

8 warning, committed to a punishment  
 8 of perpetual fire. In the same way,  
 most certainly, these dreamers also  
 corrupt the body; they despise govern-  
 9 ment; they libel authorities. But the  
 archangel Michael, in his encounter  
 with the Devil, when he judicially  
 argued respecting the body of Moses,  
 dared not indulge in an abusive de-  
 fence; but simply said, "The LORD  
 10 reprove you." These, however, sneer  
 at whatever they are not acquainted  
 with; but in whatever they physically  
 understand, like irrational animals,  
 in these they corrupt themselves.  
 11 Woe to them! because they have  
 marched the way of Cain, and with  
 error they have rushed for the wages  
 of Balaam, and shall perish in the  
 12 revolt of Korah. These, when they  
 associate with you in your love-feasts  
 are offences, gorging themselves with-  
 out reverence; rainless clouds, tossed  
 about by the winds; fruitless, autumn-  
 withering trees, twice felled, up-  
 13 rooted; wild raging sea-waves, foam-  
 ing out their own disgrace; wandering  
 stars, for whom the gloom of dark-  
 ness is reserved for ever.  
 14 Respecting these, indeed, Enoch,  
 the seventh from Adam, also foretold,  
 saying: "Behold, a Master will come  
 15 with His holy myriads, to execute  
 judgment upon all; and He will con-  
 vict all the impious of their impious  
 actions of which they have been  
 notoriously guilty, and for all the per-  
 versities which impious sinners have  
 16 uttered against Him." These are

inveterate fault-finders, proceeding  
 in accordance with their own in-  
 ordinate desires; their mouth is full  
 of arrogance; they are flattering  
 admirers for the sake of gain.

But you, friends, remember the 17  
 instructions which were previously  
 uttered by the apostles of our Lord  
 Jesus Christ; how they told you that 18  
 in the latter time scoffers should  
 appear, seeking after their own im-  
 pious passions. These are the 19  
 agitators—sensual, not possessed of  
 a soul. But you, friends, building 20  
 up yourselves upon your most holy  
 faith, praying with a holy spirit,  
 guard yourselves in the love of God, 21  
 expecting the mercy of our Lord  
 Jesus Christ in life eternal. Some 22  
 indeed pity, with fear; some indeed  
 reprove—making a difference; but 23  
 pitying, save from the fire; hating  
 even the clothing which has been  
 polluted with sensuality.

Now to Him Who is able to guard 24  
 you from stumbling, and to support  
 you blameless before the presence of  
 His majesty with exquisite delight, to 25  
 the only God our Saviour, honour,  
 majesty, dominion, and might, before  
 all time, now, and throughout all the  
 ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

*(This letter was written in Palestine  
 probably about the year 65 or 66 A.D.  
 The Apostle Peter evidently had either  
 read it, or had a copy before him when  
 penning his own second Letter.)*

# THE REVELATION

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## Introduction.

1 **T**HE Revelation of Jesus Christ,  
 which God granted to Him,  
 to inform His servants what must  
 speedily happen; and He communi-  
 cated it by sending through His  
 2 Messenger to His servant John: who  
 gave testimony of the message of God,  
 and the evidence of Jesus Christ,  
 3 which things he had seen. Happy

are the reader and the hearers of this  
 prophecy who observe its records;  
 for the time is at hand!

## Greeting to the Assemblies in Asia-Minor.

John to the seven assemblies which 4  
 are in Asia-Minor: Blessing and peace  
 to you from the One Who is, and Who  
 was, and Who comes; and from the

seven Spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, the True Witness, the Bringer-forth from the dead, and the Commander of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us, and released us from our sins by His blood—and has established us a Kingdom, priests to God and His Father—to Him the majesty and the might, throughout the ages. Amen.

7 Look! He comes with the clouds; and every eye shall look on Him, and those who pierced Him; and over Him shall all the tribes of the earth lament. Yes, certainly.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord, "the God Who exists, and Who was, and Who comes—the All-ruler."

### The Vision in Patmos.

9 I, John, your brother, and participator in the affliction, and kingship, and suffering of Jesus, was in the island known as Patmos, on account of the message of God and my testimony for Jesus. I became inspired on the Lord's day; and I heard a loud voice behind me, resembling a trumpet-blast, saying: "What you see, write in a book, and dispatch to the seven assemblies—to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

12 I accordingly turned to see the voice which spoke to me. And having turned, I observed seven golden lampstands; and in the centre of the lampstands, one like to the Son of Man, clad in a long robe, and fastened at the waist with a golden belt. His head and His hair were white, like white wool, like snow; and His eyes like a flame of fire; and His feet like shining brass, when melting in a crucible; and His voice like the sound of many waters; and holding in His right hand seven stars; and a sharp, double-edged sword drawn from its sheath; and His face was as when the sun shines in his strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. Then He placed His right hand upon me, saying, "Fear not! I am the First and the Last, and the Living—and I became dead; yet behold, I am living in the eternities of the eternities—and possess the keys of Death and of the spirit-land. Write therefore what you have seen,

what is, and what will come after these. The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are messengers of seven assemblies; and the seven lampstands are the seven assemblies."

### To the Assembly in Ephesus.

To the messenger to the assembly in Ephesus write:

"Thus says the Controller of the seven stars by His right hand; Who walks in the centre of the seven golden lampstands: I know your position, your industry, and your patience; and that you cannot endure those who are wicked; that you have put to the test those who have called themselves apostles, and are not, and have found them false; and you have had patience, and have suffered because of My Name, and have not failed. I have, however, a charge against you—that you have forsaken your first love! Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen, and repent, and practise your former works; failing which, and unless you alter your mind, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place. You have this to your account, however, that you hate the practices of the corrupters of the people, which I Myself also hate.

"Whoever has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To the conqueror I will give to eat from the tree of life which grows in the garden of God."

### To the Assembly in Smyrna.

To the messenger to the assembly in Smyrna write:

"Thus says the First and the Last, Who became dead, yet lives: I know your affliction and poverty—you are nevertheless rich—and the insolence of those who assert themselves to be Jews, and are not, but are, on the contrary, a synagogue of Satan. Never fear what you are about to endure; for the Devil is about to imprison some of you, in order that you may be tried; and for ten days you shall be tortured by affliction. Be faithful even to death, and I will grant you the crown of life.

"Whoever has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies. The conqueror shall never be injured by the second death."

### To the Assembly in Pergamos.

12 To the messenger to the assembly in Pergamos write :

"Thus says the possessor of the sharp double-edged sword: I know where you dwell—where the throne of Satan is. Yet you have preserved My Name, and have not denied My faith, even in the time of Antipas My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. I have nevertheless a little against you, because you have there some who are holders of the teaching of Balaam, who instructed Balak to place a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, by eating idol-offerings and indulging in fornication. Thus you have also some who are holders of the teaching like that of the corrupters of the people. Berepentant, therefore; failing which, I will speedily come to you, and I will wage war against them with the sword which is in my sheath.

17 "Whoever has an ear to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To the conqueror I will give some of the hidden manna; and I will give him a white token, and a new name inscribed upon the token, which none but the receiver can understand."

### To the Assembly in Thyatira.

18 To the messenger to the assembly in Thyatira write :

"Thus says the Son of God, Who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like burnished brass; I know your position, your love, and faith, and service, and endurance; and that your latter efforts are in advance of the first. Against you, however, I have to say that you allow that woman Jezebel, who palms herself off as a prophetess, to teach and pervert My servants to fornicate, and to eat idol-offerings. I have, however, given her an opportunity to repent; yet she has no desire to give up her fornication. Look!—I will throw her into a bed, and those committing adultery with her I will visit with severe affliction, if they do not turn away their minds from her practices. I will also kill her followers by death; and all the assemblies shall recognise that I am the Searcher of the minds and hearts; and I will reward each one of you according to your doings. To you I say, however—to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as

have not embraced this teaching, who have not explored the depths of Satan, as they say—I will impose no other burden upon you, except that which you have; keep it safe until I come. The conqueror also, and the keeper of My institutions to the end—to him I will give a governorship over the heathen. He shall shape them with an iron rod, as vessels of clay are tempered together; as I Myself was instructed by My Father. And I will present to him the morning star.

"Whoever has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

### To the Assembly in Sardis.

To the messenger to the assembly in Sardis write :

"Thus says the Master of the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know your position, that you are reputed to live; yet you are dead. Be come watchful, and henceforward stand firm, who are about to die; because I have found none of your actions perfected in the presence of My God. Remember, therefore, how you were instructed and taught. Hold it, and reform! However, if you are not watchful, I shall come like a thief, and you shall not know the time of My coming upon you. Yet you have a small number in Sardis, who have not soiled their clothing; and they shall walk with Me in white; because they are worthy. The conqueror shall be arrayed in white robes; and I will not erase his name from the Book of Life; but I will acknowledge his name in the presence of My Father, and in the presence of His angels.

"Whoever has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

### To the Assembly in Philadelphia.

To the messenger to the assembly in Philadelphia write :

"Thus says the Holy, the True, the Holder of the key of David, Who opens and none can shut, Who shuts and none can open. I know your position. See! I have placed before you an open door, and none can shut it; although you have little power, yet you have guarded My message, and have not denied My Name. Therefore, I will give those of the synagogue of Satan, who assert themselves to be Jews, and are not, but lie; I will make

- them come and bow before your feet, and know that I have loved you.
- 10 Because you have guarded My message resolutely, I also will guard you in the time of trial, which is coming upon all the inhabited world, to test those who dwell upon the
- 11 earth. I come soon. Secure what you possess, so that none may rob
- 12 you of your crown. The conqueror—I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God, and he shall never be put out of it; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which will descend out of heaven from My God, as well as My own new Name.
- 13 "Whoever has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

### To the Assembly in Laodicea.

- 14 To the Messenger to the assembly in Laodicea write:
- "Thus says the Veritable, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginner of God's Creation: I know your position, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were
- 15 either cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of
- 16 My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, having become wealthy, and have need of nothing;' and do not know that you are wretched, pitiable,
- 17 poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to purchase from Me gold refined by fire, in order that you may become rich; and white clothing, so that you may clothe yourself, and prevent the shame of your nakedness being visible; and ointment to apply to your eyes, in order that you may see.
- 18 I examine and instruct as many as I love. Therefore be in earnest, and
- 19 change your mind. Attend! I stand at the door and knock; if any one should hear My voice, and will open the door, I will come in and dine
- 20 with him, and he with Me. The conqueror—to him I will give the privilege of sitting with Myself on My throne, as I also conquered, and sat with My Father upon His throne.
- 21 "Whoever has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies,"

### Visions of Events which must come to pass.

After this I looked, and saw a door 4 opened in the heaven; and the Voice that I had first heard like a blast speaking with me said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen."

After that I immediately became in- 2 spired; and observed a throne set in the heaven, and upon the throne an Occupant. And the Occupant in ap- 3 pearance resembled in brilliancy a jasper and a sardius stone; and the throne was encircled with a rainbow like the sparkling of an emerald. And surrounding the throne were 4 twenty-four thrones; and seated upon these thrones twenty-four elders, clad in white robes, with golden crowns upon their heads. And from 5 out of the throne proceeded Lightnings, and Voices, and Thunders. And seven fiery lamps burned before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And in front of the throne 6 was like a transparent sea, resembling crystal; and in the centre of the throne, and around the throne, four Beings, full of intelligence as to what is before and what is behind. The first Being resembled a lion; the 7 second Being resembled a bullock; the third Being had the face as of a man; and the fourth Being resembled a flying eagle. And the four Beings, 8 each individually, possessed six wings around and beneath full of eyes. And they have not rest day nor night, exclaiming:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and Who is, and Who comes."

And when the Beings give praise, and 9 honour, and thanks, to the Occupant of the Throne, Who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders 10 fall prostrate before the Occupant of the throne, and pay homage to Him Who lives for ever and ever; and they cast their crowns before the throne, exclaiming, "You, our Lord and our 11 God, are worthy to receive the majesty, and the honour, and the might; for You have created all things; and for Your purpose they were and are created."

I also saw upon the right hand of 5 the Occupant of the throne a book

written inside and outside, sealed  
 2 down with seven seals. And I observed a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to break its  
 3 seals?" And no one in the heaven, or upon the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, nor yet to  
 4 gaze upon it. And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or even to gaze at it.  
 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep; see! the Lion out of the tribe of Judah, of the Root of David, has succeeded in opening the book with its seven seals."  
 6 I also saw in the intervening space, between the throne and the four Beings, and in the centre of the elders, a Lamb placed, as having been sacrificed, possessing seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the  
 7 Spirits of God, sent out throughout all the earth. And He came, and took it from the right hand of the  
 8 Occupant of the throne; and when He had taken the book, the four Beings and the twenty-four elders fell prostrate before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden censers full of perfumes, which are the  
 9 prayers of the holy. And they sang a new song, saying:  
 "You are worthy to take the book, And to open its seals;  
 Because You were sacrificed, And have purchased by Your blood for God  
 From every tribe, and language, and people, and nation;  
 10 And have made them into a kingdom and priests for our God;  
 And they will reign over the earth."  
 11 And I saw, and I heard a sound of many angels round about the throne, and of the Beings, and of the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands;  
 12 shouting with a loud voice, "Worthy is the sacrificed Lamb to receive the power, and wealth, and wisdom, and might, and honour, and majesty, and celebrity!"  
 13 And everything created existing in the heaven, and upon the earth, and under the earth, and upon the sea, and everything in them, I heard exclaiming, "To the Occupant of the throne and to the Lamb belong the fame, the honour, the majesty, and the might  
 14 for ever and ever." And the four

Beings said, "Amen." And the elders bowed and worshipped.

I also saw when the Lamb opened 6 one of the seven seals; and I heard one of the four Beings saying as with a thunder-peal, "Come!" And I 2 looked and saw a WHITE HORSE, and his rider had a bow; a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.

And when He had opened the 3 second seal, I heard the second Being say, "Come!" And another, a RED 4 HORSE, came out; and his rider was empowered to take peace from the earth, and that they should murder each other; and a great sword was given to him.

And when He opened the third seal, 5 I heard the third Being say, "Come!" And I looked, and saw a BLACK HORSE; and his rider had a balance in his hand. Then I heard as a Voice 6 in the centre of the four Beings say, A chœnix<sup>1</sup> of wheat for a denarius,<sup>2</sup> and three chœnices of barley for a denarius; yet you must not interfere with the oil and the wine."

And when He opened the fourth 7 seal, I heard a voice from the fourth Being say, "Come!" And I looked, 8 and saw a LIVID HORSE; and the name of his rider was Death; and the Grave accompanied him. And over a quarter of the earth authority was granted to them to murder with sword, with famine, and with disease, as well as by means of the beasts of the field.

And when He opened the fifth 9 seal, I saw beneath the altar the souls of those who had been sacrificed on account of the Message of God, and for the testimony which they maintained; and with a loud voice, they 10 cried, exclaiming, "Until when, O Sovereign Lord, Holy and True, will You delay to judge and to punish the inhabitants of the earth for our blood?" But to each of them was 11 given a white robe; and they were told to rest for a short time longer, until the completion of their fellow-servants, and their brothers who were about to be murdered as they were.

I also saw when He opened the 12 sixth seal; when a great earthquake came; and the sun became black as

<sup>1</sup> A small measure, nearly equal to a quart.  
<sup>2</sup> Worth about two shillings and sixpence.

haircloth; and the full moon became  
 13 like blood; the stars of the sky also  
 fell upon the earth, as a fig-tree drops  
 its unripe fruit, when shaken by a  
 14 strong wind. And the sky vanished  
 like a scroll when rolled up; and  
 every mountain and island were re-  
 15 moved from their places. And the  
 kings of the earth, and the nobles,  
 and the generals, and the wealthy, and  
 the mighty, as well as every slave and  
 free man, hid themselves in the caves  
 16 and among the rocks of the hills; and  
 called to the hills and to the rocks,  
 "Fall upon us, and hide us from the  
 presence of the Occupant of the  
 throne, and from the displeasure of the  
 17 Lamb; for the great day of their anger  
 is come—and who is able to stand?"

7 After this I saw four angels stationed  
 at the four quarters of the earth, re-  
 straining the four winds of the earth,  
 so that no wind could blow upon the  
 land, nor upon the sea; nor any tree  
 stirred!

2 I also saw another angel ascend  
 from the sunrising, holding the seal  
 of the living God; and with a loud  
 voice, he called to the four angels  
 who were empowered to punish the  
 3 earth and the sea, exclaiming: "Do  
 not injure the land, nor the sea, nor  
 the trees, until we have sealed the  
 servants of our God upon their fore-  
 heads."

4 I also heard the number of those  
 who were sealed: one hundred and  
 forty-four thousand, sealed out of  
 every tribe of the sons of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah twelve  
 thousand sealed; from the tribe of  
 Reuben twelve thousand; from the  
 6 tribe of Gad twelve thousand; from  
 the tribe of Asher twelve thousand;  
 from the tribe of Naphtali twelve  
 thousand; from the tribe of Manasseh  
 7 twelve thousand; from the tribe of  
 Simeon twelve thousand; from the  
 tribe of Levi twelve thousand; from  
 the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand;  
 8 from the tribe of Zebulon twelve  
 thousand; from the tribe of Joseph  
 twelve thousand; from the tribe of  
 Benjamin twelve thousand.

9 After this I looked, and saw a great  
 multitude, whom no one could count,  
 from every nation, and from tribes,  
 and from peoples, and from languages,  
 standing before the throne and before  
 the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with  
 10 palm-branches in their hands. And

with a loud voice they chanted, ex-  
 claiming,

"The salvation is from our God,  
 Who sits upon the throne,  
 And from the Lamb."

Then all the angels standing around 11  
 the throne, and the elders, and the  
 four Beings, also bowed before the  
 throne, depressing their faces, and  
 paid homage to God, exclaiming,  
 "Amen! The fame, and the majesty, 12  
 and the wisdom, and the blessing, and  
 the honour, and the power, and the  
 might, are with our God, throughout  
 eternity."

And one from among the elders 13  
 addressed me, saying, "As for these  
 dressed in white robes—who are they?  
 and where do they come from?"

"You know, my lord," I replied. 14

"These are they," he proceeded,  
 "who came out of great affliction, and  
 they washed their robes, and made  
 them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
 Because of this they are before the 15  
 throne of God, and day and night they  
 serve Him in His sanctuary; and the  
 Occupant of the throne protects them.  
 They shall never hunger again, nor 16  
 thirst again; neither shall the sun beat  
 upon them, nor any heat: because the 17  
 Lamb having ascended the midst of  
 the throne shall shepherd them, and  
 will lead them to springs of living  
 water; and God will wipe every tear  
 from their eyes."

And when He opened the seventh 8  
 seal, a silence came in the heaven for  
 half an hour. Then I saw the seven 2  
 angels, those who stand in the sight  
 of God; and seven trumpets were  
 delivered to them.

And another angel came and stood 3  
 at the altar, holding a golden censer;  
 and abundance of incense was given to  
 him, so that he might offer it with the  
 prayers of all the holy upon the golden  
 altar which is in sight of the throne.  
 And the smoke of the incense, with the 4  
 prayers of the holy, ascended in the  
 sight of God from the hand of the  
 angel. And the angel having taken 5  
 the censer, he filled it with the fire  
 from the altar, and threw it upon the  
 earth; and there followed thunders,  
 and voices, and lightnings, and an  
 earthquake.

Now the seven angels who had the 6  
 seven trumpets prepared themselves  
 to sound.

Then the first sounded; and hail and 7

fire followed, mixed with blood, and was poured upon the land; and the third of the land was burnt; and the third of the trees were burnt; and all green grass was burnt.

8 Then the second angel sounded; when a great burning fiery mountain was hurled into the sea; and the third of the sea became blood; and the third of the creatures which were in the sea, having life, died; and the third of the ships were wrecked.

10 Then the third angel sounded; and a burning star, like a great lamp, fell from the sky; and it fell upon the third of the rivers, and upon the springs of waters. The name of the star was called Wormwood; and the third of the waters became wormwood; and many of mankind died from the waters, because they were embittered.

12 Then the fourth angel sounded, and the third of the sun was struck, and the third of the moon, and the third of the stars; so that the third of them were darkened, and the third of the light of day itself could not shine, and the night the same.

13 Then I saw, and heard a single eagle flying in mid-air, exclaiming with a loud voice: "Woe! woe! woe! to the inhabitants of the earth from the remaining utterances of the trumpet-blast of the three angels who are about to sound."

9 Then the fifth angel sounded; and I saw a Star fall from the sky on to the land; and the key of the pit of the abyss was given to him. And he opened the pit of the abyss; and smoke ascended from the pit like smoke from a great furnace; and the sun and the atmosphere were darkened from the smoke of the pit. And from the smoke there came locusts upon the land; and they were endowed with power resembling the power possessed by the scorpions of the earth. But they were commanded not to injure the herbage of the earth, nor any grass, nor any tree; but only those men who have not the mark of God upon their foreheads. And it was granted to them not to kill them, but so that they should be tormented for five months. And their torture was like that of a scorpion when it stings a man. During those days men will seek death, and not find it; they shall long to die, and death will fly from them!

7 Then the locusts took the appearance of cavalry disciplined for war;

and on their heads were crowns like gold; and their faces resembled those of men. But they had hair like the hair of women; and their teeth were like those of lions. They also wore breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the roar of chariots, and many horses charging in battle. They have also tails and stings like those of scorpions; and in their tails they possessed their power to torture mankind for five months. They had over them a king, the Angel of the Abyss. In Hebrew his name is Abaddon; and in Greek he has a name, Apollyon.

The first woe is past. See! two more woes come after it.

Then the sixth angel sounded. And I heard a single voice from the horns of the golden altar in the sight of God, which said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, "Liberate the four angels who are held captive beside the great river Euphrates." So they liberated the four angels who had been prepared for the hour, and day, and month, and year, so that they might kill the third of mankind. And the number of the regiments of the horsemen was two myriads of myriads. I heard the number of them. Then I also saw in the vision that the horses and their riders had fiery breastplates, and purple and yellow. And the heads of the horses were like heads of lions; while fire, smoke, and sulphur, leaped from their mouths. By means of these three plagues the third of mankind was killed; by the fire, the smoke, and the sulphur, which leaped from their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths, and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents possessing heads; and with them they wound.

But the remainder of mankind, those who were not cut off by these plagues, failed to turn from the works of their own hands, so as not to worship the demons, and the idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which cannot see, nor hear, nor walk; neither did they abandon their murders, nor their poisonings, nor their fornications, nor their robberies.

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from the heaven, robed in a cloud. And the rainbow encircled his head; and his face like the sun; and his feet like pillars of fire; and holding in his hand a very small

open book. And he placed his right foot upon the sea, but his left upon  
 3 the land; while, with a loud voice, re-  
 sembling the roaring of a lion, he  
 roared. When he had cried, the seven  
 thunders also uttered their voices.  
 4 And when the seven thunders had  
 spoken, I was about to write; but I  
 heard a voice from the heaven, saying,  
 "Seal up what the seven thunders  
 5 have spoken, and write it not." Then  
 the angel whom I saw stationed upon  
 the sea and upon the land lifted his  
 6 right hand heavenward, and swore by  
 Him living in the eternities of the  
 eternities, Who created the heaven  
 and what is in it, the earth and what  
 it contains, and the sea and what is in  
 it, that time should no longer inter-  
 7 vene; but in the days of the speaking  
 of the seventh angel, when he is ready  
 to proclaim, then the secret of God  
 will be completed according as He  
 had promised to His own servants the  
 prophets.  
 8 Then the voice which I heard from  
 heaven again spoke with me, and said,  
 "Go, take the little open book which  
 is in the hand of the angel stationed  
 9 upon the sea and upon the land." So  
 I went to the angel, asking him to give  
 me the very little book. And he said  
 to me, "Take and eat it up; and it  
 will embitter your stomach, although  
 in your mouth it will be sweet as  
 10 honey." I accordingly took the very  
 small book from the hand of the angel,  
 and ate it up; and it was in my mouth  
 as sweet as honey; but when I had  
 swallowed it, my stomach was in tor-  
 11 ture. Then they said to me, "You  
 must again prophesy against races,  
 and nations, and languages, and many  
 kings."  
 11 Then he handed to me a reed like a  
 measuring-rod, saying,  
 "Rise up, and measure the sanc-  
 2 tuary of God, and the altar, and those  
 worshipping in it; but omit the outer  
 court of the sanctuary, and measure  
 it not, because it has been given to the  
 nations; and they shall frequent the  
 3 holy city forty-two months. And I  
 will give to them My two witnesses,  
 who shall preach for a period of one  
 thousand two hundred and sixty days,  
 4 clothed in sackcloth.  
 "They are the two olive-trees, and  
 the two lamps placed in the sight of  
 the Lord of the earth.  
 5 "And if any one attempts to injure  
 them, fire issues from their mouth, and

will consume their enemies; and if  
 any one should wish to injure them,  
 thus he must be killed. These possess  
 6 the power to close up the sky, so that  
 no rain may fall during the period of  
 their preaching; they have also power  
 over the waters to convert them into  
 blood, and to scourge the earth with  
 every plague as often as they may de-  
 sire. But when they shall have finished  
 7 their evidence, the monster coming up  
 from the abyss shall wage war with  
 them, and conquer them, and slay  
 them. And their corpses shall be ex-  
 8 posed upon the market-place of the  
 great city, which spiritually is named  
 Sodom and Egypt; where also their  
 Master was crucified. Then all persons  
 9 from the races, and tribes, and lan-  
 guages, and nations, shall gaze upon  
 their dead bodies for three days and a  
 half, refusing to allow their corpses to  
 be entombed. And the inhabitants of  
 10 the earth will also exult over them and  
 make merry; and they will send pre-  
 sents to one another; because these  
 two prophets irritated the dwellers  
 upon the earth."

But after three days and a half, a  
 11 Spirit of Life from God entered into  
 them, and they stood upon their feet;  
 then great terror fell upon those who  
 watched them. They heard a loud  
 12 voice from heaven calling to them,  
 "Come up here!" So they ascended  
 into the heaven into the cloud; and  
 their enemies watched them. And  
 13 at that very hour there was a mighty  
 earthquake, and the tenth part of the  
 city fell; and seven thousand persons  
 were killed in the earthquake; when  
 the rest became terrified and gave  
 glory to the God of heaven.

The second woe is past. The third  
 14 woe now speedily approaches.

Then the seventh angel sounded; 15  
 when loud voices were heard in heaven  
 which said, 'The kingdom of the  
 world has become that of our Lord and  
 His Messiah; and He shall reign in  
 the eternities of the eternities.'

And the twenty-four elders who sit  
 16 upon their thrones in the sight of God  
 fell upon their faces, and paid homage  
 to God, exclaiming, "We give thanks  
 17 to You, O Lord God, the Almighty,  
 Who is, and Who was, because You  
 have taken Your great power, and have  
 reigned. And the heathen raged; but  
 18 Your anger has come, and the time for  
 the trying of the dead; and the reward-  
 ing of Your own servants, and the



prophets, and the holy, and those who reverence Your Name, both the small and the great; and to destroy the destroyers of the earth."

19 Then the sanctuary of God in the heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant was seen in the sanctuary. And there came lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and a great hailstorm.

12 Afterwards a great sign appeared in heaven: a Woman clad with the sun; and the moon beneath her feet; and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

2 And she was with child: and cried, agonized and tormented to bring forth.

3 Then another sign was seen in the heaven: a great red dragon, possessing seven heads and ten horns; and upon his heads seven crowns. And his tail swept down the third of the stars of the sky, and threw them upon the earth. And the dragon placed himself before the woman who was about to be delivered; so that when she was delivered he might devour her child.

4 And she bore a son, a man who will rule with an iron rod all the nations. And her child was conveyed up towards God, and towards His throne; but the woman fled to the desert, where God had a retreat prepared for her, so that they might feed her for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

5 There was also war in the heaven: Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought; but they could not conquer, nor was a place longer found for them in the heaven. And the great dragon was thrown out—the old serpent, called the Devil, and Accuser, the deceiver of the whole of the habitable world,—was thrown to the earth; and his angels were thrown with him.

6 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, exclaiming, "Now has come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God; and the authority of His Messiah: because the accuser of our brethren, who day and night accused them before God, has been thrown out. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the fact of their evidence; and they loved not their life better than death.

7 Exult therefore, O heavens, and you who are sheltered in them! Woe to the earth, and to the sea!—because the Devil has descended to you, in great fury, knowing that his time is short."

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But when the dragon found that he was thrown to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the man. The woman was, however, supplied with two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the desert, to her retreat, where she was fed for a time, and times, and half a time; away from the presence of the serpent. But the serpent vomited water from his mouth like a river, after the woman, so that she might be drowned in the stream. But the earth helped the woman; and the earth opened her mouth, and sucked up the river vomited from the mouth of the dragon. So the dragon was furious with the woman, and proceeded to wage war with the rest of her offspring—those who observe the commands of God, and cling to the evidence of Jesus. And he stationed himself upon the sand of the sea.

Then I saw a wild beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard; but his feet as of a bear, while his mouth as the mouth of a lion. The dragon also invested him with his power, and his throne, and great authority. Yet one of his heads seemed as if wounded for death; but his deadly wound was healed. Therefore the whole earth was wondering after the beast; and they worshipped the dragon because he had transferred his authority to the beast: and worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is equal to the beast! who can wage war with him!" A mouth was also given to him, speaking boastfully and blasphemously; and he was endowed with authority to work for forty-two months. So he opened his mouth in slanders against God, to slander His name, and His tent, and those sheltered in heaven. He was also allowed to wage war with the holy, and to conquer them; and authority was granted to him over every tribe, and people, and language, and nation. And the whole of the inhabitants of the earth shall pay him homage, every one whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb sacrificed from the foundation of the world. If any one has ears, let him hear! If any one would capture, he will be captured. If any

one murders with the sword, with the sword he must be murdered. Here is the endurance and the faith of the holy.

11 I also saw another beast come up out of the earth; who possessed two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon. And he exercised the whole of the authority of the first beast in his sight. He also subdued the earth and its inhabitants to serve the first beast whose deadly wound had been healed. He also produced great wonders, so that he could make fire descend from the sky to the earth in the sight of mankind. And he could deceive the inhabitants of the earth by the wonders which he has been allowed to produce in the sight of the beast; commanding the dwellers upon the earth, that they must raise an image in honour of the beast who had received the sword-thrust, and yet lived. Permission was granted him to infuse breath into the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could both speak and cause to be put to death whoever would not worship the image of the beast. He also forced all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to receive a mark upon their right hand, or upon their forehead; so that no one should be allowed to buy or sell, except those possessing that mark, the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let whoever has intelligence adjudge the number of the beast; the number is a human one; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

14 I looked, and saw the Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion; and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name, and the name of His Father, written upon their foreheads. Then I heard a voice from the heaven resembling the sound of many waters, and as the sound of loud thunder; then I heard the voice which was like harpers harping upon their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne, before the four Beings and the elders; but no one was able to learn that song, except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. These are they who were not polluted with women; for they are pure. These are the followers

of the Lamb wherever He goes. These were purchased from among mankind, the first-fruit for God and for the Lamb. And in their mouth no falsehood was found; they are spotless.

Then I saw another angel flying in mid-air, having to announce the good tidings of an everlasting reward to those sitting upon the earth, and to every nation, and tribe, and language, and race; saying with a loud voice: "Reverence God, and give Him honour! because the hour of His judgment has arrived; therefore pay homage to the Maker of the heaven, and the earth, and sea, and springs of waters."

Then another, a second, followed, 8 exclaiming, "Babylon the great has fallen, has fallen! who made all the heathen drunk with the wine of her furious fornications!"

Then another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice: "If any one pays homage to the beast and his image, and receives a mark upon his forehead, or upon his hand, he shall also drink of the wine of the fury of God, mixed undiluted in the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tortured with Divine fire in the sight of the holy angels, and in the sight of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torture shall rise up to the eternities! And those who pay homage to the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name, shall have no rest day or night.

"However, there is consolation for the holy; those who keep the commands of God and the faith of Jesus."

I also heard a voice from heaven, 13 saying, "Write, Happy are the dead who die in the Lord from now." "Yes," says the Spirit, "for they shall rest from their labours; and their works accompany them."

Again I looked and saw a white cloud; and upon the cloud One sitting like a Son of Man, wearing a golden crown upon His head, and holding a sharp scythe in His hand.

Then another angel coming out from the sanctuary, called with a loud voice to the One sitting upon the cloud, "Send out your scythe, and reap: for harvest time has come; because the harvest of the earth is over-ripe."

So the One sitting upon the cloud swung His scythe over the ground; and the earth was reaped!

Then another angel came out of 17

the sanctuary which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp scythe.

- 18 Then another angel from the altar, who had authority over the fire, also spoke with a loud voice to him who had the sharp scythe, saying, "Swing out your sharp scythe, and gather the grapes from the vine of the earth; because her grapes are over-ripe."
- 19 So the angel swung his scythe over the earth, and stripped the vine of the earth, and threw into the great
- 20 winepress of the anger of God. And the press was trodden outside the city; and blood issued from the press, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.
- 15 Then I saw another sign in the heaven, great and wonderful: seven angels having the last seven plagues; in which the anger of God will be completed.
- 2 Then I saw as if a glassy sea were mingled with fire; and the victors over the beast and over his image, and over the number of his name, standing by the glassy sea, having God's harps.
- 3 And they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:  
"Great and wonderful are Your works!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Your ways are just and true,  
King of the Eternities!  
Who will not reverence You, O Lord,  
And praise Your name?  
For You alone are holy;  
For all nations shall come and worship in Your sight;  
Now Your righteous judgments are displayed!"
- 5 After this I saw, and the sanctuary of the tent of the testimony in the
- 6 heaven was opened; and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels possessing the seven plagues, each clothed in pure shining linen, and bound about the breast with golden
- 7 girdles. Then one of the four Beings handed to the seven angels seven golden vials full of the fury of God—of Him Who lives in the eternities of the
- 8 eternities. And the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the Majesty of God, and from His might; and no one was able to enter into the sanctuary until the completion of the seven plagues of the seven angels.
- 16 Then I heard a loud voice from the sanctuary, saying to the seven angels,

"Go and pour out upon the earth the seven vials of the fury of God."

Then the first went, and emptied 2 his vial upon the earth: and a loathsome and foul ulcer appeared upon the men who were branded with the mark of the beast, and who worshipped his image.

Then the second emptied his vial 3 into the sea; and it became as blood of a corpse; and every spirit of life in the sea died.

Then the third emptied his vial into 4 the rivers and the water-springs; and they became blood. I also heard the 5 angel of the waters, saying,

"You are righteous,  
The Existent, and Who was,  
THE HOLY,  
In these Your decisions!  
Because they poured out the 6  
blood of saints and prophets;  
Therefore You have given them  
blood to drink.

They deserve it!"

I also heard the attendant of the altar 7 saying,

"Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty!  
True and righteous are Your  
judgments."

Then the fourth emptied his vial 8 upon the sun: and it was given to it to scorch mankind by fire. And men were 9 scorched by a great heat; and they reviled the name of that God Who controls these plagues: but they changed not their minds to give Him glory.

Then the fifth emptied his vial 10 upon the throne of the beast: and his kingdom became dark. And they gnawed their tongues in anguish; and they reviled the God of heaven 11 on account of their anguish and their wounds; but they did not turn from their practices.

Then the sixth emptied his vial 12 upon the mighty river Euphrates: and its water was dried up, so that a road might be prepared for the kings from the rising sun.

I next saw proceeding from the 13 mouth of the dragon, and from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet, three foul Spirits resembling frogs—for they are 14 spirits of demons—producing signs which they cause to be sent out to the kings of the whole habitable world, to muster them for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty!

"See! I approach like a thief. 15  
Happy the watcher who clings to his

clothing, so that he may not walk naked, and they should see his shame."

16 They accordingly mustered them to the place which in Hebrew is named Har-Megeddon.

17 Then the seventh emptied his vial upon the air: and out of the sanctuary, from the throne, there proceeded a loud voice, saying,

"It has come!"

18 And there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as had not been since men existed upon the earth; such an earthquake—so great!

19 And the great city was rent into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to receive the wine-cup of the fury of His

20 indignation. And every island vanished; and hills were not found. And mighty hail, like talent-weights,<sup>1</sup> fell from the heaven upon mankind; and the men blasphemed God on account of the plague of the hail; because its plague was very great.

17 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke with me, saying: "Come here! I will show you the sentence on the great harlot who sits upon many waters;

2 she with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and who has made all the inhabitants of the earth drunk with her wine of fornication!"

3 And in spirit he conveyed me to a desert; where I observed a Woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy, possessing

4 seven heads and ten horns. The Woman also was dressed in purple and scarlet; and bedecked with gold, jewels, and pearls; holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filth of her prostitutions;

5 with a name written upon her forehead:

A SECRET; BABYLON THE GREAT,  
THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS,  
AND OF THE FILTH OF THE EARTH.

6 I also saw that the Woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And on seeing her, I wondered with a great wonder!

7 But the angel said to me, "Because of what do you wonder? I will explain to you the secret of the Woman, as

well as of the beast which carries her, possessing the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast which you see was, 8 and is not; and is about to ascend from the abyss, and proceed to destruction. And the dwellers upon the earth, the name of whom is not recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, shall be astonished when they witness the beast that was, and is not, and yet confronts them.

"Approach, you who have intelli- 9 gence and understanding! The seven heads are seven hills, upon which the woman sits. And there are seven 10 kings: the five are fallen, the one exists, and the other has not appeared; but when he does appear, he must continue a short time. And as for the 11 beast that was, and is not, he himself is the eighth, and is from the seven; but he goes into destruction. The ten 12 horns, also, which you observed, are ten kings, who as yet have inherited no kingdom; but with the beast they are invested with kingly authority for a single hour. They will have one 13 mind, and they will depute their power and authority to the beast. They will also wage war against the 14 Lamb, but the Lamb shall conquer them; because He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and those upon His side are chosen, and picked out, and faithful."

Then he said to me: "The waters 15 which you observed, where the harlot sits, are races, and crowds, and nations, and languages. The horns, 16 too, which you saw upon the beast, they shall hate the harlot and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall devour her flesh, and shall consume her with fire; because God has 17 put it into their hearts to effect His own purpose, to act in harmony in surrendering their royalty to the beast, until the intentions of God are completed. And the woman which 18 you saw is herself the great city which dominates over the kings of the earth."

After this, I saw another angel de- 18 scending from the heaven, possessing great authority: and the earth was illuminated with his majesty. And 2 with a voice of strength he proclaimed:

"Babylon the great has fallen, has fallen!

And has become a refuge of demons;

<sup>1</sup> A talent-weight equivalent to about 57 pounds avoirdupois.

A haunt for every malign spirit;  
And a hold for every filthy and  
hateful bird!

- 3 "Because every nation has been made drunk by her with the fury of her fornication; and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; and the merchants of the earth have been enriched by the power of her luxury."
- 4 Then I heard another voice from the heaven, saying,  
"Come out of her, My people!—that you may not be partakers with her sins, and that you may not  
5 become recipients of her plagues: for her sins are piled up as high as heaven; and God has remembered her wickedness. Repay to her what she has given; and redouble it in accordance with her doings. The cup which she has poisoned, poison it double for her."  
7 As she has glorified herself, and luxuriated, give her in the same way torment and anguish; because in her heart she says, 'I sit a queen; I am not a widow, and shall never see suffering.' Because of this, in a single hour, her plagues have come!—death, anguish, and famine, and to be burnt in fire; because God her Judge is mighty!
- 9 "And the kings of the earth who committed fornication and luxuriated with her shall weep and wail over her, when they see the smoke of her  
10 burning. Standing afar in fear of her torment, they shall cry: 'Alas! alas! the great city Babylon, the mighty city! How has your judgment come in a single hour!'
- 11 "The merchants of the earth shall weep and grieve for her, because of  
12 their cargo none buys any more; their cargo of gold, and of silver, and jewels, and pearls, and cotton, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all sweet wood, and ivory toys, and all products of costly wood; and of brass,  
13 and of iron, and marble; and cinnamon, and cloves, and scents, and myrrh; and incense, and wine, and oil; and fine flour, and wheat; and cattle, and sheep, and horses, and carriages; and bodies and souls  
14 of men! And the season for delighting in the lusts your soul desired is gone from you; and the dazzle and splendour are perished from you; nor shall they be found again.
- 15 "The traders in them who were

enriched by her will stand afar off in terror of her torment, crying, grieving, 16 and exclaiming: 'Alas! alas! the great city! she was clad in cotton, and purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold, and jewels, and pearls! How, 17 in a single hour, has all this wealth withered!' And every shipowner, and pilot, and sailor, and trader by sea, stood at a distance, and cried, watch- 18 ing the smoke of her burning, exclaiming: 'What could be compared to the great city!'

"And they will throw dust upon their 19 heads, shouting, crying, and grieving, exclaiming, 'Alas! alas! the great city, in which all who had ships in the sea were enriched from her treasures! How in one hour has she become a desert!'

"Rejoice over her, heaven, and the 20 saints, and the apostles, and the prophets! because God has decided to execute the judgment upon her for you."

Then a single powerful angel took 21 up a stone, like a large millstone, and threw into the sea, saying: "Thus with a crash shall Babylon, the great city, be dashed down, and never be found again! And the sound of the 22 harpers, and musicians, and pipers, and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you; and any workman shall never again be found in you; and the sound of a mill shall never again be heard in you.

"And light of a lamp shall never 23 again shine in you; and voice of a bridegroom and bride shall never again be heard in you; although your merchants were the princes of the earth: because by your poisonous charm all nations were deluded. And in her was found blood of pro- 24 phets, and saints, and of all those murdered upon the earth."

After this, I heard the mighty voice, 19 as of a great throng in the heaven, exclaiming:

"Hallelujah! the salvation, the majesty, and the might of our God! because His judgments are true and 2 right; for He has convicted the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged the blood of His servants by her own hand!" And again they shouted 3 "Hallelujah! for her smoke shall go up through the eternities of the eternities."

And the twenty-four elders and the 4

four Beings bowed, and paid homage to God, Who sits upon the throne, saying: "So be it; hallelujah!"

- 5 Then a voice came out from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all His servants!—you who reverence Him, the small and the great."
- 6 I also heard, like the voice of a great throng, and as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of terrific thunders, saying: "Hallelujah! for the Lord God 7 Almighty has reigned! Let us rejoice and be glad, and give the honour to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb has come; and His wife has prepared her- 8 self. And it has been granted her to be robed in a pure radiant robe; for the robe is the righteousness of the holy."
- 9 Then he said to me: "Write, Happy are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he further told me, "These are the true 10 declarations of God." So I fell down at his feet to pay him homage. But he exclaimed, "Refrain from it! I am your fellow-servant, and of your brethren who possess the evidence of Jesus. Worship God; for the evi- 11 dence of Jesus is the life of preach- ing."
- I also saw the heaven opened: and a WHITE HORSE appeared, and its Rider was called Faithful and True; for in justice He declares and wages 12 war. His eyes were like a fiery flame; and upon His head were many crowns, having a name inscribed, which none 13 except Himself could understand; and was dressed in a robe sprinkled with blood; and His appointed title is 14 —THE WORD OF GOD. The armies in the heaven also followed Him upon white horses dressed in fine, pure, 15 white muslin. And he had a sharp sword drawn out of its sheath, so that with it he might smite the heathen. And He will govern them with an iron rod; and will tread the winepress of the fury of the indignation of the 16 All-ruling God. And upon His robe and upon His thigh was written a name.
- KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
- 17 Then I saw a single angel stationed in the sun; and he shouted with a loud voice, calling to all the birds that fly in mid-air: "Come, be collected for 18 the great banquet of God; so that you may devour the flesh of kings:

the flesh of commanders; the flesh of the mighty; the flesh of horses and their riders; and flesh of all, both free and enslaved, small and great!"

And I saw the beast, and the kings 19 of the earth, and their armies, mustered to wage war against the Rider upon the horse, and against His army. But the beast was overpowered; and 20 with him the false prophet who in his sight produced the wonders with which he deceived those who had received the brand of the beast, and those who adored his image. These two were thrown alive into the fiery Lake burning with Divine anger. And the 21 remainder were slaughtered by the sword of the Rider upon the horse, which He drew from its sheath; and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

### The Millennium—and Afterwards.

Then I saw an angel descending 20 from the heaven, having the key of the pit, and a great chain in his hand. And he overpowered the dragon, the 2 old Serpent, who is the Devil, and Satan, and secured him for a thou- sand years; and hurled him into the 3 pit, and closed and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer deceive the nations until the com- pletion of the thousand years. After this, he must be liberated for a short time.

Then I saw thrones, and they sat 4 upon them; and a charge was given to them and the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the evi- dence of Jesus, and because of the Message of God; and whoever had not paid homage to the beast, nor his image, and had not received his mark upon their forehead and upon their hand—that they should live and reign with Christ a thousand years. (The re- 5 mainder of the dead will not live until the completion of the thousand years.) This is the first resurrection. Happy 6 and holy is the participator in the first resurrection!—over these the second death has no authority; but they shall be ministers of God and of the Messiah, and they reign with Him a thousand years.

And when the thousand years are 7 completed, Satan will be liberated from his prison; and shall come out to 8 deceive the nations who are in the four

quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to muster them to the war: their number being as the sand of the sea. And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and encircled the fortress of the holy, and the beloved city. Then fire out of heaven descended and consumed them. And the Devil who deceived them was hurled into the lake of Divine fire, where also were the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tortured day and night through the ages of the ages.

### The Judgment at the Great White Throne, and the Second Death.

11 Then I saw a great white throne, and Him who sat on it, from Whose presence the earth and the sky fled; and no place was found for them. I also saw the dead, the great and the small, stanzoned in sight of the throne; and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is that of Life. And the dead were judged according to their actions from the entries in the books. The sea also delivered up the dead who were in it; and Death and the Grave delivered up the dead who were in them; and each of them was judged according to his doings. Then Death and the Grave were thrown into the lake of fire: that is the second death—the lake of fire. And if any one was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.

### The New Sky and New Earth.

21 Afterwards I saw a new sky and a new earth: because the former sky and the former earth had passed away; and the sea existed no longer. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of the heaven from God, arrayed like a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice, issuing from the throne, saying, "Now the tabernacle of God is with mankind; and He will encamp among them; and those people shall be His; and God Himself will be with them. And He shall wipe every tear from their eyes; and death shall exist no more; nor anguish, nor crying, nor grief, shall exist any longer. The former conditions have passed away." 5 And the Occupant of the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He commanded me, "Write:

because these words are trustworthy and true." Then He said to me, "It has come! I, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the fountain of the water of life. The conqueror shall inherit these; and I will be a God to him, and he shall be a son to Me. But as for the cowardly, and faithless, and depraved, and murderers, and fornicators, and poisoners, and idolaters, and all liars—their lot is in the lake burning with Divine fire: which is the second death."

### The Holy City Described.

And one of the seven angels, who had the seven vials, which were filled with the seven last plagues, came; and he spoke with me, saying: "Come here! I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he conveyed me in spirit upon a great and high mountain; and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of the heaven from God, possessing the Divine glory. Her lustre resembled a very precious jewel—that of a crystal-line jasper. It had a great and high wall; it had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names inscribed upon them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. Upon the east were three gates; and upon the north three gates; and upon the south three gates; and upon the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation courses, and upon them twelve names, those of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And the speaker with me had a golden measuring rod, so that he might measure the city, and its gates and its wall. And the city was designed as a square, its length being the same as its breadth. And he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadiou; <sup>1</sup> the length, the breadth, and the width of it being exactly equal. He also measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, <sup>2</sup> the measure of a man who is an angel. And the buttresses of its walls, jasper; and the city pure gold, resembling pure glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were decorated with every precious stone. The first

<sup>1</sup> One stadium is equivalent to two hundred yards.

<sup>2</sup> One Hebrew sacred cubit is equal to twenty-five English inches.

course jasper; the second, sapphire  
 the third, chalcedony; the fourth,  
 20 emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth,  
 sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the  
 eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the  
 tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, ja-  
 21 cinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And the  
 twelve gates were twelve pearls; each  
 separate gate a single pearl. And the  
 broad-way of the city was pure gold,  
 22 like transparent glass. And I saw no  
 Sanctuary in it; for the Lord, the God,  
 the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its  
 23 Sanctuary. And the city has no need of  
 the sun, nor yet of the moon to shine  
 upon it; for the glory of God illumi-  
 nates it, and the Lamb is its lamp.  
 24 And the nations shall walk by its light;  
 and the kings of the earth shall bring  
 25 their splendour to it. And its gates  
 shall not be closed daily, for night is  
 26 not there. And they shall present the  
 glory and the honour of the nations  
 27 in it. But there shall never enter into  
 it any profane, or who practises de-  
 pravity and falsehood; none but those  
 who are recorded in the Lamb's Book  
 of Life.

22 He also pointed out to me a river  
 of living water, sparkling like crystal,  
 flowing in the centre of its broad-way  
 out from the throne of God and of the  
 2 Lamb; and a tree of life, producing  
 twelve crops, with the river on both  
 sides. Each month yielded its own  
 crop; and the leaves of the tree were  
 3 for the healing of the nations. And  
 no accursed thing shall any longer  
 exist. And the throne of God and of  
 the Lamb shall be in it; and His ser-  
 4 vants shall serve Him, and shall look  
 upon His face; and His name shall  
 5 be upon their foreheads. Night shall  
 exist no longer; and they have no need  
 of lamp-light, nor sunlight, for the  
 Lord God shall illuminate them; and  
 they shall reign through the eternities  
 of the eternities.

### The Speedy Return of the Lord.

6 After this he said to me: "These  
 statements are trustworthy and true;  
 and the Lord, the God of the spirits  
 of the prophets, has sent His mes-  
 senger to make known to His servants  
 7 what must come quickly. And be-  
 hold, I come soon! Happy is the  
 keeper of the statements of the pro-  
 phesy of this book."

### Concluding Address.

And I, John, heard and saw these 8  
 things. And when I had heard and  
 seen, I bowed down to pay homage at  
 the feet of the messenger who made  
 them known to me. But he exclaimed 9  
 to me, "Refrain from it; I am your  
 fellow-servant, and of your brethren  
 the prophets, and of those who pre-  
 serve the statements of this book.  
 Worship God."

He further said to me, "Do not 10  
 seal up the statements of the prophecy  
 of this book; for the period is at  
 hand. He who is unjust, let him be 11  
 unjust still; he who is vile, let him  
 be vile still; he who is righteous, let  
 him practise righteousness still; and  
 he is who is holy, let him be holy  
 still."—

"Behold, I come soon! and My 12  
 wages are with Me, to pay to each as  
 his own work is. I, the Alpha and 13  
 the Omega; the First and the Last;  
 the Beginning and the End.—

"Happy are those who wash their 14  
 robes, so that they may be allowed to  
 approach the tree of life, and to  
 enter into the city by its gates.  
 Outside are the dogs, and the 15  
 magicians, and the fornicators, and  
 the murderers, and the idolaters,  
 and every one loving and making  
 a lie.

"I, Jesus, have sent My Messenger 16  
 to you, to declare these events in the  
 assemblies. I am the Root and the  
 Offspring of David, the radiant, the  
 Morning Star."

### The Lord's Last Invitation to the Unsaved.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, 17  
 'Come!' And let the hearer respond  
 'Come!' And he who is thirsty,  
 let him come; whoever may de-  
 sire, let him accept the water of life  
 for nothing."

### The Last Solemn Warning.

I certify to every one listening to 18  
 the statements of the prophecy of this  
 book—If any one shall make an ad-  
 dition to it, God shall lay upon him  
 the plagues which are recorded in  
 this book; and if any one shall take 19  
 away from the statements of the book  
 of this prophecy, God will take away  
 his portion from the tree of life, and



from the city of holiness described in this book.

**The Last Promise of the Lord Jesus to the Church.**

20 He who witnessed these things says, "Yes; I am coming soon." So be it; come, Lord Jesus!

The blessing of the Lord Jesus continue with the holy. Amen.

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*(Written by the Apostle John, during his banishment in the island of Patmos, in the Aegean Sea, about the year 96 A.D.)*

THE END.