*, chap. 58 p. 372 {1SM 372.2})

Comment [272]: the millennium, see end of next verse ([v.6](#))

Comment [273]: The first resurrection is the "good" resurrection—the resurrection of the saved, the ones described in [v.4](#)

Comment [274]: for a presentation on the Millennium, [Rev 20](#), check out:

VIDEO "Prayer Meeting Sept 10, 2014 – Revelation 20, end of the Millennium"

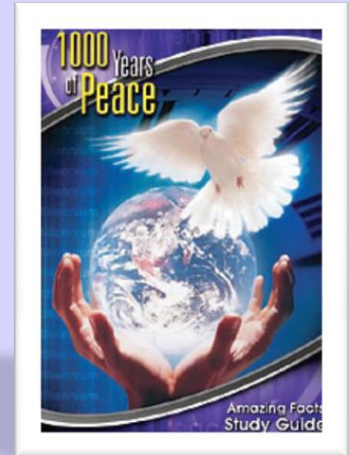


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but they shall be priests of God and of Christ,
and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Comment [275]: millennium of peace.

See AMAZING FACTS Study Guide (www.amazingfacts.org) "1000 Years of Peace"



<http://www.amazingfacts.org/media-library/study-guide/e/4989/t/1000-years-of-peace.aspx>

7) And when the thousand years are finished,
Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
(8) and shall come forth to deceive the nations
which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog
and Magog, to gather them together to the war:
the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Comment [276]: at the end of the millennium

(9) And they went up over the breadth of the
earth, and compassed the camp of the saints
about, and the beloved city: and fire came down
out of heaven, and devoured them.

Comment [277]: the second resurrection, the resurrection of evil, attempting a final assault on good. (Gog and Magog reference in Eze 38).

Comment [278]: the evil legion of resurrected (unrepentant) people try to attack God's heavenly city after the 2nd resurrection—this is the (ungodly) resurrection of the lost. In other words, they still haven't changed....

Comment [279]: the evil attempt DOES NOT WORK! God protects the saved (again)

(10) And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (14) And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, *even* the lake of fire. (15) And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

Comment [280]: this is the real hell, the lake of fire (2Pe 2:4, Jude 1:6-7)—a temporary hell resulting in full destruction.

- Biblical Hell is pain and destruction, not an everlasting torture session. The “eternal hell” some Christians have professed is a false doctrine ultimately not found in the Bible (a doctrine of devils 1Tim 4:1). It is found in pagan mythology and has been propagated by the Catholic church, and others, especially in the dark ages.
- “Everlasting” means an eternal sentence, a decision that is (forever) permanent—no more chances, “what’s done is done”.
- An “unquenchable fire” is a fire that cannot be put out until everything has been consumed (similar to Is 47:14)....

See comment and PAPER at [Rev 19:3](#) .

or see AMAZING FACTS Study Guide (www.amazingfacts.org) “Is The Devil In Charge Of Hell?”



<http://www.amazingfacts.org/media-library/study-guide/e/4988/t/is-the-devil-in-charge-of-hell.aspx>

Comment [281]: there are 2 groups...

Revelation 21 (1) And I saw a new

heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. (2) And I saw the holy city, new

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her

husband. (3) And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: (4) and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and

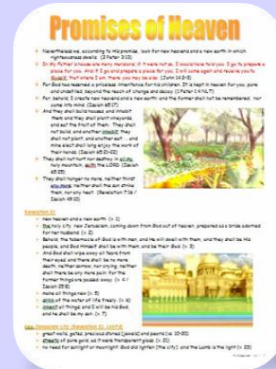
death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the

first things are passed away. (5) And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all

things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true. (6) And he said unto me,

They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give

Comment [282]: HEAVEN! Read for yourself or you can read the PAPER "Promises of Heaven" (free Download PDF) at:



http://www.mediafire.com/view/xxgc0hlu3o9d47t/Promises_of_Heaven.pdf

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Comment [283]: the beautiful, new Jerusalem city God has prepared is likened to a bride being all ready for her husband, not to be confused with the church being God's bride (Eph 5:25-27), but the city is for them!

Comment [284]: I love this reality!

Comment [285]: again, words of Jesus

unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (7) He that **overcometh** shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (8) **But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.** (9) And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. (10) And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me **the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,** (11) having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal: (12) having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names

Comment [286]: overcometh—Victory over sin! (a fruit of faith). It is GOD’s project in us to do that.... He will accomplish it in us as we CONTINUE to trust Him (Heb 12:2, Phi 4:13, Heb 13:5, 1Cor 10:13, ...)

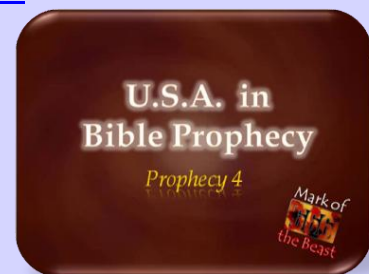
Comment [287]: death of sinners. Sin will NOT be in heaven! Many Christian “Gospels” today include sin...they allow it or even change the rules (Dan 7:25, ...).

See VIDEO “P3-The Great Sea Beast”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8W9Y4oIIHA>



These religions, even Christian churches, may not be preparing you for heaven, they may be preparing you to ultimately reject Christ and receive the mark of the beast. Go by His Word through faith.

See VIDEO “P4-USA in Bible Prophecy”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rY2IRXLUg0s>



They make no distinction between the clean and unclean... (Eze 22:26, Lev 10:10, ...). Come out ([Rev 18:4](#))!

See VIDEO “How do I choose a Church?” (comment at [Rev 14:12](#), etc)

Comment [288]: God built this one!

written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: (13) on the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. (14) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (15) And he that spake with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. (16) And the city lieth foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: the length and the breadth and the height thereof are equal. (17) And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. (18) And the building of the wall thereof was jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto pure glass. (19) The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all manner of

Comment [289]: like a sports stadium (i.e., Greek 'stadion' and a place where contests are held!). So like 12,000 stadiums long (same word used in 1Cor 9:24 where Paul says 'run the race'.)

Comment [290]: notice 144; a cubit is the length of a forearm, so an 18" cubit gives a wall of over 200 feet tall (for a literal wall). For a 10' story, like a building wall 14 stories high!

Comment [291]: (precious) stone, gold, and glass—awesome materials to be close to in heaven!

precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; (20) the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. (21) And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the several gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Comment [292]: precious stones. One example of stones is:



like the breastplate that the high priest wore in the sanctuary (Ex 28:15+)

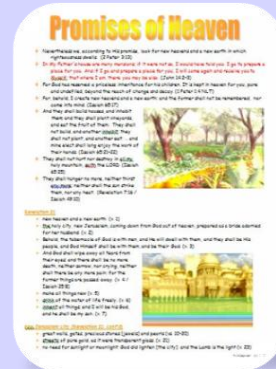


“Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary...” (Ps 77:13)

(22) And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. (23) And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb. (24) And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof: and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. (25) And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): (26) and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: (27) and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22 (1) And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the

Comment [293]: How profound! No more temple! To see what's not going to be in heaven, read the last page of the PAPER "Promises of Heaven" (free Download PDF):



http://www.mediafire.com/view/xxgc0hlu3o9d47t/Promises_of_Heaven.pdf

or VIDEO "Heaven no more--What's Missing in Heaven"



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Comment [294]: no sun or moon (no night [v. 25](#) and [Rev 22:5](#))

Comment [295]: Teachings prepare us to receive heaven or not. Information & teachings—whether from the world, schools, churches, religions, politics, science, philosophy, thoughts of people, or reasonings, etc. affect or inhibit the truth we have and our perspectives, even our readiness to receive heaven. TRUTH sets us free (Jn 8:31-32, 14:6, ...)

Comment [296]: Jesus is showing John heaven through vision. The last chapter! Congratulations...you made it! 😊

Lamb, (2) in the midst of the street thereof.
And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (3)
And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: way and his servants shall serve him; (4) and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. (5) And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (6)
And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. (7) *And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book.* (8) And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I

Comment [297]: let us eat more fruit! 😊



Comment [298]: NO MORE CURSE!! The original curse is removed (Gen 3:14-19, the curse resulting from original sin). The curse was to help solve the sin problem; God administered a discipline....

Comment [299]: [Revelation](#) is a GOOD book!

fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things. (9) And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God.

(10) And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.

Comment [300]: Prophets are important. Right before heaven!



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Comment [301]: Revelation is an OPEN book, meaning it can be understood! (see [Rev 1:3](#))

(11) He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still. (12) Behold, I

come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to each man according as his work is.

(13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (14)

Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right *to come* to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. (15)

Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the

idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie. (16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify

unto you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star. (17) And the Spirit and the bride

say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he

Comment [302]: Jesus' final decree. This decree lasts for eternity; there is no changing (salvation) after this.

Comment [303]: again, righteousness is important, the opposite of sin (1 Jn 3:4, Rom 7:7, ...)

See Sermon VIDEO on righteousness by faith "Rags to Riches"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKBv6HpI8MY>



that will, let him take the water of life freely.

(18) I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: (19) and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book. (20)

He who testifieth these things saith, **Yea: I come quickly**. Amen: come, Lord Jesus. (21) The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints.

Amen.

Comment [304]: salvation is actually our choice. (scary, huh?). Jesus made the way possible (John 3:16, 1:29,)

Comment [305]: can you see how important the book of [Revelation](#) is?

Comment [306]: Quickly! (1 The 5:4). Let us believe!

Comment [307]: Dear God, may You give us all your Holy Spirit and Your love and help us love you and be saved through Your faith and believing in You. Thank you in Jesus name, amen. (Mt 6:9-13, ...). Thank you Jesus! 😊

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