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Chapter 1

(1) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, to show to His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John:
(2) Who bore record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all *the* things that he saw.
(3) Blessed is he who reads, and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep the things which are written in it: because the time *is* at hand.
(4) From John to the seven churches who are in Asia {*Minor*}:^a Grace *be* to you, and peace,^b from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come;^c and from the seven Spirits^d Who are before His throne;
(5) And from Jesus Christ, *Who* is the faithful witness, *and* the first born from the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
(6) And has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him *be* glory and authority to rule forever and ever. Amen {let it be}.

(7) Look, He comes with clouds; and every eye will see Him,^e and those *also* who pierced Him: and all nationalities of the earth wail because of Him.^f Even so, Amen {let it be}.
(8) **I am Alpha and Omega,^g the Beginning and the Ending,** says the Lord, Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty.
(9) I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos,^h because of the word of God, and because of the testimony of Jesus Christ.
(10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day {Sunday},ⁱ and heard behind me a great voice, like a trumpet,
(11) Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last:^j and, What you see, write in a book, and send *it* to the seven churches who are in Asia {*Minor*}; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.**

Apokalupsis iasu christo { αποκάλυψις ησου χριστο }- a revelation of Jesus Christ
1:4a -- Asia Minor -- area of modern Turkey, Greece, and Italy
1:4b -- Grace and Peace -- grace always precedes peace -- Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 -- grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved
1:4c -- Him Who Is, and Who Was, and Who is to come -- many new age translations leave out "Who is to come" - see Appendix I: Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Modern Translations
1:4d --Seven Spirits -- Is. 11:2; Rev.3:1; 4:5; 5:6
1:7e -- Dan. 7:13
1:7f -- Zech. 12:10
1:8g - Alpha -the first letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega the last letter of the Greek alphabet. Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 21:6; 22:13 -- Is. 44:6
1:9h -- Patmos -- an island where John was exiled to -- an island where criminals were sent
1:10i -- Lord's day -- i.e. Sunday (note this is not the Sabbath which is on Saturday)
1:11j -- First, Last -- Is. 44:6

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(12) And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;^k
(13) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like the Son of Man, clothed with a robe down to the foot, and with a golden vest wrapped about the breasts.
(14) His head and *His* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes *were* as a flame of fire;^l
(15) And His feet like fine brass, as if they glowed in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters.
(16) And He had in His right hand seven stars:^m and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and His appearance *was* as the sun shining in its strength.
(17) And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying to me, **Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last:**
(18) **I am He Who lives, and was dead; and, look, I am alive forevermore, Amen {Let it be}; and have the keys of hell and of death.**
(19) **Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will be hereafter;**ⁿ

(20) **The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which you saw are the seven churches.**

Chapter 2

(1) **To the angel^a of the church of Ephesus write; These things says He Who holds the seven stars in His right hand Who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;**
(2) **I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil: and you have tried those who say they are apostles, and are not, and have found them to be liars:**
(3) **And have borne, and have patience, and for My Name's sake have labored, and have not fainted.**
(4) **Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against you, because you have left your first love.**
(5) **Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of its place, unless you repent.**
(6) **But this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans,^b which I also hate.**

1:12k - seven golden candlesticks (seven-branch candlesticks) - Ex. 25:31-32 - represent the seven churches - see Rev. 1:20
1:14l - Dan. 7:9; Dan. 10:5-6; Mat. 28:3
1:16m - seven stars - seven angels {messengers; pastors} of the seven churches - see Rev. 1:20 and note on Rev. 2:1
1:19n- μετα ταυτα [meta tauta] - lit. after these things -- Rev. 4:1; 18:1; 19:1
2:1a - angel - {αγγελω} (messenger from God) - John the Baptist was called an angel by Jesus - Matt. 11:10; Mk. 1:2; Lk. 7:27 - See Rev. 16
2:6b - Nicolaitans - supposed Christians who were guilty of fornication (having sex with those they were not married to), adultery (having sex with someone who is married to someone else), and eating of food offered to idols. Supposedly they also shared their wives with each other. They rejected "holiness of living." Note: It is the deeds of the Nicolaitans that the Lord hates -- not the Nicolaitans themselves! See Rev.2:15 - See note on Mat. 5:32; I Cor. 6:9-20; Acts 15:20f; Gal. 5:19-21

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(7) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life,^c which is in the midst of the paradise^d of God.

(8) And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things says the First and the Last,^e Who was dead, and is alive;

(9) I know your works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but you are rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

(10) Do not be afraid of those things which you will suffer: look, the devil will cast *some* of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you will have tribulation ten days; be faithful to death, and I will give you a crown^f of life.

(11) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

(12) And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things says He Who has the sharp sword with two edges;

(13) I know your works, and where you live, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and you hold fast My Name, and have not denied My faith, even in those days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

(14) But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the teaching of Balaam,^g who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication {sex outside of marriage}.^h

(15) So you have also those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thingⁱ I hate.

(16) Repent; or else I will come to you quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

(17) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no man knows except him who receives *it*.

(18) And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things says the Son of God, Who has His eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet *are* like fine brass;^j

(19) I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your works; and the last *are* more than the first.

(20) Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

2:7c- tree of life - Gen. 3:22; Rev. 22:2
2:7d - paradise - Luke 23:43
2:8e - the First and the Last - Is. 44:6
2:10f - crown - stephanous {στέφανος} crown of victory
2:14g - Balaam and Balak - see Num. 22:1-24:25; 31:15-16
2:14h - See Mat. 5:32
2:15i - which thing I hate {Note it is the teaching of the Nicholaitans that God hates}
2:18j - feet like fine brass - Dan. 10:5-6; Rev. 1:15

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(21) And I gave her time to repent of fornication {sex outside of marriage}; but she did not repent.
(22) Look, I will cast her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.
(23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches will know that I am He Who searches the hearts and minds: and I will give to every one of you according to your works.
(24) But to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they call it; I will put upon you no other burden.
(25) But that which you have *already* hold fast until I come.
(26) And he who overcomes, and keeps My works to the end, to him I will give power over the nations:
(27) And he will rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter they will be broken to pieces: even as I received of My Father.
(28) And I will give him the morning star.^k
(29) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Chapter 3

(1) And to the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things says He Who has the seven Spirits of God,^a and the seven stars; I know your works, that you have a name that you live, but you are dead.

(2) Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die: because I have not found your works perfect before God.
(3) Remember therefore what you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.
(4) You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their clothes; and they will walk with Me in white: because they are worthy.
(5) He who overcomes, the same will be clothed in white robes; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,^b but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.
(6) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
(7) And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says He Who is holy, He Who is true, He Who has the key of David,^c He Who opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;
(8) I know your works: look, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: because you have a little strength, and have kept My word, and have not denied My Name.
(9) Indeed, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but lie; I will cause them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

2:28k – Morning Star - Rev. 22:16 [see note on Is. 14:12 concerning the corruption of New Age versions of the Bible] ” - see Appendix I: Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Modern Translations
3:1a – Seven Spirits – Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6; Is. 11:2
3:5b – book of life – Rev. 20:12, 15
3:7c – Is. 22:22

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(10) Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you from^d the hour of temptation, which will come upon all the world, to try those who live upon the earth.

(11) Indeed, I come quickly: hold fast that which you have, that no man takes your crown.^e

(12) He who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will no more go out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem,^f which comes down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new Name.

(13) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

(14) And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God;

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

(16) So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth.

(17) Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:^g

(18) I counsel you to buy from Me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear;^h and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

(19) As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline: be zealous therefore, and repent.

(20) Indeed, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

(21) To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and have set down with My Father on His throne.

(22) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Chapter 4

(1) After this^a I looked, and, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up here, and I will show you things which must be hereafter.**^b

(2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, indeed, a throne was set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

3:10d – “from” – {εκ} ek - lit. – “out of” not {δια} dia “through”; see Is. 26:20

3:11e – crown – stephanos {στέφανος} – crown of victory [not diadem – kingly crown] – see note on Rev. 4:4

3:12f - New Jerusalem - Rev. 21:10f

3:17g – naked – lacking in righteousness – see Rev. 19:18

3:18h - white clothing - righteousness; [Rev. 19:8] - nakedness – unrighteousness

4:1a- lit. after these things - meta tauta {μετα ταυτα} - Rev. 1: 19; Rev. 7:1, Rev. 18:1, Rev. 19:1

4:1b – come up here – see Is. 26:20; John 14:2; I Cor.15:51-54; Ex. 19:19-20

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<p>(3) And He Who sat had the appearance of a jasper and a sardine stone: and <i>there was</i> a rainbow^c around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.^d</p> <p>(4) And around the throne <i>were</i> twenty-four seats: and upon the seats I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had on their heads crowns^e of gold.</p> <p>(5) And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and <i>there were</i> seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.</p> <p>(6) And before the throne <i>there was</i> a sea of glass appearing like crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, <i>were</i> four beasts full of eyes in front and behind.</p> <p>(7) And the first beast <i>was</i> like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast <i>was</i> like a flying eagle.</p> <p>(8) And the four beasts^f each had six wings about <i>him</i>; and inside <i>they were</i> full of eyes: and they do not rest day or night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come.^g</p> <p>(9) And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to Him Who sat on the throne, Who lives forever and ever,</p> <p>(10) The twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who sat on the throne, and worship Him Who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,</p>	<p>(11) You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: because You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created.^h</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>(1) And I saw in the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne a book {scroll}^a written inside and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.</p> <p>(2) And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book {scroll}, and to loose its seals?</p> <p>(3) And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book {scroll}, nor to look upon it.</p> <p>(4) And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look upon it.</p> <p>(5) And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep: indeed, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book {scroll}, and to loose its seven seals.</p> <p>(6) And I looked, and, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been killed, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God^b sent forth into all the earth.</p> <p>(7) And He came and took the book {scroll} out of the right hand of Him Who sat upon the throne.</p>
<p>4:3c – rainbow around the throne – in the 1960’s astronauts reported seeing a rainbow from space which when viewed from space appeared as a complete circle. - it depends on your perspective!</p> <p>4:3d - jasper, sardine, emerald stones -- gems -- jasper usually amber to light green in color, sardine usually deep orange-red or brown-red -- emerald -- deep green color</p> <p>4:4e – crowns of gold – stephanous { στεφανους } – <u>victor's</u> crowns – Jesus' crown is a diadem – <u>kingly</u> crown – see note on 6:2</p> <p>4:8f - Ezek. 1:10; 10:14 -- cherubim [cherubs]</p> <p>4:8,9g – Who Was and Is, and Is to come – see note on Rev. 1:4</p> <p>4:11h - John 1:1-3</p> <p>5:1a – book - scroll</p> <p>5:6b - seven Spirits of God -Rev. 1:3; 3:1; 4:5; Is. 11:2</p>	

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(8) And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb,^c each one of them having harps, and golden vials full of aromas, which are the prayers of saints.
(9) And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book, and to open its seals: because You were killed, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every family, and language, and people, and nation;
(10) And have made us kings and priests to our God: and we will reign on the earth.
(11) And I saw, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;^d
(12) Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb Who was killed to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.**
(13) And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, *be* to Him Who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever.

(14) And the four beasts said, **Amen {Let it be}**. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him Who lives forever and ever.

Chapter 6

(1) And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, **Come and see.**
(2) And I saw, and look a white horse^a: and he who sat on him had a bow; and a crown^b was given to him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.
(3) And when He had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, **Come and see.**
(4) And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him who sat upon it to take peace from the earth,^c and that they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword.
(5) And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, **Come and see.** And I saw, and a black horse; and he who sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

5:8c – fell down before the Lamb – namely Jesus – and worshiped Him. If Jesus was not God, God the Father would have not allowed them to fall down before Him – see Rev. 8:13-14; 19:10; 22:7
5:11d -- ten thousands times ten thousands and thousands of thousands - lit. αυτων μυριαδες μυριαδων και χιλιαδες χιλιαδων -- myriads upon myriads and thousands of thousands – See Dan. 7:10
6:2a - Zech. 1:8-11 - white, black, red, and gray horses (white-economic, red-blood [war], black-famine, pale [gray or pale] -death) Note: In Zech. These horsemen report on conditions on the earth. See Zech. 6:5
6:2b - crown - stephanous {στεφανος }(wreath)- not diadem {διαδηματα }(kingly crown) Note: Jesus sometimes wears the stephanous crown of victory, but we never wear the diadem crown of kingship {The antichrist will wear a diadem (see chapter 13) because he intends to rule over people.}
6:4c - Mat. 24:6-8; I Thes. 5:3

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(6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, **A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;**^d **and see that you do not harm the oil and the wine.**^e

(7) And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, **Come and see.**

(8) And I looked, and a pale horse: and his name who sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given to them over the fourth part of the earth,^f to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

(9) And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who were killed because of the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

(10) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on those who live on the earth?

(11) And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brothers, who should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

(12) And I saw when He had opened the sixth seal, and, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;^g

(13) And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken by a mighty wind.^h

(14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

(15) And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

(16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him Who sits on the throne, and from the wrath {anger; judgment} of the Lamb:

(17) Because the great day of His wrath {anger; judgment} has come; and who will be able to stand?

Chapter 7

(1) And after these things^a I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

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

(3) Saying, **Do not hurt the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

(4) And I heard the number of those who were sealed: *and there were* sealed one hundred forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

6:6d – famine, a person will barely be able to earn enough to feed himself

6:6e – oil and wine - used for medical purposes, and here represents scarcity

6:8f – fourth part – 25% of the earth's population will be killed

6:12g - Ex. 10:21-23; Joel 2:31 - May 19, 1780 the moon was blood red

6:13h – stars of heaven fell; heavens rolled up like a scroll – Is. 13:10; 34:4; Mat. 24:29;

II Peter 3:10

7:1a - see Rev. 4:1

7:2b - sealed by Holy Spirit - Mal. 4:2; Eph. 4:30

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(5) Of the tribe of Judah *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand.
(6) Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtali *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand.
(7) Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand.
(8) Of the tribe of Zebulun *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.^c
(9) After this I saw, and, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and families, and people, and languages, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
(10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God Who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
(11) And all the angels stood around the throne, and *around* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God,
(12) Saying, **Amen {let it be}: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen {let it be}.**
(13) And one of the elders answered, saying to me, Who are these who are arrayed in white robes? and from where did they come?

(14) And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are those who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
(15) Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He Who sits on the throne shall live among them.
(16) They will hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither will the sun light on them, nor any heat.
(17) Because the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will feed them, and will lead them to living fountains of waters: and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Chapter 8

(1) And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
(2) And I saw the seven angels who stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
(3) And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given to him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
(4) And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
(5) And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* upon the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

7:8c - Note the omission of the tribe of Dan -- Joseph's son Manasses is substituted for Dan. See list of tribes: Gen. 49 and Num. 26 – Also see Judges 18 - Gen. 49:17
- Dan called a serpent by Jacob. Dan guilty of idolatry Deut. 29:18-21, Ezek. 48:2;
Mal. 4:2 - some believe the antichrist will be of the tribe of Dan

(6) And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
(7) The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of 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 the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life,^a died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.
(10) And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as if it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
(11) And the name of the star is called Wormwood:^b 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 stricken, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so the third part of them was darkened, and the day did not shine for a third part of it, and the night likewise.
(13) And I saw, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe, to those who live on the earth because of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!**

Chapter 9

(1) And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven to the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.^a
(2) And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.
(3) And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
(4) And they were commanded that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads.
(5) And they were commanded that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man.
(6) And in those days men will seek death, and will not find it; and will desire to die, but death will flee from them.
(7) And the shapes of the locusts *were* like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.
(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 running to battle.

8:9a - life - See Gen. 1:20; Rev. 16:3

8:11b - wormwood - bitter - the Soviet nuclear reactor that exploded in 1986 was named Chernobyl which means wormwood - it could be the waters are made bitter with nuclear radiation

9:1a - bottomless pit - the abyss - see Rev. 20:3

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<p>(10) And they had tails like scorpions, and there were stingers in their tails: and their power <i>was</i> to hurt men five months.</p> <p>(11) And they had a king over them, <i>which</i> is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon {destroyer},^b but in the Greek language <i>his</i> name is Apollyon {destroyer}.^c</p> <p>(12) One woe is past; <i>and</i>, look, there come two woes more hereafter.</p> <p>(13) And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,</p> <p>(14) Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.</p> <p>(15) And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, to kill the third part of men.^d</p> <p>(16) And the number of the army of the horsemen <i>were</i> two hundred million:^e and I heard the number of them.</p> <p>(17) And so I saw the horses in the vision, and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone {sulfur}:^f and the heads of the horses <i>were</i> as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone {sulfur}.</p> <p>(18) By these three the third part of men were killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone {sulfur}, which issued out of their mouths.</p>	<p>(19) Because their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: because their tails <i>were</i> like snakes, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.</p> <p>(20) And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk:</p> <p>(21) Neither did they repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries {drug use},^g nor of their fornication {sex outside of marriage}, nor of their thefts.</p> <p>Chapter 10</p> <p>(1) And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow <i>was</i> upon his head, and his face <i>was</i> as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:</p> <p>(2) And he had in his hand a little book {scroll} open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left <i>foot</i> on the earth,</p> <p>(3) And cried with a loud voice, as <i>when</i> a lion roars: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.</p> <p>(4) And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.</p> <p>(5) And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,</p>
<p>9:11b - Abaddon {in Hebrew} {אבדון} - destroyer 9:11c - Apollyon {in Greek} {απολλυων} - destroyer 9:15d - one fourth were killed in 6:8 leaving 75%, now one third of those left are killed - leaving only 50% of the original population! - see Is. 4:1 - note: most armies consist of a vast majority of men. - see Rev. 9:18 9:16e - in the 1970's China boasted that it could field an army of two hundred million 9:17f - fire, jacinth, and brimstone {sulfur} - red, blue, and yellow - red and yellow are the colors of the communist flag -blue usually symbolizes freedom and liberty. As China grows economically, changes in its political structure may also occur. 9:21g - sorceries - pharmakion - [φαρμακειων] - word we use for pharmacy - drug use [not for medical purposes, but for the purpose of getting high, drunk]</p>	

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(6) And swore by Him Who lives forever and ever, Who created heaven, and the things that are in it, and the earth, and the things that are in it, and the sea, and the things which are in it, that there should be time no longer:
(7) But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he begins to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He has declared to His servants the prophets.
(8) And the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again, and said, *Go and take the little book {scroll} which is open in the hand of the angel who stands upon the sea and upon the earth.*
(9) And I went to the angel, and said to him, Give me the little book {scroll}. And he said to me, *Take it, and eat it up; and it will make your belly bitter, but it will be in your mouth sweet as honey.*
(10) And I took the little book {scroll} out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.^a
(11) And he said to me, *You must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

Chapter 11

(1) And there was given to me a reed like a rod: and the angel stood, saying, *Rise, and measure the temple of God,^a and the altar, and those who worship in it.*
(2) *But the court which is outside the temple leave out, and do not measure it; because it is given to the Gentiles {non-Jews}: and they will tread the holy city under foot forty-two months.^b*

(3) *And I will give power to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred sixty days^b, clothed in sackcloth.*
(4) These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
(5) And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
(6) These have power to shut heaven, that it does not rain during the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.
(7) And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, and will overcome them, and kill them.
(8) And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.^c
(9) And all of the people and families and languages and nations will see their dead bodies three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be put in graves.
(10) And those who live upon the earth will rejoice over them, and make merry, and will send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented those who lived on the earth.
(11) And after three and a half days the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon those who saw them.

10:10a -- Ezek. 3:1-3 {Ezekiel commanded to eat scroll and it was sweet}
11:1a – reed to measure – Ezek. 40
11:2,3b – 42 months - 1260 days - Rev. 12:6,14; 13:5, - 3 1/2 years on a 360 day calendar; see Dan. 12:7 - [42 x 30 = 1260] -- two witnesses – Moses and Elijah? Enoch and Elijah? {Moses and Elijah were at the transfiguration of Jesus - Mat. 17:1-4} {Enoch and Elijah never died - Heb. 9:27 - It is appointed to men once to die}
11:8c – where our Lord was crucified - Jerusalem

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(12) And they heard a great voice from heaven saying to them, [Come up here.](#)^d And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them.

(13) And the same hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake seven thousand men were killed: and the remnant were terrified, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

(14) The second woe is past; *and*, look, the third woe comes quickly.

(15) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, [The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.](#)

(16) And the twenty-four elders, who sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshiped God,

(17) Saying, We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who are, and was, and is to come;^e because You have taken to Yourself Your great power, and have reigned.

(18) And the nations were angry, and Your wrath {anger; judgment} has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should give reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and those who fear {revere} Your Name, small and great; and should destroy those who destroy the earth.

(19) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament:^f and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Chapter 12

(1) And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:^a

(2) And being pregnant she cried out, having great pain in birth, and was in pain to be delivered.

(3) And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and look a great red dragon,^b having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

(4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, in order to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

(5) And she brought forth a man Child, Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her Child was caught up to God, and to His throne.

(6) And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred sixty days.^c

11:12d - "come up here" - Rev. 4:1

11:17e - Who is to come - see note on Rev. 1:4

11:19f - ark of His testament - i.e. the ark of the covenant

12:1a - Israel - see Gen. 37:9-10

12:3b - dragon -- the devil-- Satan -- Rev. 12:9; 20:2 - note: the crowns are diadems - crowns of kings and rulers - the seven heads represent 7 empires; the 10 horns represent 10 kings - see the book of Daniel - John sees all seven empires that have reigned and will reign through history - Daniel saw the one head of the last empire

12:6c - 1260 days - 3 1/2 years - Matt. 24:15-22; Dan. 7:25; Rev. 12:14; 13:5

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(7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
(8) And they did not prevail; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
(9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent {snake}, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.^d
(10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now salvation has come, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: because the accuser of our brothers is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night.**
(11) **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they did not love their lives even to the death.**
(12) **Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you who live in them. {But} woe to those who live on the earth and in the sea! because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath {anger}, because he knows that he has but a short time.**
(13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man *Child*.^e

(14) And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and two times, and half a time {3 1/2 years};^f from the face of the serpent {snake}.
(15) And the snake cast out of his mouth water as a flood^g after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.
(16) But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
(17) And the dragon was angry with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her descendants, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.^h

Chapter 13

(1) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea,^a having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns,^b and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
(2) And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion:^c and the dragon^d gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

12:9d - Satan cast out - see Luke 10:18 - Jesus saw Satan cast out of heaven {He saw it, because He has seen everything from beginning to end. Here it actually takes place.}

12:13e - Israel

12:14f - time two times and half time -- Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 13:5

12:15g - flood - as Israel flees [Rev. chapter 7; Mat. 15:20] to the wilderness {Petra?} the antichrist will try to destroy those fleeing - possibly by destroying a dam

12:17h - note that even at this point in the Revelation {the last 3 1/2 years before Armageddon there will be some who accept Jesus as Lord

13:1a - coming up out of the sea {water} - Rev. 17:15 - water represents people

13:1b - crowns - diadems - see note on 6:2

13:2c - lion - Dan. 7 - note: the leopard represented the Greek empire; the bear the Medo-Persian empire, and the lion the Babylonian empire
- note here they are in reverse order

13:2d - dragon - named as Satan in 20:2

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(3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death;^e and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.
 (4) And they worshiped the dragon which gave power to the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? who is able to make war with him?
 (5) And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given to him to continue forty-two months {3 1/2 years.^f
 (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His Name, and His Tabernacle, and those who live in heaven.
 (7) And it was given to him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all families, and languages, and nations.
 (8) And all who live upon the earth will worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb killed from the foundation of the world.^g
 (9) If any man has an ear, let him hear.
 (10) He who leads into captivity will go into captivity: he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

(11) And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.^h
 (12) And he exercised all the power of the first beast before him, and caused the earth and those who live in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.ⁱ
 (13) And he does great wonders, so that he causes fire to come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
 (14) And deceives those who live on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to those who live on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and lived.
 (15) And he had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast be killed.
 (16) And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:^j
 (17) And that no man might buy or sell, except he who had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:3e, 12e - wounded to death -- mortally wounded -- i.e. killed - but comes back to life and is healed - see Rev. 13:12 - Rev. 13:4 suggests that Satan is at this point actually living in the antichrist
 13:5f - forty-two months -- 3 1/2 years -- 1260 days - See Dan. 12:7f
 13:8g - Lamb killed from the foundation of the earth - before Adam and Eve were even created, Jesus planned to die on the cross for all who would accept Him
 13:11h - Rev. 17:8 says he was, is not, yet will be - i.e. the beast once lived, died, and will live again. The beast represents an empire, the two horns represent 2 kings - see the book of Daniel
 13:12i - second beast causes everyone to worship the first beast - false prophet - Rev. 16:13
 13:16j - receive a mark - note that 13:15 makes it clear that to receive the mark a person must worship the antichrist - see Rev. 14:9

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(18) Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding count the number of the beast: because it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred sixty-six.^k

Chapter 14

(1) And I looked, and, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with Him one hundred forty-four thousand, having His Father's Name written in 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 I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

(3) And they sang a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred forty-four thousand, who were redeemed from the earth.

(4) These are those who were not defiled with women; because they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

(5) And in their mouth was found no deceit: because they are without fault before the throne of God.

(6) And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation, and family, and language, and people,^a

(7) Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; because the hour of His judgment has come: and worship Him Who made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

(8) And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath {anger; judgment} of her fornication.

(9) And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

(10) The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath {anger; judgment} of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

(11) And the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

(12) Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

(13) And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from this time forward: Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow them.

13:18k - 666 - There are four references to 666 in the Bible - I Ki. 10:14, II Chron. 9:13; Ez. 2:13, and Rev. 13:18 - in I Ki. and II Chr. it is the amount of gold paid to Solomon. In Ezra it is a reference to the descendants of Adonikam returning from captivity. Three sons of Adonikam (come, Lord or My Lord comes) are named by name: Eliphelet (My God delivers), Jeuel (God carries away), and Shemaiah (She [Israel?]) listens.)

14:6a - when all human witnesses to the gospel have been removed from the earth, the Lord will send an angel in the sky to preach the gospel

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(14) And I looked, and saw a white cloud, and upon the cloud *One* sat like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown,^b and in His hand a sharp sickle.

(15) And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, **Thrust in Your sickle, and reap: because the time has come for You to reap; because the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

(16) And He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.^c

(17) And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

(18) And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; because her grapes are fully ripe.**

(19) And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath {anger; judgment} of God.

(20) And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even to the horse bridles, a distance of one thousand six hundred furlongs {about 200 mi.; 322 km.}.^d

Chapter 15

(1) And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; because in them is completed the wrath {anger; judgment} of God.

(2) And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and those who had gained the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

(3) And they sing the song of Moses^a the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* Your ways, You King of saints.

(4) Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your Name because *You only are* holy: because all nations will come and worship before You; because Your judgments are revealed.

(5) And after that I looked, and, saw, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

(6) And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts clothed with golden vests.

(7) And one of the four beasts gave to the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath {anger; judgment} of God, Who lives forever and ever.

14:14b – crown of gold – stephanous {στεφάνου} – victor's crown – Jesus wears both kinds of crowns – the victor's crown and the kingly crown
14:16c - note that the Lord reaps His harvest first then the second angel reaps the lost
14:20d - 1600 furlongs -- about 200 miles or 322 kilometers. See Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures - Armageddon – the Lord speaks and bodies literally disintegrate – see Rev. 16:17
15:3a - song of Moses Ex. 15:1; Deut. 31:22; 32:1-43

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(8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Chapter 16

(1) And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, **Go your ways, and pour out the vials {bowls} of the wrath {anger; judgment} of God upon the earth.**^a

(2) And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a horrible and painful sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and *upon* those who worshiped his image.

(3) And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead *man*: and every living soul^b died in the sea.

(4) And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

(5) And I heard the angel of the waters say, **You are righteous, O Lord, Who is, and was, and will be,**^c **because You have judged so.**

(6) **Because they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink; because they are worthy.**

(7) And I heard another out of the altar say, **Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.**

(8) And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

(9) And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the Name of God, Who has power over these plagues: and they did not repent to give Him glory.

(10) And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

(11) And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

(12) And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.^d

(13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

(14) Because they are the spirits of demons, working miracles,^e *which* go forth to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.^f

16:1a – vials {bowls} of the wrath of God – all previous plagues could be the result of mankind's destruction, but from this point on the judgments are specifically sent by God Himself

16:3b - "living souls" ... in the sea - all sea life - See Genesis 1:20 - see also: [Do Animals Have Souls?](http://www.TheWordNotes.com) at www.TheWordNotes.com

16:5c – Who will be – see note on Rev. 1:4

16:12d – see Rev. 9:14

16:14e - spirits of demons - performing (fake) miracles to deceive those on the earth - gathering them together for the day of Armageddon [Possibly telling them that the earth is about to be invaded by aliens from outer space.]

16:14f - great day of God Almighty – Armageddon – Rev. 16:16

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(15) Look, I come as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his clothing, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.^g

(16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.^h

(17) And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**ⁱ

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

(19) And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath {anger; judgment}.

(20) And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

(21) And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone weighed about a talent {about 75 lbs.; 33 kg.}^j and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; because the plague was exceedingly great.

Chapter 17

(1) And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying to me, **Come here; I will show to you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits upon many waters:**

(2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and those who live on the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

(3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

(4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

(5) And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

(6) And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

(7) And the angel said to me, **Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and ten horns.**^a

(8) The beast that you saw was, and is not; and will ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and those who live on the earth will wonder, whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.^b

16:15g - naked - see note on Rev. 3:18

16:16h -- Armageddon -- literally har Megiddo {αρμαγεδδων}[transliterated from Hebrew]

-- {הר מגידו} mount of Megiddo - see II Chron. 35:22

16:17i -- It is done (finished) {coming from the throne - from the Father?} John 19:30; Rev. 21:6

16:21j -- talent -- about 33 kg or 75 lbs - See Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

17:7a - Seven heads explained 17:9; seven horns explained 17:10 - See Rev. 12:3; Dan. 7:7; 8:20

17:8b - was, is not, and yet is -- literally - was alive, currently is not alive {at the time John is writing the Revelation}, but will be alive; see Rev. 13:1; 17:11

(9) And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains,^c on which the woman sits.

(10) And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one *presently* is, and the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short space.

(11) And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.

(12) And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet;^d but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

(13) These have one mind, and will give their power and strength to the beast.

(14) These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them: because He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and those who are with Him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

(15) And he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and languages.

(16) And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.^e

(17) Because God has put in their hearts to fulfill His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

(18) And the woman which you saw is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

Chapter 18

(1) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

(2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, *Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become the home of demons, and the home of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

(3) Because all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath {anger; judgment} of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

(4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, *Come out of her, My people, that you not be partakers of her sins, and that you not receive of her plagues.*

(5) Because her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her sins.

(6) Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double to her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled fill to her double.

(7) How much she has glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: because she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and will see no sorrow.

(8) Therefore her plagues will come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be completely burned with fire: because strong is the Lord God Who judges her.

17:9c -- seven mountains or hills -- the city of Rome sits on seven hills - false church which comes into existence after God raptures the true church will have its headquarters in Rome.

17:12d - have not received a kingdom as yet (when John is writing the Revelation) but will reign with the antichrist; Dan. 7:7; 8:20

17:16e – Rev. 18:9 – once the antichrist has taken his seat in the temple [II Thes. 2:4], he will have no further use for the false church, so he will have it destroyed

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(9) And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, will mourn because of her, and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,
(10) Standing afar off^a because of the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! Because in one hour^b your judgment has come.
(11) And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her; because no man buys their merchandise any more:
(12) The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thiyne wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,
(13) And cinnamon, and perfumes, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.
(14) And the fruits that your soul lusted after have departed from you, and all things which were dainty and good have departed from you, and you will find them no more at all.
(15) The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand afar off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
(16) And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

(17) Because in one hour so great riches have come to nothing. And every ship-captain, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,
(18) And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city is* like this great city!
(19) And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships in the sea were made rich because of her costliness! Because in one hour she was made desolate.
(20) Rejoice over her, *you* heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets; because God has avenged you on her.
(21) And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, **So with violence that great city Babylon will be thrown down, and will be found no more at all.**
(22) **And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, will not be heard any more at all in you; and no craftsman, of any craft, will be found any more in you; and the sound of a millstone will not be heard any more at all in you;**
(23) **And the light of a candle will no longer shine at all in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will not be heard any more at all in you: because your merchants were the great men of the earth; because by your sorceries all nations were deceived.**
(24) And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all who were killed upon the earth.

18:10a - standing far away because of the fear of her torment - possibly due to nuclear destruction - if it was ordinary fire, they would rush in to put out the fire, but if is radioactive fire or volcanic eruption, they can't do anything but watch from a great distance - see Rev. 18:22-23
18:10b - in one hour - totally destroyed - also suggests either volcanic or nuclear destruction since an entire city would take more than an hour to be totally destroyed by ordinary fire

Chapter 19

(1) And after these things I heard a great voice of many people in heaven, saying, Alleluia {praise the Lord};^a Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, to the Lord our God:

(2) Because true and righteous *are* His judgments: because He has judged the great prostitute, who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.

(3) And again they said, Alleluia {praise the Lord}. And her smoke rose up forever and ever.

(4) And the twenty-four elders and the four beasts fell down and worshiped God Who sat on the throne, saying, Amen {let it be}; Alleluia {praise the Lord}.

(5) And a voice came out of the throne, saying, *Praise our God, all you His servants, and you who fear Him, both small and 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 thunderings, saying, *Alleluia {praise the Lord}: because the Lord God all powerful^b reigns.*

(7) *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.*

(8) *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: because the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

(9) And he said to me, *Write, Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.* And he said to me, *These are the true sayings of God.*

(10) And I fell at his feet to worship him.^c But he said to me, *See that you do not: I am your fellow servant, and of your brothers who have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

(11) And I saw heaven opened, and look a white horse; and He Who sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

(12) His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns;^d and He had a Name written, that no man knew, except He Himself.

(13) And He *was* clothed with a robes dipped in blood: and His Name is called The Word of God.

(14) And the armies *which were* in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

(15) And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations: and He will rule them with a rod of iron: and He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath {anger; judgment} of Almighty God.

(16) And He has on *His* vest and on His belt a Name written, KING 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 the midst of heaven, *Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God;*

19:1a – alleluia – praise the Lord {from Hebrew}

19:6b - omnipotent - all powerful - Almighty

19:10c - worship of angels is not permitted - Rev. 22:8

19:12d – crowns – diadems {διδάματα} – kingly crowns

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(18) That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both free and slave, both 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 Who sat on the horse, and against His army.

(20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who performed miracles before him, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast, and those who worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone {sulfur}.^e

(21) And the remnant were killed with the sword by Him Who sat upon the horse, Whose *sword* proceeded out of His mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Chapter 20

(1) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

(2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent {snake}, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,^a

(3) And cast him into the bottomless pit,^b and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosened a little season.

(4) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them: and *I saw* the souls of those who were beheaded because of the witness of Jesus, and because of the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

(5) But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

(6) Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death^c has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

(7) And when the thousand years are expired, Satan will be released out of his prison,

(8) And will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog,^d to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.^e

(9) And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and encircled the camp of the saints, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

(10) And the devil who deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone {sulfur},^f where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

19:20e - lake of fire - prepared for the devil and his angels - Mat. 25:41

20:2a,3,4,5,6,7 - six times we are told the time period is 1000 years

20:3b - bottomless pit - abyss {ἀβυσσος}

20:6c - second death - Rev. 20:14; 21:8

20:8d - see "Comparison of Gog Invasions in Ezekiel 38-39 and Revelation" at www.TheWordNotes.com

20:8e - After Jesus has reigned on earth for 1000 years there will still be a great multitude of people who still will not accept Him as their Lord

20:10f - lake of fire - prepared for the devil and his angels - Mat. 25:41

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(11) And I saw a great white throne, and Him Who sat on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.^s

(12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books^b were opened: and another bookⁱ was opened, which is *the Book of Life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

(13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

(14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

(15) And whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

(1) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: because the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;^a and there was no more sea.

(2) And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, *Look, the tabernacle {home} of God is with men, and He will live with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them, and be their God.*

(4) *And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither will there be any more pain: because the former things are passed away.*^b

(5) And He Who sat upon the throne said, *Indeed, I make all things new.* And He said to me, *Write: because these words are true and faithful.*

(6) And He said to me, *It is done.*^c *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.*^d *I will give to him who is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

(7) *He who overcomes will inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he will be My son.*

(8) *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and those who go after prostitutes, and those who use drugs, and idolaters, and all liars, will have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone {sulfur}; which is the second death.*

(9) And there came to me one of the seven angels who had the seven vials {bowls} full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, *Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

(10) And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

(11) Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone,^e clear as crystal;

20:11g - Rev. 21:1

20:12h - books containing the works [20:13] of those who rejected Jesus

20:12i - book [singular] - the Book of Life - those whose names are in the Book of Life are not cast into the lake of fire - see 20:15

21:1a - Rev. 20:11; II Pet. 3:13; Is. 65:17; 66:22 - the first heaven and first earth are passed away - gone - no longer exists

21:4b - Is. 65:17-25; 66:22; II Pet. 3:13

21:6c - It is done {finished} John 19:30; Rev. 16:17

21:6d - beginning and end - Rev. 1:8; Is. 44:6

21:11e - jasper - usually red in color, but can be yellow, brown, green, even blue - see note on 21:19-20h

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(12) And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

(13) On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

(14) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

(15) And he who talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall.

(16) And the city lies foursquare, and the length is as large as the width: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs {about 1500 mi.; 2,414 km.}.^f The length and the width and the height of it are equal.

(17) And he measured its wall a hundred forty-four cubits {about 216 ft.; 65.8 m.},^g according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

(18) And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass.

(19) And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished {decorated} with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

(20) The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.^h

(21) And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls;ⁱ every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

(22) And I saw no temple in it: because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

(23) And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it: because the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its light.^j

(24) And the nations of those who are saved will walk in its light: and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

(25) And its gates will not be shut at all by day: because there will be no night there.

(26) And they will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

(27) And in no way will anything that defiles or works abomination, or *makes* a lie enter into it: but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Chapter 22

(1) And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

21:16f - a furlong is 660 feet -- 1/8 of a mile -- 12,000 furlongs -- about 1500 miles or 2,414 kilometers. - See [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

21:17g - 144 cubits -- about 216 feet or 65.8 meters

21:19-20h - Jasper (red in color); sapphire (blue in color); chalcedony (green in color); Emerald (green in color); sardonyx (reddish yellow); sardis (red or flesh color) chrysolite (yellow); beryl (green or blue-green); topaz (yellow or green or blue or brown), chrysoprasus (green-yellow); jacinth (deep blue); amethyst (purple or violet)

- Note: many of these gems can appear in several different colors. The high priest's breast plate had the twelve stones - see Ex. 39:8-14

21:21i - pearl - usually a whitish gray color - see note above

21:23j - Is. 60:19

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(2) In the midst of its street, and on either side of the river, *there was* the tree of life,^a which bore twelve *kinds of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

(3) And there will be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it; and His servants will serve Him:

(4) And they will see His face; and His Name *will be* in their foreheads.

(5) And there will be no night there; and they will need no candle, neither light of the sun; because the Lord God gives them light: and they will reign forever and ever.

(6) And he said to me, *These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show to His servants the things which must shortly be done.*

(7) *Indeed, I come quickly:* blessed is he who keeps the saying of the prophecy of this book.

(8) And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship^b before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

(9) Then he said to me, *See that you not do so: because I am your fellow servant, and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the sayings of this book: worship God.*

(10) And he said to me, *Do not seal the sayings of the prophecy of this book: because the time is at hand.*

(11) *He who is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he who is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he who is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he who is holy, let him be holy still.*

(12) *And, look, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man {his reward} according to his work.*

(13) *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*^c

(14) Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

(15) Because outside *are* dogs {unbelievers}, and drug users, and those who go after prostitutes, and murderers, and idolaters, and whoever loves and makes a lie.

(16) *I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star.*^d

(17) And the Spirit and the bride say, *Come*. And let him who hears say, *Come*. And let him who is thirsty come. And whoever will, let him take the water of life freely.^e

(18) Because I testify to every man who hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man will add to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book:

22:2a - tree of life - Gen. 3:22, 24 – see “Use of Numbers in Scripture” at www.TheWordNotes.com

22:8b - Rev. 19:10 – see note on Rev. 5:8

22:13c - Rev. 1:8; Is. 44:6

22:16d – Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star – see note on Is. 14:12 about corrupted New Age translations

22:17e - John 4:10-14; 7:37-38

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(19) And if any man will take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

(20) He Who testifies of these things says, **Surely I come quickly.** Amen {let it be}. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

(21) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen {let it be}.

