

**SAINT PHILIP AME CHURCH
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**“BE VICTORIOUS”
*REVELATION***

The Revelation of Jesus Christ as revealed by John has challenged and fascinated Bible students for years. Human nature has always been interested in the future and unfortunately many have strong desires to control or manipulate the outcome. What is important for us to remember as we study this book and enjoy the remaining days we have in this world, is the major message of Revelation: the fabulous victory of Jesus Christ over all His enemies. It would be an absolute tragedy for us as Bible students to get so lost in the details of this mind-blowing prophecy that we miss its tremendous truth that in Jesus Christ, we are over comers.

John wrote this book to encourage Christians who were experiencing great suffering. This book is a symbol of comfort and hope. We will study the symbols and seek God’s wisdom in understanding the timeless promises and eternal values that may be trusted by all believers. We will not venture from the fact that Jesus Christ is the Conqueror, and all believers share in His victory. And finally we can face life challenges with confidence knowing that God is with us and will never leave us or forsake us because we are already victories based on what He has already done. In Christ we are “over comers”, we are “Victorious!”

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Introduction, Revelation: Key to the Future

I. Warnings Ignored

2 Peter 3:3

3. First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

Matthew 6:34

34. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Genesis 3:15

15. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Isaiah 53:3-7

3. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Acts 1:11

11. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Revelation 1:1-2

1. The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw — that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

17. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Daniel 7:14

14. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Matthew 24:3

3. As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

II. The Great Cover Story

1Thessalonians 5:3

3. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Daniel 12:9-10

9. He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. 10. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Revelation 22:10

10. Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:19

19. "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.

Revelation 1:16

16. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 1:20

20. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels^c of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 1:13

13. and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

Revelation 1:20

20. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels^c of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 5:6

6. Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 22:18-19

18. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. **19.** And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

There are seven blessings in the book:

1. **Blessed is the one who reads the prophecy.**

Revelation 1:3

3. Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

2. **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

Revelation 14:13

13. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

3. **Blessed are those who stay alert in the Lord.**

Revelation 16:15

15. "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

4. **Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.**

Revelation 19:9

9. Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

5. **Blessed are those who have part in the first resurrection.**

Revelation 20:6

6. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

6. **Blessed are those who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.**

Revelation 22:7

7. "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

7. Blessed are those who wash their robes.

Revelation 22:14

14. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

The Jesus of Revelation is not the humble carpenter or the teacher with worn sandals. He is "His Majesty King Jesus"! He is the ruler of the kings, the King of kings.

He is King of Heaven Daniel 4:37

He is King of the Jews Matthew 2:2

He is King of Israel John 1:49

He is King of the Ages 1 Timothy 1:17

He is King of Glory Psalm 24:7

He is King of Saints Revelation 15:3

He is King of kings Revelation 19:16

Revelation 1:7

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

So shall it be! Amen.

The Sequence of Events of Eschatology

Rapture of the Church

The Rapture of the Church is a phrase used to refer to the "catching up" of the church to be with Christ before his Second Coming. The dead in Christ will be raised first and join those that are alive in Christ second and escorted to a heavenly place of rest from their earthly labor.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

15. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

This judgment for believers is described in the books of 2 Corinthians, Matthew and 2 Timothy.

2 Corinthians 5:10

10. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Matthew 16:27

27. For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

2 Timothy 4:8

8. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The manifestation of the believer's works is rewarded in this judgment. It is most emphatically not a judgment of the believer's sins. The believer's sins have been fully atoned for in the substitutionary death of Christ, and remembered no more according to Hebrews 10:17. It is necessary, however, for the service of every child of God be scrutinized and evaluated as indicated in Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10; Galatians 6:7; Ephesians 6:8; and Colossians 3:24-25. As a result of this judgment of the believer's works, there will be reward or loss of reward. In any event, all truly born-again believer will be saved as stated in 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. The judgment seat of Christ, literally bema judgment, is set up in heaven prior to Christ's glorious second coming to prepare for His earthly rule in the millennial kingdom. The rapture of the church, according to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, must first be fulfilled. The judgment seat of Christ is necessary for the appointment of places of ruler ship and authority with Christ in His role of "King of kings and Lord of lords" in power and glory.

The Tribulation

The "Great Tribulation," is a short but intense period of distress and suffering at the end of time, that is hinted at in the Old Testament books of Deuteronomy 4:30 and Daniel 12:1. This period of distress was mentioned by Jesus in His "Olivet Discourse" in the books of Matthew 24:15-31; Mark 13:14-27; and Luke 21:25-28. The book of Revelation prophesied that some will make it out of the great tribulation in chapter seven verse fourteen. It is distinguished from God's specific wrath upon the unbelieving world at the end of the age in Romans 2:5-10.

Matthew 24:21

21. For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again.

The War of Armageddon

The site of the final battle of this age in which God intervenes to destroy the armies of Satan and to cast Satan into the bottomless pit as described in Revelation 16:16; 20:1-3,7-10. Scholars disagree about the exact location of this battle, but a likely possibility is the valley between Mount Carmel and the city of Jezreel. This valley was the crossroads of two ancient trade routes and was a strategic military site.

Armageddon is the Greek word for this area, which was the scene of many ancient battles. Because of this history, Megiddo became a symbol of the final conflict between God and the forces of evil. According to the Book of Revelation, at Armageddon "the cup of the wine of the fierceness of God's wrath" (Revelation 16:19) will be poured out, and the forces of evil will be overthrown and destroyed.

The Judgment of Nations

The Judgment of the Nations is referred to in Matthew 25:31-46. It involves the divine dealing with the nations on the basis of their treatment of Israel. The "goat" nations on the left hand involve those peoples who are sent to the lake of fire. The "sheep" nations on the right hand enter the millennial kingdom. The peculiar basis of this judgment is the way all nations have dealt with Israel during the Tribulation period preceding the second advent of Christ. Old Testament prophecy is clear in its prediction that some Gentile nations will enter the coming kingdom of Israel as stated in Isaiah 60:3; 61:6; 62:2.

Matthew 25:31-46

31. *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37. "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38. When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39. When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40. "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' 41. "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43. I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44. "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45. "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46. "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

The Millennium

The thousand-year period mentioned in connection with the description of Christ's coming to reign with His saints over the earth (Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-9). Many Old Testament passages refer to the millennium (Isaiah 11:4; Jeremiah 3:17; Zechariah 14:9). These and many other Old Testament passages are often taken to refer only to the thousand-year period itself.

However, it is often difficult in these passages to see a clear dividing line between the earthly period of the millennium and the eternal state of new heavens and earth. Therefore, it is best to allow Revelation 20 to be our primary source for details relating to the millennium. The other great promises to Israel, while they have a temporary fulfillment in the thousand years, still await the fullness of the new heavens and new earth and the unhindered presence of Jesus Christ our Lord. During that thousand-year period, Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit so he will not deceive the nations until his short period of release as stated in Revelation 20:3,7-8. The faithful servants who have died for the cause of Christ will be resurrected before the millennium. They will rule with Christ and will be priests of God and Christ (Revelation 5:10; 20:4). The unbelieving dead will wait for the second resurrection (Revelation 20:5). After the thousand years, Satan will be released and will resume his work of deceit Revelation 20:7-8.

The most important aspect of the millennium is the reign of Christ. Peter taught that Christ now rules from the right hand of God in Acts 2:33-36. That rule will last until His enemies are made His footstool (Psalm 110:1). The apostle Paul taught that Christ will reign until all of God's enemies are underfoot (1 Corinthians 15:25-27). Therefore, the impact of Christ's present rule over the earth from God's right hand is just a small indication of His dynamic future reign during the millennium when Satan and his forces of evil will be locked in the bottomless pit.

The Great White Throne Judgment

The White Throne Judgment is the last great judgment. It is the judgment of all the unsaved from all ages (Revelation 20:11-15).

The basis for this judgment will be works, with different degrees of punishment. All who are not found in "the book of life" are cast into "the lake of fire." This is called "the second death," which means final and complete cutting off from God's presence and a sin-cleansed universe.

The New Heavens

The New heavens and a new earth" is a technical term referring to an important element of biblical eschatology. The phrase itself is found in only four passages. In Isaiah the new creation is promised in these words, for behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22). In 2 Peter 3:13 the new creation is identified as the focus of our hope: But according to God's promise we are waiting for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteous will dwell." The apostle John saw the inauguration of the age to come in which the promise is fulfilled: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away" (Revelation 21:1). The new heaven and new earth have through the centuries of biblical proclamation comprised the ultimate eschatological hope of the Christian. The hope for an age of complete blessedness in which the destruction of evil will be completed.

Vision of an Exile *Revelation 1*

Ups and Downs in the Life of John

Revelation 1:9

9. I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

No Artist Could Paint Him

Revelation 1:10

10. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

Portrait of the Future

Revelation 1:12-16

*12. I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, **13.** and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. **14.** His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. **15.** His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. **16.** In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.*

Matthew 5:16

16. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Isaiah 6:1

1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Isaiah 11:5

5. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Hebrews 4:13

13. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Revelation 1:15

15. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

Jeremiah 25:30-31

30. Now prophesy all these words against them and say to them: "The LORD will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, shout against all who live on the earth. **31** The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword," declares the LORD.

Hebrews 4:12

12. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Revelation 1:16

In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

The Touch that Takes Away Fear

Revelation 1:17

17. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "**Do not be afraid. I am**

2 Timothy 1:12

12. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

The Church Under Glass *Revelation 2,3*

Matthew 16:15-18

15. "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17. Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^d will not overcome it.

1Corinthians 10:4

4. and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

Letter to Ephesus: The Evangelical Church

Revelation 2:2-4

2. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. 4. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

Three Steps to Renewing Love:

First, remember what it was like.

Second, repent and turn your life around.

Third, repeat- do the things you did at first- those acts of love, even if you don't feel like it.

Revelation 2:5

5. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Revelation 2:7

7. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Letter to Smyrna: The Iron Curtain Church

Psalm 23:4

4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

Revelation 2:9-10

9. I know your afflictions and your poverty — yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Letter to Pergamum: The Inner City Church

Revelation 2:12

12. "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

Revelation 2:14

14. Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality.

1 Peter 5:8

8. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Revelation 2:15

15. Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Numbers 22:25

25. When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat her again.

Revelation 2:17

17. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Letter to Thyatira: The Suburban Church

Revelation 2:19-22

19. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. 20. Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. 22. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.

Letter to Sardis: The Liberal Church

Revelation 3:1

1. "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

2 Timothy 3:5

5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

Revelation 3:3

3. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Letter to Philadelphia: The Missionary Church

2 Corinthians 12:9

9. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Revelation 3:10

10. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Letter to Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church

A Look into the Last Church on Earth

Revelation 3:16

16. So, because you are lukewarm — neither hot nor cold — I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Luke 24:32

32. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Matthew 24:12

12. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

Revelation 3:17

17. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

The Great Physician's Prescription for a Sick Body

Revelation 3:19

19. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Revelation 3:18

18. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Revelation 3:20

20. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

John 1:11

11. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Luke 18:8

8. I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

The Church at the Crossroads

Revelation 3:22

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

Millions Missing

Revelation 4,5

Events Clearly Outlined

Revelation 4:1

1. After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

Revelation 13:9

9. He who has an ear, let him hear.

1Thessalonians 4:16

16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Open Door into Heaven

Revelation 4:1

1. After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

Revelation 19:11

11. I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

Revelation 4:3

3. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.

Revelation 5:6

6. Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Twenty-four Elders, Our Personal Representatives

Revelation 4:4

4. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

There are five different crowns available as rewards for believers:

1. The Crown of Incorruption

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

26. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

2. The Crown of Life

James 1:12

12. Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

3. The Crown of Rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 2:19,20

19. For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? 20. Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

4. The Crown of Glory

1 Peter 5:1-4

1. To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2. Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers — not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; 3. not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

5. The Crown of Righteousness

2 Timothy 4:8

8. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

Romans 8:1

1. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 4:5

5. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

Revelation 21:4

4. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

2 John 8

8. Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

14. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

1 John 2:28

28. And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

Matthew 5:12

12. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

How Will We Run the Race?

2 Timothy 4:7,8

7. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Four Riders on the Horizon **Revelation 6**

Revelation 5:9

9. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Dark Prince on a White Horse (1ST Seal)

Revelation 6:2

2. I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

Foreshadows of the Dark Prince

Proverbs 12:19

19. Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

Daniel 9:26-27

*26. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. **27.** He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."*

1John 4:2

2. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

Colossians 2:8

8. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

The Rider on the Red Horse (2nd Seal)

Revelation 6:4

4. Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Matthew 24:6

6. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Matthew 24:21-23

21. For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again. 22. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23. At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

The Black Horse of Famine (3rd Seal)

Revelation 6:6

6. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

Ride a Pale Horse (4th Seal)

Revelation 6:7,8

7. When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8. I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Ezekiel 14:21

21. "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments — sword and famine and wild beasts and plague — to kill its men and their animals!"

And It's Only the Beginning

Matthew 24:8

8. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Dear God, How Should I Feel?

Matthew 24:32,33

32. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

Hebrews 2:3

3. how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

The Scroll Continue to Unroll, the Seals Removed (5th Seal)

Revelation 6:9

9. When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

Deuteronomy 28:64-66

64. Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods — gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. 65. Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. 66. You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life.

Acts 4:12

12. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

The Cry and Comfort of Martyrdom

Revelation 6:10,11

10. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" 11. Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

Revelation 20:4

4. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Acts 2:36

36. "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Three and a Half Years Gone By (6th Seal)

Revelation 6:12-16

12. I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13. and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15. Then the kings of the earth, the princes,

the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Matthew 24:15-21

15. "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel — let the reader understand— 16. then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17. Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18. Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. 19. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20. Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21. For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

4. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Revival During Hell on Earth

Revelation 7

Revelation 6:17

17. For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Who Receives the Stamp of Approval?

Revelation 7:4

4. Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

Safety for New Saints

Revelation 7:15,16

15. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. 16. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

Why Bother Being Saved Now?

2 Thessalonians 2:9,10

*9. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, **10.** and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*

Silence Before the Storm

Revelation 8, 9

Revelation 8:1 (7th Seal)

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

The Seven Angels with Seven Trumpets

The 1st Trumpet

Revelation 8:7

7. The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

The 2nd Trumpet

Revelation 8:8

8. The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,

The 3rd Trumpet

Revelation 8:10-11

*10. The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— **11.** the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.*

The 4th Trumpet

Revelation 8:12

12. The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

Luke 21:25-26

*25. "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **26.** Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.*

Woe! Woe! Woe!

Revelation 8:13

13. As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

The 5th Trumpet

Oozing from the Abyss

Revelation 9:1,2

1. The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. 2. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

Luke 10:18-19

18. He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Isaiah 14:12

12. How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

Revelation 9:3-12

3. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. 4. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5. They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. 7. The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. 8. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. 10. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. 11. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon. 12. The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

Damage of Demons from the Pit

Revelation 9:10

10. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months.

Revelation 9:6

6. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

The 6th Trumpet

Good Angels and Bad Angels

Revelation 9:13,14

*The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. **14** It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."*

Revelation 6:8

8. I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

March Across the River Bed

Revelation 16:12

12. The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

Granite Hearts

Revelation 9:20,21

*20. The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood — idols that cannot see or hear or walk. **21**. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

Storm Warning

Ezekiel 33:11

11. Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'

God is Still in Charge
Revelation 10, 11

Revelation 10:7

7. But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

The Messenger from Heaven

Genesis 9:13

13. I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Revelation 10:2-4

*2. He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, **3.** and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. **4.** And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."*

Job 37:5

5. God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding.

This is It!

Revelation 10:6

6. And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay!"

Matthew 24:3

3. As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Puzzle of the Rebuilt Temple

Revelation 11:1

1. I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there.

Ezekiel 36:24-25

*24. "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. **26.** I will give you a new heart and put a*

new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

3. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

I.D. for Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3

3. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

Malachi 3:1-3

1. "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. 2. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

Malachi 4:5-6

5. "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. 6. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Revelation 11:6

6. These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Matthew 17:3

3. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Exodus 7:19-20

19. The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt — over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs' — and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars." 20. Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood.

Power of Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:7

7. Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

Revelation 11:9

9. For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.

Sound the Last Trumpet

Revelation 5:8-10

8. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

The 7th Trumpet

Revelation 11:15

15. The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Revelation 11:18

18. The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great — and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

War in Heaven

Revelation 12

The Great Wonder-Woman

Revelation 12:1,2

1. A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

Who is She?

Genesis 37:9

9. Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

Revelation 12:5

5. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

The Enormous Dragon

2 Corinthians 4:3,4

3. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Motivated to Murder

Revelation 12:4

4. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

The Great Unseen War

Ephesians 6:12

12. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Satan Crashes

Revelation 12:12

12. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Revelation 12:17

17. Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring — those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Israel Airlift

Revelation 12:14

14. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

Malicious Masquerade

Revelation 13

Truth will be Stranger than Fiction

Daniel 7:20

20. I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell — the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

Daniel 7:8

8. "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

4. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

John Saw Him Rise from the Sea

Revelation 13:1

1. And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

Demon on a Leash

Revelation 13:5

5. The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Revelation 13:7

7. He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

The Second Beast

Revelation 13:11

11. Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

Satanic Sign Language

Revelation 13:13

13. And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.

The Talking Statue

Revelation 13:14-15

*14. Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. **15.** He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.*

Matthew 24:15-16

***15.** "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel — let the reader understand—
16. then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

It is Done

Revelation 14 ,15, 16

Exodus 15:11

11. "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

Six Angel Messengers

Revelation 14:6

6. Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people.

Revelation 14:13

13. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Saturday Evening of the Age

Revelation 16:1

1. Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

The First Bowl Judgment: Loathsome Sores

Revelation 16:2

2. The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

Matthew 23:27-28

27. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. 28. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

Deuteronomy 28:27

27. The LORD will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured.

Deuteronomy 28:35

35. The LORD will afflict your knees and legs with painful boils that cannot be cured, spreading from the soles of your feet to the top of your head.

The Second and Third Bowls: Water Turned to Blood

Revelation 16:3-4

3. The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died. 4. The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Revelation 16:7

7. And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

Habakkuk 2:20

20. But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him."

The Fourth Bowl: Intense Heat

Malachi 4:1

1. "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them."

The Fifth Bowl: Blackness in Satan's Kingdom

Isaiah 60:2

2. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Joel 2:2

2. a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come.

Mark 13:24

24. "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

2 Timothy 3:16

16. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

The Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dries Up

Revelation 16:12,13,14

12. The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. 13. Then I saw three evil^a spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Warning Before the Last Bowl is Poured

Revelation 16:15

15. "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

1 Thessalonians 4:5

5. not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

The Final (7th) Bowl of Judgment

Revelation 16:17

17. The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Revelation 14:20

20. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

Identity of All the King's Men

Psalm 83:1-8

1. O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. 2 See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. 3 With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. 4 "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more." 5 With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you — 6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, 7 Gebal, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. 8 Even Assyria has joined them to lend strength to the descendants of Lot.

Daniel 11:20

20. "His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. In a few years, however, he will be destroyed, yet not in anger or in battle.

Daniel 11:40-45

40. "At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. 41. He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. 42. He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. 43. He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Nubians in submission. 44. But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. 45. He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Ezekiel 38:14-17

"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? 15. You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army. 16. You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, O Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I show myself holy through you before their eyes. 17. "'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Are you not the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel? At that time they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them.

Revelation 6:3-4

3. When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" 4. Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Ezekiel 39:4-6

4. On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals.

5. You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD. 6. I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the LORD.

The Battle of Armageddon

Revelation 14:2

2. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

Revelation 16:17-21

17. The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18. Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

19. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. 21. From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Incredible Miracle in Israel

Zechariah 12:8-9

8. On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. 9. On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

Romans 11:26

26. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

Matthew 23:37-39

37. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. 38. Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Zechariah 14:3-5

3. Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. 4. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Wheat and Grape Harvests

Revelation 14:14-16

14. I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16. So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

Matthew 13:37

37. He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

Zechariah 14:12

12. This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Empires of the Beast

Revelation 17, 18

Mystery Babylon

Revelation 17:1-6

1. One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. 2. With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries." 3. Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

4. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. 5. This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6. I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.

Born in Babylon

Jeremiah 44:15-19

15. Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, along with all the women who were present — a large assembly — and all the people living in Lower and Upper Egypt, said to Jeremiah, 16. "We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD! 17. We will certainly do everything we said we would: We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and will pour out drink offerings to her just as we and our fathers, our kings and our officials did in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. At that time we had plenty of food and were well off and suffered no harm. 18. But ever since we stopped burning incense to the Queen of Heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have had nothing and have been perishing by sword and famine." 19. The women added, "When we burned incense to the Queen of Heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did not our husbands know that we were making cakes like her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?"

Ezekiel 8:13-15

13. Again, he said, "You will see them doing things that are even more detestable." 14. Then he brought me to the entrance to the north gate of the house of the LORD, and I saw women sitting there, mourning for Tammuz. 15. He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? You will see things that are even more detestable than this.

The Great Whore

2 Corinthians 11:2

2. I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

James 4:4

4. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Two-Faced Woman

1 Timothy 4:1-2

1. The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

New Age and Mystery Babylon

John 14:6-7

6. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Power-Hungry Woman

Revelation 17:18

18. The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."

Rich and Intoxicated Woman

Revelation 17:15

15. Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.

Partnership with the Beast

Revelation 17:3

3. Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:6

6. I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.

Riding on the Back of the Beast

Revelation 17:7-8

7. Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. 8. The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up

out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

Revelation 17:9-11

9. "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. **10.** They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. **11.** The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

Harlot's Doom

Revelation 17:16

16. The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

Tale of Two Babylon's, Continued

Revelation 18:1

1. After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.

Revelation 18:2

2. With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.

The Sins of Babylon

Revelation 18:5

5. for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

James 5:1-5

1. Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. **2.** Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. **3.** Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. **4.** Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. **5.** You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

Revelation 18:13

13. cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men.

Morning of the Damned

Revelation 18:15

15. The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn

Revelation 18:23

23. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

Revelation 18:21

21. Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.

Rejoicing in a Book of Tears

Revelation 18:20

20. Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you."

Escape from Babylon

Revelation 18:4

4. Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

2 Corinthians 6:14

14. Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

The Second Coming

Revelation 19

Celebration in Heaven

Revelation 19:1,2

1. After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 2. for

true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

Psalm 104:35

35. But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

The Ceremony in Heaven

Revelation 19:7-9

7. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. **8.** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) **9.** Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Ephesians 5:31-33

31. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." **32.** This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33.** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

The Church is the Bride; Christ is the Bridegroom

Revelation 19:7-8

7. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. **8.** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

The Wedding Supper

Matthew 22:1-14

1. Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: **2.** "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. **3.** He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. **4.** "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' **5.** "But they paid no attention and went off — one to his field, another to his business. **6.** The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. **7.** The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. **8.** "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.

9. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10. So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. 13. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14. "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Daniel 12:2

2. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Behold a White Horse!

Revelation 19:11-13

11. I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. 12. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Zechariah 14:4

4. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Matthew 24:27-31

27. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28.

Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. 29. "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 30. "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. 31. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Armies Dressed in White

Revelation 19:15

15. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Vultures on the Last Battlefield

Revelation 19:17

17. And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

The Beast, The False Prophet, and All the King's Men

Revelation 19:20

20. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Who Believes in Hell Today?

The Bible tells us that Heaven and Hell is real!

Because He is Coming Again-

1. We should refrain from judging others.

1 Corinthians 4:5

5. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

2. We should remember the Lord's table.

1 Corinthians 11:26

26. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

3. We can relate to one another in love.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

*12. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. **13.** May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.*

4. We can restore the bereaved.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

5. We may recommit ourselves to ministry.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

1. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2. Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.

6. We should refuse to neglect church.

Hebrews 10:25

25. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

7. We should remain steadfast.

James 5:8-9

8. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The judge is standing at the door!

8. We should reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

Jude 21-23

21. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22. Be merciful to those who doubt; 23. snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear-hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

The Thousand Years

Revelation 20

Why do we Need a Millennium?

Isaiah 40:10

10. See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

Life in the Millennium

Zechariah 13:2

2. "On that day, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will remove both the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land.

Jeremiah 30:9

9. Instead, they will serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

Ezekiel 34:23

23. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

Hosea 3:5

5. Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

Satan on Death Row

Revelation 20:3

3. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Revelation 20:10

10. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Meaning of the First and Second Resurrection

Daniel 12:1,2

1. "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. 2. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Isaiah 26:19

19. But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

Revelation 20:5

5. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:12-14

12. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

The Last Judgment

Revelation 20:11

11. Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Five Books that will be Open on Final Judgment Day

1. The Book of Conscience

Romans 2:15

15. since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

2. The Book of Words

Matthew 12:37

37. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

3. The Book of Secret Words

Romans 2:16

16. This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

4. The Book of Public Words

Matthew 16:27

27. For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

5. The Book of Life

Revelation 20:15

15. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Matthew 25:41

41. "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Paradise Regained

Revelation 21

Entrance to a New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1

1. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:5

5. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

2 Peter 3:13

13. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Isaiah 65:17

17. "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

What will Happen to the Old Heaven and Earth?

2 Peter 3:10

10. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:12

12. as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

The New Jerusalem: How Big

Hebrews 11:10

10. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Galatians 4:26

26. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.

Revelation 21:2

2. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 3:12

12. Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.

Revelation 21:15-16

15. The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.

Description of the City

Revelation 21:18-21

18. The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20. the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

Revelation 21:23

23. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Matthew 26:29

29. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

Revelation 22:6

6. The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

Missing in Heaven

Revelation 21:2

2. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 21:4

4. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:3

3. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

The Time is Near

Revelation 22

Revelation 1:1

1. The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

Revelation 22:6-8

6. The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place." **7.** "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book." **8.** I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

Our Responsibility

Revelation 22:6

6. The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

Revelation 22:18

18. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book

Proverbs 30:5-6

5. "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Revelation 22:9

9. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

Revelation 4:8

8. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 7:10-12

10. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." **11.** All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12.** saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

John 9:4

4. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

Revelation 22:7

7. "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

I Am Coming Soon

Revelation 22:17

17. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:20-21

20. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 21. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

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