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Revelation

Chapter 1

¹{This is} the revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon happen. And he made it known, having sent through his angel to his servant John, ²who testified about the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, as much as he saw. ³Blessed {is} the one who reads and those who listen to the words of this prophecy and who keep what is written in it, for the time {is} near.

⁴John, to the seven churches that {are} in Asia: Grace to you and peace from the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits who {are} before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To the one who loves us and has released us from our sins by his blood ⁶and has made us a kingdom, priests for his God and Father—to him {be} the glory and the power forever. Amen.

⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him.

Yes, Amen.

⁸"I am the alpha and the omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty."^[1]

⁹I, John—your brother and a fellow partaker in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance {that are} in Jesus—was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a scroll and send it to the seven churches—to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." ¹²And I turned around to see the voice that was speaking with me, and having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the middle of the lampstands {there was one} like a son of man, wearing a robe reaching to his feet and with a golden sash having been wrapped around {his} chest. ¹⁴Now his head and hair {were} white as wool—white as snow—and his eyes {were} as a flame of fire, ¹⁵and his feet {were} like polished bronze, as having been refined in a furnace, and his voice as the sound of many rushing waters, ¹⁶and having seven stars in his right hand and a sharp, double-edged sword coming out of his mouth and his face shining as the sun at its strength. ¹⁷And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as a dead man, and he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last ¹⁸and the one who lives; and I became dead, but behold, I live forever {and} ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. ¹⁹Therefore, write down what you have seen and what is and what is about to happen after these things. ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

1:8 ^[1]

Chapter 2

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

'The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things: ²'I know your works and your hard labor and your patient endurance, and that you are not able to tolerate evil people, and you have tested those who call themselves apostles but are not, and you have found them {to be} false; ³and you have patient endurance and have suffered because of my name and have not grown weary. ⁴But I have against you that you have left behind your first love. ⁵Therefore, remember from where you have fallen and repent and do the first works. But if not, I will come to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—if you do not repent. ⁶But you have this, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will grant to him to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'''''

⁸'And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

'The first and the last, the one who became dead but came to life again, says these things: ⁹'I know your affliction and {your} poverty (but you are rich), and the slander of those who say they themselves are Jews, but they are not, but {are} a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear at all what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Become faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will certainly not be hurt by the second death.'''''

¹²'And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

'The one who has the double-edged, sharp sword says these things: ¹³'I know where you live, where the throne of Satan {is}, and yet you hold tightly to my name, and you did not deny {your} faith in me, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you; that you have there some who hold tightly to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat food sacrificed to idols and to be sexually immoral. ¹⁵So, in the same way, you also have {some} holding tightly to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Repent, therefore! But if {you do} not, I will quickly come to you and will wage war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give him of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone, a new name written which no one knows except the one who receives it.'''''

¹⁸'And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

'The Son of God, who has his eyes as a flame of fire and his feet like polished bronze, says these things: ¹⁹'I know your works, and your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and your last works {are} greater than {your} first {works}. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹And I gave her time so that she might repent, but she is not willing to repent of her immorality. ²²Behold! I will throw her onto a bed, and those who commit adultery with her {I will throw into} great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. ²³And I will strike her children dead, and all the churches will know that I am the one who searches kidneys and hearts, and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. ²⁴Now I say to you, the rest of those in Thyatira, to as many as do not hold this teaching, whoever has not known the deep things of Satan, as some call it—I do not put any other burden on you. ²⁵However, hold on tightly to what you have until I come.

²⁶And the one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations.

²⁷And he will shepherd them with a rod of iron,

as jars of clay are broken into pieces,'

²⁸as I also have received {authority} from my Father, and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'''''

Chapter 3

¹“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

‘The one who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says these things: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up and strengthen what remains, which is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard. And keep it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come as a thief, and you will certainly not know what hour I will come against you. ⁴But you have a few names in Sardis who have not stained their clothes, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who conquers will be clothed in this manner in white garments, and I will certainly not wipe his name out of the Book of Life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”’

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

‘The Holy One, the True One,
the one having the key of David,
the one who opens and no one will shut,
and he shuts and no one opens, says these things:

⁸‘I know your works (Behold, I have put before you an open door that no one is able to shut), that you have little power, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will give those of the synagogue of Satan who call themselves Jews but are not, rather, they are lying—behold, I will make them so that they will come and bow down before your feet, and they might realize that I loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept the word of my steadfastness, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is about to come on the entire inhabited world, to test those who live on the earth. ¹¹I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have so that no one might take away your crown. ¹²The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will certainly not go out from it anymore, and I will write on him the name of my God, the name of the city of my God (even the new Jerusalem, that comes down out of heaven from my God), and my new name. ¹³Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”’

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

‘The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God says these things: ¹⁵‘I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, ‘I am rich and have become wealthy and have need of nothing,’ and yet you do not know that you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you might become rich, and brilliant white garments so that you might clothe yourself and would not show the shame of your nakedness, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you might see. ¹⁹I rebuke and discipline as many as I love. Therefore, be earnest and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone might hear my voice and would open the door, I will indeed enter into him and will eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”’

Chapter 4

¹After these things I looked, and behold—an open door in heaven, and the first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things.” ²Immediately

I was in the Spirit, and behold—a throne was placed in heaven! And {someone is} sitting on the throne. ³And the one who was sitting on it {had} the appearance like a jasper stone and carnelian, and a rainbow around the throne {had} the appearance like an emerald. ⁴And around the throne {were} 24 thrones, and seated on the thrones {were} 24 elders dressed in white garments, and on their heads {were} golden crowns. ⁵And from the throne burst out flashes of lightning and rumblings and thunder. And seven lamps of fire are burning in front of the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. ⁶And in front of the throne was a glass sea, like crystal, and in the middle of the throne and around the throne {were} four living creatures, full of eyes, front and back. ⁷And the first living creature {was} like a lion, and the second living creature {was} like a calf, and the third living creature had a face as a man, and the fourth living creature {was} like an eagle flying. ⁸And the four living creatures, each one of them have in turn six wings all around and are full of eyes underneath, and do not have rest night and day, saying,

“Holy, holy, holy {is} the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and who is, and who is coming.”

⁹And whenever the living creatures will give glory and honor and thanks to the one who sits on the throne, the one who lives forever {and} ever, ¹⁰the 24 elders will fall down before the one seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever {and} ever, and they will lay their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive the glory and the honor and the power,
because you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

Chapter 5

¹And I saw in the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, having been sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who {is} worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to read it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to read it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion who {is} from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered. {He is able} to open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶And I saw in the middle of the throne and the four living creatures, and among the elders, a Lamb standing, as though having been killed, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he came and took {the scroll} from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp and a golden bowl full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sing a new song, saying,

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slaughtered, and with your blood you purchased people for God
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

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

¹¹And I looked and heard the sound of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders and the total number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying in a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who has been slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise."

¹³And I heard every creature that was in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and everything that {is} in them, saying,

"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb {be} the praise and the honor and the glory and the power to rule, forever {and} ever."

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.^[1]

5:14 ^[1]

Chapter 6

¹And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come!" ²And I looked and behold, a white horse! And the one sitting on it having a bow and to him was given a crown, and he went out conquering, and in order that he might conquer.

³And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!" ⁴And another horse came out—fiery red! And to the one sitting on it was granted to him to take peace from the earth, and so that people will slaughter one another, and to him was given a huge sword.

⁵And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked and behold, a black horse, and the one sitting on it having a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶And I heard as if a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A choenix of wheat for one denarius, and three choenices of barley for a denarius. But do not harm the oil and the wine."

⁷And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come!" ⁸And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And the one sitting on it was named Death, and Hades was following after him. And authority was given to them over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and with famine and with disease and by the wild animals of the earth.

⁹And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God and because of the testimony which they held. ¹⁰And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, Ruler over all, holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood from those who live on the earth?"

¹¹And to each of them was given a white robe, and they were told that they should wait yet a little time until {the number} was completed of both their fellow servants and their brothers who were going to be killed, as also they {were}.

¹²And when he opened the sixth seal, I watched, and there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the full moon became as blood, ¹³and the stars in the heavens fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe fruit, being shaken by a stormy wind. ¹⁴And the sky vanished as a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who is seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷because the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Chapter 7

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, tightly holding back the four winds of the earth so that the wind would not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor against any tree. ²And I saw another angel

coming up from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God. And he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to them to harm the earth and the sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees until we might seal the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of those who had been sealed: 144,000, who had been sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Judah,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, and

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin had been sealed.

⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a huge multitude that no one was able to count—from every nation and tribe and people and language—standing before the throne and before the Lamb, having been clothed in white robes, and palm branches {were} in their hands, ¹⁰and they call out with a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation {belongs} to our God, to the one who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying,

"Amen! The praise and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength {be} to our God forever {and} ever! Amen!"

¹³And one of the elders replied, saying to me, "These who have been clothed with white robes—who are they, and from where did they come?" ¹⁴And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming from the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason, they are before the throne of God

and worship him day and night in his temple.

And the one who is seated on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will not be hungry anymore, and they will not be thirsty anymore,

and the sun will not beat down on them at all,

nor any burning heat,

¹⁷because the Lamb who {is} at the center of the throne will shepherd them

and will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Chapter 8

¹And when he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³And another angel came, holding a golden incense bowl, and was stationed at the altar, and much incense was given to him so that he would offer it with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that {was} before the throne. ⁴And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose up before God from the hand of the angel. ⁵And the angel took the incense bowl and filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it onto the earth, and there were crashes of thunder and loud sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

⁶And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves that they might sound them.

⁷And the first angel sounded {his} trumpet, and there was hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was thrown onto the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.^[1]

⁸And the second angel sounded {his} trumpet, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood, ⁹and a third of the creatures—those having life in the sea—died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰And the third angel sounded {his} trumpet, and a huge star fell from the sky, blazing as a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹And the name of the star is called Wormwood. And a third of the waters became wormwood, and many of the men died from the waters that became bitter.

¹²And the fourth angel sounded {his} trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark, and the day did not shine {for} a third of it, and likewise the night.

¹³And I looked, and I heard one eagle^[2] flying in the mid-heaven, calling out with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe, to those who live on the earth, from the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound {their} trumpets.”

8:7 ^[1]

8:13 ^[2] instead of

Chapter 9

¹And the fifth angel sounded {his} trumpet, and I saw a star from heaven that had fallen to the earth, and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him. ²And he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke went up from the shaft as smoke of a huge furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft. ³And out from the smoke locusts came on the earth, and power was given to them as scorpions have power on the earth. ⁴And it was told to them that they should not damage the grass on the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only the men who did not have the seal of God on {their} foreheads. ⁵And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they will be tormented for five months, and their torment {will be} as the torment of a scorpion when it would strike a man. ⁶And in those days, men will seek death but will certainly not find it, and they will greatly desire to die, but death flees from them. ⁷And the appearance of the locusts {was} like horses prepared for war. And on their heads {were something} like crowns like gold, and their faces {were} like faces of men. ⁸And they

had hair like hair of women, and their teeth were as of lions. ⁹And they had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the sound of their wings {was} like the sound of chariots—of many horses running into battle. ¹⁰And they have tails with stingers like scorpions, and in their tails, their power to harm men for five months. ¹¹They have {as} king over them the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew {is} Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

¹²The first woe has passed. Behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

¹³And the sixth angel sounded {his} trumpet, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar that {is} before God, ¹⁴saying to the sixth angel who has the trumpet, “Release the four angels who have been bound at the great Euphrates River.” ¹⁵And the four angels who had been prepared for that hour and day and month and year were released so that they might kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶And the number of the soldiers on horseback {was} two myriads of myriads; I heard their number. ¹⁷And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode on them—having breastplates {that were} fiery red and dark blue and sulfurous yellow. And the heads of the horses {were} as heads of lions, and from their mouths came fire and smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸A third of mankind were killed by these three plagues: by the fire and the smoke and the sulfur that came out from their mouths. ¹⁹For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails—for their tails {are} like snakes having heads, and with them they injure people. ²⁰And the rest of mankind, those who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they will not worship the demons and the idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, that are neither able to see nor to hear nor to walk. ²¹And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorcery nor of their sexual immorality nor of their thefts.

Chapter 10

¹And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, having been clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head and his face like the sun and his feet like pillars of fire, ²and having in his hand a little scroll, which had been opened. And he put his right foot on the sea and {his} left foot on the land, ³and he shouted in a loud voice like a roaring lion. And when he shouted, the seven thunders spoke out with their own voices. ⁴And when the seven thunders spoke out, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down.” ⁵And the angel that I saw standing on the sea and on the earth raised his right hand to heaven ⁶and swore by the one who lives forever {and} ever, who created heaven and the things in it and the earth and the things in it and the sea and the things in it, “There will no longer be a delay. ⁷But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound {his} trumpet, then the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he proclaimed the good news to his own servants the prophets.” ⁸And the voice that I heard from heaven is speaking to me again, and saying: “Go, take the scroll that has been opened in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” ⁹And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he says to me, “Take and eat it, and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” ¹⁰And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it, and it was as sweet {as} honey in my mouth, but after I ate it, my stomach became bitter. ¹¹And they said to me, “It is necessary for you to prophesy again about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.”

Chapter 11

¹And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, {someone} said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. ²But leave out the courtyard that is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months. ³And I will grant to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1, 260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” ⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and devours their enemies, and if anyone might wish to harm them, he must be killed in this way. ⁶They have authority to close up the sky so that no rain might fall {during} the days of their prophesy, and they

have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every plague whenever they would desire. ⁷And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the abyss will make war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. ⁸And their corpses {will be} in the street of the great city (which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt) where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹And for three and a half days {some} from {every} people and tribe and tongue and nation look at their corpses, and they do not permit their corpses to be placed in a tomb. ¹⁰And those who live on the earth rejoice over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who live on the earth. ¹¹But after three and a half days, a breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those seeing them. ¹²And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. ¹³And at that hour a great earthquake happened, and a tenth part of the city collapsed. And in the earthquake, the names of 7,000 men were killed, and the survivors became terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second woe has passed. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

¹⁵And the seventh angel sounded {his} trumpet, and loud voices spoke in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become {the kingdom} of our Lord and of his Christ,
and he will reign forever {and} ever."

¹⁶And the 24 elders, who sit on their thrones in the presence of God, fell upon their faces and worshiped God,
¹⁷saying,

"We give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, the one who is, and who was,
and because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.^[1]"

¹⁸And the nations were enraged,
but your wrath has come,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and to give the reward to your servants
the prophets and to the saints
and to those who fear your name,
the small and the great,
and to destroy those who are destroying the earth."

¹⁹And the temple of God that {is} in heaven was opened and the ark of the covenant of the Lord was seen in his temple. And there were flashes of lightning and loud sounds and crashes of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

11:17 ^[1] but most modern versions do not.

Chapter 12

¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head, ²and having in the womb, and she cries out in birth pains and is struggling to give birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a huge red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. ⁴And his tail sweeps away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them down to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she would give birth, he might devour her child. ⁵And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is going to rule all the nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away to God and to his throne, ⁶and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God there, so that they might provide for her there for 1, 260 days.

⁷And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, nor was a place found for them any longer in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Christ,
because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
the one who accused them before our God day and night.

¹¹And they conquered him through the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,
and they did not love their lives even to death.

¹²Therefore rejoice, O heavens,
and those who reside in them!
Woe to the earth and to the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you,
having terrible anger
because he knows he has {only} a little time!”

¹³And when the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴But two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman so that she might flee to the wilderness to her place, where she is taken care of there for a time and times and half a time—away from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent poured water like a river out from his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away by a flood. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon poured out from his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her seed, those who keep the commandments of God and who hold to the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁸And he stood on the sand of the seashore.^[1]

12:18 ^[1]

Chapter 13

¹And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns {were} ten crowns, and on its heads {was} a blasphemous name.^[1] ²And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and its feet {were} like a bear's, and its mouth {was} like a lion's mouth, and the dragon gave his power to it, and his throne and his great authority. ³And one of its heads {was} like it had been killed, but its fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth marveled {and followed} after the beast, ⁴and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave {his} authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who {is} like the beast, and who is able to fight

against it?" ⁵And to it was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and authority was given to it to act for 42 months. ⁶And it opened its mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle—those who dwell in heaven. ⁷And to it was granted to make war with the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. ⁸And all those who live on the earth will worship it—everyone whose name has not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slaughtered from the foundation of the world. ⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

¹⁰If anyone {is} for captivity,

{to captivity} he goes;

if anyone will be killed with the sword,

with the sword he must be killed.

Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.

¹¹And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it was speaking like a dragon. ¹²And it exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and it makes it so that the earth and those who live on it will worship the first beast—the one whose lethal wound had been healed. ¹³And it does great signs, so that he might even cause fire to come down to the earth from heaven in front of mankind. ¹⁴And it deceives those who live on the earth through the signs that it has been granted to do in the presence of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast that has the wound of the sword, but lived. ¹⁵And it was granted to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak, and might cause whoever would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶And it caused everyone, the small and the great and the rich and the poor and the free and the slave, so that they might give to them a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷and so that no one was able to buy or to sell except the one who has the mark—the name of the beast, or the number of its name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom: The one who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man, and its number is 666.

13:1 ^[1] at the beginning of this verse, but the best manuscripts include it as 12:18.

Chapter 14

¹And I looked and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him {were} 144,000 having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven as a roar of many waters and as the sound of loud thunder, and the voice I heard was like harpists playing on their harps. ³And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been bought from the earth. ⁴These are the ones that have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from among mankind as firstfruits for God and for the Lamb, ⁵and no lie was found in their mouth, for they are blameless.^[1]

⁶And I saw another angel flying in midair, having the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people— ⁷saying in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. And worship the one who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of water."

⁸And another {angel}—a second—followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen {is} Babylon the great, who caused all the nations to drink from the wine of her immoral passion."

⁹And another angel—a third—followed them, saying in a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he will also drink from the wine of the wrath of God that has

been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment goes up forever {and} ever, and they have no rest day and night—the ones who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. ¹²Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write: Blessed {are} the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “so that they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.”

¹⁴And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud {was one} like a son of man, having a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵And another angel came out of the temple, crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud: “Send out your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth has ripened.” ¹⁶And the one who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

¹⁷And another angel came out from the temple that {is} in heaven, he himself also having a sharp sickle. ¹⁸And another angel, the one who had authority over the fire, {came} from the altar, and he shouted in a loud voice to the one who has the sharp sickle, saying, “Send out your sharp sickle and gather in the clusters of grapes of the vines of the earth, since their grapes have ripened.” ¹⁹And the angel swung his sickle to the earth and harvested the grapevine of the earth, and he threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood poured out from the winepress up to the bridles of the horses, for 1, 600 stadia.

14:5 ^[1]

Chapter 15

¹And I saw another great and marvelous sign in heaven: seven angels having seven plagues—the final {ones}, because with them the wrath of God will be completed.

²Then I saw {something} like a sea of glass having been mixed with fire. And those who are victorious over the beast and over his image and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

³And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and marvelous {are} your deeds,

O Lord God Almighty.

Righteous and true {are} your ways,

O King of the Ages.^[1]

⁴Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name,

because {you} alone {are} holy?

For all the nations will come

and worship before you,

because your righteous deeds have been revealed.”

⁵And after these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven had been opened.

⁶And the seven angels holding the seven plagues came out from the temple, having been clothed with pure, bright linen and with golden sashes having been wrapped around {their} chests. ⁷And one of the four living creatures

gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever {and} ever. ⁸And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

15:3 ^[1] instead of

Chapter 16

¹And I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God onto the earth."

²So the first {angel} went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and an ugly and painful sore happened on the men who have the mark of the beast and those who worship its image.

³And the second {angel} poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood, as of a dead {person}, and every living thing in the sea died.

⁴And the third {angel} poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and it became blood. ⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying,

"You are righteous—the one who is and who was, the Holy One—

because you have judged these things.^[1]

⁶Because they poured out the blood of the saints and prophets,

you have also given them blood to drink;

it is what they deserve."

⁷And I heard the altar saying,

"Yes, O Lord God Almighty,

your judgments {are} true and righteous."

⁸And the fourth {angel} poured out his bowl on the sun and it was granted to it to scorch men with fire. ⁹And men were scorched by the great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has the authority over these plagues, but they did not repent to give him glory.

¹⁰And the fifth {angel} poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom became darkened, and they chewed on their tongues because of the pain. ¹¹And they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and because of their sores, but they did not repent of their deeds.

¹²And the sixth {angel} poured out his bowl into the great river, the Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that the way of the kings from the rising of the sun might be prepared. ¹³And I saw {coming} from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet three unclean spirits like frogs,

¹⁴for they are spirits of demons performing signs, who go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them together for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. ¹⁵("Behold! I come as a thief! Blessed {is} the one who watches and keeps his garments, so that he might not walk around naked and they might see his shameful condition.") ¹⁶And they brought them together at the place that is called Armageddon in Hebrew.

¹⁷And the seventh {angel} poured out his bowl into the air and a loud voice came out from the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸And there came about flashes of lightning and sounds and crashes of thunder, and a great earthquake happened—such as has not ever happened from {when} man had not {yet} been on the earth, so powerful {and} great {was} the earthquake. ¹⁹And the great city became {split} into three parts and the cities of the

nations collapsed, and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give to her the cup of the wine of the wrath of his fury. ²⁰And every island fled, and the mountains were not found. ²¹And great hailstones, about a talent {in weight}, come down from heaven upon men, and the men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because that plague is exceedingly great.

16:5 ^[1]

Chapter 17

¹And one of the seven angels who has the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, ²with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality and those living on the earth became drunk from the wine of her sexual immorality." ³And he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast being full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and had been adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of detestable things and the impurities of her sexual immorality, ⁵and on her forehead had been written a name: "Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth." ⁶And I saw that the woman is drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus, and having seen her, I marveled with great wonder. ⁷But the angel said to me, "Why are you astonished? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that is carrying her, that has the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸The beast that you saw existed, does not exist now, but is about to come up from the abyss, and it will go to destruction, and those who live on the earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life since the foundation of the world, will be astounded when they see the beast that existed, and does not exist, but will come. ⁹Here {is} the mind that has wisdom: The seven heads are seven hills where the woman is seated on them, and they are seven kings; ¹⁰five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come. But when he comes, it is necessary for him to remain a little while. ¹¹And the beast that was but is not, is itself also an eighth {king}; but is from among those seven and is going to destruction. ¹²And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast. ¹³These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and those with him {are} called and chosen and faithful." ¹⁵And he says to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. ¹⁶And the ten horns that you saw, and the beast—they will hate the prostitute, and they will make her desolate and naked, and they will devour her flesh, and they will burn her completely with fire, ¹⁷for God has put into their hearts to do his purpose and to do one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God will be fulfilled. ¹⁸And the woman that you saw is the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth."

Chapter 18

¹After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined by his glory. ²And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying,

"Fallen {is} Babylon the great!

And she has become a dwelling place of demons

and a refuge of every unclean spirit

and a refuge of every unclean and detestable bird.^[1]

³For all the nations have drunk from the wine of her immoral passion

and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her

and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the power of her sensual way of living.”

⁴And I heard another voice from heaven saying,

“Come out from her, my people,

so that you might not share in her sins,

and so that you might not receive from her plagues.

⁵For her sins have piled up as far as heaven,

and God has remembered her sinful actions.

⁶Give back to her even as she has given,

and repay her double, twice as much according to her deeds;

in the cup that she mixed, mix double for her.

⁷As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury,

give her just as much torture and grief.

For she says in her heart,

‘I sit {as} a queen

and I am not a widow

and I will certainly not see mourning.’

⁸Therefore, in one day her plagues will come:

death and mourning and famine,

and she will be consumed by fire,

for the Lord God who judges her {is} mighty.”

⁹And the kings of the earth who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰having stood at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying,

“Woe, woe to the great city,

Babylon, the powerful city!

For in one hour your judgment has come.”

¹¹And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, because no one buys her cargo anymore— ¹²cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple cloth and silk and scarlet cloth and every scented wood and every ivory vessel and every vessel from precious wood and bronze and iron and marble ¹³and cinnamon and spice and incense and myrrh and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men. ¹⁴And your autumn fruit, the desire of your soul, has gone away from you, and all the luxury and the splendor has perished from you, and they will certainly not be found any longer. ¹⁵The merchants of these things who became rich will stand at a distance from her because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning loudly,

¹⁶saying,

"Woe, woe to the great city—
having been dressed in fine linen
and purple and scarlet
and adorned with gold
and precious stones and pearls—

¹⁷for in one hour such great wealth has been destroyed."

And every ship's captain and all who sail to a place and sailors and as many as work the sea stood at a distance

¹⁸and were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, "What city {is} like the great city?" ¹⁹And they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying,

"Woe, woe to the great city
in which all who have ships
in the sea became rich from her wealth,
for in one hour she was destroyed."

²⁰"Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and saints and apostles and prophets,
for God has pronounced your judgment against her!"

²¹And one mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

"In this way, Babylon, the great city,
will be thrown down with violence
and will certainly not be seen anymore,

²²and the sound made by harpists and musicians
and flute players and trumpeters
will certainly not be heard anymore in you,
and every craftsman
will certainly not be found in you anymore,
and the sound of a mill
will certainly not be heard anymore in you.

²³And the light of a lamp
will certainly not shine in you anymore,
and the voices of the bridegroom and the bride
will certainly not be heard in you anymore,
for your merchants were the princes of the earth,

because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.

²⁴And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints
and of all those who have been killed on the earth.”

18:2 ^[1]

Chapter 19

¹After these things I heard as if the loud voice of a large crowd in heaven saying,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power to our God,

²because his judgments {are} true and righteous;

because he has judged the great prostitute

who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality,

and he has avenged the blood of his servants

from her hand.”

³And they spoke a second {time}:

“Hallelujah!

And the smoke rises from her forever {and} ever.”

⁴And the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying,

“Amen. Hallelujah!”

⁵And a voice came out from the throne, saying,

“Praise our God,

all his servants,

and those who fear him,

the small and the great.”

⁶And I heard as if the sound of a great crowd, and as if the sound of many waters, and as if the loud sound of thunder, saying,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God Almighty reigns.

⁷Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸And it had been given to her that she might be dressed

in bright {and} clean fine linen”

(for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints).

⁹And he says to me, “Write: Blessed {are} those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb,” and he says to me, “These are true words of God.” ¹⁰And I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he says to me, “Do not do that! I am a fellow servant of you and your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

¹¹And I saw heaven having been opened, and behold, a white horse, and the one riding on it is called faithful and true, and he judges and wages war in righteousness. ¹²Now his eyes {are like} a fiery flame, and on his head {are} many crowns, having a name written that no one knows except himself. ¹³And he is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies of heaven were following him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And from his mouth goes out a sharp sword so that with it he might strike the nations, and he will shepherd them with an iron rod, and he tramples the winepress of the wrath of the fury of God Almighty. ¹⁶And he has a name written on {his} robe and on his thigh: “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

¹⁷And I saw one angel standing in the sun, and he called out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying in midheaven, “Come, be gathered together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸so that you might eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those sitting on them and the flesh of all {men}—both free and slaves—and small and great.”

¹⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies having been gathered to make war with the one sitting on the horse and with his army. ²⁰And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs before him, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹And the rest were killed by the sword of the one who sat on the horse, {the sword} that came out from his mouth, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Chapter 20

¹And I saw an angel coming down from heaven having the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for 1,000 years. ³And he threw him into the abyss and shut {it} and sealed {it} over him so that he would not deceive the nations anymore until the 1,000 years would be completed. After that, it is necessary for him to be released for a short time.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them, both the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who did not worship the beast nor his image and did not receive the mark on {their} forehead or on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1,000 years were ended.) This {is} the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy {is} the one who has a part in the first resurrection! Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for 1,000 years.

⁷But when the 1,000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations that {are} at the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them together to the battle. The number of them {will be} like the sand of the sea. ⁹And they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet {were}, and they will be tormented day and night forever {and} ever.

¹¹And I saw a great white throne and the one seated on it, from whose presence the earth and the heaven fled away, but no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead—both 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 from the things that were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead who {were} in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who {were} in them, and each of them was judged according to their deeds. ¹⁴And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

¹And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, “Behold! The tabernacle of God {is} with men, and he will live with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.^[1] ⁴And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not be any longer, nor grieving nor crying nor pain. They will not be any longer; the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “Behold! I make all things new.” And he says to me, “Write, because these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I {am} the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. To the one who thirsts I will give without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. ⁸But the cowards and unbelieving and detestable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all the liars—their place {will be} in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

⁹And one of the seven angels came—the one who had the seven bowls that were full of the seven last plagues—and he spoke with me, saying, “Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God; its brilliance {was} like a very precious stone, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper, ¹²having a great and high wall having 12 gates and 12 angels at the gates, and names were written {on the gates}, which were those of the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel. ¹³On the east {were} three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had 12 foundations, and on them {were} the 12 names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵And the one who was speaking with me had a golden measuring rod so that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall. ¹⁶And the city is laid out {as} a square, and its length {is} as much as {its} width. And he measured the city with the measuring rod, at 12,000 stadia (the length and the width and the height of it are equal). ¹⁷And he measured its wall, 144 cubits {thick} by man’s measurement (which is {also} an angel’s {measurement}). ¹⁸And the material of its wall {is} jasper and the city—pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone. The first foundation {was} jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹And the 12 gates {are} 12 pearls; each of the gates was from a single pearl, and the streets of the city {were} pure gold, like transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty is its temple, and the Lamb. ²³And the city does not have need of the sun nor the moon so that it might shine on it, because the glory of God shone on it, and its lamp {is} the Lamb. ²⁴And the nations will walk by the light of it, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.^[2] ²⁵And its gates will never be shut during the day, for there will be no night there. ²⁶And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it, ²⁷but anything unclean will certainly not enter into it, nor the one who does abominations and falsehoods, but only those who are written in the book of life of the Lamb.

21:3 ^[1] but the best manuscripts do not.

21:24 ^[2]

Chapter 22

¹And he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ²in the middle of its street. And on this side and on that side of the river {was} the tree of life, bearing 12 {crops of} fruit, bearing its fruit according to each month, and the leaves of the tree {are} for the healing of the nations. ³And there will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him. ⁴And they will see his face, and his name {will be} on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night, and they have no need of the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever {and} ever.

⁶And he said to me, "These words {are} trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon." ⁷"And behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed {is} the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸And I, John, {am} the one who saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing me these things. ⁹But he says to me, "Watch out! I am a fellow servant of you and of your brothers the prophets and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

¹⁰And he says to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the one who is unrighteous still be unrighteous, and let the morally filthy one still be morally filthy, and let the righteous one still do righteousness, and let the holy one still be holy." ¹²"Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward {is} with me, to pay back each one just as his deeds are. ¹³I {am} the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. ¹⁴Blessed {are} those who wash their robes so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter into the city through the gates.^[1] ¹⁵Outside {are} the dogs and the sorcerers and the sexually immoral and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶I, Jesus, sent my angel to testify to you about these things to the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" And the one who thirsts, let him come. The one who desires it, let him freely take the water of life.

¹⁸I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone might add to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written about in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone might take away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are written about in this book.^[2]

²⁰The one who testifies these things says, "Yes! I am coming quickly." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus {be} with the saints. Amen.

22:14 ^[1] some older copies read

22:19 ^[2]

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