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### This is a vision about Jesus (1:1-20).

<sup>1</sup> This is a vision about Jesus the messiah. God used it to show his servants what was about to happen. God presented this message through angels to one of his servants, John. <sup>2</sup> John affirms the word of God and Jesus the messiah through this vision. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the man who reads and listens to these prophesies and then keeps them, because it is about to happen.

<sup>4</sup> John, to the seven Asian churches.

From him who was, who is, and who will be.

From the seven spirits around his throne.

<sup>5</sup> From Jesus the messiah, the faithful witness.

The firstborn from the dead.

The rule of the kingdom of the earth.

May you receive grace and may you have peace.

May there be glory and power forever to the beloved one. He freed us from our sin by his blood. <sup>6</sup> He brought us into the kingdom. He made us holy before God our father.

<sup>7</sup> Look. He is coming on the clouds.

Everyone can see him.

They stabbed him.

Every nationality will cry because of him.

This is absolutely true.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the alpha and the omega," says the lord, God almighty. He was. He is. He will be.

<sup>9</sup> I am John, your brother, and your partner in persecution in the kingdom, and in the patience we get through Jesus. I am on Patmos Island because I spoke God's word. I shared about Jesus.

<sup>10</sup> On the lord's day, I was in the spirit. I heard this voice from behind. It was as loud as a trumpet. <sup>11</sup> It said, "Write down what you see in a book. Send it to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see where the voice was coming from. I saw seven golden lampstands. <sup>13</sup> There was someone who looked like a son of man between the lamps. He was wearing a long robe and a golden belt wrapped around his waist. <sup>14</sup> His hair was wool that was white as snow. He had flaming eyes of fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were made of molten brass. His voice sounded like rushing water. <sup>16</sup> He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp double-edged sword came out of his mouth. His face shined like the blazing sun.

<sup>17</sup> Looking at him made me fall down at his feet like I was dead. He put his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last. <sup>18</sup> I am alive. I was dead, but look, I am alive forever I have the keys of death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> So write down both what is and what will happen after that.”

<sup>20</sup> “This is the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars in my hand and the seven golden lamps. The seven stars are the seven angels of the seven churches. The seven lamps are the seven churches.”

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## **Write to the seven churches (2:1-3:22).**

*The first church: Write to the church in Ephesus (2:1-7).*

<sup>2</sup> Write to the angel of the Ephesus church. The one with the seven stars who stands between the seven lampstands speaks.

<sup>2</sup> I know your life, your fruit, and your patience. Namely, you did not tolerate that mess from those who call themselves apostles, but really were not. They tried to trick you, but you figured out they were fakes. You were too patient. <sup>3</sup> You tolerated them, thinking that is what I wanted you to do. In the end, you did not give in to them.

<sup>4</sup> I do take issue with you because you did not love me the way you did at first. <sup>5</sup> Look at how far you have gone backwards. Change back to the way you lived before. Unless you do change, I will take your lamp away.

<sup>6</sup> You also have this in your favor: You hate the way the Nicolaitans act, just like I do.



<sup>7</sup> If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches. The winners will eat from the tree of life in God's paradise.

*The second church: Write to the church in Smyrna (2:8-11).*

<sup>8</sup> Write to the angel of the Smyrna church. The first and the last who was dead but now is alive speaks.

<sup>9</sup> I know about your troubles and poverty. Really you are rich. I know those who think they are Jews have slandered you. They really belong to the synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not be afraid because of what you are going through. Listen, the devil is going to be thrown into prison because of what he made you go through. You have to put up with some more trouble for ten days. Be faithful to death and you will win the crown of life.

<sup>11</sup> If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches. The winners will not be harmed by the second death.

*The third church: Write to the church in Pergamum (2:12-17).*

<sup>12</sup> Write to the angel of the Pergamum church. The one with the sharpened double-edged sword speaks.

<sup>13</sup> I know that even though Satan's throne is in your city, you still held on to my name. You did not deny your faith in me after they killed my faithful witness Antipas among you. The throne of Satan is there.

<sup>14</sup> I do take issue with some of you who accept Balaam's teaching. He encouraged Balak to cause the children of Israel to stumble by eating impure food and being sexually immoral. <sup>15</sup> In exactly the same way you accepted the Nicolaitan's teaching. <sup>16</sup> Change. If you do not, I will come quickly and start a fight using the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup> If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches. The winners will get hidden manna and a white stone with a new name on it. No one will know about that name unless they have been told.

*The fourth church: Write to the church in Thyatira (2:18-28).*

<sup>18</sup> Write this to the angel of the Thyatira church. The son of God who has flaming eyes and brass feet speaks.

<sup>19</sup> I know your life, your love, your faith, your service, and your patience. There are many things you have done right. <sup>20</sup> I do take issue with you, though, because you tolerated that Jezebel woman. She calls herself a prophet and therefore tricks my servants, teaching that it is right to sleep around and to eat idol food. <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to change but she was not willing to change her immoral ways. <sup>22</sup> Listen, during the hard times about to come, I will throw her on her deathbed along with those who practice adultery with her, unless they change their ways. <sup>23</sup> I will also put her children to death. All the churches will know that I am the one who knows your secret thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> To the rest of the disciples who have not accepted her teachings and the secrets of Satan, as they say, I am not putting the burden of this on you. <sup>25</sup> Keep what you have until I come back. <sup>26</sup> For the winner who keeps on until the end,

I will give him power over the nations.

<sup>27</sup> He will rule with an iron rod,

And dash their clay pots.<sup>a</sup>

You will get the same power I got from my father. <sup>28</sup> I will even give you the morning star.

<sup>29</sup> If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches.

*The fifth church: Write to the church in Sardis (3:1-6).*

<sup>3</sup> Write this to the angel of the Sardis church. The one with the seven spirits of God and the seven stars speaks.

I know your life. This is your reputation. You were alive but now you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Watch out. Do whatever you have to do to keep what you have left before it dies, too. I know your reputation does not meet God's expectations.

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a) Psalm 2:9.

<sup>3</sup>Remember how you received the word. You listened, obeyed, and changed. You better watch out. I will sneak up like a thief. You will not know until it happens. <sup>4</sup>There are a few of you in Sardis who have not stained their clothes.

They still wear white like me. They are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The winners will be clothed in white. Their names will not be removed from the book of life. I will defend them before my father and his angels.

<sup>6</sup>If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches.

*The sixth church: Write to the church in Philadelphia (3:7-13).*

<sup>7</sup>Write this to the angel of the Philadelphia church.

The holy one, the true one.

He has David's key.

What he opens no one locks.

What he locks no one opens.

He speaks.

<sup>8</sup>I know your life. Look, I opened the gate for you that no one can lock. Even though you were not very powerful, you obeyed my word and did not deny me.

<sup>9</sup>Listen, I will get that synagogue of Satan that claims to be Jewish. They are nothing but a bunch of phonies. I will make it so that they come and worship at my feet. Then they will understand that it was you that I loved.

<sup>10</sup>Because you patiently protected my word, I will protect you on the day when trouble tests everyone alive. <sup>11</sup>I will come soon, too. Keep what you have so that no one else gets your crown. <sup>12</sup>The winners will get a pillar in God's temple. I will go there with them and they will not ever have to leave. I will write God's name and the name of God's city, the new Jerusalem, on them. They will get a new name when that city comes down from heaven.

<sup>13</sup>If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches.

*The sixth church: Write to the church in Laodicea (3:14-22).*

<sup>14</sup> Write this to the angel of the Laodicean church.

The Amen.

The faithful and true witness.

The beginning of God's creation.

He speaks.

<sup>15</sup> I know your life. You are not hot and you are not cold. I wish you were one or the other. <sup>16</sup> So, because you are warm, not hot and not cold, I am going to spit you out of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup> You say, "I am rich. I am doing great. I do not need anything." You do not realize that this is what you really are: Miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I suggest that you buy some refined gold from me. Then you really can be rich. I suggest that you buy some white clothes from me. Then everyone will not see that you really are naked. I suggest that you buy some ointment from me to rub on your eyes. Then you will not be blind any more.

<sup>19</sup> I discipline the people that I love. So get serious and make the necessary changes. <sup>20</sup> I am standing outside your door knocking. If you would just open the door, I would come in so that we could eat together. <sup>21</sup> I will let the winners sit on my throne, just like my father let me sit on his throne after I won.

<sup>22</sup> If you have ears to hear with, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches.

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## **I saw seven seals (4:1-8:1).**

*I saw a throne in heaven (4:1-11).*

<sup>4</sup> After this I saw a gate open in heaven. Then I heard the same voice behind me that sounded like a trumpet. It said, "Come here and I will show you what happens next."

<sup>2</sup> I was immediately taken away in the spirit. <sup>2</sup> I saw a throne in heaven with someone sitting in it. He looked like green and red gems. There was an emerald rainbow surrounding the throne.

<sup>3</sup> There were twenty-four thrones around the main throne. There was an elder sitting on each throne dressed in white robes and golden crowns.

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<sup>4</sup> Lightning, roaring, and thunder were coming from the main throne. There were seven lamps burning around the throne. They were the seven spirits of God.

<sup>5</sup> There was a glass ocean surrounding the throne.

<sup>6</sup> There were four creatures covered with eyes going back and forth around the throne. <sup>7</sup> The first was a lion, the second a calf, the third had a man's head, and the fourth was an eagle.

<sup>8</sup> Each one of the creatures had six wings covered with eyes from top to bottom. Without stopping, they sang day and night,

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God almighty!

He was. He is. He will be.

<sup>9</sup> The creatures heaped glory, honor, and thanks on the enthroned one. He exists forever. <sup>10</sup> The twenty-four elders fell down in front of the throne. They worshipped him as the eternal one.

They threw their crowns down in front of the throne. They spoke,

<sup>11</sup> You are worthy, our lord and God

To receive glory, honor, and power.

You made the universe.

You made everything through your great pleasure.

*I saw the lamb open seven seals (5:1-8:1).*

<sup>5</sup> To the right of the throne, I saw this book with writing in it and all around it. Seven seals sealed it. <sup>2</sup> I heard an angel shout in a loud voice, "Who has earned the right to break the seal and open the book?"

<sup>3</sup> No one qualified, either in heaven or on earth. <sup>4</sup> This caused many people to start crying. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not cry. The lion of Judah, the root David, will break the seals and open the book."

<sup>6</sup> In the middle of the thrones, elders, and creatures, I saw the lamb ready for sacrifice. He had seven horns and seven eyes. He is the one God sent into the world. <sup>7</sup> He went up to the throne to get the book.

<sup>8</sup> The creatures and elders fell down and worshipped the lamb. They played harps. They held golden bowls of incense, which were the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They played a new song,

You were able to take the book

And break its seal.

You were sacrificed and redeemed by God with your blood

For every race, color, and nation on earth.

<sup>10</sup> You made them kings and priests before God.

They will rule the earth.

<sup>11</sup> I heard the sound of many angels, creatures, and elders around the throne. There was a huge crowd numbering many thousands. <sup>12</sup> They were shouting,

Worthy is the lamb who broke the seal.

He is powerful, rich, wise, and strong,

Honorable, glorious, and blessed.

<sup>13</sup> Everything alive in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, and in the ocean was singing,

To the one on the throne

And to the lamb,

Blessing, honor, glory, and strength

For all eternity.

<sup>14</sup> The creatures said, "It is true." The elders fell down to worship.

*The first seal: I saw someone riding a white horse (6:1-2).*

<sup>6</sup> I saw the lamb open the first of seven seals. The first creature loudly shouted at me, "Come here!" <sup>2</sup> I looked over there and saw someone riding on a white horse carrying a bow. He was wearing a crown. He rode out to win many battles in victory.

*The second seal: I saw someone riding a red horse (6:3-4).*

<sup>3</sup> Then he opened the second seal. I heard the second creature say, "Come here!" <sup>4</sup> Then I saw someone else riding a red horse. He had the power to remove peace from the earth so that everyone could kill each other. He had a big sword.

*The third seal: I saw someone riding a black horse (6:5-6).*

<sup>5</sup>Then he opened the third seal. I heard the third creature say, “Come here!” I saw someone riding a black horse with a scale in his hand. <sup>6</sup>I heard a voice from the middle of the four creatures shouting, “A quart of wheat for a day’s wages! Three quarts of barley for a day’s wages! ... Do not waste any oil or wine.”

*The fourth seal: I saw someone riding a green horse (6:7-8).*

<sup>7</sup>Then he opened the fourth seal. I heard the fourth creature say, “Come here!”<sup>8</sup> I saw someone riding a green horse. Death was his name. He had the underworld following him. He was given control of one-fourth of the earth so that he could kill with war, disease, famine, and wild beasts.

*The fifth seal: I saw people slaughtered on the altar (6:9-11).*

<sup>9</sup>Then he opened the fifth seal. I saw people slaughtered on the altar because of God’s word and their testimony. <sup>10</sup>There was a loud cry, “How long, holy and wise master, before you avenge us from the people who did this?” <sup>11</sup>He gave us a white robe, then answered, “You have to wait a little while longer so your friends, brothers, and others can be murdered just like you were.”

*The sixth seal: I saw the day of his Anger (6:12-7:17).*

<sup>12</sup>Then he opened the sixth seal. There was a strong earthquake. The sun turned black as coal. The moon turned red as blood. <sup>13</sup>The stars fell down to the earth the way a fig is blown down by the wind. <sup>14</sup>Heaven vanished the way a book is rolled up. Every mountain and island disappeared. <sup>15</sup>Every king, dignitary, general, rich man, influential man, servant, and freeman hid themselves in caves and in mountains. <sup>15</sup>They begged the mountains and rocks, “Please fall on us and hide us from the one seated on the throne and the Anger of the lamb. <sup>17</sup>The day of his Anger has come! Who can survive it?”

<sup>7</sup>Afterwards, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the world. They grabbed the wind so that it could not blow over the world, the sea, or the forest. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel coming from the east who had a special mark God gave him. He shouted at the four angels just as they were about to destroy the earth and oceans, <sup>3</sup>“Do not de-

stroy the earth, oceans, and forests until I have a chance to mark the foreheads of God's servants." <sup>4</sup> I overheard that the number of people added to 144,000. Here is a list of the number of people marked from the tribes of Israel: <sup>5</sup> 12,000 each from Judah, Reuben, Gad, <sup>6</sup> Asher, Naph-tali, Manasseh, <sup>7</sup> Simeon, Levi, Issachar, <sup>8</sup> Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. <sup>9</sup> After this I saw a huge mass of people so large that they could not be counted. They included people from every nationality, race, color, and language. They stood before the throne and the lamb dress in white robes and waving palm branches. <sup>10</sup> They shouted out,

May our God who is sitting on the throne and the lamb be preserved!

<sup>11</sup> All the angels standing around the throne, the elders, and the four creatures fell down on their faces and worshipped God,

<sup>12</sup> This is true!

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks,  
Glory, power, and strength to our God for all eternity!  
This is true!

<sup>13</sup> One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes? Where did they come from?"

<sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, I think you know."

He said, "Yes. They have been through incredible persecutions. They washed and bleached their robes with the lamb's blood."

<sup>15</sup> They worshipped him night and day in the temple.

The one sitting on the throne lived with them.

<sup>16</sup> They do not need to eat or drink any more.

The sun longer shines on them.

The heat of the sun no longer beats down on them.

<sup>17</sup> The lamb who went up to the throne took care of them.

He led them to running streams.

God wiped away all their tears.

*The seventh seal: Complete silence fell on heaven (8:2).*

<sup>8</sup> Then he opened the seventh seal. Complete silence fell on heaven for about half an hour.



## **I saw seven trumpets (8:2-14:20).**

*I saw seven angels blow trumpets (8:2-11:19).*

<sup>2</sup>I saw that seven trumpets were given to the seven angels standing in front of God. <sup>3</sup>Another angel stood at the altar with a golden container. <sup>4</sup>He burned some incense as a sacrifice on the golden altar in front of the throne. It served as prayers for all the holy people. Smoke rose up to God for their prayers. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the container, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it at the world. It caused thunder, lightning, roaring, and earthquakes.

<sup>6</sup>The seven angels got ready to blow their trumpets.

*The first trumpet: He threw hail and fire (8:7).*

<sup>7</sup>The first angel blew his trumpet. He threw fire and hail mixed with blood at the world. <sup>9</sup>It burned up a third of the world, a third of its forests, and all of its foliage.

*The second trumpet: A great burning mountain was thrown into the sea (8:8-9).*

<sup>8</sup>The second angel blew his trumpet. A great burning mountain was thrown into the sea. It caused a third of the sea to turn into blood, a third of the marine animals died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

*The third trumpet: A huge star fell from heaven (8:10-11).*

<sup>10</sup>The third angel blew his trumpet. A huge star burning like a torch fell from heaven. It fell into a third of the rivers and streams. <sup>11</sup>The name of the star was Bitterness. A third of the rivers and streams became poisoned. This caused many people who drank the water to die.

*The fourth trumpet: A third of the lights were blacked out (8:12-13).*

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel blew his trumpet. A third of the time the sun, moon, and stars were blacked out so that there was no light for a third of the day and night.

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard an eagle flying in the middle of the sky shout out, "It is going to be really bad for the rest of people living in the world after the three remaining angels blow their trumpets."

*The fifth trumpet: Locusts came out (9:1-12).*

<sup>9</sup>Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet. I saw a star fall from heaven to earth. The star was given the keys to the underworld. <sup>2</sup>He unlocked the opening and smoke came out like it was a giant oven. <sup>3</sup>Locusts came out and went into the world. Satan gave them the personality of scorpions. <sup>4</sup>He asked them to destroy only the plants, vegetation, and forests of people who did not have the special mark of God on their forehead. <sup>5</sup>He would not let them kill anyone yet so that he could torture them for five months. He tortured people the way a scorpion's sting tortures. <sup>6</sup>Men wanted to die, but could not. They wanted to kill themselves, but were not allowed.

<sup>7</sup>The locusts were like horses prepared for war. They had golden crowns on their heads. They had men's faces, <sup>8</sup>women's hair, a lion's teeth, <sup>9</sup>and iron chests. Their wings made a sound like chariots rushing to war. <sup>10</sup>They had a stinger on their tails like a scorpion. It could cause pain for as long as five months. <sup>11</sup>The chief demon from the underworld was among them. He was the Destroyer, *Abyddon* in Hebrew, or *Apolluon* in Greek.

<sup>12</sup>The first terrible thing happened. That leaves two.

*The sixth trumpet: The four angels were ready to kill (9:13-11:14).*

<sup>13</sup>The sixth angel blew his trumpet. I heard a single voice coming from the horns of the golden altar in front of God. <sup>14</sup>It spoke to the sixth angel, "Free the four angels bound at the Euphrates River." <sup>15</sup>The four angels were ready to kill a third of mankind at that exact date. <sup>16</sup>There were two hundred million horsemen with them. <sup>17</sup>They had red, blue, and yellow breastplates. Their heads were like lions. Their mouths breathed fire, hail, and sulfur. <sup>18</sup>A third of all people were killed by these three plagues, the fire, hail, and sulfur. <sup>19</sup>The horses' ability to inflict harm came from their mouths and tails. They had tails with poisonous snake's heads that could bite.

<sup>20</sup>The people left alive after this still did not make the necessary changes. They kept on worshipping demons and idols made from gold, silver, copper, stone, and wood. These idols could not see, hear, or walk. <sup>21</sup>They did not stop murdering, conjuring spirits, have sex outside marriage, and stealing.

<sup>10</sup> Then I saw another angel who was powerful come out of heaven. He wore clouds for clothes, a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun. He had fiery pillars for legs. <sup>2</sup> He had an open pamphlet in his hands. He put his right foot in the ocean and his left foot on the ground. <sup>3</sup> When he talked, his voice roared like a lion, and seven thunders responded. <sup>4</sup> The seven thunders started crashing as I was about to start writing. A voice from heaven said, "Seal up what the seven thunders said. Do not write it down." <sup>5</sup> Then the angel I saw standing in the ocean and on the earth raised his right hand to the sky. <sup>6</sup> He swore by the eternal life who made heaven, the earth, the oceans, and everything in them, "No more waiting!" <sup>7</sup> The seventh angel will speak today. When the angel speaks and blows his trumpet today, he will reveal the secret of God, just like the prophets said."

<sup>8</sup> I heard another sound from heaven. It told me, "Go get the open book from the angel standing in the ocean and on the earth. <sup>9</sup> Tell him to give the pamphlet to you." The angel answered, "Take the book and eat it. It will give you a stomach ache, but will taste sweet as honey in your mouth."

<sup>10</sup> I took the pamphlet from him and ate it. Sure enough, it was sweet in my mouth. After I ate it, my stomach was upset. <sup>10</sup> You need to preach against to every nation, race, language, and king."

<sup>11</sup> I was given a measuring rod. I was told, "Use it to measure God's temple, the altar, and the worshippers. <sup>2</sup> But do not try to measure the courtyard outside the temple. The gentiles control it while they defile the holy city for forty-two months. <sup>3</sup> I will let the two witnesses preach for 1,260 days wearing sackcloth. <sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees and the two lamps standing in front of the lord of the earth. <sup>5</sup> If anyone bothers them, fire will come out of their mouths and burn them up. If anyone wants to hurt them, they will be killed. <sup>6</sup> They have the power to stop the sky from raining while they speak. They have the power to turn water into blood or to send plagues on the world if they want. <sup>7</sup> When they are finished speaking, the beast from the underworld will come out, make war with them, defeat them, and then kill them. <sup>8</sup> Their bodies will be left lying in the streets of the great city, which in spiritual terms we will call Sodom or Egypt. The same place crucified the lord. <sup>9</sup> Every race, color, language, and nation will see their bodies lying there for three and a half days. No

one will bury the bodies. <sup>10</sup>They will think it is funny. It will even make them happy! They will give each other presents because the prophets irritated them. <sup>11</sup>But after three and a half days, God will bring them back to life. Incredible fear will strike those who see them when they stand up. <sup>12</sup>I heard a loud voice say to them, "Come here!" They rose up into the sky. The people saw it. <sup>13</sup>At that moment there was a strong earthquake that caused ten cities to collapse. 7,000 people died in the earthquake. The rest were scared to death and starting giving credit to God.

<sup>14</sup>The second terrible thing has ended. Here comes the third one!

*The seventh trumpet: It is time to judge the dead (11:15-19).*

<sup>15</sup>The seventh angel blew his trumpet. A loud voice shouted from heaven,

The world's kingdom belongs to our lord and his messiah.

He will rule for all eternity.

<sup>16</sup>The twenty-four elders seated in front of God fell down on their faces and worshipped him,

<sup>17</sup>Bless you, lord God almighty

Who was and who is.

You have great power.

You rule.

<sup>18</sup>The nations get the force of your Anger.

Your Anger has come.

It is time to judge the dead

And avenge your servants the prophets,

The holy ones, those who honor your name,

The insignificant and the significant.

Those who ruined the world will be ruined.

<sup>19</sup>The temple in heaven was opened. You could see the container inside the temple holding the covenant. There was tremendous lightning, roaring, thunder, earthquakes, and hail.

## **I saw the serpent and two beasts (12:1-13:18).**

*I saw the serpent (12:1-17).*

<sup>12</sup> I saw a special sign in heaven. There was a woman dressed with the sun, standing on the moon, with a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and having strong labor pains. <sup>3</sup> Then I saw this in heaven. There was a huge, fiery serpent with seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns on each head. <sup>4</sup> He used his tail to knock a third of the stars out of the sky and throw them into the earth. The serpent waited for her to have the child so he could eat it. <sup>5</sup> She had a baby boy who is going to rule with an iron scepter. The boy was taken up to God to sit on his throne. The woman hid in the desert. <sup>6</sup> A hiding place was created for her to recover for 1,260 days. <sup>7</sup> So, there was war in heaven between Michael, the serpent, and their angels. <sup>8</sup> The serpent lost. There was no place in heaven for him to hide. <sup>9</sup> So the great serpent thrown out, the ancient snake, that accuser of the world, called the devil or Satan. He and his angels were thrown down into the world. <sup>10</sup> And a loud voice in heaven sang,

Finally we have salvation and power,

The kingdom of our God,

And the power of the messiah.

Our brother's accuser has been defeated.

He accused us before God day and night.

<sup>11</sup> They defeated him by the blood of the lamb

And the word of his witnesses.

They did not care for their lives even if it killed them.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, be happy, heaven!

Be happy if you live in it!

But look out if you live in the earth or on the ocean.

That is where the devil was thrown.

He is extremely angry.

He knows his time just about over.

<sup>13</sup> When the serpent realized that he had been expelled to the earth, he chased the woman who had the boy. <sup>14</sup> But the woman got two huge wings so she could fly away to her desert hiding place. There she was protected from the serpent for three and a half periods of time. <sup>15</sup> The serpent made water gush out of his mouth like a river. He tried to drown her.

<sup>16</sup> But the earth protected the woman. It opened up to swallow the water from the serpent's mouth. <sup>17</sup> This made the snake furious. So, he declared war against her descendents. Her descendents are those who obey God's commands and share about Jesus. And the woman stayed near the shore.

*The saw the first beast (13:1-10).*

<sup>13</sup> I saw a beast come out of the ocean. He had seven heads with ten horns, each horn had ten crowns, and his head had insults written on it. <sup>2</sup> The beast looked like a leopard with bear feet and a lion mouth. He had the strength of the serpent, along with his throne and power. <sup>3</sup> If one of his heads was wounded, it healed itself. Everyone was impressed with the beast. <sup>4</sup> Those who had worshipped the serpent now worshipped the beast, "Who is like the beast? Who can stop him?" <sup>5</sup> He was allowed to have a big mouth to shout insults for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> Every time he opened his mouth, he had something nasty to say about God, or God's name, his house, or those living in heaven. <sup>7</sup> He even started a war against the holy ones and won. He controlled all the people, every race, color, language, and nation. <sup>8</sup> Everyone alive worshipped him. The only exceptions were those who had their name in the book of life. That book belonged to the lamb chosen from the beginning of the world.

<sup>9</sup> If you have ears to hear,  
Let them listen!  
<sup>10</sup> If you are in prison,  
Stay there!  
If you have been murdered by the sword,  
Stay that way!

*I saw another beast (13:11-18).*

<sup>11</sup> I saw another beast come up from the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he talked like the serpent. <sup>12</sup> He was just as powerful as the first beast. He made everyone alive worship the first beast who could heal his wounded head. <sup>13</sup> He did incredible things like make fire fall from the sky and land on earth. <sup>14</sup> He tricked people with the things he did. He told them to make an image of the beast who could grow back a severed head. <sup>15</sup> He made the image come to life so that it could talk. <sup>16</sup> If anyone refused to worship it, he murdered him. <sup>17</sup> He forced everyone to have a mark put

on their right hand or their forehead. No one could participate in any business transaction without the stamp. The stamp consisted either of the beast's name or the code for his name.<sup>18</sup> Here is an inside secret: If you think about it, you can figure out the beast's code. It is a human code. The code is six hundred and sixty-six.

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### **I saw some others (14:1-20).**

*I saw the lamb (14:1-5).*

<sup>14</sup> I saw the lamb standing on Mount Zion. With him were the 144,000 with God's name on their foreheads.<sup>2</sup> I heard sounds coming from heaven like rushing water. It was the sound of harp players.<sup>3</sup> They were singing hymns in front of the throne, the four creatures, and the elders. No one could sing it except the 144,000 who were redeemed from the world.<sup>4</sup> They had not been impure with women. They were virgins. They followed the lamb wherever he led them. They were the ones redeemed from mankind first by and also the lamb.<sup>5</sup> No lie had ever come out of their mouths. They were innocent.

*I saw the first angel (14:6-7).*

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw an angel flying in midair who had an eternal message to preach to people living on earth, every race, color, language, and nation.<sup>7</sup> He said in a loud voice, "Praise God and give him honor, because judgment day is here. Worship him who made heaven, the earth, the sea, and the streams."

*I saw the second angel (14:8).*

<sup>8</sup> A second angel spoke afterwards, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great. Since sleeping around is normal there. They tried to make it normal everywhere."

*I saw the third angel (14:9-13).*

<sup>9</sup> A third angel spoke after him in a loud voice, "Anyone who does these things will be burned with fire and sulfur in front of the angels and the lamb. They worshipped the beast or his image. They received the code on their hand or forehead.<sup>10</sup> They drank from the ceremonial idol cup that

makes God's Anger burn. <sup>11</sup> Smoke will rise from their torments for all eternity. <sup>12</sup> This punishment will go on constantly for people who worship the beast and wear his code." Obedience to God's commands and faith in Jesus will allow the saints to stay faithful.

<sup>13</sup> I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write what follows."

Blessed are those who die in the lord.

"Definitely," says the spirit. "They can rest because their reputation followed them."

*I saw the son of man (14:14-16).*

<sup>14</sup> I saw a white cloud with someone sitting on it that looked like a son of man. He had a golden crown on his head and a sharpened sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup> Another angel came out of the temple shouting at him,

Swing your sickle and reap.

It is time to harvest.

Before the earth's harvest dries up.

<sup>16</sup> He swung his sickle down on the world and reaped it.

*I saw another angel (14:17-20).*

<sup>17</sup> Another angel came out heaven's temple with a sharpened sickle. <sup>18</sup> A third angel with authority to control fire came out of the altar. He shouted to the one with the sickle, "Use your sickle to harvest the earth's grapevines because they are ripe." <sup>19</sup> The angel swung his sickle to harvest the earth's grapevines into the huge winepress of God's Anger. <sup>20</sup> They pressed the grapes outside the city and blood spilled out of the press for two hundred miles up to the height of a horse's neck.

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## **I saw seven plagues (15:1-22:6).**

*Seven angels held the final seven plagues (15:1-16:1).*

<sup>15</sup> I saw something else in heaven that was wild and fantastic. Seven angels held the final seven plagues. God's full Anger was held in them.

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw an ocean made of glass and fire. The ones who defeated the beast, his image, and those not stamped with this code, were playing



God's harps. <sup>3</sup>They were singing the song of God's servant, Moses, and the lamb,

The things you do are wild and fantastic,  
Lord God almighty.  
You are righteous and true,  
King of all nations.

<sup>4</sup>Who does not fear you  
And your wonderful name?  
You alone are holy.  
Every nation will come  
To worship you

When your righteous actions are revealed.

<sup>5</sup>After this I saw the temple that contained God's witnesses open up.

<sup>6</sup>The seven angels that had the seven plagues came out. They were dressed with fresh shining linen and golden belts. <sup>7</sup>One of the four creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls to pour out the eternal living God's Anger. <sup>8</sup>The temple was filled with smoke, that is, God's glory and power. No one could enter the temple until the seven angels' plagues were done.

<sup>16</sup>I heard a loud voice speak to the seven angels from the temple, "Go pour the seven bowls of God's Anger into the world."

*The first plague: Everyone got terrible sores and diseases (16:2).*

<sup>2</sup>The first angel poured his bowl on the world. Everyone who had the beast's code and worshipped his image got terrible sores and diseases.

*The second plague: The sea turned into deadly blood (16:3).*

<sup>3</sup>The second angel poured his bowl into the ocean. The sea turned into deadly blood that killed all living creatures in the sea.

*The third plague: The rivers turned into blood (16:4-7).*

<sup>4</sup>The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and springs. They turned into blood also. <sup>5</sup>I heard the angel say,

You are righteous, holy one,  
Who was and who is,  
Because you made this happen.  
Righteous people's blood and  
<sup>6</sup>Prophet's blood was spilled.  
You let others drink their blood.  
You are righteous.

<sup>7</sup>I heard the altar say,

Oh yes, almighty God.  
Your decisions are true and right.

*The third plague: The sun burned the people (16:8-9).*

<sup>8</sup>The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun. He let it burn people with fire. <sup>9</sup>When people were badly burned, they said nasty things about the same God who sent the plagues. Instead they should have made the necessary changes and showed respect.

*The fifth plague: The rule of the beast was wiped out (16:10-11).*

<sup>10</sup>The fifth angel poured his bowl on the beast's throne. His rule was wiped out. The pain made God's enemies bite their own tongues. <sup>11</sup>Instead of changing their behavior, they said nasty things about God because of their pain and because they got sores on their bodies.

*The sixth plague: The Euphrates dried up (16:12-16).*

<sup>12</sup>The sixth angel poured his bowl on the great Euphrates River. The great river dried up so bad that it became a highway for kings to travel on! <sup>13</sup>Then I saw three evil spirits like frogs that came out of the mouth of the serpent, the beast, and the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>The evil spirits had magical powers to cause all living world leaders to try to defeat the almighty God.

<sup>15</sup>"But I will come up the way a thief sneaks up. Whoever stays awake with his clothes on will be lucky, because then everyone will not see him

run away naked.”<sup>16</sup> The battle started at the place called Mount Megiddo, which is *Har-Megiddo* in Hebrew.

*The seventh plague: The great city was destroyed (16:17-21).*

<sup>17</sup> The seventh angel poured his bowl into the air. A loud voice spoke from the temple near the throne, “Go.”<sup>18</sup> A lot of lightning, roaring, thunder, and earthquakes began. No one had ever seen earthquakes this strong.<sup>19</sup> The great city was divided into three parts and the gentile’s city was destroyed. The great Babylon became a memorial for God’s burning Anger.<sup>20</sup> The islands fled and the mountains hid.<sup>21</sup> One hundred pound pieces of hail fell out of the sky. People said nasty things about God because of the plagues and hail. This hail was incredible.

*I saw the prostitute (17:1-17:18).*

<sup>17</sup> One of the seven angels holding the seven bowls said to me, “Come here and I will let you watch the trial of the great prostitute who sits on the water.”<sup>2</sup> The earth’s kings sleep with her and the people get drunk with her perversions.<sup>4</sup> She is dressed with fancy clothes: purple, scarlet, gold trim, precious stones, and pearls. She holds a golden cup filled with perversions and her sexual sicknesses.<sup>5</sup> She has a name written on her forehead,

The secret.  
Babylon the great.  
Mother of prostitutes.  
Perversions of the world.

<sup>6</sup> I saw that the prostitute was drunk with holy people’s blood and those who preach Jesus. I shook my head in disbelief.<sup>7</sup> The angel said to me, “Why are you shocked? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and the beast she rides on who has seven heads and ten horns.”<sup>8</sup> The beast was dead but now is not. He will come out of the underworld and be destroyed. People whose names are not written in the book of life from the beginning of the world will be amazed when they see the beast was dead but is not now.<sup>9</sup> Understand what I am saying to you.<sup>10</sup> The seven heads of the beast are the seven hills where the woman sits and where seven kings live. Five will fall, one reigns now, and the other has not reigned yet. When he does come, it will only be for a short time.<sup>11</sup> The beast who

was dead and came back to life is the eighth king. He will be destroyed too. <sup>12</sup>The ten horns you saw are the ten governors who have not been appointed yet. <sup>13</sup>They will have the power to rule for a short while with the beast. <sup>14</sup>They will declare war against the lamb, but the lamb will defeat them. The lord is the ruler, the greatest king. The ones he requested and chose are faithful.

<sup>15</sup>The angel said to me, "See the water the prostitute lays in? That is the people, the masses, and the nations of every language. <sup>16</sup>The ten horns and the beast hate the prostitute. They will strip her naked, eat her, and throw her in the fire. <sup>17</sup>God gave them the mind to do his intentions. He will let them unite and give their kingdom to the beast so that God's words will be fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the world.

*I saw the beast captured (18:1-20:15).*

<sup>18</sup>After this I saw another angel come down from heaven who had great power. The earth got light from his glory. <sup>2</sup>He shouted,

"Fallen, fallen is the great Babylon. It was the home of demons and the prison for filthy spirits, filthy, birds, and filthy and unwanted beasts. <sup>3</sup>Every nation has drunk the wine of your prostitution. The world's kings have slept with you. The world's businessmen made lots of money from your luxuries."

<sup>4</sup>I heard another voice from heaven say,

"My people! Get away from her! Do not participate in her offenses so you will not be caught in her punishment. <sup>5</sup>Her sins are piled up all the way to heaven. God will remember her crimes. <sup>6</sup>She will be rewarded the same way she rewarded others. Punish her double for what she did. <sup>7</sup>Pour double from the cup she used to stir her idolatries. To the same degree who was wonderful and incredible, she will receive torture and crying. In her heart she thought, 'I am an enthroned queen. I am not a widow. I do not see anyone crying.'<sup>8</sup> Because of this all her plagues will come in one day, death, crying, and famine. She will be burned up because the mighty lord God has judged her."

<sup>9</sup>The world's kings who slept with her and got rich from her will moan and groan over her when they see smoke coming out of her. <sup>10</sup>They will step back out of fear when they hear about tortures. They will say,

What happened to the great city is absolutely terrible!

Babylon was a strong city.

You judgment came in only one hour.

<sup>11</sup>The world's businessmen will cry and moan about her. No one will buy her goods any more, <sup>12</sup>silver, gold, precious stones, containers made from special woods, copper, iron, marble, <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, amomum, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, carriages, slaves, and men's lives.

<sup>14</sup>The fruit of your lust was removed from you.

All the fancy things and luxuries were destroyed.

They will never be found again.

<sup>15</sup>The businessmen made rich from her stood back from fear when they heard about her tortures. They were moaning and groaning,

<sup>16</sup>Look at what has happened to the great city

Where we wore linen, purple and scarlet.

We had gold, precious stones, and pearls.

<sup>17</sup>All her wealth was wasted in just one hour.

All the ship pilots, people who work and live on the sea, and sailors will stand back. <sup>18</sup>They will see her smoke and shout out, "What city was as great as this one?" <sup>19</sup>They will throw dirt on their heads and moan and groan,

What happened to the great city is absolutely terrible!

Everyone who made his living from the ocean got rich from her economy.

She was destroyed in one day.

<sup>20</sup>Rejoice over her, heaven,

The holy ones, apostles, and the prophets.

God executed his justice over her for you.

<sup>21</sup> One of the angels picked up a huge millstone and threw it into the ocean.

This is the way great Babylon was violently overthrown.  
She cannot be found any more.

<sup>22</sup> The sound of harps, flutes, music, and trumpets  
Cannot be heard in her any more.

Builders of buildings  
Do not do business in her any more.

The grinding of millstones  
Cannot be heard in her anymore.

<sup>23</sup> The light of the lamp  
Cannot be heard in her anymore.

The sound of the bride and groom  
Cannot be heard in her anymore.

Well! Your businessmen were the big shots in the world.  
Your psychics tricked everybody.

<sup>24</sup> The blood of the holy ones and prophets was spilled in your  
streets.

She killed people all over the world.

<sup>19</sup> After this I heard the clamor of a huge crowd in heaven singing,  
Praise God!

Our God is the salvation, glory, and power!  
His judgments are right and true.

He judged the great prostitute.  
She corrupted the world with her fornication.

He avenged the blood of his servants that she killed.

A second time this was said,

Praise God!  
Her smoke will rise for all eternity!

This is true.

Praise God!

A voice from the throne said,

Praise God!  
All his servants,  
Those who fear him,  
The significant and the insignificant.

I heard the sound of huge crowds of people. They sounded like rushing water and very strong thunder. They were saying,

Praise God!

The lord God almighty reigns!

Be happy and excited to give him credit,

Because the lamb's wedding is about to begin.

His bride is prepared.

He made it so that she could wear a beautiful white linen dress.

The linen is composed of the righteousness of the holy people.

Someone told me to write this down, "Blessed is the man who gets an invitation to the wedding reception." He also said, "These are the true words of God." I fell at his feet to worship him. He said to me, "Do not do this. I am just a servant like you and the other brothers who told others about Jesus. Worship God instead. Telling about Jesus is the essence of preaching."

I saw heaven open up. I saw a white horse with the one called Faithful and True sitting on it. He makes a decision and then confidently goes to battle. His eyes had burning flames in them. He had many crowns on his head. He had a name no one knew except him. He wore clothes drenched in blood. His name was the Word of God. Heaven's armies followed him on white horses. They also were dressed in beautiful white linen. A sharp sword came out of his mouth so he could kill the nations and lead them with an iron scepter. He trampled the grapes in the press with the fury of the almighty God's Anger. He had this written on his clothes and his side,

The greatest king of all time.

The greatest lord of all time.

I saw one of the angels standing on the sun. He shouted at all the birds flying in the air,

"Come here and get ready for the great supper of God. You will eat meat that came from kings, military leaders, powerful men, horses, horsemen, free and slave, significant and insignificant."

I saw the beast, the world's kings, and their generals come together to prepare for a fight with horsemen and soldiers. I saw the beast captured together with his miracle-working false prophets. He tricked them into wearing the beast's code and worshipping his image. The two beasts were

thrown alive into the lake of fire that burned with sulfur. The horseman killed the rest with the swords that came out of his mouth. The birds then ate them.

<sup>20</sup> I saw an angel coming out of heaven. He had the key to the underworld and handcuffs in his hand. He handcuffed the serpent, the ancient snake, also called the devil, or diabolos, or Satan, for one thousand years. He threw him into the underworld and locked it. That way, he could not deceive the world until the thousand years was over. After this the serpent would be free for a little while.

Then I saw a throne with someone seated on it. He sentenced the enemies to have their heads cut off. He avenged the ones who told about Jesus, the Word of God, those who did not worship the beast or his image, and those who did not get the code stamped on their forehead or hands. They will live with the messiah and reign with him for a thousand years. People already dead will not be resurrected until the one thousand years is over.

This is the first resurrection. Blessed are the holy people that are part of the first resurrection. The second death has no power over the resurrection. Instead they will be made priests of God and the messiah. They will reign for one thousand years.

When the thousand years had ended, Satan was released from prison. He was free to deceive the nations to the four corners of the world, God from Magog, to lead them into war. They will be as numerous as sand at the beach. They will go all over the earth. They will surround and camp against the holy people and the beloved city. Then fire will come down from the sky and burn them up. The sneaky devil will be thrown into the lake of fire burning with sulfur, along with the beast and the false prophet. They will be tortured night and day for all eternity.

I saw a great white throne with someone sitting on it. The earth and sky ran away from him but there was nowhere to hide. I saw the dead, the significant and insignificant, standing in front of the throne. They opened the books and pamphlets including the book of life. They judged the dead whose names were written in the books according to what they had done. The ocean gave up the dead people it had in it, each of them was judged according to what they had done. Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone



who did not have their name written in the book life was thrown into the lake of fire.

*I saw the new Jerusalem (21:1-22:6).*

<sup>21</sup>I saw a new heaven and earth because the old one disappeared along with the ocean. I saw the new Jerusalem sent down from heaven by God. She was prepared like a bride, dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne,

“Now God’s house is among men. He is going to live with them. They will be his people and he will be with them. He will wipe their tears away. There will not be any more death, moaning, groaning, or suffering because the old world is gone.”

The one on the throne said, “I made everything new. So write this down. You can depend on what I say. Go ahead, write it down. I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. I will let you drink from running springs. The winners will win. I will be their God. They will be my children. Cowards, unfaithful people, the vulgar, murderers, people who sleep around, psychics, all idolaters, and liars, will be thrown into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. This is the second death.

One of the seven angels that poured the final seven plagues from the seven bowls spoke to me, “Come here and will show you the lamb’s bride.” He took me in the spirit to a tall mountain. He showed me how God brought the holy city, Jerusalem, down from heaven. She had God’s glory, beautiful like precious stones made of clear jasper. She had high walls with twelve gates. Each tower had twelve angels and had the names of the twelve tribes of Israel written on it. There were three towers facing each point on the compass. The walls had twelve foundations with the names of the lamb’s twelve apostles written on them.

The angel talking to me had a gold ruler to measure the city, its walls, and its gates. The city was shaped like a cube. Its width, height, and length were equal. It measured 1,500 miles across and its walls were 72 feet high. The city was built with jasper and clear gold. The foundations of the walls were made of precious stones, the first jasper, the second sapphire, the third copper, the fourth emeralds, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carmelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysochryse, the eleventh hyacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The

twelve gates were each manufactured from a single pearl. The streets were paved with clear gold.

I could not find a temple in the city because the almighty lord God and the lamb were the temple. The city did not need a sun or moon because God's glory shined and the lamb took the place of lights. The nations will travel by her light and the world's kings will bring their treasures there. Their gates will never shut because it is never night in this city. The beauty of the nations will be seen there. No one who is crude, rude, or a liar will be allowed in her, only those names in the lamb's book of life.

<sup>22</sup> The angel showed me a river of running water that shined like glass. I came from God's throne and the lamb's throne. Everywhere you looked were twelve different kinds of fruit trees. Their leaves could heal diseases, so there was no more sickness. God's throne and the lamb's throne were there. They served him, they even looked at him, and they had his name on their forehead. There was no night and no need for lights because they had God to shine for them. He rules for all eternity.

*Listen (22:7-21).*

The angel said to me, "These words are dependable and true." The lord God sent these angels to show his servants, the prophets, what is about to happen. I will come suddenly. The one who keeps the prophet's words in this book is blessed.

My name is John. I heard and saw these things and they caused me to fall down at the feet of the angel who sowed them to me. He said to me, "Stop this. I am only a servant just like you, your brother, the prophet's brother, and the brother of those who obey this book. Do not worship me. Worship God."

He said, "Do not close this prophecy up. These things are going to happen soon. Let criminals commit crimes and let the disgusting be disgusting for now. Let the righteous do right things, and the holy be holy for now. I will come suddenly. I will reward everyone according to the way they have lived. I am the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Whoever has washed their clothes will be blessed, his power will be the tree of life, and he will be allowed in the holy city. I will throw out the dogs, that is, psychics, those who sleep around, idolaters, and those who like to tell lies, I am Jesus. I sent my

angel to tell these things to the church. I am the source and descendent of David, the bright shiny star.

The spirit and the bride said, "Come here." Who hears should say, "Come here." Let the thirsty come and will let him drink running water.

I will prophesy to anyone who listens. If you add anything to this prophecy, God will add the plagues written in it on you.

If you subtract from this prophecy, God will subtract your part in the tree of life and the holy city written about in it.

The witness says, "I am coming soon. It is definitely true. I am the lord Jesus."

May the lord Jesus show you favor.