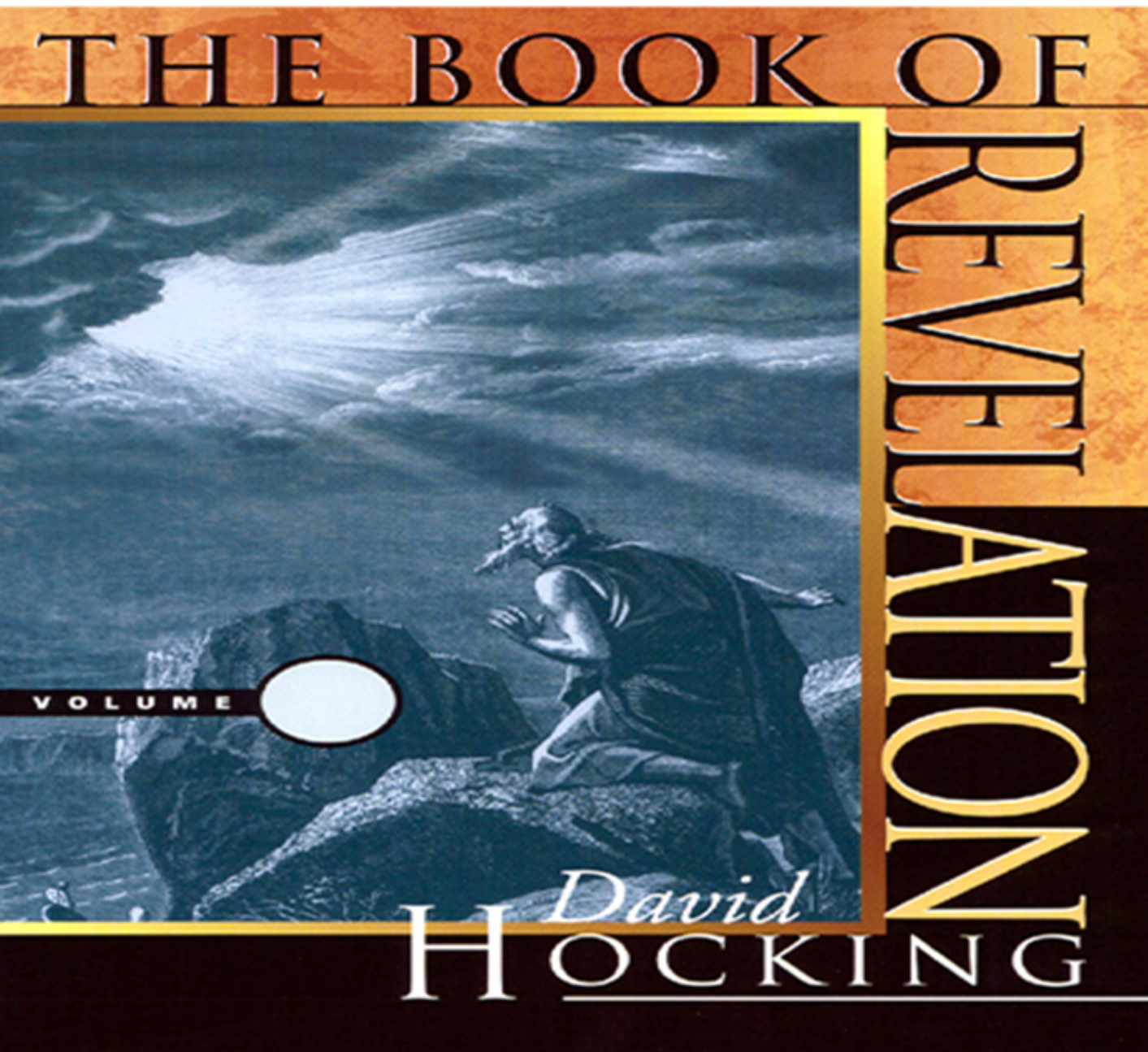


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## **Sermon Notes**

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# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 1*

**“A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST”**

*Revelation 1:1-3*

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The author is John the Apostle (*1:4, 9; 21:2; 22:8* - eyewitness), who also wrote the Gospel of John and the Epistles of John. Irenaeus (who lived in the 2nd century a.d.) says that the book was written by John during the reign of Domitian (81-96 a.d.), and claims to have had direct contact with John through his disciple and friend, Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna.

## **Three basic interpretations of the book:**

1. **Allegorical** - pictures the conflict between good and evil or Christianity vs. paganism
2. **Historical** - shows the development of church history
3. **Literal** - understands the events of *4:1* to the end of the book as describing the future (disagreements exist over the meaning of the 1000 years of chapter 20, and the timing of the Rapture of the church – cf. *1 Thess 4:13-18*)

The message comes from God the Father - “*which God gave unto Him*”  
Cf. *John 3:34-35; 5:20-24; 7:16; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10, 24; 16:15; 17:8*

Notice seven things about this book:

- 1A. *IT **PRESENTS** JESUS CHRIST IN ALL HIS GLORY - 1:1*
- 2A. *IT **PROCLAIMS** THE GLORIOUS RETURN OF CHRIST TO THE EARTH!*
- 3A. *IT **PROPHESES** EVENTS IN THE FUTURE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME*
- 4A. *IT **PICTURES** FUTURE EVENTS WITH UNIQUE SYMBOLISM*
- 5A. *IT **PUTS** HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE AND MINISTRY OF ANGELS*
- 6A. *IT **PLACES** GREAT EMPHASIS UPON THE CHURCH AND ITS RESPONSE TO CHRIST - 1:1*
- 7A. *IT **PROMISES** GREAT BLESSING TO BELIEVERS - 1:3*

- 1A. *IT **PRESENTS** JESUS CHRIST IN ALL HIS GLORY - 1:1*  
*“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”*

VApoka,luyij -noun appears 19 times (“*revelation*”) - to unveil or uncover

VApoka,luptw - verb appears 26 times (“*to reveal*”)

No definite article in Greek - “A Revelation of Jesus Christ”

## "A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST"

Message No. 1 - Revelation 1:1-3

It is an EXALTATION - an unveiling of the glorious Person of our Lord Jesus Christ! Consider the titles in this Book -*1:5, 8, 17, 18; 3:14; 5:5; 15:3; 19:16; 22:16*. 28 times He is called the "LAMB".

Of the 95 known Greek manuscripts, every one of them put the words "KING OF KING AND LORD OF LORDS" in capital letters.

2A. IT **PROCLAIMS** THE GLORIOUS RETURN OF CHRIST TO THE EARTH  
Cf. *1:7; 19:11-16; 22:7, 12, 20*. Cf. *2 Thess. 1:7-10*

3A. IT **PROPHESES** EVENTS IN THE FUTURE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE  
WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME

*"things which MUST shortly come to pass"* - cf. *2:5, 16; 3:11; 11:14; 22:7, 12, 20*  
Greek (taxei) - *"quickly"* - cf. *Luke 18:8; Acts 12:7; 22:18; 25:4; Romans 16:20*

4A. IT **PICTURES** FUTURE EVENTS WITH UNIQUE SYMBOLISM  
*"he sent and signified it"*

44 separate and distinct visions in the book.

*1:2 - "all things that he saw" - 22:8 - "I, John, saw and heard these things".*

Key words:

"LIKE" (homoios) - likeness in external appearance – used 22 times

"AS" (hos) - similarity in action or quality - used 65 times

A metaphor works like a simile but without the words "like" or "as".

5A. IT **PUTS** HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE AND MINISTRY OF ANGELS  
*"by his angel"* - 74 times in the book; 104 times in rest of the New Testament  
(9 times it refers to the "seven angels") cf. *Hebrews 1:14*.

We learn in Revelation that the angels worship God (*7:11-12*) and the Lamb of God (*5:11-12* - cf. *Hebrews 1:6*), but that we are not to worship them (*22:8-9*).

6A. IT **PLACES** GREAT EMPHASIS UPON THE CHURCH AND ITS RESPONSE  
TO JESUS CHRIST - 1:1  
*"to show unto His servants" 1:4 - "to the seven churches" 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22* *"what the Spirit saith unto churches"*.

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*Message No. 1 - Revelation 1:1-3*

7A. IT **PROMISES** GREAT BLESSING TO BELIEVERS - 1:3

*"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."*

It is called "*prophecy*" - 1:3; 22:7, 10, 18, 19

(over 400 quotes or allusions to the Old Testament). Cf. 2 Peter 1:19-21

"**BLESSED**" - seven beatitudes in the book:

1:3 - "*Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear...and keep*"

14:13 - "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*"

16:15 - "*Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments*"

19:9 - "*Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb*"

20:6 - "*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection*"

22:7 - "*Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book*"

22:14 - "*Blessed are they that wash their robes*"

"**TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH**" - 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21 cf. 1 John 5:4-5

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 2 & 3*

**“MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES”**

*Revelation 1:4-11*

*Verse 4 - “to the seven churches which are in Asia”*

*Verse 11 - “send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia”*

Notice four things:

- 1A. *THE PLACES TO WHICH THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT - 4, 11*
- 2A. *THE PERSONS FROM WHOM THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN - 4-5*
- 3A. *THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE - 7-8*
- 4A. *THE POSITION OF JOHN WHEN HE WROTE THE BOOK - 9- 11*

1A. THE PLACES TO WHICH THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT - 4, 11

1B. The NUMBER (7) of churches reveals that all churches are intended  
Cf. *2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22*

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”

2B. The NAMES of the churches reveal that its impact is for all time  
The first century as well as for today!

2A. THE PERSONS FROM WHOM THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN - 4-5

1B. It comes from the ETERNAL GOD

“from him who is, and who was, and who is to come” cf. *1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 16:5*

2B. It comes from the SEVEN SPIRITS

“who are before his throne” cf. *3:1; 4:5; 5:6; 8:2; 15:1, 6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9*

**TWO MAJOR VIEWS:**

1C. It refers to the HOLY SPIRIT

Sevenfold attributes in *Isaiah 11:2* (But, in the Hebrew, there are three couplets or categories in the text noted by the words “*the Spirit of*” - indicating six characteristics, not seven).

Others connect it with the “*seven lampstands*” (*1:20*) which requires the oil of the Holy Spirit - *Zechariah 4:1-6* cf. *Rev. 4:5*

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2C. It refers to the **SEVEN ANGELS**

Cf. **3:1** ("*seven stars*") **5:6** - "seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" **8:2** - "THE seven angels who stood before God" (the ones previously mentioned)

2A. **THE PERSONS FROM WHOM THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN** - 4-5

1B. It comes from the **ETERNAL GOD**

2B. It comes from the **SEVEN SPIRITS**

3B. It comes from **JESUS CHRIST** - 5-6

1C. His **RELIABILITY**

"the faithful witness" cf. **Rev. 3:14** and **John 8:14; 18:37**

Example: **1 John 1:9** - "He is faithful ... to forgive... and to cleanse"

2C. His **RESURRECTION**

"the first begotten (firstborn) of the dead" (Greek - prototokos)

**Psalms 89:24-29; Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 1:6**

3C. His **REIGN**

"and the prince (Greek - archon) of the kings of the earth"

Cf. **Daniel 2:47; 1 Timothy 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:15-16**

4C. His **REDEMPTION**

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood"

"loved" - **John 3:16; Ephesians 5:25; 1 John 4:9-10** "washed" - to take a bath. Noun - **Ephesians 5:26 and Titus 3:5** - compound verbs  
**Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11**

New American Standard - "**released us**" New International - "**freed us**".  
They take MSS evidence to be *luo*, not *louo*.

5C. His **REWARD**

"made us kings and priests unto God and his Father". Some MSS read "**kingdom**" instead of "**kings**" cf. **1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 5:10**

6C. Our **RESPONSE**

"to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen"

Doxology: **Psa. 15:1; Rev. 4:11; 5:13; 7:12**

# "A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES"

Message No. 2 & 3 - Revelation 1:4-11

- 1A. THE PLACES TO WHICH THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT - 4, 11
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- 3A. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE - 7-8

## 1B. To proclaim the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

### 1C. Our RESPONSIBILITY

"Behold" - (30 times) - "look at this" or "look for yourself"

### 2C. Its RELATIONSHIP to clouds

OT quotes & allusions: 348 (from 24 OT books.) *Dan. 7:13*  
27 – *Exodus* ; 22 – *Jeremiah*; 43 – *Psalms*; 43 – *Ezekiel*; 79 – *Isaiah*;  
53 – *Daniel*, 31 times refer to Dan. ch. 7; 15 – *Zechariah*.

In appendix of Westcott & Hort's Greek NT – out of 404 verses in revelation, 265 contain lines that embrace 550 OT references.

*Daniel 7:13; Matthew 24:30; Luke 21:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:17*

### 3C. The worldwide RECOGNITION of His coming

"and every eye shall see him"

### 4C. The special REALIZATION of the nation of Israel

"and they also which pierced him" - cf. *Zechariah 12:10*

### 5C. The overwhelming REACTION of the whole world

"and ALL kindreds (tribes) of the earth shall wail because of him"

### 6C. The immediate RESPONSE of John

"Even so, Amen" "even so" (Greek - nai) - a particle of strong affirmation.

Cf. *Rev. 22:20* 2;2, ("Amen" – from Hebrew). Amen – *1:6, 7, 18; 3:14; 5:14; 7:12; 19:4; 22:20-21*. Cf. *2 Cor. 1:20*.

## 2B. To proclaim the GLORIOUS CHARACTER OF THE COMING KING - 8

### 1C. His unique PROCLAMATION of God's message to us

"I am Alpha and Omega" - He is the first and last Word.

*John 1:1, 14; Col. 2:3*

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- 2C. His sovereign **PROVIDENCE** over all history  
"the beginning and the ending" - *Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2*
- 3C. His eternal **PRESENCE**  
"*which is, and which was, and which is to come*"
- 4C. His mighty **POWER**  
"*the Almighty*" (Greek - pantokrator - all-ruling with absolute and universal power) - used 10 times, but only once outside of Revelation, in *2 Cor. 6:18*.

*Cf. Rev. 4: 8; 11: 17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22*

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- 1B. His **RELATIONSHIP** to other believers  
"your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ". "*Tribulation*" - cf. *Jn. 16:33; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12*.
- 2B. The **REASON** behind his position  
"was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ".

Because of Domitian, the brother of Titus, who destroyed Jerusalem.

PATMOS. - 6 miles by 10 miles, 40 miles from Miletus, 24 miles from the coast of Turkey.

Hippolytus says that John was first plunged into a boiling oil, and then sent to this island exile.

Another leader, Victorinus, says he was forced to work in the mines that were located on Patmos.

Others, such as Irenaeus, Clement, and Eusebius, say that John returned to Ephesus after his exile, went to the churches, and appointed leaders, and set things in order.

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3B. The **REALITY** of his experience - 10

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet".

1C. His personal **INVOLVEMENT** in the experience was spiritual rather than physical. "*I was in the Spirit*"

Is he referring to the Holy Spirit or his own spirit or the realm of the spiritual in contrast to the physical?

1D. The article "**THE**" is not in the Greek text before the word "*spirit.*"

2D. The verb translated "*I was*" (ginomai) is better rendered "*I became*" indicating a change of condition.

3D. It helps to explain *Rev. 4:1-2* where John is caught up to heaven and says "*I was in the Spirit.*"

4D. It would also explain *Rev. 17:3* and *21:10* where John is "*carried away in the Spirit.*"

2C. The special **INSIGHT** he received was eschatological "*on the Lord's day*" (the day belonging to the Lord) - not the Sabbath or Sunday, but the future period of time known as the "*Day of the Lord.*"

3C. The clear **IDENTITY** of the voice was supernatural - 10-11 a "*great (loud) voice*" - mentioned 20 times in the book and the single word "*great*" (loud) appears 82 times. "*Trumpet*" *1:10* cf. *4:1; 8:2, 7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13; 11:15.*

"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last" - cf. *Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 22:13* with *16.*

4C. The **INSTRUCTION** he received was practical - 11b "*What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia.*"

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 5 & 6*

**“THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST”**

*Revelation 1:12-20*

Notice two things:

1A. ***THE REVELATION OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST - 12-18***

2A. ***THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO THE APOSTLE JOHN - 19-20***

1A. THE **REVELATION** OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST - 12-18  
(twelve characteristics)

1B. His **CENTRALITY** - 12-13a

*“in the midst of the seven lampstands”*

Cf. **2:1** - “who walketh in the midst of the seven golden lampstands”

Cf. **5:6** - “in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb...”

**Matthew 18:20** - “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”

**Matthew 28:20** – “lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age”

**Hebrews 13:5** - “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”

2B. His **HUMANITY** - 13b

*“one like the Son of man”*

(“like” - homoion - *“likeness in external form”*) - term is used 84 times in the gospels; 21 refer to the second coming - cf. **Matthew 24:30** and **Daniel 7:13 Phil. 2:5-11**.

3B. His **ROYALTY** - 13c

*“clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girded about the breasts with a golden girdle”*

Clothing of high priest - **Exodus 28:4; 39:29**

Cf. **Psalms 93:1; 104:1; Hebrews 3:1, 3; 4:14-16; 7:24-8:1**

4B. His **PURITY** - 14a

*“His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow”*

Cf. **Daniel 7:9**. He is called *“the Holy One”* - cf. **Luke 4:34; Acts 2:27; 3:14; Hebrews 7:26; Isa. 1:18**.

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IA. THE REVELATION OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST - 12-18 - (continued)

5B. His SCRUTINY - 14b

*“and his eyes were like a flame of fire”* cf. *Daniel 10:6, 16, 18; Revelation 2:18, 23; 19:12*

6B. His VICTORY - 15a

*“And his feet like fine bronze, as if they burned in a furnace”*  
Cf. *Isaiah 63:1-6; Revelation 2:18; 14:19-20; 19:15*

7B. His MAJESTY - 15b

*“and his voice like the sound of many waters”*  
Cf. *Psalm 29; Jeremiah 25:30-31; Ezekiel 43:2; Hebrews 12:25-26*

8B. His SOVEREIGNTY - 16a

*“and he had in his right hand seven stars”* cf. *1:20; 2:11; 3:1*

9B. His AUTHORITY - 16b

*“and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword”*

Cf. *Hebrews 4:12* - (Greek - *machaira*), but in the book of Revelation, it is the Greek word, *rhomphaia*, indicating a long and heavy sword - cf. *2:12, 16; 19:15, 21* cf. *Isaiah 11:4* and *2 Thessalonians 2:8*

10B. His BEAUTY - 16c

*“and his countenance was as the sun shineth in its strength”*

Cf. *Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12; Acts 26:13; Revelation 21:23*

The angels are stars; The churches are lampstands; But ... Jesus Christ is like the SUN!

11B. His DEITY - 17

*“I am the first and the last”*

Cf. *Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 1:8; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13*

1C. Notice John’s REACTION to what he saw

*“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead”*

Cf. *Isaiah 6:1-8; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Daniel 8:17; 10:8-9*

2C. Notice the RESPONSE of Jesus

*“And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, ‘Fear not’ ”*

Cf. *Daniel 10:10- 12; Matthew 17:6-8; John 14:1; 2 Timothy 1:7*

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12B. His **ETERNITY** - 18

***"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of hades and death"***.

***"the living One"*** - used of God in OT - *Joshua 3:10; Psalm 42:2; 84:2*

Cf. NT usage - *1 Timothy 3:15; 4:10; Hebrews 3:12; 10:31*

***"and was dead"*** - literally ***"became dead"*** – contrast between a single event of history and a continuous state of existence.

***"for evermore"*** - unto the ages of the ages - used of the Father  
*Rev. 4:9-10; 10:6*

***"have the keys of hades and of death"*** - symbol of authority and control  
Cf. *Matthew 16:18-19; Rev. 3:7; 9:1; 20:1*

***"death and hades"*** - together in *6:8* and *20:13-14*

1A. *THE REVELATION OF OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST - 12-18*

2A. THE **RESPONSIBILITY** GIVEN TO JOHN - 19-20

1B. To **RECORD** what he had seen and would see - 19

1C. **Past**

***"the things which thou hast seen"*** (vision of Christ in chapter 1)

2C. **Present**

***"the things which are"*** (messages to seven churches - chps. 2-3)

3C. **Future**

***"the things which shall be hereafter"*** (chps. 4-22 - cf. *4:1; 7:1, 9; 9:12; 15:5; 18:1; 19:1; 20:3* meta tauta - ***"after these things"***)

2B. To **REVEAL** the mystery of the seven stars and seven lampstands - 20

***"mystery"*** - opposite of ***"revelation"*** (apocalypse) cf. *Rev. 17:5*

***"angel"*** - appears 76 times in Revelation

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 6*

**“NEGLECTED PRIORITIES”**

*Revelation 2:1-7*

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

**EPHESUS** - Called the “*Metropolis of Asia*”, a seaport, the capital of Asia Minor, and its largest city, a center of trade and business. It was a pagan city with the temple of Artemis (Diana), containing a multi-breasted colossal statue to a goddess of sex and fertility. It had an amphitheater seating **25,000** people, had a great library, and was a cultural center in the empire. Estimates of population vary from **250,000** to **500,000** people.

The church at Ephesus has its roots in a brief visit to the synagogue by the apostle Paul (*Acts 18:18-21*), a ministry by Apollos (*Acts 18:24-28*) who was taught by Aquila and Priscilla, an encounter by Paul with **12** disciples of Apollos (*Acts 19:1-7*), and a teaching ministry by Paul for two years (*Acts 19:8-10*). It included mighty miracles by the hands of Paul (*Acts 19:11-20*), a mighty revival in the city dominated by the occult, and a serious riot in the amphitheater (*Acts 19:23-41*).

Notice six things:

- 1A. ***THE CENTRALITY AND CONTROL OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD - 1***
- 2A. ***THE COMMENDATION JESUS GIVES TO THE CHURCH - 2-3, 6***
- 3A. ***THE CONCERN OF JESUS CHRIST FOR HIS CHURCH - 4***
- 4A. ***THE CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH - 5A***
- 5A. ***THE CONSEQUENCE WHICH THE CHURCH FACES IF IT DOES NOT REPENT - 5B***
- 6A. ***THE COMFORT WHICH THE LORD GIVES TO INDIVIDUALS - 7***

- 1A. THE **CENTRALITY** AND **CONTROL** OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD - 1

**CENTRALITY** - “*who walketh in the midst of the seven golden lampstands*”

**CONTROL** - “*he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand*”

Neglected priorities are the result of taking our eyes off the One Who is the Head of the church and the One Who is in control of all things. The first and foremost objective of any church is the worship and praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Are we expressing that love and loyalty to Him?

- 2A. THE **COMMENDATION** JESUS GIVES TO THE CHURCH - 2-3, 6

1B. He commends them for their **DEDICATION** to the work of the Lord  
“*I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience*”

*"NEGLECTED PRIORITIES"*

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- 2B. He commends them for their **DISCERNMENT** in the work of the Lord  
*"and how thou canst not bear them who are evil; and thou hast tried them who say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars"*  
Cf. *2 Cor. 11:13-15; Matt. 7:15, 21-23; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-6.*
- 3B. He commends them for their **DEVOTION** to the Lord in being faithful in the work of the Lord - *"thou hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted"* Cf. *1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9.*
- 4B. He commends them for their **DECISION** regarding the deeds of the Nicolaitans - 6  
*"Nicolaitans"* (conquer/victory + people)

1A. *THE CENTRALITY AND CONTROL OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD - 1*

2A. *THE COMMENDATION JESUS GIVES TO THE CHURCH - 2-3, 6*

3A. **THE CONCERN** OF JESUS CHRIST FOR HIS CHURCH - 4

*"Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love"*

*"Nevertheless"* (alla) - great contrast - Although they are commended greatly for their efforts and loyalties, the problem is very serious. We often rationalize our lack of love by emphasizing our works.

*"thou hast left"* - does not say *"lost"*. *"thy first love"* - what is it?

1B. Love for other believers - *John 13:34-35*

2B. Love for the second coming of Jesus Christ - *2 Timothy 4:8*

3B. Love for the world (non-believers) - *John 3:16; Jude 21-23*

4B. Love for the Lord Himself - *Matthew 22:34-40; Eph. 6:24*

4A. **THE CHALLENGE** TO THE CHURCH - 5A

*"Remember, therefore, from where thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, ...except thou repent"*

1B. **REMEMBER**

*"from where thou art fallen"* cf. *2 Timothy 3:4; 4:10* cf. *1 John 2:15-17*

*"NEGLECTED PRIORITIES"*

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2B. **REPENT**

Change of mind and conduct. We need a radical change - most of us have become accustomed to a performance-oriented Christianity; we have been taught to "*do*" more than to love.

3B. **RETURN**

*"do the first works"* - NASB - *"do the deeds you did at first"* (interpretation). It is not an issue of timing, but of priorities - it should read the *"first works"*. Efforts that flow from an intense love for God Himself!

1A. *THE CENTRALITY AND CONTROL OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD - 1*

2A. *THE COMMENDATION JESUS GIVES TO THE CHURCH - 2-3, 6*

3A. *THE CONCERN OF JESUS CHRIST FOR HIS CHURCH - 4*

5A. **THE CONSEQUENCE** WHICH THE CHURCH FACES IF IT DOES NOT REPENT - 5B

*"or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy lampstand out of its place"*

1B. Immediate **REACTION** from the Lord Himself

*"I will come unto thee quickly"* - cf. *2:16; 3:3*

2B. Complete **REMOVAL** of its light and presence

*"will remove thy lampstand out of its place"*

6A. **THE COMFORT** WHICH THE LORD GIVES TO INDIVIDUALS - 7

*"To him that overcometh"*

1B. It is a message from the Holy Spirit - *"what the Spirit saith"*

2B. It is a message for all the churches - *"unto the churches"*

3B. It is for the one who overcomes - *"To him that overcometh"* cf. *1 John 5:4-5*

4B. It is given by Jesus Christ - *"will I give"* - cf. *John 10:28-30*

5B. It is the promise of eternal life in the heavenly city

*"to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God"*

Cf. *Gen. 2:9; 3:22-24; Rev. 22:2, 14*

(Some MSS read *"tree of life"* in *Rev. 22:19*, instead of *"book of life"*)

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 7*

**“SATANIC OPPOSITION”**

***Revelation 2:8-11***

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: SMYRNA - Romans called it “THE BEAUTY OF ASIA” and ‘THE CITY OF LIFE AND STRENGTH.’ 35 miles north of Ephesus, a seaport, beautiful, and still prospering today with over 200,000 people (IZMIR). In 195 b.c. they erected a temple to the goddess of Rome and supported the Roman Republic. Smyrna became a seat of emperor worship and in 26 a.d. when several cities competed for the honor of building a temple to Emperor Tiberius, Smyrna was given that privilege.

Most famous street – “The Golden Street” – began at the seaside and ran the length of the city to the Acropolis on Mt. Pagus. – First at the sea was a temple to the goddess Cybele, further up – the gorgeous temple of Apollo – further up, was temple to Aesculapius, the god of healing – beyond which was a beautiful temple to the goddess Aphrodite – next, a monument to Homer and finally the temple to Zeus on the Acropolis. The theater seats more than 20,000.

Alexander the Great and his successors wanted to rebuild Smyrna as the model city, the most beautiful city in the world.

A large colony of Jews lived there with considerable influence upon civic authorities. Years later, Jews joined with Gentiles to form a mob and call for the death of the Bishop Polycarp, a disciple of the Apostle John. Tertullian and Irenaeus say that Polycarp was a Bishop at the time of this letter and that John not only disciplined him, but appointed him to that task.

On February 22, 166 a.d., Polycarp was burned at the stake. “86 years have I served Him and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?” He spoke of serving the Lord for 86 years, which puts him in the church of Smyrna as a young man of 20-30 years when John wrote this letter.

The name of the city is based on the word “myrrh” which gives off a sweet smell after it has been crushed - the meaning is “bitter” – and used as an allegory, referred to the result of suffering and trials. Balsam herb, spices and medicine from the resin gum used as a drug to relieve pain – cf. **Mark 15:23** – used in embalming of Jesus – **John 19:38-40**.

The first mark of a New Testament church is love; the second mark, is the ability to suffer and endure - a demonstration of how effective and strong its love for the Lord really is! Jesus said (**John 15:18-20**): “if the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because ye

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are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you...if they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

1,500 at once were martyred, and later, 800 more on Mt. Pagus – refusing to renounce their faith in Christ.

Tertullian, who witnessed many martyrdoms at Rome in his early twenties, wrote these words: "If the Tiber has overflowed its banks, if the Nile has remained in its bed, if the sky has been still, or the earth been in commotion, if death has made its devastations, or famine its afflictions, your cry immediately is, "This is the fault of the Christians."

Notice four things about Jesus Christ in this message:

- 1A. **WHO HE IS** - 8
- 2A. **WHAT HE KNOWS** - 9
- 3A. **WHAT HE COMMANDS** - 10
- 4A. **WHAT HE PROMISES** - 10B-11

1A. WHO HE **IS** - 8

1B. THE **ETERNAL** GOD

*"the first and the last"* cf. *Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 21:6; 22:13*

2B. THE **RESURRECTED** LORD

*"who was dead, and is alive"* cf. *John 11:25-26; 14:19*

2A. WHAT HE **KNOWS** - 9

(four things)

1B. THEIR **WORKS** - *"I know thy works"*

2B. THEIR **TRIBULATION** (pressure from without)  
cf. *Matthew 5:10-12; 11 Timothy 3:11-12*

3B. THEIR **POVERTY** (beggar/destitute)  
*"but you are rich"*

Cf. *Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Cor. 6:10; 8:1-5, 9; Ephesians 3:8; James 2:5*

BARNHOUSE: *"What matters the frown of the world if we have the smile of God?"*

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4B. THE **BLASPHEMY** THEY ENDURED - (slander of others)  
Cf. *1 Peter 2:19-23*

1C. Their false **Claim**  
"who say they are Jews, and are not" - cf. *Romans 2:28-29*

2C. Their true **Connection**  
"but are the synagogue of Satan" - cf. *1 Peter 5:8-11*

1A. WHO HE **IS** - 8

2A. WHAT HE **KNOWS** - 9

3A. WHAT HE **COMMANDS** - 10

1B. As to **FEAR**  
"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer"

1C. The **Prediction** of suffering  
"which thou shalt suffer" - cf. *2 Tim. 3:12*

2C. The **Person** behind the persecution of believers  
"the devil shall cast some of you into prison" cf. *2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:10*

3C. The **Purpose** of this suffering  
"that ye may be tried" *Job 23:10; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 5:8-11*

4C. The **Period** of suffering  
"ye shall have tribulation ten days"

(three major viewpoints)

1D. Ten general persecutions under Rome (but Nero's preceded the date of this message, and the text indicates the "ten days" are future)

2D. Ten years of persecution under Emperor Diocletian (303-313 a.d.)

3D. A short time - cf. *Gen. 24:55; Job 19:3; Dan. 1:12; 1 Cor. 10:13*

2B. As to **FAITHFULNESS**  
"be thou faithful unto death" cf. *Revelation 6:9* ("martyrs" = "witnesses")  
Cf. *Hebrews 11:32-40; 12:1-2*

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- 1A. *WHO HE IS* - 8
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- 4A. **WHAT HE PROMISES** - 10B-11  
Cf. *Romans 8: 18; 2 Timothy 2:12*

1B. A **CROWN** that makes it all worthwhile  
"crown of life" cf. *James 1:12*

2B. A **CONSEQUENCE** that will never be faced  
"shall not be hurt of the second death" cf. *Revelation 20:6, 14-15*

Notice what *verse 12* says about Jesus Christ - "*he who hath the sharp sword with two edges*" (cf. *1:16*) - it is the long and heavy sword used by the Thracians and other barbaric tribes (Greek word -rhomphala) - cf. *Rev. 1:16; 2:12, 16; 19:15, 21* cf. *Isaiah 11:4 and 2 Thessalonians 2:8* - passages indicating the seriousness of Christ's evaluation of this church.

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*Message No. 8 & 9*

**“RELIGIOUS COMPROMISE”**

*Revelation 2:12-17*

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** PERGAMOS - located 55 miles north of Smyrna, and 15 miles from the Aegean Sea. In 29 b.c. it was given permission to erect and dedicate a temple to Augustus, reputed to be the first heathen temple in Asia that was dedicated to the worship of Caesar.

The last king of Pergamos, Attalus III, bequeathed his territory to Rome and Pergamos was made the capital city of the Roman province of Asia.

A great university was there with a library of over 200,000 volumes, which was sent to Egypt by Mark Antony as a gift to Cleopatra.

The name of the city comes from words for parchment/paper, or from a word meaning “*tower*” (pergos) and a word for “marriage” (gamos) two ideas: marriage + elevation.

The acropolis is 1000 feet high above the city, with an amphitheater seating 10,000 people on the side of the mountain.

On top of the mountain is a giant altar to Zeus, 800 feet above ground, seen for miles - the altar was 100 feet square. There were temples on the Acropolis to Athena and Dionysius.

Pergamos was known for its medical school and worship of the god of healing, Aesculapius or Asklepios, symbolized by a serpent (still used by the medical profession today).

It was also known for its school of psychology with use of a therapy tunnel and mineral baths and healing waters.

The worship of the emperor was very strong - Christians were in danger 365 days a year, not just the one day in which incense was to be burned, proclaiming, “*Caesar is Lord.*”

Notice four things:

- 1A. ***PERGAMOS WAS A DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT - 13***
- 2A. ***PERGAMOS HEARD A SERIOUS EVALUATION - 14-15***
- 3A. ***PERGAMOS RECEIVED A STRONG EXHORTATION - 16***
- 4A. ***OVERCOMERS WERE GIVEN A WONDERFUL ENCOURAGEMENT - 17***

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1A. PERGAMOS WAS A DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT - 13  
*“where thou dwellest”*

1B. In terms of SATANIC CONFLICT

1C. The Position of the enemy

*“where Satan’s seat (throne) is”* - perhaps a reference to the giant altar of Zeus on the acropolis. This pagan worship is directly traceable to BAAL worship and to ancient BABYLON.

After the fall of Babylon and destruction of its temples, the high-priest of the Babylonian religion fled with his initiates and their sacred vessels and images, and came to Pergamos, where the symbol of the serpent was set up as the emblem of the hidden wisdom.

From there, they crossed the sea and came to Italy.

The ancient cult was propagated under the name of Etruscan Mysteries, and eventually Rome became the headquarters of the ancient religion of Babylon.

The high priest took the title of “Pontifex Maximus” - Julius Caesar was one of them and was elected to the position of high priest. All of the Roman emperors from Augustine to Constantine held the title.

*“Satan”* – 19 times in OT, 14 in *Job 1&2*; 36 times in NT.

Identified as “that old serpent”; *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

*“the devil”* 0 time OT; 61 times NT.

*“Devils”* (demons) 4 times OT; 51 times NT. 42 times gospels/synoptics.

*“Unclean spirits”* 28 times – 1 in OT.

*“Adversary” 1 Tim. 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:8*

*“Accuser of the Brethren” Rev. 12:10*

*“god of this world” 2 Cor. 4:4*

*“prince of the power of the air”*

*“the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience” Eph. 2:2*

*“the enemy that sowed the tares” Matt. 13:39*

*“the wicked one” 4 times*

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2C. The **Presence** of the enemy  
“*where Satan dwelleth*” Is it to be taken literally or symbolically?

1D. His **character**

1E. Murderer – *John 8:44*

2E. Deceiver – *Rev. 12:9; 2 Cor. 11:3*

3E. Liar – *John 8:44*

4E. Confirmed sinner – *1 John 3:8*

2D. His **control**

1E. A vast demonic Kingdom – *Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:7*

2E. A world-system of unbelievers – *1 John 5:19*

Satan is not omnipresent, but through his demonic forces, it may seem that way.

2B. In terms of **SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT** - two statements indicate the difficulties which the believers were experiencing.

1C. **Personal** loyalty  
“*thou holdest fast my name*”

The key battleground was the deity of Jesus Christ.

Cf. *Matt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10; Phil. 2:9-11; 1 John 2:18-24*

2C. **Public** confession  
“*hast not denied my faith*”

ANTIPAS - “*against all*” - perhaps he had to stand alone for his faith.

Consider Peter - *Luke 22:31-34, 54-62*

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- 1A. *PERGAMOS WAS A DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT* - 13  
2A. PERGAMOS HEARD A SERIOUS **EVALUATION** - 14-15

To EPHESUS: *“I have somewhat against thee”*

To PERGAMOS: *“I have a few things against thee”*

- 1B. The doctrine of **BALAAM**  
*“because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam”*

Cf. *Numbers 22:18; 25:1-3; 31:16* cf. *1 Timothy 6:9-10; 2 Peter 2:12-16*

Balaam appears to be a gentile - *Deut. 23:4-5; Joshua 13:22; Num. 22:5; 23:7*

60 times - *Numbers 22-24, 31* - 3 times in NT. *1 Pet. 2:15; Rev. 2:14; Jude 11*

- 1C. To **Cast** a stumblingblock before the children of Israel tempt them to marry the women of Moab

- 2C. To **Compromise** with pagan practices  
*“to eat things sacrificed unto idols”* - cf. *1 Cor. 8: 13; 10:14, 21*

- 3C. To **Commit** sexual sin  
*“to commit fornication”*

- 2B. The doctrine of the **NICOLAITANS**  
*“So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”* (cf. *2:6*) “ALSO” - in the same way (NASB)

- 3A. PERGAMOS RECEIVED A STRONG **EXHORTATION** - 16  
Five of the churches are told to repent.

- 1B. It may involve a **REMOVAL** of the church’s influence and testimony  
*“or else I will come unto thee quickly”* - cf. *2:5*

Cf. *Matthew 7:21-23* Notice the change in pronouns - from *“thee”* to *“them”*

- 2B. It may involve a **RESULT** of eternal consequences  
*“and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth”*

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Two special rewards:

- 1B. **HIDDEN MANNA TO EAT**  
Cf. *John 6:26-29, 31-35, 47-51*

Hidden manna was in the pot inside the ark

Contrast with eating things sacrificed to idols

Cf. *Exodus 16:15; 31-36; Deut. 8:3, 16; Heb. 9:4*

“The corn of heaven” *Psa. 78:24* – “The bread of heaven” *Psa. 105:40*

- 2B. **A WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME** - cf. *Rev. 3:12; 19:12*

Viewpoints:

1C. Stones to render a verdict (white and black)

2C. Stones in breastplate of high priest representing 12 tribes

3C. Stones as counters to calculate

4C. Use of stones by Romans to grant admission to the games or tickets to receive free food - white stone with your name on it.

Cf. *Luke 10:17-20; 1 Corinthians 2:9*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 10*

**“IMMORAL PRACTICES”**

***Revelation 2:18-29***

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Thyatira is located 40 miles SE of the city of Pergamos. It is surrounded by beautiful countryside. It was a small city and not important to Rome or the worship of the Emperor. It was on the main trade route and was often conquered. It was best known for the establishment of trade guilds (unions).

These guilds often had pagan feasts which involved a great deal of sexual immorality. The Christians were facing a serious problem of job security if they did not participate, and there was a strong tendency to compromise.

**Acts 16:11-15, 40** tells us of Lydia, a seller of purple from Thyatira. The city was known for their beautiful cloth and special dyes.

- 1A. **THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHURCH** - 18
- 2A. **THE EVIDENCE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE** - 19
- 3A. **THE EXAMPLE OF MORAL DECAY** - 20-21
- 4A. **THE EXPLANATION OF GOD'S JUDGMENT** - 22-23
- 5A. **THE EXHORTATION TO THE FAITHFUL** - 24-25
- 6A. **THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE OVERCOMER** - 26-29

## 1A. **THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHURCH** - 18

1B. He is the **SON OF GOD** - cf. **v. 27** and ***Psalm 2:7-9***

1B. He has **EYES LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE** and **FEET LIKE FINE BRASS** (BRASS) - cf. **1:14-15; 19:15** with **v. 27** (His **SCRUTINY** and His **VICTORY**)

## 2A. **THE EVIDENCE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE** - 19

1B. Their **DEEDS** gave evidence to a strong spiritual life

1C. They had a proper **Motivation** - “love”

2C. They demonstrated an effective **Ministry** - “service”

3C. They were committed to a right **Message** - “THE faith”

4C. They endured with a tough **Mentality** - “patience”  
(to bear up under a heavy load)

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- 1B. Their DEEDS gave evidence to a strong spiritual life
- 2B. Their spiritual **DEVELOPMENT** was obvious  
"and thy works; and the last to be more than the first"

- 1A. THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHURCH - 18
- 2A. THE EVIDENCE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE - 19
- 3A. THE **EXAMPLE** OF MORAL DECAY - 20-21  
(*"I have a few things against thee"* - cf. 2:4)

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- 1B. She is a woman
- 2B. She calls herself a prophetess
- 3B. She teaches and seduces the believers about two things:
  - 1C. Sexual immorality
  - 2C. Food sacrificed to idols
- 4B. She is guilty of sexual immorality
- 5B. She is unrepentant
- 6B. She was involved with occultic practices associated with Satanic influence  
v. 24 - "*the depths of Satan*"

Cf. *1 Kings 16:29-33; 18:19; 21:17-25; 2 Kings 9:30-37*

- 4A. THE **EXPLANATION** OF GOD'S JUDGMENT - 22-23  
Cf. *1 Cor. 11:31-32*

- 1B. The **PUNISHMENT** will come if there is no repentance!  
Cf. *Hebrews 12:15-17*
  - 1C. It will involve physical **Disease**  
"*I will cast her into a bed*"
  - 2C. It will involve great **Distress**  
"*and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation*"

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- 1B. The PUNISHMENT will come if there is no repentance!  
1C. It will involve physical Disease  
2C. It will involve great Distress  
3C. It will involve future Death  
*"and I will kill her children with death"*
- 2B. The PURPOSE for the churches will be accomplished  
*"and all the churches shall know that I am he who searcheth the reins and hearts" - v. 23*
- 3B. The PRINCIPLE will not change  
*"and will give unto every one of you according to your works" - v. 23*  
*Cf. Romans 14:12; 1 Corinthians 3:8; Revelation 22:12*
- 1A. *THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHURCH - 18*  
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5A. THE EXHORTATION TO THE FAITHFUL - 24-25  
*"hold fast till I come"*
- 1B. The PREREQUISITE  
*"as many as have not this doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan as they speak"*
- 2B. The PRESSURE will be eased  
*"I will put upon you no other burden"*
- 3B. The PERSEVERANCE that is needed  
*"that which ye have already, hold fast till I come"*
- 6A. THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE OVERCOMER - 26-29
- 1B. The DESCRIPTION of the overcomer  
*"keepeth my works unto the end"* (John uses *"keepeth"* 36 times)
- 2B. The DOMINION that is to be given  
*"I will give power over the nations" (v. 27 cf. Psalm 2)*
- 3B. The DELIVERANCE we anticipate  
*"I will give him the morning star" - Prov. 4:18; Dan. 12:3; 2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 22:16*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 11*

**“SPIRITUAL APATHY”**

***Revelation 3:1-6***

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: 50 miles east of Smyrna, and 30 miles south of Thyatira. The capital of Lydia, a city built on the acropolis - easily defended - 1500 foot plateau. The Lydian kingdom began in 1200 b.c., and was the center of opposition to invading European forces. Sardis was the great enemy of the Ionian cities. It was known as the “*First Metropolis of Asia, Lydia, and Hellenism.*” It was powerful, wealthy, and strong.

Cyrus of Persia conquered it. King Croesus pursued him, lost the battle, returned, and was later surprised by Cyrus. 300 years later, Antiochus the Great, also captured the city, taking it by surprise. Later, the Romans did the same.

In 17 a.d., an earthquake devastated the city, but through the kindness of Tiberius, it recovered. A special coin was minted in his honor and a temple erected to him as well.

When John wrote, the city was living in the past, and the acropolis was no longer inhabited.

Its economy included woolen goods with special dyes and jewelry. Its religious influence included emperor worship, pagan temples, and a special temple to the Greek goddess, Cybele, connected with nature - they also worshipped the Ephesian goddess, Artemis. Sardis claimed that their gods had healing power which included the restoring of the dead - there were hot springs near by.

One of the earliest commentators on the book of Revelation was from Sardis - Melito, in the second century a.d. Herodotus claims that Sardis had a reputation for lax morals and open licentiousness.

1A. **THE CONCERN** OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THIS CHURCH - 1

2A. **THE CHALLENGE** OF JESUS CHRIST TO THIS CHURCH - 2-3

3A. **THE COMFORT** OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE FAITHFUL - 4

4A. **THE CONSEQUENCES** FOR THE OVERCOMER - 5

1A. **THE CONCERN** OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THIS CHURCH - 1

1B. The message comes from Him

*“hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars”* - cf. **1:16; 2:1; 4:5; 8:2**

2B. The truth about each church is known by Him

*“I know thy works”*

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3B. The reputation of a church is no guarantee of its true character and spirituality  
*"thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead"*

1A. THE CONCERN OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THIS CHURCH - 1

2A. THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS CHRIST TO THIS CHURCH - 2-3

1B. RECOGNIZE the dangers facing you

*"be watchful"* Greek word used 23 times - cf. *Matt. 26:41; Mark 13:35-37; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:6; 1 Peter 5:8* - gregoreuo

2B. REBUILD on the things that are important

*"strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die"* Greek word used 14 times - sterizo cf. *Luke 22:32; Romans 1:11; 1 Thess. 3:2, 13; 2 Thess. 2:16-17; 3:1-3; James 5:8; 1 Peter 5:10*

3B. REMEMBER what you have received and heard - cf. *2:5*

4B. RECOMMIT yourself to be loyal and faithful to God and His Word

*"hold fast"* - cf. *2:13, 25* cf. *1 Tim. 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:13-14; Titus 3:8-9, 14*

5B. REPENT of your spiritual apathy and indifference

6B. REALIZE the consequences you face if you do not repent

*"I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee"* - cf. *2:5*

3A. THE COMFORT OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE FAITHFUL - 4

1B. Their PURITY - *"have not defiled their garments"*

2B. His PROMISE - *"they shall walk with Me in white"*  
cf. *4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 14; 19:8, 14*

3B. Their PRACTICE

*"for they are worthy"* - cf. *Eph. 4:1* (balance/having the weight of)

4A. THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE OVERCOMER - 5

1B. PURITY

*"the same shall be clothed in white raiment"*

Cf. *Rev. 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 14; 19:8, 14*

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4A. THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE OVERCOMER - 5

1B. PURITY

2B. SECURITY

*"and I will not blot his name out of the book of life"*

Cf. *Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; 22:19*

BOOK OF LIFE:

1C. It is a book that uniquely belongs to the Lamb of God and is related to His death - *Rev. 13:8; 21:27*

2C. Your name must be written in this book in order for you to enter the heavenly city - *Rev. 21:27*

3C. If your name is not found written in this book, you are cast into the lake of fire - *Rev. 20:15*

4C. Those who dwell on the earth during the tribulation and marvel at the beast, do not have their names written in this book, nor have their names been there since the foundation of the world - *Rev. 17:8*

3B. LOYALTY

*"but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels"*

Cf. *Rom. 10:9; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 12:8-9*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 12*  
**“OPEN DOORS”**  
*Revelation 3:7-13*

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Philadelphia was located 25 miles SE of Sardis in a beautiful valley - a great trade route. In Byzantine times, it was the greatest city and trade center in the whole country. The road of the imperial government of Rome, coming from Troas, Pergamos, and Sardis, went right through the city.

The name comes from loyalty to Attalus II, king of Pergamos (159-138 b.c.), to his brother, king Eumenes. The original purpose of the city was to spread Greek language, culture, and manners throughout Asian provinces such as Lydia, Phrygia, Mysia, etc. By 20 a.d., the Lydian language ceased to be used and was replaced by Greek.

The earthquake of 17 a.d. was very severe. Strabo says that the aftershocks continued for several years leaving the people in a state of panic. Volcanoes have erupted frequently - black lava is visible. In gratitude for the support of the Roman Senate in rebuilding the city they thought briefly about changing the name to “Neocaesarea.”

The city resisted Moslem influence and remained Christian until the 14th century a.d. Arthur Gibbon paid eloquent tribute to the city for its resistance to the Muslim invasion and called it a “*standing pillar*” (cf. 3:12). Greek culture, however, abounds. It was often referred to as “Little Athens” because of the magnificence of its temples and other public buildings.

Coins reveal that they worshipped gods such as Artemis of Ephesians, Asklepios of Pergamos, and Dionysius, god of wine and revelry. The main crop of the area was grapes. The Roman poet, Virgil, spoke of the excellence of the wine produced in Philadelphia - a very fertile area.

Today, the city still exists with about 20,000 inhabitants, 5 churches with about 1000 members, and one bishop. The city is called ALLAH SHEHU today, which means “*city of God*” (cf. 3:12) or ALA SHEHER, meaning “*reddish city*,” probably for the red hills behind it.

Notice four things:

- 1A. ***THE PERSON WHO DELIVERS THIS MESSAGE TO US - 7-8***
- 2A. ***THE PROTECTION WHICH THE LORD GIVES TO US - 9-10***
- 3A. ***THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS MESSAGE THAT ALL BELIEVERS SHOULD HEED - 11***
- 4A. ***THE PROMISE TO OVERCOMERS - 12***

" OPEN DOORS"  
Message No. 11 - Revelation 3:7-13

1A. THE **PERSON** WHO DELIVERS THIS MESSAGE TO US - 7-8

Three things:

1B. His **CHARACTER**

*"he that is holy, he that is true"* - cf. **6:10**

2B. His **CONTROL**

*"he that hath the KEY OF DAVID, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth"* - cf. **Isaiah 22:20-25; Matthew 16:19; Acts 10**

**John 6:37** - "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"

3B. His **CHALLENGE**

*"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it"*

Cf. **1 Corinthians 16:8-9** "open door" - entrance to Messianic kingdom/salvation

The REASONS they were chosen:

1C. They were **Dependent** upon the Lord's strength

*"for (hoti - because) thou hast a little strength"*

2C. They were **Dedicated** to God's Word

*"and hast kept my word"* - cf. **Matt. 7:24-27; James 1:22-25**

3C. They were **Devoted** to the Lord Himself

*"and hast not denied my name"* - cf. **2:13; 1 John 2:22-23; 4:2-3**

2A. THE **PROTECTION** WHICH THE LORD GIVES TO US - 9-10

1B. Jesus Christ will **HONOR** us in the eyes of unbelievers who have been hostile to us - 9

*"synagogue of Satan"* - cf. **2:9** cf. **Isaiah 45:14; 49:23; 60:14**

*"I have loved thee"* - cf. **Isaiah 43:1-4**

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- 1B. Jesus Christ will HONOR us in the eyes of unbelievers who have been hostile to us - 9  
2B. Jesus Christ will KEEP us from the hour of temptation which come upon all the world - 10.

Is it removal or immunity? (*John 17:15*)

- 1C. The word "*from*" is ek "*out of*" - natural sense is removal  
2C. The definite article appears before "*hour*" and "*temptation*" - special period, not just trials in general  
3C. This time will "*come upon all the world*" - phrase can only be used of the coming tribulation of *Rev. 6-19*  
4C. The purpose is "*to try them that dwell on the earth*" -used 10 times, only of unbelievers. *Rev. 7:9-17; 11:7; 13:7, 15; 17:8; 20:4*

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1B. His COMING  
"*Behold I come quickly*" cf. *22:7, 12, 20* - NOT the same as *2:5, 16; 3:3*

2B. His CHALLENGE  
"*hold that fast which thou hast*" cf. *2:13, 25; 3:3; 1 John 2:28*

3B. The CONSEQUENCE  
"*that no man take thy crown*" cf. *2:10*

4A. THE PROMISE TO OVERCOMERS - 12

1B. Strong SECURITY  
"I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out" (double negative) cf. *Rev. 21:22* - no literal temple  
*Isaiah 56:5; Psalm 23:6; Romans 8:38-39*

2B. Special IDENTITY  
"and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name" cf. *Rev. 14:1; 19:12-13, 16; 22:4*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 13*

**“MATERIAL PROSPERITY”**

*Revelation 3:14-22*

Ephesus: **“NEGLECTED PRIORITIES”**

Smyrna: **“SATANIC OPPOSITION”**

Pergamos: **“RELIGIOUS COMPROMISE”**

Thyatira: **“IMMORAL PRACTICES”**

Sardis: **“SPIRITUAL APATHY”**

Philadelphia: **“OPEN DOORS”**

Laodicea: **“MATERIAL PROSPERITY”**

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Laodicea was located about 40 miles SE of Philadelphia. It was a part of a tri-cities area, including Colosse and Hierapolis. It was the chief city of the province of Phrygia.

According to *Colossians 4:16*, Paul wrote them a letter at the same time he wrote to Colosse. Epaphras might have been the founder. (*Col. 1:7; 4:12-13*) or Archippus (*Col. 4:17*).

Laodicea was destroyed by a terrible earthquake in 60 a.d., but was rebuilt without any help from Rome. It was a great banking center with a famous medical school to the serpent god, Asklepios.

They had a powder which they claimed could cure eye diseases. They also manufactured cloth, garments and carpets from wool of local sheep that were soft in texture and glossy black in color.

The word **“Laodicea”** comes from two Greek words: **“to rule”** and **“people”** - it suggests not only a democracy, but a self-confidence.

The most likely theory on the origin of the city is that Antiochus II who ruled from 261-246 b.c., built it in honor of his wife, Laodice.

The ruins of the city reveal a Roman stadium, which was dedicated to the Emperor Vespasian (who ordered the destruction of Jerusalem) in 79 a.d.

One of the most fascinating facts about the city which was built on a plateau, 100 feet about the Lycus river, was its limestone cliffs and waterfalls of “lukewarm/sulphur-like tasting” water.

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Notice the following five things in this message of Jesus Christ to His church:

- 1A. HIS **IDENTITY** REMINDS US THAT WE ARE TO TRUST HIM FULLY AND DEPEND UPON HIM COMPLETELY - 14
- 2A. HIS **INSIGHT** AS TO THEIR SPIRITUAL CONDITION REMINDS US THAT WE CANNOT HIDE FROM GOD - 15-17
- 3A. HIS **INSTRUCTION** REMINDS US OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION - 18-19
- 4A. THE **INVITATION** OF JESUS CHRIST REMINDS US THAT IT IS A PERSONAL DECISION AND COMMITMENT WE MUST MAKE - 20-21

1A. HIS **IDENTITY** REMINDS US THAT WE ARE TO TRUST HIM FULLY AND DEPEND UPON HIM COMPLETELY - 14

1B. His **IMMUTABILITY**  
"the Amen" (Hebrew - carries the idea of that which is fixed or unchangeable)  
Cf. 2 Cor. 1:18-22

2B. His **RELIABILITY**  
"the faithful and true witness" - cf. 1:5 cf. Psa. 89:34-37; John 3:11-12, 32-33

3B. His **PRIORITY**  
In the plan of God, He is "the beginning of the creation of God" - cf. 1:8;  
Col. 1: 15-18 - emphasis on His preeminence and power.

2A. HIS **INSIGHT** AS TO THEIR SPIRITUAL CONDITION REMINDS US THAT WE CANNOT HIDE FROM GOD - 15-17  
"I know thy works" - 2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15

1B. They were **INDIFFERENT** to the work of the Lord - 15-16  
"lukewarm" - professing Christians - cf. Matthew 7:21-23

2B. They were **INSENSITIVE** to their own spiritual need - 17

1C. The **Reason**  
"I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"

2C. The **Reality** - five descriptions:

1D. "wretched" - cf. Romans 7:24

2D. "miserable" - cf. 1 Cor. 15:19

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- 3D. "**poor**" - destitute, totally lacking in spiritual wealth - used 35 times -  
Cf. *Matt. 5:3; James 2:2*
  
- 4D. "**blind**" - 54 times - cf. *2 Peter 1:9; Rom. 2:19; John 9:39-41*
  
- 5D. "**naked**" - 15 times - cf. *Rev. 16:15; 17:16*  
Salvation pictured like a garment - cf. *Rev. 3:5; 6:11; 7:9, 13, 14; 19:7-9*

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- 3A. HIS INSTRUCTION REMINDS US OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION - 18-19

1B. We must RECOGNIZE our spiritual need and that only Jesus Christ can meet that need - v. 18

1C. The need of spiritual Riches  
*"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich" cf. 1 Peter 1:7*

2C. The need of spiritual Clothing  
*"and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed" - cf. Rev. 3:5; 7:13-14; 19:7-9 - "that the shame of My nakedness do not appear"*

3C. The need of spiritual Vision  
*"and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" - Psa. 119:18; 1 John 2:20, 24-27*

2B. We must REALIZE why He rebukes and chastens us - 19a  
*"as many as I love" - cf. Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12:6*

3B. We must RESPOND immediately with repentance - 19b

4A. THE INVITATION OF JESUS CHRIST REMINDS US THAT IT IS A PERSONAL DECISION AND COMMITMENT WE MUST MAKE - 20-21

1B. His POSITION - *"Behold, I stand at the door"*

2B. His PLEA - *"and knock"*

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4A. *THE INVITATION OF JESUS CHRIST REMINDS US THAT IT IS A PERSONAL DECISION AND COMMITMENT WE MUST MAKE*

1B. His POSITION

2B. His PLEA

3B. Our PART - "*if any man hear my voice, and open the door*"

What is the "*door*"?

1C. The door of the church in Laodicea

2C. The door of an unbeliever's heart

3C. The door of a believer's heart

4C. The door through which Jesus Christ will come again - cf. **3:8**;  
*Matt. 24:33; Luke 12:36; James 5:9*

4B. His PROMISES:

1C. His abiding Presence

*"I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me"*

2C. His authoritative Position

*"will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" cf. Matt. 19:28; Luke 1:32-33 cf. Isaiah 9:7; Rev. 1:6; 20:4, 6*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 14*

**“THE THRONE OF GOD”**

*Revelation 4:1-11*

- 1A. **THE PLACE WHERE THE THRONE IS LOCATED - 1-2**
- 2A. **THE PERSON WHO SAT ON THE THRONE - 2-3**
- 3A. **THE PEOPLE WHO SIT ON THRONES AROUND THE THRONE - 4**
- 4A. **THE PROCLAMATIONS WHICH COME OUT OF THE THRONE - 5**
- 5A. **THE POSITION OF THE SEVEN ANGELS - 5**
- 6A. **THE PRESENCE OF FOUR BEASTS AROUND THE THRONE - 6-9**
- 7A. **THE PRAISE WHICH THE 24 ELDERS GIVE TO THE ONE WHO SITS - 1--11**

*Matthew 19:28* says that the Messiah will sit on the “**THRONE of His glory**” and that the twelve apostles will sit on “**twelve THRONES**” and will judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

*Isaiah 9:7* speaks of the “**THRONE of David**” upon which the Messiah will sit, and *Luke 1:32* states that “the **THRONE** of his father, David” will be given to him by the Lord God.

*Hebrews 4:16* invites us to “come boldly unto the **THRONE** of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need,” but *Revelation 20:12* speaks of a “**great white THRONE**” before which all unbelievers will be judged.

The word “**throne**” appears 58 times in the New Testament, 43 of which appear in the book of Revelation, with 14 times in chapter 4.

- 1A. **THE PLACE WHERE THE THRONE IS LOCATED - 1-2**  
“*set in heaven*”

*Psalm 11:4* - “*The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord’s **THRONE** is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men*”

*Psalm 103:19* - “*The Lord hath prepared his **THRONE** in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all*”

Notice the following six things:

- 1B. The **SEQUENCE** of events  
“*After this*” and the end of verse one - “*things which must be hereafter*”  
Cf. *1:19* “after these things (meta tauta)” - used 23 times; 7 times in *Revelation - 1:19; 4:1; 7:1, 9; 9:12; 18:1; 19:1*

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- 2B. The **SEEING** of events  
“*I looked*” - (Greek - eido - used 70 times in Revelation)  
“*I looked*” - 5 times  
“*I saw*” - 35 times  
“*I beheld*” - 7 times  
“*I will show thee*” - cf. **21:10**
- 3B. The **SOUND** which he heard  
“the first voice that I heard was, as it were, of a trumpet talking with me”  
Cf. **1:10** “*I heard*” - 23 times
- 4B. The **SYMBOLISM** implied  
“*Come up here*” - picturing the rapture of the church – **1 Thess. 4:17** “*a door was opened in heaven*” - cf. **3:8, 20**  
  
“*opened*” - used 16 times, of the seven seals, the earth opening its mouth, the beast opening his mouth, the bottomless pit, the books, and the temple of God in heaven and heaven itself - cf. **11:19; 15:5; 19:11**
- 5B. The **SPIRIT** in which John found himself - 2  
(no definite article - cf. **1:10; 17:3; 21:10**) It affects **time (1:10)** and **place (17:3)**
- 6B. The **SEA** of glass before the throne - 6a  
“*like crystal*” - cf. **Rev. 15:2; Exodus 24:10** - “and they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in its clearness”
- 1A. **THE PLACE WHERE THE THRONE IS LOCATED** - 1-2
- 2A. **THE PERSON WHO SAT ON THE THRONE** - 2-3  
“*Behold*” - pay special attention!
- 1B. His **HOLINESS**  
“*like a jasper*” **Rev. 21:11** - “her light was like a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal” - a diamond perhaps? **1 John 1:5** - “*God is light and in Him is no darkness at all*”
- 2B. His **JUSTICE** - “and a sardine (sardius) stone” (blood-red ruby – Cf. **Rev. 6:4, 10**)

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3B. His **LOVE**

Cf. *Exodus 28:17-21* - 12 stones representing the 12 tribes, on the breastplate of the high priest, indicating God's great love for His people, and that they are precious jewels to Him! *Heb. 3:1*

We are "*accepted in the Beloved one*" - *Eph. 1:6*. First stone was the sardius and represented Reuben, which means "*Behold, a son*"; the last stone was the jasper, and represented Benjamin, which means "*son of my right hand*" –

Picturing the incarnation and exaltation of His Son, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Beloved One!

4B. His **FAITHFULNESS**

"and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like an emerald".

Cf. *Genesis 9:13* - "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth" - cf. *Psalms 89:1-2, 5, 8, 33, 37*

1A. *THE PLACE WHERE THE THRONE IS LOCATED* - 1-2

2A. *THE PERSON WHO SAT ON THE THRONE* - 2-3

3A. **THE PEOPLE** WHO SIT ON THRONES AROUND THE THRONE - 4

1B. They are called "*elders*"

1C. Cannot be tribulation believers - *7:13-14*

2C. Cannot be angels - *7:11*

3C. Cannot be complete nation of Israel - *Chps. 7 & 12*

2B. There are 24 of these elders

Indicates a representative group and a completed body - cf. *1 Chron. 24 & 25* priests singers in 24 "*courses*" or "*divisions*".

3B. They sit on thrones - *Rev. 3:21*

4B. They are clothed in white raiment - *Rev. 3:5*

5B. They have crowns of gold on their heads - *Rev. 2:10; 3:11*

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4A. THE PROCLAMATIONS WHICH COME OUT OF THE THRONE - 5

“out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings, and voices” - cf. *Rev. 8:5; 11:19; 16:17-18* cf. *Job 37:2-5; Psalm 18:13-15*

5A. THE POSITION OF THE SEVEN ANGELS - 5

“and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God” - cf. *1:4; 2:1; 3:1; 5:6; 8:2* cf. *Exodus 25:31* - “a candlestick (lampstand) of pure gold” *25:37* - “make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it”

6A. THE PRESENCE OF FOUR BEASTS AROUND THE THRONE - 6-9

1B. WHO are these beasts?

10 times in book - *4:8; 5:6, 8, 14; 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4* Mentioned 12 times in first ten chapters of Ezekiel - *Ezekiel 10:20* calls them cherubim.

Their appearances (*Ezekiel 1:10* in LXX) - lion, calf/ox, man, eagle)

1C. Angels have these characteristics

2C. Pictures Jesus Christ in the four gospels

3C. Illustrates the attributes of God

4C. Reminds us of Israel’s encampment around the Holy Place

1D. Judah - lion

2D. Ephraim - ox

3D. Reuben - man

4D. Dan - eagle

“SIX WINGS” - cf. *Isaiah 6:1-2*

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2B. **WHAT** do they say? - 8

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come".  
Cf. *Isa. 6:3; Rev. 11:17; 15:3-4*

"*Lord God Almighty*" - used 5 times - *4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 21:22*

"*The Almighty*" - appears 44 times in Bible, 31 in Job, and only once in New Testament - *Rev. 1:8*

"*Almighty God*" - 3 times - *Gen. 1:7; Ezek. 10:5; Rev. 19:15*

"*Almighty*" - Greek = pantokrator - used 10 times, 9 in *Revelation: 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22*

3B. **WHY** do they say what they do? - 9

to recognize the greatness and worthiness of the One they are praising, and to reveal to us what we should do - "and when (whenever)"

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7A. THE PRAISE WHICH THE 24 ELDERS GIVE TO THE ONE WHO SITS ON THE THRONE - 10-11

1B. The **WAY** they react - 10

1C. "*fall down and worship*" - cf. *5:8, 14; 19:4* and John's reaction in *1:17; 19:10; 22:8* - cf. *Matt. 2:11* - the wise men

2C. "*cast their crowns before the throne*"

2B. The **WORDS** they repeat - 11

As to what He deserves, and why He deserves it! Two basic reasons: His **POWER** and His **PLEASURE** (purpose) cf. *Romans 1:18-23*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 15*

**“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” - Part 1**

***Revelation 5:1-7***

Chapter 4 - worship of God the Father

Chapter 5 - worship of God the Son

**5:1-7 - THE SCROLL WITH SEVEN SEALS**

**5:8-14 - THE NEW SONG**

1A. THE **SCROLL** WITH SEVEN SEALS - 5:1-7

*“written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals”*

Cf. *Jeremiah 32:6-16; Daniel 12:4, 9* - Roman law required that a will be sealed seven times - the wills of Caesar Augustus and Emperor Vespasian were so sealed.

1B. The **PLACE** of the scroll

*“in the right hand of him that sat on the throne”*

The place of authority, sovereign control, and power! cf. *Psalm 16:11; 17:7; 18:35; 20:6-7; 48:10; 63:7-8; 73:23; 89:13; 98:1; 110:1; 118:15-16; Acts 5:31; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22*

2B. The **PROBLEM** of the scroll

*“who is worthy to open the scroll”?*

*“wept much”* used of Jesus in *Luke 19:41*; of Peter in *Matt. 26:75*

*“strong angel”* - Gabriel (?) - cf. *10:1; 18:21* with *Dan. 8:16; 9:22-23; 10:14-21; 11:2* cf. *Luke 1:26-33*

*“no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the scroll, neither to look on it”* cf. *Isaiah 59:16, 20-21; 63:3-5*

3B. The **PERSON** Who can open the scroll with seven seals - 5-7

1C. He is the **Lion** of Judah

Cf. *Genesis 49:8-10* (“*lion*” - 155 times in OT; 9 times in NT, 6 in Rev.)

Symbol of destruction - *Hosea 5:14*

Symbol of strength - *Judges 14:18*

Symbol of boldness - *Proverbs 28:1*

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3B. The PERSON Who can open the scroll with seven seals - 5-7

1C. He is the Lion of Judah

2C. He is the Line of David - "Root of David"

Cf. **22:16** cf. **2 Sam. 7:12-13; Psalm 132:11; Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-2**

Also the "**branch**" **Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8**

3C. He is the Lamb of God

186 times in Bible; 29 times in Revelation - cf. **John 1:29, 36;**

**1 Peter 1:19** (Greek - arnion)

Cf. **Rev. 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1, 16; 7:9, 10, 14, 17; 12:11; 13:8, 11; 14:1, 4, 10; 15:3; 17:14; 19:7, 9; 21:9, 14, 22, 23, 27; 22:1, 3**

1D. His centrality - "in the midst of" - 6

Cf. **1:3; 2:1** and **Matt. 18:20**

2D. His condition

1E. He was standing - "stood a Lamb"

no longer "**seated**" - perhaps a reminder that His work of intercession is no longer needed - now begins His work of intervention!

2E. He was slain - "Lamb as though it had been slain"

Cf. **v. 12** cf. **Heb. 9:11-28; 10:19-20; 13:20-21;**

**1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7**

3D. His control

"having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God" cf. **Zech. 4:10; Joshua 6:2-5**

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 16*

**“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” - Part 2**

***Revelation 5:8-14***

1A. *THE SCROLL WITH SEVEN SEALS* - 5:1-7

2A. THE NEW **SONG** OF THE REDEEMED - 5:1-7

“*I saw*” or “*I beheld*” - 5:1, 2, 6, 11; “*I heard*” - 5:11, 13

1B. Their immediate **REACTION**

“fell down before the Lamb” cf. *Rev. 4:10; 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4*

1C. It involved **Praise**

“*having every one of them harps*”

“*every one*” - masculine - can only refer to the elders because the word “*beasts*” (living ones) is neuter, not masculine

“**HARPS**” - 20 times in KJV; 3 in *Revelation* - 5:8; 14:2; 15:2

OT word for “*harp*” - kinnowr - used 42 times cf. *Psalms 33:2-3; 43:4; 57:7-9; 71:22; 92:1-3; 98:4-6; 108:1-3; 147:7; 149:1-3; 150:3*

2C. It involved **Prayer**

“and golden vials (bowls) full of odours (incense), which are the prayers of saints” cf. 8:3-4 - cf. 6:10 cf. *Psalms 141:1-2; Matt. 6:10* - “Thy kingdom come”

2B. Their continual **RESPONSE**

“*they sung a new song*” - 5:9-10 “*sung*” - present active indicative - “*they are singing*”

1C. The **Prophecies** of the “new song”

*Psalms 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; 1 Sam. 42:10; Rev. 5:9; 14:3*

2C. The **Preeminence** of the Lamb

“Thou art worthy to take the book (scroll), and to open the seals thereof”

3C. The **Place** of the cross

“for (because) thou wast slain” - cf. *Acts 2:23; Eph. 2:14-16; Rev. 5:9, 12; 13:8*

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4C. The **Purchase** of the redeemed  
“and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood” - *1 Cor. 6:19-20*;  
*1 Pet. 1:18- 19* - cf. *Rev. 1:5*

5C. The **People** who are redeemed  
“out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation”  
Cf. *7:9*; *14:6*; *15:4*

6C. The **Position** of the redeemed  
“and hast made us unto our God kings and priests” - cf. *1:6*

7C. The **Promise** to the redeemed  
“and we shall reign on the earth” - cf. *Rev. 20:6*; *22:5*

8C. The **Problem** of the text - is it “US” or “THEM”?

1D. In *verse 9*, removal of “us” only found in Codex Alexandrinus.

2D. In *v. 10*, the word “them” and the third person plural “they shall reign” are all variant readings.

Also, there is a variant reading between the future and present tenses of the word “reign”.

3D. The Latin Vulgate translation of Jerome reads “us” in both verses, as does the KJV of 1634 a.d.

4D. It is possible to read “us” in *v. 9* and “them” in *v. 10* as an editorial comment of the redeemed ones of *verse 9*.

5D. The connection with *Rev. 1:4-6* settles the issue.  
“to the seven churches” - pronouns are first person plural - “us”

3B. The heavenly **REFRAIN** - 11-12  
“the voice of ... saying with a loud voice”

1C. The **Multitude** involved - 11  
“many angels”

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2C. The **Message** proclaimed - 12  
sevenfold description of the Lamb's worthiness

1D. Power

2D. Riches

3D. Wisdom

4D. Strength

5D. Honor

6D. Glory

7D. Blessing

4B. The universal **REVERENCE** for God the Father and God the Son - 13-14

1C. The **Adoration** comes from "*every creature*" - 13a

2C. The **Acclaim** goes to the Father and the Son - 13b  
"*Blessing, honor, glory, and power*"

3C. The **Amen** which comes from the four beasts  
(living ones - cherubim - worship leaders)  
Imperfect tense – "*kept saying*"

4C. The **Act** of worship which characterizes the 24 elders  
"*fell down and worshiped*" cf. 4:10; 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 17*

**“THE FOUR HORSEMEN”**

*Revelation 6:1-8*

The Great Tribulation begins with the opening of the seals - three sets of judgments: seals, trumpets, and bowls of wrath (seven last plagues - *15:1*).

*Revelation 6:17* - “*For the great day of his (“the wrath of the Lamb” - v.16) wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?”*

*Revelation 10:7* - “*in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished”*

*Revelation 11:18* - “*and thy wrath is come”*

*Revelation 15:1* - “*seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God”*

*Revelation 16:1* - “*pour out the bowls of the wrath of God upon the earth”*

*Revelation 16:17* - “*it is done”*

## **AVENGE THE BLOOD OF THE SAINTS**

*6:10* - “*How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”*

*16:6* - “*for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy”*

*17:6* - “*And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus”*

*18:20* - “*for God hath avenged you on her”*

*18:24* - “*and in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth”*

*19:2* - “*and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand”*

*"THE FOUR HORSEMEN"*  
*Message No. 17 - Revelation 6:1-8*

- 1A. *THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN ONE OF THE SEALS WAS OPENED BY THE LAMB - 1*
  - 2A. *THE DECEPTION WHICH WILL INTRODUCE THE JUDGMENTS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD - 2*
  - 3A. *THE DEVASTATION WHICH THE RIDER ON THE RED HORSE WILL BRING - 3-4*
  - 4A. *THE DEPRIVATION WHICH THE RIDER ON THE BLACK HORSE WILL BRING - 5-6*
  - 5A. *THE DEATH WHICH THE RIDER ON THE PALE HORSE WILL BRING - 7-8*
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- 1A. THE **DESCRIPTION** OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN ONE OF THE SEALS WAS OPENED BY THE LAMB - 1
    - 1B. The **INTENSITY** of what took place  
*"as it were, the noise of thunder"* - cf. *11:15, 19; 14:2; 16:17-18; 19:6*
    - 2B. The **INVITATION** to John  
*"Come and see"* (KJV text) - repeated in vv. 3, 5, 7. cf. *4:1*
  - 2A. THE **DECEPTION** WHICH WILL INTRODUCE THE JUDGMENTS OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD - 2
    - 1B. The **IDENTITY** of the one on the white horse  
*"he that sat on him"* - a person
      - 1C. It is not Jesus Christ  
Cf. *19:11 ff.*
      - 1D. He is the One Who opens the seals
      - 2D. The remaining seals deal with judgment and tragedy, not the blessing of the 2nd coming
      - 3D. The "***crowns***" (stephanos) is not the "***many crowns***" (diademata) of *19:12*
    - 2C. His authority was "***given unto him***"  
Cf. *13:4* and *2 Thess. 2:9*
    - 3C. The "***white horse***" suggests a counterfeit to what we read in *19:11*  
Cf. *Matthew 24:4-5, 23-27*

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4C. The Biblical descriptions of a coming world leader who will arise to power at the beginning of the tribulation seem to fit here.

1D. The little horn - *Daniel 7:8, 21, 25*

2D. The prince to come - *Daniel 9:26-27*

3D. A king who blasphemes - *Daniel 11:36-45*

4D. A man of sin and son of perdition - *2 Thess. 2:3-4*

5D. The antichrist - *1 John 2:18*

6D. The beast - *Rev. 13*

2B. The **IMPACT** which this white horse rider will have  
"had a bow ... went forth conquering and to conquer"  
He rises to power, and does so by continual conquests!

1A. THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN ONE OF THE SEALS WAS OPENED BY THE LAMB - 1

2A. THE DECEPTION WHICH WILL INTRODUCE THE JUDGMENTS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD - 2

3A. THE **DEVASTATION** THE RIDER ON THE RED HORSE WILL BRING - 3-4

1B. The **COLOR** suggests a time of war and bloodshed  
"fiery red" or "blood-red" (the rider could be the same in each case)  
Cf. *Matt. 24:6-7* (color of the dragon - *Rev. 12:3*)

2B. The **CONTROL** he exercises is "given to him" (by Satan)

3B. The **CONSEQUENCES** of this red horse rider

1C. World **Peace** is ended  
"to take peace from the earth" cf. *1 Thess. 5:2-3; Jeremiah 8:15; 14:19*  
(contrast Jesus Christ - *John 14:27; 16:33*)

2C. Many **People** are killed  
"that they should kill one another" - cf. *Rev. 6:8; 9:15, 18* ("kill" - sphadzo - slaughter of animals/sacrifice cf. *Isa. 53:7; Acts 7:42*)

3C. Military **Power** is placed in the hands of one man  
"given unto him a great sword" - cf. *Rom. 13:4*

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- 2A. THE DECEPTION WHICH WILL INTRODUCE THE JUDGMENTS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD - 2
- 3A. THE DEVASTATION THE RIDER ON THE RED HORSE WILL BRING - 3-4
- 4A. THE DEPRIVATION THE RIDER ON THE BLACK HORSE WILL BRING -5-6
- 1B. The COLOR of the horse reminds us of famine and death  
Cf. *Jeremiah 14:2-6; Lamentations 4:8-9; 5:10*
- 2B. The economic CONDITIONS that will take place
- 1C. INSTABILITY will characterize the economy  
*"pair of balances in his hand"* economic balance will be altered radically.
- 2C. INFLATION will be out of control  
*"a measure of wheat for a denarius"* - one day's wage will be required for a loaf of bread or one meal.
- 3C. INCREASE in substandard food products will be evident  
*"three measures of barley for a denarius"* (barley - food for animals - three meals a day will be possible with barley, but not wheat)
- 4C. Luxury ITEMS will still be plentiful  
*"hurt not the oil and the wine"*
- 5A. THE DEATH WHICH THE RIDER ON THE PALE HORSE WILL BRING - 7-8  
(Greek - Chloros - *"yellow-green"* in appearance)
- 1B. The IDENTITY of the rider on the pale horse and the one who follows him  
*"his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell (Hades) followed with him"*  
The only rider stated to have a *"name"* - cf. *Rev. 20:13-15*
- The mention of *"hades"* would indicate that this worldwide tragedy is affecting those who are unbelievers.
- 2B. The IMPACT of this judgment  
*"and power was given to him over the fourth part of the earth"*
- 3B. The INSTRUMENTS used to kill 25% of the world's population  
*"with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth"*  
Cf. *Leviticus 26:21-26; Ezekiel 14:12-23*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 18*

## **“THE DAY OF GOD’S WRATH”**

*Revelation 6:9-17*

“*Day of the Lord*” - appears 20 times in 8 OT prophetic books; 3 times in NT (*Acts 2:20* which quotes *Joel 2:31; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10*. Also, called “*the day of God*” in *2 Pet. 3:12*; “*day of wrath*” in *Zephaniah 1: 15*; “*day of the Lord’s wrath*” in *Zephaniah 1:18*; “*day of darkness*” in *Joel 2:2* and *Zephaniah 1:15*

- 1A. THE **FIFTH** SEAL JUDGMENT - 9-11
- 2A. THE **SIXTH** SEAL JUDGMENT - 12-17

1A. THE **FIFTH** SEAL JUDGMENT - 9-11  
Cf. *Matthew 24:21-22; Zephaniah 1:14-16*

1B. The **CONDITION** of those under the altar - 9  
“*slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held*”

“*under the altar*” - not the altar of incense, but sacrifice!

“*were slain*” - perfect tense - “*had been slain*” - suggests that these martyrs are from the past, not the tribulation saints yet to be killed - cf. *Hebrews 11:35* (“*others*”) to *12:2* - “*cloud of witnesses*”

The reasons for their martyrdom - cf. *1:9; 12:11, 17; 19:10; 20:4* (conviction and confession)

2B. The **CRY** of those under the altar - 10

1C. It was an appeal to God’s **Righteousness**  
“*How long O Lord (despotes), holy and true (just and faithful)*”

2C. It was an appeal for God’s **Revenge**  
“*dost thou not avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth*”

3B. The **COMFORT** for those under the altar - 11

1C. The **Righteousness** of God is their position before God  
“*white robes were given unto every one of them*” cf. *Rev. 7:14; 19:8*

“*robes*” - does this suggest a body during the intermediate state of believers in heaven who await the final resurrection?

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- 3B. The COMFORT for those under the altar - 11  
1C. The Righteousness of God is their position before God  
2C. The Rest of God is their reward in heaven as they await the purposes of God to be fulfilled.  
*"that they should rest yet for a little season"* - cf. **14:13**
- 3C. The Remainder of those to be martyred suggests that all was a part of the plan of God. *"should be fulfilled"*
- Cf. **Rev. 3:10** (as it relates to whether the church goes through the Tribulation, in the light of those who are killed - not much protection if that is the only point of **Rev. 3:10**)

2A. THE SIXTH SEAL JUDGMENT - 12-17

- 1B. The worldwide CATASTROPHE that will take place - 12-14  
*"a great earthquake"* - used 19 times; as to the future, we are told by Jesus that there will be *"earthquakes in divers Warious) places"* - part of the *"beginning of sorrows"* (**Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11**)

*"great earthquake"* - **Rev. 6:12; 11:13; 16:18** cf. **Joel 3:12-17; Haggai 2:6-7, 21**

- 1C. The Extent of the catastrophe

1D. In HEAVEN

1E. SUN

*"became black as sackcloth of hair"*

Cf. **Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15**

2E. MOON

*"became like blood"* cf. **Isaiah 13:10; 24:23**

3E. STARS

*"fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind"* cf. **Matthew 24:29**

4E. SKY

*"and the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together"* cf. **Isaiah 34:1-8**

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- 2A. **THE SIXTH SEAL JUDGMENT - 12-17**
  - 1B. The worldwide **CATASTROPHE** that will take place - 12-14
    - 1C. The **Extent** of the catastrophe
      - 1D. In **HEAVEN**
      - 2D. On **EARTH**
        - “*every mountain and island were moved out of their places*”
        - Cf. **Jeremiah 4:23-24; Rev. 16:20**
    - 2C. The **Explanation** of this catastrophe
      - 1D. Symbolical - social and political upheaval
      - 2D. Literal (three major views)
        - 1E. Earthquake at the 2nd coming or end of tribulation - **Rev. 16:18**
        - 2E. Earthquake at middle of the tribulation  
Cf. **11:13** or **Ezekiel 38:19**
        - 3E. Earthquake at beginning of tribulation  
“*for the great day of his wrath is come*”
  - 2B. The panic-stricken **CONCERN** of the people of earth - 15-17
    - 1C. Seen in their **Attempt** to hide - 15  
Cf. **Isaiah 2:19-21; Hosea 10:8; Luke 23:28-30**
    - 2C. Seen in their **Associating** these events with the wrath of God - 17
    - 3C. Seen in their **Ability** to survive  
“*who shall be able to stand?*”  
Cf. **Heb. 2:1-3; 10:26-31; 12:25-29**

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 19*

## **“TRIBULATION SAINTS”**

*Revelation 7:1-17*

**Rev. 6:17** - “*who shall be able to stand?*” When the fifth seal was opened, we saw the martyrs of history concerned with the justice and vengeance of God. A statement was made in **6:11** about those who were about to be killed. In this chapter we learn about those who will become believers in the tribulation period and be both protected by God (the case of the 144,000) and suffer martyrdom (as in the case of the great multitude).

1A. **THE SEALED SERVANTS OF OUR GOD** - 1-8

2A. **THE SAVED SAINTS WHO COME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION** - 9-17

1A. **THE SEALED SERVANTS OF OUR GOD** - 1-8

1B. The **IDENTITY** of the four angels - 1

Cf. **8:1-8** - “*four living creatures*” - first four trumpet judgments

2B. The **INSTRUCTION** given to these angels - 2-3

The timing of their mission was connected to the sealing or protection of the “*servants of our God*”

3B. The **INFORMATION** given as to the identity of these sealed servants - 4-8

1C. They are “*servants of our God.*”

2C. They come from “*all the tribes of the children of Israel*” - 4b

3C. They are sealed “*in their foreheads*” - cf. **14:1** **2 Tim. 2:19**

4C. They number 144,000, - 12,000 from each of 12 tribes

1D. There are 29 lists of the 12 tribes in the Bible

2D. The original list of **Gen. 35:22-26** is the same as in **Ezk. 48:30-34**

3D. The tribe of Dan is missing in this list, and the son of Joseph is listed Manasseh, but not Ephraim - cf. **Judges 18:30-31**; **1 Kings 12:28-30**; **Hosea 4:17** cf. **Deuteronomy 28:58-62**; **29:18-21**

5C. They are described in greater detail in **Rev. 14**. They are called “*redeemed from the earth*” and the “*first fruits unto God and to the Lamb*”

"TRIBULATION SAINTS"  
Message No. 19 - Revelation 7:1-17

1A . THE SEALED SERVANTS OF OUR GOD - 1-8

2A. THE SAVED SAINTS WHO COME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION  
9-17

"*After this (after these things)*" - they follow the sealing and redemption of the  
144,000.

1B. The PEOPLE who are being described - 9-10

1C. They are Removed from all nations, kindreds, peoples, and tongues

2C. They are Resurrected  
*"stood before the throne, and before the Lamb"*

3C. They are Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb  
*"clothed with white robes"* - cf. v. 14

4C. They are Rejoicing  
*"palms in their hands"* - feast of tabernacles

5C. They are Responding with praise to God for His salvation - 10

2B. The PRAISE of those in heaven - 11-12

1C. The Worship that characterized their praise  
*"fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God"*

2C. The Words that filled their praise  
*"Amen! Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and power,  
and might be unto our God forever, ever. Amen."*

3B. The PROBLEM concerning the identity of this great multitude - 13-14

1C. The Elder did not know - 13

2C. The Explanation identifies them as redeemed believers - 14

What about a "SECOND CHANCE"? cf. - *Matthew 24:14, 2 1; 2 Thess.  
2:10-12*

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Message No. 19 - Revelation 7:1-17

2A. THE SAVED SAINTS WHO COME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION - 9-17

1B. The PEOPLE who are being described - 9-10

2B. The PRAISE of those in heaven - 11-12

3B. The PROBLEM concerning the identity of this great multitude - 13-14

4B. The PROMISES of God to this multitude - 15-17

1C. A special Place - 15

2C. A continual Protection - 16

3C. A wonderful Provision

“the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters” - *Psalm 23*

4C. A blessed Peace

“and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes”  
Cf. *21:4* cf. *Isaiah 25:8*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 20*

## **“FOUR TERRIBLE JUDGMENTS”**

***Revelation 8:1-13***

- 1A. ***THE PREPARATION FOR THESE JUDGMENTS - 1-6***
- 2A. ***THE PUNISHMENTS OF THESE JUDGMENTS - 7-12***
- 3A. ***THE PROCLAMATION OF A FLYING ANGEL - 8:13***

### 1A. **THE PREPARATION FOR THESE JUDGMENTS - 1-6**

#### 1B. The **INTRODUCTION** to these judgments - 1 -2

1C. Heavenly **Silence**

2C. Seven **Spirits**

*“the seven angels”* the ones previously referred to (*1:4, 20; 2:1; 3:1; 5:6*)

3C. Trumpet **Sounds**

*Cf. Exodus 19:19; Lev. 23:23-25; 25:9; Num. 10:1-8; Joel 2:1, 15*

#### 2B. The **IDENTITY** of the “strong angel” - 3

1C. The mention of the seven angels in v. 2 governs the mention of the “*strong angel*” in v. 3.

2C. The word “*another*” means “*another of the same kind*” and connects with the seven angels.

#### 3B. The **INCENSE** that is offered - 3

1C. The **Place**

*“golden altar”* - cf. *Exodus 30:6* 7 times *in Revelation - 6:9; 8:3, 5; 9:13; 14:18; 16:7*

2C. The **Picture** - cf. *6:9-11*

#### 4B. The **IMPACT** of these prayers - 4-5

1C. They are “**Ascended** up before God”

2C. They are **Answered** by the angel’s action

*“filled it with fire from the altar, and cast it upon the earth”*

## "FOUR TERRIBLE JUDGMENTS"

Message No. 20 - Revelation 8:1-13

- 4B. The IMPACT of these prayers - 4-5  
1C. They are "Ascended up before God"  
2C. They are Answered by the angel's action  
3C. They are Acknowledged by "voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake"
- 5B. The INVOLVEMENT of the seven angels - 6  
**1:4** - "seven spirits who are before his throne"  
**5:6** - "seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth"  
**8:2** - "seven angels who stood before God"
- 1A. THE PREPARATION FOR THESE JUDGMENTS - 1-6  
2A. THE PUNISHMENTS OF THESE JUDGMENTS - 7-12
- 1B. Plant life DEVASTATED - 7  
Cf. *Exodus 9:22-26; Joel 2:30-31* Trees not only produce food, but are essential protection from storms and flooding. Animal life will be affected by the loss of green grass - the globe will become a virtual wasteland or desert.  
*"hail and fire mingled with blood"* - indicates people will be killed when this judgment hits.
- 2B. Marine life DESTROYED - 8-9
- 1C. The Power that causes this disaster  
*"a great mountain burning with fire"*
- 2C. The Place where the disaster occurs  
*"cast into THE sea"* - the Mediterranean
- 3C. The Pollution that results from it  
*"the third part of the sea became blood (death of fish), and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died"* - cf. *Hosea 4:3; Zephaniah 1:2-3*
- 4C. The Price which the world's shipping industry will suffer because of this disaster  
*"and the third part of the ships were destroyed"*

## "FOUR TERRIBLE JUDGMENTS"

Message No. 20 - Revelation 8:1-13

3B. Drinking water **DEFILED** - 10-11

1C. The **Source** of this disaster - "*from heaven*"

2C. The Size of this disaster

"a great star ... burning as though it were a lamp and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters"

"**WORMWOOD**" - *Lam. 3:15; Amos 5:7; Jeremiah 9:13-16 and 23:15*

3C. The **Scope** of its consequences

"the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter"

4B. Natural light **DIMINISHED** - 12

Cf. *Exodus 10:21-23; Luke 21:25 "day of darkness" - Isaiah 13:10; Jeremiah 4:23; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:31; 3:15; Amos 5:20*

1A. *THE PREPARATION FOR THESE JUDGMENTS - 1-6*

2A. *THE PUNISHMENTS OF THESE JUDGMENTS - 7-12*

3A. **THE PROCLAMATION OF A FLYING ANGEL** - 13

MSS difficulty - some say "*eagle*" Angels are used throughout to proclaimed God's coming judgments - why different here?

1B. The **TARGET** of these judgments

"*the inhabitants of the earth*" - unbelievers - cf. **9:4**

2B. The **TRIALS** will be more severe than ever!

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 21*

**“LOCUSTS FROM HELL”**

***Revelation 9:1-12***

- 1A. **THE LEADER OF THE LOCUSTS** - 1-2, 11
- 2A. **THE LOCUSTS WHO COME OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT** - 3-10

1A. **THE LEADER OF THE LOCUSTS** - 1-2, 11  
SATAN - used 54 times in the Bible, 36 of which are found in the New Testament, and 7 times in the book of Revelation)

1B. His **POSITION**  
*“a star fallen from heaven unto the earth”*

1C. He is called “the angel of the bottomless pit” - 11  
(cf. **1:20** - “stars” = “angels”)  
“bottomless pit” - used 7 times, all in **Revelation 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3** - “the abyss” - a place of torment - cf. **Luke 16:22b-24, 28**

**11:7** - “the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit”

**17:8** - “the beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit”

**28:3** - the place where Satan will be cast and bound for 1000 years

2C. He is a fallen angel  
“a star fallen from heaven unto the earth” - cf. **John 8:44** Jesus said (**Luke 10: 18**) – “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” cf. **Isaiah 14:12** - “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning” **Jude 6** - “and the angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation...”

3C. He will lose his access to heaven during the tribulation  
**Revelation 12:7-12** cf. **Job 1:6-12**

2B. His **POWER**  
Indicated by two things in this passage

1C. A **Key** was given to him  
“and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit” - cf. **Rev. 1:18**

"LOCUSTS FROM HELL"  
Message No. 21 - Revelation 9:1-12

1A. THE LEADER OF THE LOCUSTS - 1-2, 11

1B. His POSITION

2B. His POWER

1C. A Key was given to him

2C. He is a "King" of the locusts - v. 11 cf. *Prov. 30:27*

3C. His Purpose

revealed in his name - v. 11 **ABADDON**

Hebrew - **APOLLYON**

Greek - means "*destroyer*" - cf. *1 Peter 5:8*

2A. THE LOCUSTS WHO COME OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT - 3-10

1B. Their AUTHORITY - "and unto them was given power" - 3

1C. The Extent of their authority

1D. As to time - "that they should be tormented five months"

2D. As to torment - "as the scorpions of the earth have power" - 3  
v. 6 - "that they should not kill them, but that they should be  
tormented ... their torment was like the torment of a scorpion, when  
he striketh a man"

3D. As to target - "only those men who have not the seal of God in their  
foreheads"

2C. The Effect of their authority and torment - 6

"shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and  
death shall flee from them"

2B. Their APPEARANCE - 7-10

"like" - used 7 times

"as it were" - used twice

Cf. *Joel 1:4-7; 2:1-11* (v. 11 calls them an "*army*")

*"LOCUSTS FROM HELL"*  
*Message No. 21 - Revelation 9:1-12*

CONCLUSIONS:

A. The locusts are demons.

(1) Demons are spirits - **LUKE 24:39** - "A spirit does not have flesh and bones" (the word "spirits" appears 46 times)

(2) Demons are evil spirits - word used 14 times;  
"unclean spirits" - 21 times

(3) Demons are destined for hell and eternal torment - **Matthew 8:29; 25:41**

(4) Demons are always forced to obey Jesus Christ! **Mark 1:23-27; 5:1-15;**  
**1 John 4:4**

B. The locusts represent an invading army inspired and Inhabited by demons - **Joel 1:6**  
"a nation is come up" **2:2** - "a great people and a strong" **2:7** - "they shall run like  
mighty men" **2:11** - "his army".

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 22*

**“THE ARMY FROM THE EAST”**

***Revelation 9:13-21***

Sixth trumpet judgment; second “**WOE**”

NOTICE THREE THINGS ABOUT THIS ARMY

- 1A. *THE CONTROL OF THIS ARMY - 13-15*
- 2A. *THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS ARMY - 16-17*
- 3A. *THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ARMY - 18-21*

1A. THE CONTROL OF THIS ARMY - 13-15

Notice 5 things:

- 1B. The PLAYING of the trumpet was under the direction of Almighty God - 13  
“the sixth angel sounded” - cf. **8:2, 6**
- 2B. The PROCLAMATION of the voice came from God - 14  
“I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God”  
“golden altar” (mentioned 7 times - **6:9; 8:3, 5; 9:13; 14:18; 16:7**) - a part of  
the answer of God to the prayers of the saints!
- 3B. The PLACE where the angels were bound reveals the sovereign control of  
God Almighty  
  
“Loose the four angels who are bound in the great river, Euphrates”  
“the four angels” - cf. **7:1; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6-7** “EUPHRATES”  
  
Mentioned 21 times - obvious connection with ancient Babylon  
Cf. **Isaiah 13:19-22; Rev. 18:2** (Babylon mentioned 286 times in the Bible)
- 4B. The PREPARATION of these angels for a particular time reveals the  
sovereign control of God over all history and human events - 15  
  
“who were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year”
- 5B. The PURPOSE of this event suggests the control of God as it relates to His  
avenging the blood of His martyrs  
  
“to slay the third part of men” - cf. **6:8; 8:11**

*"THE ARMY FROM THE EAST"*

*Message No. 22 - Revelation 9:13-21*

1A. *THE CONTROL OF THIS ARMY - 13-15*

2A. **THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS ARMY - 16-17**

1B. The **SIZE** of this army

“And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them”

“I heard the number of them” - emphasizes that this number is to be taken literally Greek: 10,000 times 10,000 times 2 = 200,000,000

2B. The **SYMBOLISM** involved

“I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone”

No symbolic language when referring to the horsemen or the horses, but used when referring to the heads of the horses - “*like the heads of lions*”

Cf. *1 Peter 5:8*

3B. The possible **SOLUTIONS**

1C. An attack of demons, similar to that described in the opening of the chapter.

2C. The invasion of *Ezekiel 38-39*

*38:4* - “all thine army, horses, and horsemen”

*38:15* - “all them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army”

3C. The battle of Armageddon

Cf. *Rev. 16:12-16*

3A. **THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ARMY - 18-21**

1B. Their **PLAGUES** bring death to one-third of the world's population - 18

“the fire, the smoke, the brimstone” - military weapons?

2B. Their **POWER** causes great hurt to people - 19

*"THE ARMY FROM THE EAST"*

*Message No. 22 - Revelation 9:13-21*

- 3A. *THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ARMY -18-21*  
1B. Their PLAGUES bring death to one-third of the world's population - 18  
2B. Their POWER causes great hurt to people - 19  
3B. Their PUNISHMENT does not change the hearts of people - 28-21  
"repented not of the works of their hands" - **Rom. 1:21-23**

The list sounds familiar:

1C. Satanism (worship devils or demons)

2C. Idolatry

3C. Murder

4C. Drugs

5C. immorality

6C. Theft - cf. **Rev. 21:8; 22:15**

# ***THE REVELATION***

Message No. 23  
“THE LITTLE BOOK”  
*Revelation 10:1-11*

- 1A. *THE APPEARANCE OF A MIGHTY ANGEL - 1-4*
- 2A. *THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS MIGHTY ANGEL - 5-7*
- 3A. *THE APPLICATION OF THIS MESSAGE - 8-11*

1A. THE APPEARANCE OF A MIGHTY ANGEL - 1-4  
KJV “*angel*” – 201 times

1B. The IDENTITY of this angel - 1

1C. He is Characterized by things associated with our Lord’s presence and attributes

“Clothed with a cloud” - *Exodus 40:34-38; Psalm 104:3; Revelation 1:7*

1D. “A rainbow upon his head”

*Psalm 89:1-2, 8, 33-37; Revelation 4:3*

“His face was as though it were the sun” - *Revelation 1:16*

1D. “His feet like pillars of fire” - *Revelation 1:15*

2C. He is Connected to “*another*” angel

(Greek: *allon*) cf. *Revelation 5:2* - “*strong angel*” - is this Gabriel whose name means “strength of God”? Cf. *18:21*

Then, maybe this angel is Michael - cf. *Daniel 10: 13; 12:1; Jude 9*

2B. The IMPACT of this angel - 2-3

1C. It pictures God’s Control over all - 2

2C. It pictures God’s Cry for all to hear - 3

“*as a lion roareth*” - “*Lion*” - 98 times; “*Lions*” 46 times - 144 total  
*Job 4:9-10; Isaiah 31:4-5; Hosea 5:14; 11:10; Amos 3:8*

3B. The INSTRUCTION of a voice from heaven - 4

Cf. *Revelation 4:5; 8:5; Psalm 29:3-4* Why “*seal up*”?

(Does it refer to the terrible suffering of God’s people?)

Cf. *Dan. 9:24* – “*seal up*” cf. *Rev. 22:10*

"THE LITTLE BOOK"  
Message No. 23 - Revelation 10:1-11

1A. *THE APPEARANCE OF A MIGHTY ANGEL - 1-4*

2A. **THE ANNOUNCEMENT** OF THIS MIGHTY ANGEL - 5-7

1B. He **SYMBOLIZED** his dependency upon God's authority and sovereignty over all

"standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven"

2B. He **SWORE** by the eternal power of God Himself

"swore by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, and the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things which are in it".

3B. He **STATED** that God's plans were on schedule and would be fulfilled when the seventh angel would begin to sound

V. 7 - "the mystery of God should be finished"

Cf. *Psalm 135:6; Revelation 6:9-11; 11:15; 16:17*

"Mystery" 22 times – *Rev. 1:20; 10:7; 17:5*, 7 "mysteries" – 5 times

**Major mysteries discussed:**

Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven – *Matt. 13:11*

Mystery of the Kingdom – *Mark 4:11*

Mystery of Israel's blindness – *Romans 11:25*

Mystery of the rapture – *1 Cor. 15:51*

Mystery of His will – *Eph. 1:9* - (gather together in one all things in Christ)

Mystery of Christ and the Church – *Eph. 5:32*

Mystery of the Gospel – *Eph. 3:4; Col. 1:26-27; 4:3*

Mystery of iniquity – *2 Thess. 2:7*

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Mystery of God and Christ – **Col. 2:2**

Mystery of the faith – **1 Tim. 3:9**

Mystery of godliness – **1 Tim. 3:16**

Mystery of the seven stars and golden candlesticks – **Rev. 1:20**

Mystery of Babylon the great – **Rev. 17:5**

Mystery of woman – **Rev. 17:7**

1A. THE APPEARANCE OF A MIGHTY ANGEL - 1-4

2A. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS MIGHTY ANGEL - 5-7

3A. THE APPLICATION OF THIS MESSAGE - 8-11

1B. It **ILLUSTRATED** a previous revelation - ***Ezekiel 2:9-3:3***  
***Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 19:10***

2B. It **INVOLVED** a peculiar response  
“in my mouth sweet as honey, and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter”

3B. It **INDICATED** a powerful responsibility  
“***Thou MUST prophesy again***”

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 24 & 25*

## **“THE TWO WITNESSES”**

*Revelation 11:1-14*

- 1A. **THE MEASUREMENT OF THE TEMPLE** - 1-2
- 2A. **THE MESSAGE OF THE TWO WITNESSES** - 3
- 3A. **THE MEANING OF THESE TWO WITNESSES** - 4
- 4A. **THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE PROTECTED** - 5
- 5A. **THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR POWER** - 6
- 6A. **THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY ARE KILLED** - 7-10
- 7A. **THE MIRACLE THAT HAPPENS** - 11-14

“The tabernacle of the Lord” – 12 times

“The house of the Lord” – 234 times

“The Lord’s house” – 21 times

“The house of God” – 81 times

“Temple” – English KJV 204 times, 117 in NT.

“Tabernacle” – 328 times; 20 in NT.

“Temple of God” 9 times in NT.

“Temple of the Lord” – 24 times – once in *Luke 1:9*

Herod’s temple called “the temple of God” in *Matt. 21:12*

Refers to body of believers – *1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 2 Cor. 6:16*

Refers to tribulation temple – *2 Thess. 2:4*

Refers to tabernacle at Shiloh – *1 Sam. 1:9; 3:3*

Refers to the temple of Solomon

Refers to future temple of the Messiah – *Zech. 6:12-13*

- 1A. **THE MEASUREMENT OF THE TEMPLE** - 1-2

“*temple*” - naos, not hieron

Cf. *Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4*

- 1B. The **PURPOSE**

*Ezekiel 40:2-4* - “measured” - used 28 times in *Ezekiel 40-42;*

*Zechariah 2:1-13; Revelation 21:15-17*

- 2B. The **PROHIBITION**

“But the court, which is without the temple, leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles” - cf. *Luke 21:24*

- 3B. The **PROPHECY**

“and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months”

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*Message No. 24 - Revelation 11:1-14*

2A. THE **MESSAGE** OF THE TWO WITNESSES - 3

1B. They will **PROCLAIM** it as special messengers from God  
“THE two witnesses of Mine”

2B. They will **PROPHECY** 1260 days  
(part of the sixth trumpet judgment - cf. *11:14*)

3B. They will **PREACH** a message of repentance  
“*clothed in sackcloth*”

3A. THE **MEANING** OF THESE TWO WITNESSES - 4  
Cf. *Zech. 4:14*

1B. **HISTORICALLY** - Joshua and Zerubabel - 2  
Zerubabel in Messianic line – *Matt. 1:12; Luke 3:27* cf. *Haggai 2:1-9*

2B. **PROPHETICALLY**  
Moses and Elijah - cf. *Matt. 17:3; Luke 24:4-7; Acts 1:9-11*  
*Malachi 4:5-6; Matt. 11:14; Luke 1:17*  
(Transfiguration, Resurrection, & Ascension)

4A. THE **MANNER** IN WHICH THEY ARE PROTECTED - 5  
Cf. *Numbers 16:35; 2 Kings 1:10, 12*

5A. THE **MEANS** BY WHICH THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR POWER - 6

1B. They **STOP** the rain (Elijah - *James 5:17-18*)

2B. They **STRIKE** the waters, turning them into blood (Moses – *Exodus 7:20*)

3B. They **SMITE** the earth with plagues!

6A. THE **METHOD** BY WHICH THEY ARE KILLED - 7-10

1B. The **PERSON** who does it  
“*the beast*” (Greek - therion) -used 36 times

1C. Comes “out of the bottomless pit” - *11:7*

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- 2C. Comes "out of the sea" - **13:1**
- 3C. Comes "out of the earth" - **13:11**
- 2B. The **PLACE** where it happens - 8  
"the great city" - used 10 times in Revelation
  - 1C. **Spiritual** condition - "spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt"
  - 2C. **Historical** connection - "where also our Lord was crucified"  
cf. **14:8; 21:10** - BABYLON? JERUSALEM?
- 3B. The **PUBLICITY** they receive - 9-20  
Cf. **Heb. 11:35-37**
  - 1C. The **Exposure** of their bodies - 9
  - 2C. The **Excitement** over their death - 10a
  - 3C. The **Explanation** for their behavior - 10b - cf. **Hebrews 11:35-38**
- 7A. THE **MIRACLE** THAT HAPPENS - 11-14
  - 1B. God's **POWER** is displayed!  
Cf. **Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:23, 52**
  - 2B. God's **PURPOSES** are declared!
    - 1C. The **Ascension** of believers – 12b  
"Come up here. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud"  
Same as **Rev. 4:1** cf. **1 Thess. 4:17**
    - 2C. The **Amazement** of unbelievers – 12c  
"their enemies beheld them"
    - 3C. The **Avenging** of God - "a great earthquake" – 13a
  - 3B. God's **PEOPLE** are delivered – 13b  
"and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven"  
Cf. **16:9** (repentance must precede our ability to glorify God) cf. **14:6-7**

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 26*

**“THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD”**

***Revelation 11:15-19***

v. **14** - “the third woe cometh quickly”

“kingdom” - appears 342 times in KJV, 158 times in NT - 562 times

“kingdoms” - appears 57 times, 5 times in NT

“kingdom of God” - appears 69 times in NT

“kingdom of heaven” - appears 32 times in NT - all in Matthew

1A. ***THE EXTENT OF HIS KINGDOM - 15***

2A. ***THE EXALTATION OF HIS MAJESTY AND COMING KINGDOM - 16-19***

1A. **THE EXTENT OF HIS KINGDOM - 15**

1B. In terms of **TIME**

“he shall reign forever and ever”

cf. *Psalm 93:1-2; 145:10-13; Daniel 4:3; 6:26; 7:27; 2 Peter 1:11*

2B. In terms of **TERRITORY**

“the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ”

*Psalm 47:7* - “For God is the King of all the earth”

*Psalm 47:8* - “God reigneth over the heathen”

*Psalm 103:19* - “The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all”

2A. **THE EXALTATION OF HIS MAJESTY AND COMING KINGDOM - 16-19**

1B. The immediate **REACTION** of the 24 elders - 16

“fell upon their faces, and worshiped God” - cf. *4:10; 5:8, 14; 19:4*

2B. The continual **RESPONSE** of the 24 elders

“We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come” - cf. *Hebrews 13:15*

3B. The basic **REASONS** for their outburst of praise - 17-18

1C. God’s **Power** is being proclaimed

“because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned”

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Message No. 26 - Revelation 11:15-19

- 1A. *THE EXTENT OF HIS KINGDOM - 15*
- 2A. *THE EXALTATION OF HIS MAJESTY AND COMING KINGDOM - 16-19*
  - 1B. *The immediate REACTION of the 24 elders - 16*
  - 2B. *The continual RESPONSE of the 24 elders*
  - 3B. *The basic REASONS for their outburst of praise - 17-18*
    - 1C. *God's Power is being proclaimed*
  - 2C. **God's Plan is being accomplished**  
**Cf. *Psalm 2:1-6; 19:15-16*** ("that they should be judged")
  
  - 3C. **God's Promise is being fulfilled**  
("and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great")  
  
**Cf. *Matthew 25:21, 23, 34; Mark 10:29-30; Heb. 6:10; Revelation 22:12***
  
  - 4C. **God's Punishment is being declared**  
("and shouldst destroy them who destroy the earth")  
  
**Cf. *2 Thessalonians 1:8-9***
  
- 4B. The glorious **REVELATION** in heaven - 19  
"the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament (covenant)" - a dramatic response - cf. ***4:5; 8:5; 16:18***  
  
**Cf. *Psalm 145:1-13***

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 27*

**“GREAT SIGNS IN HEAVEN”**

***Revelation 12:1-6***

- 1A. THE SIGN OF THE **WOMAN** - 12:1-2, 5-6  
“a great sign” - cf. *12:1, 3; 13:13-14; 15:1; 16:14; 19:20*
- 1B. Her **CONNECTION** with religion  
“woman” cf. Jezebel - *Rev. 2:20-23*  
Harlot - *Rev. 17:1* Bride - *Rev. 19:7; 21:9* cf. Israel - *Jeremiah 3:20*
- 2B. Her **CLOTHING**  
“clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet” - cf. *Genesis 37:9-11*
- 3B. Her **CROWN**  
“and upon her head a crown of twelve stars” – *Rev. 7:4-8*
- 4B. Her **CRRIES** of labor pain  
“being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered”  
Cf. *Isaiah 26:17-18; 66:7-11*
- 5B. Her **CHILD**  
“and she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne”
- 1C. The **Authority** which the child will possess - 5a  
Cf. *Psalms 2:7-9* “rod” - *Psalms 23:4; Ezekiel 20:37; Revelation 19:15*
- 2C. The **Ascension** of the child - 5b  
“caught up” (Greek - harpazo) - to seize or rescue from danger  
Cf. *2 Cor. 12:2, 4; 1 Thess. 4:17*
- 6B. Her **CARE** by God during the tribulation - 6  
“and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days”
- 1C. The **Place**  
“wilderness...prepared by God” cf. *Matthew 24:16; John 14:2-3*
- 2C. The **Purpose**  
“feed her 1260 days” - cf. *Psalms 23:5*

" GREAT SIGNS IN HEAVEN"  
Message No. 27 - Revelation 12:1-6

2A. THE SIGN OF THE **DRAGON** - 12:3-4

1B. The **IDENTITY** of the dragon

1C. The **Context** leaves no doubt as to the dragon's identity - 12:9

2C. The **Color** reveals his real character

"a great **RED** dragon" - *John 8:44; Revelation 6:4; 9:2, 11*

3C. His **Connection** with the beast

"having seven heads and ten horns" - cf. *2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2* cf. *Revelation 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9-12, 18*

4C. The **Crown** on the seven heads

"and seven crowns upon his heads" Greek - diadems - emphasizes Satan's control of the empires of the world

2B. The **INFLUENCE** of the dragon

"his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth" cf. *1:20; 9: 1, 11; 12:9* with *Jude 6* and *2 Peter 2:4* cf. *Daniel 8:9-10*

3B. The **INTENT** of the dragon

"and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, to devour her child as soon as it was born"

Cf. *Genesis 3:15; Matt. 2:16-18; 1 Peter 5:8*

# ***THE REVELATION***

Message No. 28  
“SATAN’S WAR”  
*Revelation 12:7-17*

- 1A. *THE **STRUGGLE** IN HEAVEN - 7-9*
- 2A. *THE **SECRET** OF VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL - 10-12*
- 3A. *THE **SUFFERING** OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE - 13-17*

## 1A. THE **STRUGGLE** IN HEAVEN - 7-9

- 1B. It describes a **FULFILLMENT** of prophecy - 7  
Cf. *Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1-2; Jude 9*

“*Michael*” - “*strong angel*” of Revelation 10 - cf. *1 Thess. 4:16*

Note: Jewish tradition says there are seven archangels!

- 2B. It describes the **FAILURE** of Satanic forces to overcome the purposes and plans of God - 8

Cf. *Romans 16:20; John 12:31; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8; 4:4*

Notice two things:

- 1C. They lost - “*prevailed not*”
- 2C. They were cast out  
“neither was their place found any more in heaven, and the great dragon was cast out ...*II*”
- 3B. It describes the **FALL** of Satan and his angels - 9

Three things learned about Satan:

- 1C. He was directly involved in the temptation of Adam and Eve  
“*that old serpent*”
- 2C. He is a slanderer and an adversary  
 (“*devil*” - Greek for “*slanderer*” and “*Satan*” - Hebrew for “*adversary*”)
- 3C. He deceives the whole world - cf. *Rev. 20:10*

## "SATAN'S WAR"

Message No. 28 - Revelation 12:7-17

1A. *THE STRUGGLE IN HEAVEN* - 7-9

2A. THE **SECRET** OF VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL - 10-12

1B. It is based on the **COMING** of the Messianic kingdom - 10  
Cf. *Rev. 11:15; 20:1-3*

2B. It is based on the **CLEANSING** of the blood of Jesus Christ - 11  
Cf. *1 John 2:1-2* - "advocate"

3B. It is based on God's **CONTROL** of Satan and his wrath - 12  
"wrath" - emotional outburst  
"because he knoweth that he hath but a short time"

3A. THE **SUFFERING** OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE - 13-17

1B. The **PERSECUTION** seems connected to the Messiah - 13

2B. The **PROTECTION** of God will be given to the Jewish people - 14-16

1C. The **Eagle** of God's protection  
Cf. *Exodus 19:4; Deuteronomy 32:11-12* "wilderness" - *Daniel 11:41*

2C. The **Extent** of God's protection  
"where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" - cf. *Daniel 7:25; 12:7*

3C. The **Example** of God's protection  
"swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth"

Cf. *Exodus 15:1-13; Numbers 16:31-34* "like a flood" - *Jeremiah 46:7-10; 47:2-4*

3B. The **PURPOSES** of Satan are clearly revealed - 15, 17  
Cf. *Rev. 1:9; 6:9; 14:12*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 29*

## **“THE BEAST WITH SEVEN HEADS”**

*Revelation 13:1-10*

“*beast*” (therion) - 36 times

- 1A. *THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST* - 1-3
- 2A. *THE INFLUENCE OF THE BEAST* - 3B-8
- 3A. *THE INSTRUCTION TO US* - 9-10

1A. THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST - 1-3

1B. The ROLE of Satan

1C. As to the Ascension of the beast out of the sea  
MSS evidence clearly has the first sentence as the last statement of  
*chapter 12* - “and HE stood upon the sand of the sea”

“swallowed up” *12:17* – cf. *Num. 16:31-34*

“Like a flood” – cf. *Jer. 46:7-10; 47:2-4*

“THE SEA” – Mediterranean cf. *Daniel 7:2-3* and *Revelation 17:15*

2C. As to the Authority of the beast  
“and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat (throne), and great  
authority” - *v. 2b*

3C. As to the Appearance of the beast  
“having seven heads and ten horns and upon his horns ten crowns”  
Diadems - Cf. *12:3* (“crowns on his heads”)

4C. As to the Attitude of the beast  
“upon his heads the name of blasphemy” - cf. *2 Thess. 2:4*

2B. The RELATIONSHIP of this beast to the vision of Daniel  
Cf. *Daniel 7:3-8* Babylon, Persia, and Greece - “lion, bear, and leopard”)

The lion communicates arrogantly; the bear controls extensively; the leopard  
conquers swiftly!

3B. The RECEIVING of a deadly wound - 3

1C. It refers to a particular person.  
*2 Thess. 2:3-4* - “Man of sin” *1 John 2:18* - “Antichrist”

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- 2C. It refers to a nation or empire.  
"one of his heads" - but, apparently, the entire beast is killed, not just one head - cf. **17:8, 11**

One possible view is that the sixth head is Rome, and after receiving a deadly wound, comes back to life as a seventh head comprised of ten horns or kings, out of which will come the Antichrist, who will be in and of himself, the 8th world empire - cf. **17:10-11**

### 1A. THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST - 1-3

#### 2A. THE INFLUENCE OF THE BEAST - 3B-8

- 1B. The ADORATION he receives - 3b-4

- 1C. The Extent to which he is adored  
"all the world wondered after the beast" - 3b

- 2C. The Extreme to which people will go  
"and they worshiped the dragon who gave power to the beast and they worshiped the beast"

- 3C. The Explanation for such adulation  
"Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

- 2B. The ARROGANCE he displays - 5a  
"there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies"  
Cf. **Daniel 7:8, 25; 11:36-38; 2 Thess. 2:4**

- 3B. The AUTHORITY he exercises - 5b  
"and power was given unto him to continue 42 months"

- 4B. The ANGER he has toward God - 6

- 5B. The ATTACK he makes on the saints - 7  
Cf. **11:7; 13:15; 20:4**

- 6B. The AFFILIATION of all those who worship him - 8  
Problem: "**from the foundation of the world**" - does it go with "**slain**" or "**written**" - cf. **17:8**

Cf. **Luke 10:20; Rev. 2:17; 3:5, 12; 20:15; 21:27**

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1A. *THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST* - 1-3

2A. *THE INFLUENCE OF THE BEAST* - 3b-8

3A. **THE INSTRUCTION TO US** - 9-10

1B. As to our **RESPONSIBILITY**

"if any man have an ear, let him hear" - cf. *Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22* and *Matthew 11:15; 13:9, 43*

2B. As to God's **RETRIBUTION**

"He that leadeth into captivity, shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword" - cf. *Gen. 9:6*

3B. As to our **REWARD**

"Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" - God will bring His revenge and will reward His servants for their suffering and martyrdom!

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 30*

## **“THE MARK OF THE BEAST”**

***Revelation 13:11-18***

- 1A. ***THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SECOND BEAST - 11-12***
- 2A. ***THE COUNTERFEIT OF MIRACULOUS SIGNS - 13-15***
- 3A. ***THE CONTROL WHICH THIS BEAST WILL BRING - 16-18***

### 1A. **THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SECOND BEAST - 11-12**

Notice five things:

- 1B. His **ASSOCIATION** with the first beast  
“another (of the same kind) beast coming up out of the earth (in contrast to heaven)”
- 2B. His **APPEARANCE** - “he had two horns like a lamb”  
religious symbolism  
  
Cf. **5:6** - Lamb of God had seven horns “two horns”  
perhaps indicating both political and religious authority
- 3B. His **ATTITUDE**  
“he spoke like a dragon”  
Cf. **12:9** and **2 Corinthians 11:3** - key concept here is “deception”
- 4B. His **AUTHORITY**  
“and he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him”
- 5B. His **AIM**  
“and causeth the earth and them who dwell on it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed”

### 2A. **THE COUNTERFEIT OF MIRACULOUS SIGNS - 13-15**

- 1B. He **DUPLICATES** what God did in the past  
“and he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men”

Cf. **Matthew 24:24** and **2 Thess. 2:9-10**

“**fire**” - Pentecost, Elijah, or Christ at His second coming? cf. **2 Thess. 1:7**

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- 1A. *THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SECOND BEAST - 11-12*
- 2A. *THE COUNTERFEIT OF MIRACULOUS SIGNS - 13-15*
- 1B. *He DUPLICATES what God did in the past*
- 2B. He **DECEIVES**  
by the use of these miraculous signs - “and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast”
- 3B. He **DECLARES** that an image should be made to the beast -14b  
Cf. *Daniel 2*
- 4B. He **DESIGNS** the image with the ability to speak - 15a
- 5B. He **DEMANDS** that the beast be worshipped  
“and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” - *20:4*
- 3A. THE **CONTROL** WHICH THIS BEAST WILL BRING - 16-18
- 1B. The **EXTENT** of this control  
“and he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond”
- 2B. The **EVIDENCE** of this control  
“to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” - cf. *7:3; 14:1*
- 3B. The **EFFECT** of this control  
“and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”
- 4B. The **EXPLANATION** of this control (mark) - 18  
“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is 666.

Letters in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin have numerical equivalents: Roman numerals add up to 666; Arabic numbers from 1 to 36 add up to 666; some MSS read 616; It is the number of man, not God! (7)

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 31*

**“144,000 ON MT. ZION”**

*Revelation 14:1-5*

“And I looked and, lo” (4:1; 5:6; 6:2, 5, 8, 12; 7:9 cf. 14:6, 14)

Review *Rev. 7:1-8*

## 1A. THE **PROTECTION** OF GOD - 1

1B. It involves the **PRESENCE** of the Lamb

“with Him” -cf. *Psalm 118:5-9; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5-6*

2B. It involves the **PLACE** where they are standing

“on Mount Zion” “the Lamb stood” - *Acts 7:55-56; Rev. 5:6* “seated”

*Heb. 1:3; 8:1* “Mt. Zion” - *Heb. 12:22* cf. *Psa. 2:6; 46:4-5; 48:1-2; 132:13-14; Isa. 2:2-3*

3B. It involves the **PRINT** of God’s Name on their foreheads

“having his Father’s name written in their foreheads”

Cf. *Rev. 3:12; 7:3-4* cf. *2 Cor. 1:22*

## 2A. THE **PRAISE** OF GOD - 2-3

Cf. *Rev. 5:11; 15:2* “harp” - *Psa. 144:9; 147:7; 149:3; 150:3*

“new song” - *Rev. 5:9* cf. *Psa. 33:3-5; 40:1-5; 96:1-9;*

*Psa. 98:1-3, 9; 144:9-10; 149:1-9*

## 3A. THE **PURPOSE** OF GOD - 4-5

Three things to observe about these Jewish believers:

1B. Their moral **PURITY**

“not defiled with women; for they are virgins”

*Matt. 24:19; 25:1-13; 1 Cor. 7:25-34* “virgin” - *2 Kings 19:2 1; Isa. 37:22;*

*Jer. 18: 13; 31:4, 21-22; Lam. 2:13*

2B. Their faithful **PRACTICE**

“they who follow the Lamb wherever He goeth” *Matt. 4:19; John 21:19;*

*1 Thess. 1:6*

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3B. Their spiritual **POSITION**

1C. "Redeemed from among men"

2C. First fruits unto God and to the Lamb"

cf. *Rev. 11: 13; 1 Cor. 15:23* cf. *Lev. 23:9-14, 17, 20*

"Harvest" - *Ezek. 39:29; Joel, 2:28-32; Zech. 12:10; Rev. 7:9*

"fullness of the Gentiles" - *Rom. 11:25*

3C. "In their mouth was found no guile" – pseudos

Cf. *Rev. 21:27; 22:15*

4C. "They are without fault (amosos) before the throne of God"

Cf. *2 Pet. 2:13* - "spots and blemishes"

used of believers - *Eph. 1:4; 5:27; Col. 1:22; Jude 24; 1 Pet. 1:19*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 32*

## **“THE GOSPEL AND GOD’S JUDGMENT”**

*Revelation 14:6-13*

“*I looked*” and “*I saw*” *14:1, 6, 14* - divided in three sections; in the last two sections, there are three angels who give proclamations in each section - cf. *14:6, 8, 9* and *14:15, 17, 18*

In our passage (*14:6-13*) there are three angel messages and a voice from heaven - vv. *6, 8, 9, 13*

### 1A. THE **PROCLAMATION** OF THE GOSPEL - 6-7

“another angel” - cf. *8:13* – “flying in the midst of heaven”

1B. The gospel is an “everlasting” gospel (no definite article) (see discussion in Scofield’s notes)

2B. The gospel will reach all nations by the end of the tribulation  
*Matthew 24:14*

3B. The gospel is a message that brings men to God  
“Fear God, and give glory to Him ... and worship Him”

Two reasons for such a response to God

1C. The hour of His judgment has come

2C. He made heaven and earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters  
Cf. *Romans 1:21-23*

### 2A. THE **PREDICTION** OF THE FALL OF BABYLONON - 8

“Babylon” - *14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:2, 10, 21*

Called “the great city” - *14:8; 16:19; 18:10, 21*

“*The great city*” is used of Jerusalem in *11:8* and the “New Jerusalem” in *21:10*

#### FOUR MAJOR VIEWPOINTS:

1B. It refers to the city of Jerusalem - *11:8 & 21:10*

2B. It refers to the city of Babylon which will be rebuilt  
*Jeremiah 50:35, 39-40*

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- 3B. It refers to the city of Rome  
*17:18* cf. *21:9* with *17:2, 5*
- 4B. It refers to an unknown city of the tribulation - "*mystery*"
- 3A. THE **PUNISHMENT** OF THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE BEAST - 9-11
- 1B. The **EVIDENCE** that such punishment is deserved - 9
- 1C. They "*worship the beast and his image*"
- 2C. They "*receive his mark*"
- 2B. The **EXPLANATION** of this punishment upon those who worship the beast  
"the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God" - cf. *Psalm 75:7-8*
- 3B. The **EXTENT** of this punishment  
"he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night"
- Cf. *Matthew 25:41; Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:10, 15*
- DOES GOD PUNISH PEOPLE FOREVER?
- 1C. It is described as a place of "*torment*" - *Luke 16:24, 28*
- 2C. It is described as a place of "*fire and brimstone*"  
*Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 15* and *Gen. 19:24-25*
- 3C. It is described as a place of "*eternal*" torment  
*14:11* cf. *4:9-10* - same words used of God Himself
- 4C. It is described as a place of eternal "*restlessness*"
- 4A. THE **PATIENCE** OF THE SAINTS - 12-13
- 1B. The primary **CHARACTERISTIC** of the saints  
"keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" - *6:9; 12:17*

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- 2B. The future **CONDITION** of the saints  
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth"
- 1C. Their eternal **Rest**  
that they may rest from their labors" - contrast *v. 11* - "*no rest*"
- 2C. Their eternal **Reward**  
"and their works do follow them" - cf. *1 Cor. 3:8, 13; 15:58;*  
*Col. 3:24; Heb. 6:10*

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*Message No. 33*

**“THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH”**

***Revelation 14:14-20***

Third vision of ch. 14 - cf. *vv. 1, 6* “ I looked and behold”

1A. THE **IDENTITY** OF THE ONE WHO SAT ON THE WHITE CLOUD – 14

1B. His human **PERSONALITY**

“like “a” (Greek) son of man” - cf. *John 5:27*

2B. His moral **PURITY**

“a white cloud” - cf. *Rev. 17:1, 15* -where the woman sits compared to where He sits! cf. *Daniel 7:13; Rev. 1:7* “white” - *Rev. 7:14; 19:8*

3B. His great **POWER**

“having on his head a golden crown” - *Rev. 19:12, 16* (diadems)

4B. His awesome **PURPOSE**

“and in his hand a sharp sickle” cf. *Matt. 13:37-43*

2A. THE **INSTRUCTION** GIVEN CONCERNING THE SHARP SICKLE - 15-18

1B. The **REASON** for this instruction

“for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe”  
Cf. *Rev. 6:17; 10:6* and *Heb. 9:27*

1C. The **Condition** of the harvest

“ripe” (to dry up or wither) - *Matt. 21:19-20; Mark 3:1-3; Rom. 1:32; 2:5; James 5:3-4*

2C. The **Connection** with Bible prophecy - *Joel 3:12-16*

2B. The **RELATIONSHIP** of the two harvests

grain and grapes cf. *Matt. 25:31-46* (*vv. 31-34, 41, 46*)

3B. The **ROLE** of the angel who came out of the altar - 18

“*had power over fire*”

Cf. *Rev. 8:3-5; 6:10* (answer to the prayer of the saints) cf. *Matt. 3:11-12* -  
“baptize ... with fire”

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3A. THE **IMPACT** OF THIS JUDGMENT - 19-20

1B. The **PLACE** where the grapes are thrown  
Cf. *Rev. 19:15; Isaiah 63:1-6; Psalm 98:1, 9; Joel 2:30-32 (Acts 2:21, 38)*

2B. The **PICTURE** which the winepress presents - 20  
1600 furlongs = about 200 miles (1 furlong = 600 feet)

Viewpoints:

1C. Distance around Jerusalem that will be affected

2C. North to South - all the land of Israel

3C. Distance from Bozrah to Armageddon

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 34*

**“THE GREAT SIGN IN HEAVEN”**

***Revelation 15:1-8***

Signs of the Seventh Trumpet Message:

1. Sign of the woman - ***12:12***
2. Sign of the dragon - ***12:3***
3. Sign of the Seven Last Plagues - ***15:1***

Visions of the Seventh Trumpet Message:

1. Beast with seven heads - ***13:1***
2. Beast with two horns - ***13:11***
3. 144,000 - ***14:1***
4. Gospel and judgments - ***14:6***
5. Final Harvest - ***14:14***
6. Heavenly temple and seven last plagues - ***15:1-8***

1A. THE **SIGN** IN HEAVEN - 1-2

1B. The **IMPORTANCE** of the sign  
“*another*” sign - like others before it “great and marvelous” - cf. **v. 3**

1C. The **Plagues** reveal the importance of the sign  
Literally: “seven plagues, the last ones” - emphatic position in Greek

2C. The **Plan** behind the plagues reveals the importance of this sign  
“for in them is filled up the wrath of God”  
“wrath” - thumos, not orge cf. ***Psa. 103:9; Rev. 10:7; 16:17***

2B. The **IDENTITY** of those standing on the sea of glass

1C. A sea of glass mingled with fire - cf. ***4:6***

2C. Them...standing on the sea of glass - **v. 2**

1D. Their **persecution**  
“that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name” cf. ***Rev. 13:15; 20:4***

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2D. Their **position**  
"standing" - picture of victory and resurrection - *Rev. 4:4* - "elders sitting" cf. *Rev. 5:6* - "stood a Lamb"

3D. Their **praise**  
"having the harps of God" cf. *Psalm 144:9; 147:7; 149:3; 150:3*

2A. THE **SONG** OF MOSES AND THE LAMB - 3-4

1B. The **CONNECTION** to previous songs  
Cf. *Exodus 15:1-5, 11-13; Deut. 32:43*

2B. The **CONTENT** of this song

1C. They praise the **Works** of God!  
emphasizes God's **POWER**

Cf. *Psalm 145:5-6, 10-13* "great and marvelous are thy works"

2C. They praise the **Ways** of God!  
emphasizes God's **PLAN**

"just and true are thy ways, Thou King of saints" cf. *Psalm 145:17; Romans 11:33*

3C. They praise the **Worthiness** of God!  
emphasizes God's **PERFECTION**

Cf. *Psa. 29:2; 96:8* "for thou only art HOLY"

4C. They praise the **Worship** of God!  
emphasizes God's **PURPOSE**

Cf. *Rev. 4:10-11* "for all nations shall come and worship before Thee"

Cf. *Psalm 66:4; 72:11, 17; 86:9; Isa. 2:2; 66:23; Daniel 7:14; Zeph. 2:11; Zech. 14:16*

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3A. THE **SCENE** IN HEAVEN - 5-8

Notice three things:

1B. The **APPEARANCE** of the seven angels

1C. Their **Coming Out** of the temple reminds us of the faithfulness of God

2C. Their **Clothing** reminds us of the righteousness and majesty of God  
Cf. *1:13 & 19:8* "clothed in pure and white linen" "breasts girded with golden girdles"

2B. The **ASSIGNMENT** they were given - 7

"gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God"

3B. The **ATMOSPHERE** in the temple - 8

1C. The **Intensity** of God's power - *Isa. 6:4; Ex. 40:34*

2C. The **Importance** of God's plan  
"till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled"

Cf. *Rev. 6:17; 16:17*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 35*

## **“THE FINAL PLAGUES”**

*Revelation 16:1-11*

“**GREAT**” - 84 times in Revelation; 11 in *chapter 16* “**LOUD**” - 20 times (voice from temple - cf. *15:8*)

### 1A. PLAGUE ONE - **HEALTH** - 1-2

“a foul and painful sore” - cf. *Exodus 9:9-11*

Possibilities:

1B. Result of the mark of the beast

2B. Malignant sore like cancer

3B. Radiation (from nuclear or atomic fallout)

4B. Unknown plague

### 2A. PLAGUE TWO - **FOOD SUPPLY** - 3

“every living soul died in the sea” - cf. *Rev. 8:8-9* cf. *Exodus 7:19-25*

### 3A. PLAGUE THREE - **DRINKING WATER** - 4-7

Cf. *8:10-11* “the rivers and fountains of water, and they became blood”

1B. The **REACTION** of the angel of the waters - 5

Cf. *Hebrews 1:14* (angels with special assignments)

1C. The **Exaltation**

“Thou art righteous O Lord, who art, and wast, and shall be”

Cf. *Psalms 33:5; 145; 17*

2C. The **Explanation** - “because thou hast judged thus”

2B. The **REASON** behind this praise - 6

Cf. *Rev. 6:9-11; 15:3; 19:2* cf. *Psalms 19:9; 49:10; 50:6; 58:10-11*

Cf. *Psalms 119:7, 75, 106, 118-120, 137-138, 142, 144, 164; Isaiah 26:9*

3B. The **RESPONSE** of another angel - 7

“Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments”

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4A. PLAGUE FOUR - **WEATHER PATTERNS** - 8-9  
*"scorch men with fire"*

- 1B. The **PERSONS** who are affected  
*"the men"* - cf. v. 2 "blasphemed the name of God" - v. 9
- 2B. The **POWER** of this plague  
*"power was given unto him"* - referring to the sun, not the angel or to God.  
*"great heat"* - severe burning.
- 3B. The **PURPOSE** of this plague
  - 1C. To demonstrate the **Power** and wrath of God  
*"who hath power over these plagues"*
  - 2C. To prove that the **Problem** with the world is not the environment, but the human heart.

*"and they repented not to give him glory" cf. 11:13; 14:6-7*

5A. PLAGUE FIVE - **ENERGY SOURCES** - 10-11  
*"full of darkness"* - cf. *Exodus 10:21-23*

- 1B. The **RESULT** of this plague  
*"full of darkness"* - a preview of hell itself - cf. *Matt. 25:30*
- 2B. The **RESPONSE** of those who worship the beast and his image  
*"blasphemed the God of heaven"*
- 3B. The **REASON** for their response  
*"because of their pains and their sores"*
- 4B. Their **REFUSAL** to repent  
Cf. *9:20-21* "repented not of their deeds"

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 36*  
**“ARMAGEDDON”**  
*Revelation 16:12-21*

- 1A. PLAGUE SIX - **ARMAGEDDON** - 16:12-16  
Not *Revelation 20:7-10!* cf. *Zech. 12:9; 14:1-4, 12; Rev. 14:19-20; 19:15*
- 1B. The **PREPARATION** for this battle - 12  
Cf. *Genesis 15:18; Deut. 1:7-8* (Euphrates) cf. *Isaiah 11: 15; Zech. 10:11*  
Is there a connection with *Revelation 9:14-16?*
- 2B. The **PRESENCE** of demonic forces - *13-14a* cf. *Rev. 9:20*
- 1C. Their **Appearance** - “like frogs”
- 2C. Their **Ability** - “working miracles” - 14a
- 3B. The **PURPOSE** of these demonic forces - 14b  
“to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty”
- 4B. The **PROMISE** of the second coming - 15  
Cf. *Rev. 22:7, 12, 13, 16, 20* (Jesus)
- 1C. The **Surprise** of His coming  
“as a thief” cf. *Matt. 24:42-44; 1 Thess. 5:2, 4; 2 Peter 3:10*
- 2C. The **Seriousness** of His coming  
“Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame”
- 1D. Our **anticipation** - “he that watcheth”
- 2D. Our **actions** - “keepeth his garments”  
Cf. *2 Cor. 5:1-9; Rev. 3:18*  
“*naked*” - opposite of garments “*shame*” - issue of moral purity
- Cf. *Matt. 7:21-23; 1 John 2:28-29; 3:1-3*  
“Blessed” (BEATITUDES) - *1:3; 14:13; 16:15*
- 5B. The **PLACE** where the nations are gathered - 16  
“*Armageddon*” - Hebrew tongue (hill of Megiddo or mountain of slaughter)  
Cf. *Rev. 14:20* - 200 miles (?)

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*Message No. 36 - Revelation 16:12-21*

1A. *PLAGUE SIX - ARMAGEDDON - 12-16*

2A. **PLAGUE SEVEN - GREAT EARTHQUAKE** - 17-21

Notice three things:

1B. It will be the **COMPLETION** of God's plan – 17  
Cf. *10:7; 15:1*

2B. It will be the greatest **CATASTROPHE** of all time - 18-21a

1C. The **Dimensions** of the earthquake - cf. *6:12-17* and *Isaiah 24:18*

2C. The **Destruction** of the world's cities - 19a

3C. The **Disappearance** of mountains and islands - 20 cf. *6:14*

4C. The **Dropping** of giant hailstones (100 pounds) -cf. *Exodus 9:22-24*

3B. It will be the **CONSEQUENCE** which God will bring on those who worship the beast and his image - cf. *16:9, 11, 21*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 37*

## **“THE GREAT HARLOT”**

*Revelation 17:1-6*

1A. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUDGMENT - 1 CF. *16:19; 19:2*

2A. THE AUTHORITY OF THE WOMAN - 1-3, 15

1B. Seen in the POSITION she has  
“*sitteth upon many waters*” and “*sit upon a scarlet-colored beast*”

2B. Seen in the PEOPLE she has influenced - 2 cf. *14:8; 18:3, 9, 23; 19:2*

3A. THE APPEARANCE OF THE WOMAN - 4

1B. The APPAREL of the woman  
“*arrayed in purple and scarlet color*” - contrast *1 Timothy 2:9-10*

2B. The ADORNMENT of this woman  
“*decked with gold and precious stones and pearls*”  
Cf. *18:16* and *1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3*

3B. The ABOMINATIONS of this woman  
“*having a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication*” - cf. *Jeremiah 51:6-8*

Example: *1 Kings 14:22-24; 2 Kings 21:2, 9; Ezekiel 20:30-31* cf. *Rev. 18:5-6*

1825 a.d. Pope LEO XII struck a metal with his image on one side, and that of the woman with a golden cup in her right hand on the other side – representing the Roman church.

4A. THE ASSOCIATION OF THIS WOMAN WITH BABYLON - 5

1B. SHE IS A MYSTERY  
“*Mystery*” 22 times – *Rev. 1:20; 10:7; 17:5, 7.*

2B. SHE IS A MOTHER  
“*Bab-el*” - gate of God “*Babel*” – confusion – 2 times  
“*Babylon*” - mentioned 286 times - *Genesis 10:8-12; 11:1 -9*  
Eastern bank of Euphrates – 20 miles south of Baghdad.

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Mythological literature – Sumerian 3<sup>rd</sup> dynasty of UR – says people once spoke one language until ENKI Sumerian god of wisdom, confounded their speech.

**ESAGILA:** temple of Marduk in Babylon called E-TEMEN-AN-KI – “house of the foundation of heaven and earth” 300 ft. high – two sanctuaries – one at base and one on top. Babylonians believed it was built by the gods.

Nimrod’s wife, **SEMIRAMIS** the **FIRST** (*Gen. 10:8-9; 1 Chron. 1:10; Micah 5:6*) 1st high priestess of the Babylonian mystery religion; claimed to have a son, **TAMMUZ**, born in a miraculous fashion, and is the promised deliverer. Diana of the Ephesians “Mother of the gods”.

**TAMMUZ** - *Ezekiel 8:14* - also known as **BACCHUS**  
His name - sign of the cross = tau first letter of Tammuz.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN** - *Jer. 7:18; 44:15*  
Her Husband **NINUS** is also the “SON”.

Phoenicians - **ASHTORETH** and **TAMMUZ**  
Egyptians - **ISIS** and **HORUS** (osiris)  
Grecians - **APHRODITE** and **EROS**  
Italians - **VENUS** and **CUPID**  
Asia – **CYBELE** and **DEOIIUS**  
India – **ISI** and **ISUARA**

Christmas – **YULE DAY** Chaldee word for “*infant*”.  
Easter – **ISTAR** – hot cross bun and dyed eggs. Chaldean rites.  
Moved to Pergamus – the throne of Satan.

**BEL** (Baal) - *Isa. 46:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44*  
**MARDUK** (Merodach) - *Jer. 50:2*

*Jer. 1:2* – Bel is confounded = **CUSH**, father of nimrod – Merodach.

Mother/Child religion developed - the **QUEEN OF HEAVEN** with a baby in her arms:

5A. THE ACCUSATION AGAINST THIS WOMAN – 6  
Cf. *6:10; 16:5-6; 18:24*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 38*

**“THE MYSTERY REVEALED”**

*Revelation 17:7-18*

- 1A. THE **DESCRIPTION** OF THE BEAST - 7-14
- 1B. The **IMPACT** the beast will have - 7-8  
Cf. *13:3b-4, 8* - “*Why didst thou marvel?*” “*name not written in the book of life*” cf. *13:8*
- 2B. The **IDENTITY** of the seven heads - 9-10
- 1C. Seven heads were on the dragon with seven crowns on the heads - 12:3
- 2C. The beast who arose from the sea had seven heads and ten horns with crowns on the horns - 13:1
- 3C. The beast came out of the bottomless pit and will go into perdition  
Cf. *17:8, 11* with *19:20*
- 4C. The beast ceased to exist and then came back to life  
“the beast that was, and is not, and get is” - *13:3* (deadly wound was inflicted on one of its heads -presumably the sixth one)
- 5C. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth - 9
- 6C. The seven heads are seven kings or kingdoms  
“*and there are seven kings*” or “*and they are seven kings or kingdoms*”  
(Greek - kai Basileis hepta eisin). Some argue for the heads being the first Roman Emperors.
- 1D. The five fell - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece
- 2D. The one is - Rome (in John’s day)
- 3D. The other (Greek - alias) has not get come - a future empire, composed of ten divisions - ten horns
- 7C. The seventh head will last only a short time - 10b
- 8C. The eighth will come out of the seven – 11  
Cf. *17:17* cf. *Daniel 7:8*

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3B. The **INVOLVEMENT** of the ten horns (seventh head) - 12-13  
Cf. *Daniel 7:7-8, 23-25*

4B. The **IMPOSSIBILITY** which the ten horns will face - 17:14  
Cf. *Psalms 2:1-12*

V. 15 – “Where the whore sitteth” cf. v. 9 – “On which the woman sitteth”.

“they that are with him” - *John 14:2-3* “called, and chosen, and faithful”  
*1 Cor. 1:9, 23-24, 26-29*

2A. THE **DESTRUCTION** OF THE WOMAN - 16-18

1B. The **MEANS** by which the woman is destroyed - 16 cf. *18:8, 9, 18*

2B. The **MOTIVATION** behind this destruction of the woman - 17  
Cf. *Matthew 5:17-18* cf. *Jeremiah 50:45; 51:6, 11, 24, 29, 54-56*

3B. The **MEANING** of the woman – 18  
“*that great city*” – 14 cf. *11:8; 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:2, 10, 19, 21; 21:10*

1C. The woman is a GREAT CITY!

2C. She has exercised her authority over the kings of the earth long before the tribulation period.

“reigneth” (Greek - “the one having a kingdom over the kings of the earth”)

The woman is organized religion whose present form is the Roman Catholic Church.

THE WOMAN IS ROME!

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 39*

**“THE FALL OF BABYLON”**

***Revelation 18:1-24***

“***After these things***” - does it indicate a sequence of events or simply additional remarks to what was said at the end of chapter 17?

ARGUMENTS for Babylon being the harlot woman in both chapters:

- (1) The usage of the word “***Babylon***” - ***17:5, 18*** - never used of the beast or its heads
- (2) The context before and after ***Revelation 18*** - cf. ***16:19; 17:1, 18; 18:2-3; 19:2***
- (3) The statements of ***Revelation 18*** - vv. ***3, 24*** with ***6:9-11***

## 1A. THE **PREDICTION** OF THE FALL OF BABYLON - 1-3

1B. The **REAPPEARANCE** of another (Greek - allos) angel - 1  
“having great power (authority) and the earth was lightened with his glory”

2B. The **RESULTS** of the fall of Babylon – 2  
cf. ***Isaiah 13:19-22; Jeremiah 51:36-37, 41-44, 49, 53-55, 59-64***

3B. The **REASON** for the fall of Babylon - 3

(notice three things)

1C. The **Extent** of her influence  
“***all nations***” and “***the kings of the earth***”

2C. The **Explanation** of her seductive ways  
“have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” and “have committed fornication with her” - ***14:8; 17:6***

3C. The **Effect** of her seductive ways  
“the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies” - cf. ***1 Tim. 6:10***

## 2A. THE **PLEA** TO GOD’S PEOPLE - 4-5

Cf. ***Jeremiah 50:8-10; 51:45; 1 Timothy 6:5; 2 Timothy 3:5***

God will not forget! cf. ***Rev. 16:19*** “reached” (Greek - kollao) - putting bricks together with mortar - remember tower of Babel - ***Gen. 11***

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- 3A. THE **PAYMENT** WHICH BABYLON WILL RECEIVE - 6-8  
*Deuteronomy 32:35; Romans 12:19*
- 1B. The **EXTENT** of that payment  
"Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double"  
Cf. *14:10*
- 2B. The **EXPLANATION** of her sins and iniquities  
"How much she hath glorified herself and lived deliciously".  
"she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow".
- 3B. The **EXPERIENCE** of sorrow  
"*so much torment and sorrow give her*"
- 4B. The **EVIDENCE** of her judgment  
"her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire" - *17:16*. cf. *Daniel 5:30-31*
- 5B. The **EXECUTION** of this payment  
"*for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her*"
- 4A. THE **PEOPLE** WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE FALL OF BABYLON - 9-19
- 1B. The **KINGS** of the earth  
*18:9-10* cf. *14:8; 17:2, 18; 18:3, 9, 23; 19:19-21*
- 2B. The **MERCHANTS** of the earth - 11-17a  
(They weep and sorrow for three reasons)
- 1C. No one buys their merchandise any more - 11
- 2C. All the things which are dainty and goodly have gone and are found no more - 14
- 3C. In one hour so great riches are come to naught - 17  
Cf. *Luke 12:15-21*
- 3B. The **SHIPMASTERS AND SAILORS** who trade by sea - 17b - 19  
cf. *Ezekiel 27:29-36 (Isaiah 23)* - judgment on Tyre

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- 5A. THE **PRAISE** OF THE BELIEVERS - 20  
Cf. *19:1-6*
  
- 6A. THE **PRONOUNCEMENT** OF BABYLON'S FALL - 21-24
  - 1B. A violent **CATASTROPHE** is announced - 21  
Cf. *Jeremiah 51:63-64*
  
  - 2B. Several **CONSEQUENCES** are described - 22-23
    - 1C. No more **Music**
  
    - 2C. No more **Manufacturing**
  
    - 3C. No more **Marriage**  
All activity is removed  
"and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee"
  
  - 3B. Two basic **CAUSES** are given - 23b-24
    - 1C. The **Sorceries** - 23b
  
    - 2C. The **Slayings** - 24

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 40*

## **“THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB”**

*Revelation 19:1-10*

The word “**Lamb**” appears 27 times in the book in English, and the Greek word **arnion** appears 29 times in the book. There are four “**Hallelujah**’s” in this passage in the first six verses.

- 1A. **THE PRAISE OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED IN HEAVEN** - 1-6
- 2A. **THE PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE IS ANNOUNCED** - 7-9
- 3A. **THE PURPOSE OF THE BELIEVER IS REVEALED** - 10

### 1A. **THE PRAISE OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED IN HEAVEN** - 1-6

Involves three things:

#### 1B. The **MULTITUDE** who gives this praise to God - 1

1C. “much people” - cf. **7:9**

2C. “the four and twenty elders” - cf. **4:9-11; 5:11, 14**

3C. “the four beasts (living creatures)” - cf. **4:6-8; 5:8, 11, 14**

4C. “all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great”

#### 2B. The **MOTIVATION** for the heavenly multitude’s praise - 2 Greek: hoti “**for**”

Three reasons:

1C. Because of the **Character** of God revealed in these judgments – 2a  
“true and righteous” - cf. **6:10; 15:3-4** cf. **Romans 2:2, 5, 11**

2C. Because of the **Conquest** of Babylon being fulfilled – 3-4  
Cf. **14:8; 16:19; 17:1, 17; 18:2, 8, 10, 19-20**

3C. Because of the **Coming** of the kingdom of our Lord - 6c  
Cf. **11:15** (v. **6c** - “**for**” - Greek: hoti)

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1B. The MULTITUDE who gives this praise to God

2B. The MOTIVATION for the heavenly multitude's praise

3B. The MESSAGE of praise which the multitude gives - 1

Cf. *Psalm 96:1-13*. Definite article "*the*" in front of each word - the word "*honor*" is not found in New American Standard or New International

1C. Praise for the Salvation that belongs to the Lord our God

Cf. *1 Timothy 4:10; Titus 2:11-13*

2C. Praise for the Glory that He alone possesses and deserves

*Psalm 24:7-10; 29:2; 115:1*

3C. Praise for the Honor which He alone should receive

Cf. *4:9, 11; 5:12, 13; 7:12; 21:24, 26; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16; Hebrews 2:7, 9; 3:3; 2 Peter 1:17*

4C. Praise for the Power which He has

Cf. *4:11; 5:12; 7:12; 11:17; 12:10; 15:8*

1A. *THE PRAISE OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED IN HEAVEN - 1-6*

2A. *THE PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE IS ANNOUNCED - 7-9*

Notice four things:

1B. The INSTRUCTION to all

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him"

("rejoice" - Greek: agalliao - "*to jump for joy*") v. 7 - "marriage" - same as v. 9

Cf. *Matt. 8:11; 25:1-13; John 3:29*

2B. The IMPORTANCE of the bride's apparel

"and to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints"

"*righteousness*" - Greek: dikalomata - used 10 times in NT - translated "*judgments*" in *Rev. 15:4*

Cf. *Luke 1:6; Romans 2:26; 5:16, 18; 8:4* "fine linen, clean and white"

Cf. *3:4-5; 4:4; 6:11; 7:14* cf. *Matt. 22:1-14; Ephesians 5:32*

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1B. The INSTRUCTION to all

2B. The IMPORTANCE of the bride's apparel

3B. The INVITATION to the marriage supper

*“Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb”*

(4th beatitude - *1:3; 14:13; 16:15*)

*“called” - Rom. 1:6; 1 Cor. 1:9; Eph. 4:1; Rev. 3:20*

4B. The IMPACT of these words upon the believer

*“These are the true sayings of God”*

1A. THE PRAISE OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED IN HEAVEN - 1-6

2A. THE PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE IS ANNOUNCED - 7-9

3A. THE PURPOSE OF THE BELIEVER IS REVEALED - 10

1B. To WORSHIP God!

2B. To EXALT Jesus Christ!

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 41*

**“THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST” (Part 1)**

***Revelation 19:11-21***

Not the **RAPTURE**, but the **REVELATION!**

Not in the air, but to the earth!

Not **FOR** the saints, but **WITH** the saints!

Not to comfort, but to conquer!

Not to protect us in heaven but to rule with us on earth!

**“heaven opened”** - **THE** heaven having been opened - **4:1** White horse - **Psa. 45**

1A. **THE SPECTACULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST** - 11-16

2A. **THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION THAT WILL COME** - 17-21

1A. **THE SPECTACULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST** - 11-16

(notice three things)

1B. His **NAMES** identify Him clearly!

(four things)

1C. The **Reliability** of His name - 11

“called Faithful and True” - cf. **1:5; 3:14**

Being continually called – present passive

1D. He makes good on His promises - **Deut. 7:9; Hebrews 10:23**

2D. He helps us in our temptations - **1 Cor. 10:13**

3D. He protects us from Satan - **2 Thess. 3:3**

4D. He will never forsake us - **2 Timothy 2:13**

5D. He will forgive our sins - **1 John 1:9**

6D. He seeks the glory of His Father - **John 7:18**

7D. He is the genuine and only God - **1 John 5:20**

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IA. THE SPECTACULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST - 11-16

1B. His NAMES identify Him clearly!

1C. The Reliability of His name - 11

2C. The Recognition of His name - 12

*"He had a name written that no man knew, but He Himself"*

*"His name is **WONDERFUL**" - Isaiah 9:6 cf. Judges 13:18  
Cf. Psalm 139:1-6; Isaiah 28:29*

3C. The Revelation of His name - 13

*"and his name is called the **WORD OF GOD**"*

*Is being continually called - cf. John 1:1-14; 1 John 1:1-3*

4C. The Royalty of His name - 16

*"and on His thigh a name written, "**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**" (giant letters in Greek text)*

*Cf. John 18:33-38; 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Rev. 11:15*

*Apokalosis – 18 times. Rev. 1:1; 1 Pet. 4:3-1:7, 13; 2 Thess. 1:7*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 42*

**“THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST” (Part 2)**

***Revelation 19:11-21***

1A. THE SPECTACULAR **DESCRIPTION** OF THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST -  
19:11-16

1B. His **NAMES** identify Him clear

1C. The **Reliability** of His name - 11

2C. The **Recognition** of His name - 12

3C. The **Revelation** of His name - 13  
*“the Word of God”*

4C. The **Royalty** of His Name - 16

2B. His **NATURE** describes Him powerfully!

1C. The **Attribute** of righteousness - 11  
*“in righteousness and make war”*  
***15:3; 19:2 cf. Psalm 96:13; 98:9; Isa. 11:4-5***

***Psa. 7:8; 9:8; 35:24; 50:6; 67:4; 72:2***

2C. His **Awareness** of all things  
*“His eyes were like a flame of fire” - cf. 1:14; 2:18*  
Cf. ***Hebrews 4:13***

3C. His **Authority** - 12  
*“and on His head were many crowns”*  
(Greek: diademata)

4C. His **Armies** - 14  
*“and the armies that were in heaven followed him upon white horses,  
clothed in fine linen, white and clean” - cf. 19:8 with Daniel 12:1-3;  
Matthew 25:31*

5C. His **Anger** - 13  
*“and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood” cf. 1:13 “clothed  
with a garment to the foot” and Isaiah 63:1-6*

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- 3B. The **NATIONS** will obey Him completely!
- 1C. He **Strikes** the nations!  
 (“sharp sword” - Greek: hromphala) cf. *Heb. 4:12* - (Greek: machairan)  
  
Cf. *Psalms 2:9; Isaiah 11:4; Revelation 2:27*
- 2C. He **Shepherds** the nations!  
 “rule them with a rod of iron.” Cf. *2:9; Rev. 2:27; 12:5*  
  
Cf. *Psalms 23:4; 1 Corinthians 4:21*
- 3C. He **Stomps** the nations!  
 “treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God”  
  
Cf. *Joel 3:13; Rev 14:14-20*
- 2A. THE TERRIBLE **DESTRUCTION** THAT WILL COME - 17-21
- 1B. The **COMING** of all birds to the supper of the great God - 17-18
- 1C. The **Position** of the angel - “*standing in the sun*”  
 Cf. *Joel 2:31* - “the sun shall be turned into darkness”
- 2C. The **Proclamation** to the birds  
 “cried with a loud voice” - cf. *6:10; 7:2, 10; 10:3; 14:15; 18:2*
- 2B. The **PURPOSE** of this gathering of birds  
 “that may eat the flesh of” - cf. *Matthew 24:27-28* - cf. *Ezk. 39:17-22*
- 3B. The final **CONFLICT** of the tribulation - 19  
 Cf. *2 Thessalonians 1:7-10* - cf. *16:14-16*
- 4B. The **CAPTURE** of the beast and false prophet - 20
- 1C. The **Reason** for the capture is implied - “*deceived*” cf. *20:10*
- 2C. The **Result** is a dramatic reminder to all unbelievers of their final destiny
- 5B. The **CONSEQUENCE** which the nations will face - 21

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 43*

**“THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST”**

***Revelation 20:1-10***

Introduction:

WHAT IS THE MILLENNIUM? (Greek: chilia etc - 1000 years)

(Three major viewpoints regarding to the millennium and the return of Jesus Christ)

(1) A-MILLENNIALISM - it is not a literal period of time, but a symbolical term for the preaching of the gospel and the control of Satan’s power during the course of church history between the first and second comings of Jesus Christ.

(2) POST-MILLENNIALISM - it is a literal period of time immediately preceding the second coming of Jesus Christ, that will demonstrate the triumph of the gospel during the church age.

(3) PRE-MILLENNIALISM - it is a literal 1000 years of time that will come immediately after the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth, the rule and reign of Jesus Christ on the earth, following the great tribulation.

Notice three things:

1A. THE **BINDING** OF SATAN DURING THE 1000 YEARS - 1-3

*Cf. 2 Cor. 4:3-4; 11: 13-15; 1 Peter 5:8*

1B. The **REVELATION** of Satan’s destiny - 1

Who is the “*angel come down from heaven*”?

1C. It is Jesus Christ Himself - *Rev. 1:18*

2C. It is Michael the Archangel - *Dan. 12:1-3*

3C. It is one of God’s unnamed angels

2B. The **RECOGNITION** of Satan’s activity during the tribulation - 2

Three basic things:

1C. He **Controls** the political system - “*the dragon*” - *Rev. 12:3; 13:1-2*

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- 2C. He **Deceives** the nations - "*that old serpent*" - "*deceive the nations*" - 3  
"*deceive the nations*" - v. 8
  
- 3C. He **Accuses** the believers - "*the Devil and Satan*" - *Rev. 12:9-10*
  
- 3B. The **RESULT** which Satan will experience for 1000 years - 2b-3a  
No war *Isa. 2:2-4*, no injustices *Isa. 11:3-5; 42:1-4* - Cf. *2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6*
  
- 4B. The **RELEASE** of Satan at the end of the 1000 years - 3b  
"*loosed a little season*"
  
- 2A. THE **BLESSINGS** WHICH BELIEVERS WILL EXPERIENCE - 4-6
  - 1B. The **RESPONSIBILITY** for judgment - 4a  
Cf. *Rev. 4:4 and Matthew 19:28*
  
  - 2B. The **RESURRECTION**, of believers - 4b  
Cf. *John 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 15:20, 23; 1 Thess. 4:16*
  
  - 3B. The **RESURRECTION** of unbelievers - 5  
Cf. *Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29*
  
  - 4B. The **REWARD** of believers - 6
    - 1C. A promised **Rescue** from the second death - cf. *20:14*
  
    - 2C. A special **Relationship** to God and Christ - "*priests*"
  
    - 3C. An extended **Reign** with Jesus Christ
  
- 3A. THE **BATTLE** AT THE END OF THE 1000 YEARS - 7-10
  - 1B. The **DECEPTION** of the nations - 8  
What about GOG and MAGOG? (Leader and people i.e. land)  
Cf. *Ezekiel 38 & 39; Isaiah 54:20*
  
  - 2B. The **DESTRUCTION** of the rebellious nations - 9
  
  - 3B. The **DESTINY** of Satan - 10  
Cf. *Matt. 25:41*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 44*

## **“THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT”**

*Revelation 20:11-15*

### 1A. THE **DESCRIPTION** OF THE ONE WHO JUDGES - 11

Cf. *John 5:22, 27; 2 Corinthians 5:18*

“there was found no place for them” - cf. *21:1 & 2 Pet. 3:10-13 cf. Matt. 24:35; Isaiah 65:17*

### 2A. THE **DEAD** WHO ARE JUDGED - 12-13

1B. Their **POSITION** in life is not a factor at the day of judgment  
“*small and great*”

2B. Their **POSITION** before the throne is a reminder of our ultimate accountability

“*stand before God*”

3B. The **PLACE** from which they come reveals their identity  
“*the sea*” and “*death and hell (hades)*” - the righteous are “*with the Lord*”

*2 Cor. 5:8* - the rich man was “in hell (hades)” - *Luke 16:22b-23*

### 3A. THE **DETAILS** OF HOW THE DEAD ARE TO BE JUDGED - 12-13

1B. It involves God’s **DESCRIPTION** of what they have done  
“*the books were opened*”

“*out of those things which were written in the books*”

2B. It involves their **DEEDS**  
“according to their works” - cf. *1 Cor. 3:11-15; 2 Cor. 5:10*

3B. It involves **DEGREES** of punishment - *Matt. 11:20-24; Luke 12:46-48*

4B. It involves their eternal **DESTINY**  
“book of life” cf. *Ex. 32:30-33; Psa. 69:28; Luke 10:20;*

*Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 22:19*

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4A. THE FINAL **DESTINY** OF THOSE WHO ARE JUDGED - 14-15

1B. It is **CALLED** the "*second death*" - 14

2B. They are "**CAST**" into the lake of fire - 15

NOTE: English word "*hell*" is used 54 times in the Bible; the *phrase* "*the lake of fire*" is used four times, only in Revelation, but the word "*fire*" referring to hell also appears in *Mark 9:44-48*, 3 times; the rich man of *Luke 16:24* was "*tormented in this flame.*"

The words "outer darkness" are used 3 times, and "*weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth*" are used 7 times. The words "*bottomless pit*" are used 7 times and only in Revelation. The words "*everlasting punishment*" appear in *Matthew 25:46*.

The word "*hades*" is used 11 times in the New Testament and translated by the word "*hell.*" The word "*Gehenna*" is used 12 times in the NT (11 in gospels and once in *James 3:6*) - it is an Aramaic form of the Hebrew Gehinnom, of the valley of Hinnom (*Joshua 15:8*) - a dump - *2 Kings 23:10* - and a place where children were burned to false gods - *Jeremiah 7:31*.

The word "*tartaros*" is used once in *2 Peter 2:4*.

Cf. *John 3:15, 16, 36; 5:24; 10:28*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 45*

**“A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH”**

***Revelation 21:1-8***

General Outline of Book:

(1) He is **LORD** OF THE CHURCHES - *1:1 -3:22*

(2) He is **LION** OVER THE NATIONS - *4:1-20:15*

(3) He is **LAMB** AMONG THE REDEEMED - *21:1-22:21*

The word “**heaven**” appears 582 times in the King James Version, and the word “**heavens**” an additional 133 times.

*Cf. Psalm 23:6; John 14:1-3; Hebrews 11:13-16; 12:22-24*

***Genesis 1:1*** - God created the heaven and the earth - cf. ***Neh. 9:6*** - but God is greater than that which He created - ***1 Kings 8:27***

According to ***2 Corinthians 12:3*** there are at least three heavens: - cf. ***Psalm 115:15-16***

(1) Earth’s atmosphere (birds and clouds) - ***Genesis 1:20; Psa. 104:12***

(2) Outer Space (stellar heavens; galaxies) - ***Genesis 1:14-18***

(3) Where God dwells - ***Psalm 11:4; 14:2; 20:6; 33:13-14; 73:25; 89:6; 102:19***

NOTICE SIX THINGS ABOUT THE FUTURE

1A. THE **PATTERN** OF THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE WILL BE CHANGED - 1

1B. Our physical surroundings will be brand NEW!

Cf. ***Isa. 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13***

2B. Our present physical environment will pass away!

Cf. ***Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:10-12***

3B. Our future environment will be different - “***no more sea***”

*“NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH”*

*Message No. 45 - Revelation 21:1-8*

2A. THE **PRESENCE** OF A NEW CITY WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTION IN ETERNITY - 2

Notice four things about that city:

1B. The **CHARACTER** of the city

*“holy” - cf. 21:8, 27; 22:3, 15 cf. Isa. 52:1*

2B. The **CONTRAST** of the city

*“new Jerusalem” - cf. 11:8 and Galatians 4:24-26*

3B. The **COMING** of the city

*“coming down from God out of heaven” - Rev. 3:12; Heb. 11:10*

4B. The **COMPARISON** of the city

*“prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” - cf. 2 Cor. 11:2*

3A. THE **PURPOSE** OF GOD WILL BE FULFILLED - 3

*Cf. John 1:14, 18; Rev. 13:6; Psalm 16:11 (tabernacle)*

4A. THE **PAST** WILL BE REMOVED - 4

*Cf. Psalm 56:8; Rev. 7:17 cf. Isa. 25:8-9*

*Isa. 65:17- “and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind”*

*Isa. 43:18 “Remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old”*

*(v. 19 - “Behold, I will do a new thing”) Heb. 8:12; 10:17 - “their sins and iniquities will I remember no more”*

5A. THE **PROMISES** OF GOD WILL BE REALIZED - 5-8

(Based on four things)

1B. Based on His **ABILITY** to do it

*“Behold, I make all things new”*

2B. Based on the **ACCURACY** of His Word

*“these words are true and faithful” - cf. Rev. 3:14; 19:11*

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- 3B. Based on His **AUTHORITY** to do it  
"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end" - cf. *Isa. 44:6-8; 48:12-13; Rev. 1:8, 11, 17; 22:13* "It is done!" - cf. *Rev. 16:17*
- 4B. Based on the **ASSURANCE** He gives  
"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely"  
Cf. *Isa. 44:3; John 4:14; 7:37-39; Rev. 22:17*
- 1C. Assurance of eternal life - 6b
- 2C. Assurance of inheritance - 7a cf. *Rom. 8:16-17*
- 3C. Assurance of family relationship with God - 7b
- 6A. THE **PUNISHMENT** OF THE WICKED IS A CERTAINTY - 8  
Cf. *Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5-6*
- Conclusion: *Isaiah 55:1-13*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 46*

**“THE HEAVENLY CITY”**

***Revelation 21:9-22:5***

1A. THE **INVITATION** TO SEE THE NEW JERUSALEM - 9-11A

1B. The **ANNOUNCEMENT** of the angel – 9  
Cf. ***19:7-9***

2B. The **ABILITY** of John to see it - 10  
Cf. ***1:10; 17:3; 2 Cor. 12:4, 7***

3B. The overall **APPEARANCE** of the city - 11a  
“having the glory of God” - cf. ***15:8; 21:23***

2A. THE **IMPACT** OF THIS CITY UPON THE APOSTLE JOHN - 21:11B-21

(Notice four things)

1B. The **SHINING** of its light - 11b  
“her light was like a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal” “jasper” (Greek - iaspis) - ***vv. 18-19*** (wall & foundation)

2B. The **STRUCTURE** of the city - 12-14  
(wall, gates, foundations) cf. ***Ezekiel 48:31-34*** (same as Gen. 49)  
“apostles” - ***Acts 1:13, 26***

3B. The **SIZE** of the city - 15-17  
12,000 furlongs - 1500 miles Wall - 144 cubits or 216 feet (height or width)

4B. The **STONES** of the city - 18-21

1C. Wall - “***jasper***” - 18a

2C. Gates - “***pearls***” - 21a

3C. Foundations – “***12 stones***” - 19-20

4C. Street - “***pure gold***” - 21b

5C. City - “***pure gold***” - 18b

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NOTE: Bernard of Clung wrote these beautiful words:

“Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest!  
Beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed;  
I know not, O, I know not what joys await me there;  
What radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those walls of Zion, all jubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen!

O sweet and blessed country shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes! The Lord shall be thy part;  
His only; His forever! Thou shalt be, and thou art!

3A. THE **INGREDIENTS** THAT MAKE THIS CITY SO WONDERFUL -21:22-22:2

1B. The **PLACE** of worship will be the Lord Himself - 22

2B. The **PRESENCE** of the Lord will eliminate the need for sun and moon - 23  
Cf. *Isaiah 60:19; John 1:4-9; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7*

3B. The **PURPOSE** of God for all nations will be fulfilled! - 24-26  
*Psalms 66:4* - “All the earth shall worship You!”

1C. There will be nations and kings on the earth who are saved - 24

2C. The nations and kings are on earth coming into the city - 24, 26  
Cf. *Matt. 25:31-46* - “sheep nations”

3C. Access to the heavenly city is provided for all – 25  
Cf. *Isaiah 60:11*

4C. All the glory and honor which kings and nations received will now be  
brought into the city – 25  
Cf. *Isaiah 60:11*

4B. The **PROTECTION** of this city will eliminate all evil - 27

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- 5B. The **PICTURE** of eternal life will be portrayed by a river and a tree - 22:1-2
- 1C. The **PURITY** of the river - cf. *John 4:13-14; 7:37-39; Rev. 22:17*
- 2C. The **PLACE** from which the river comes  
"proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" cf. *Psalms 46:4*
- 3C. The **POSITION** of the river and the tree  
"in the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river" *Ezk. 47:12*
- 4C. The **PRODUCTIVITY** of the tree of life  
"bore twelve kinds of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month"
- 5C. The **PURPOSE** of the leaves of the tree  
"the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations"
- 4A. THE **INVOLVEMENT** OF BELIEVERS IN ETERNITY - 22:3-5
- 1B. We shall **STRUGGLE** no more - "no more curse" - 3a  
cf. *Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:18-25*
- 2B. We shall **SERVE** Him - 3b  
"His servants shall serve Him" - cf. *Mark 10:42-45; Col. 3:23-24*
- 3B. We shall **SEE** His face - "they shall see His face" - 4 cf. *1 John 3:2*

**NOTE: Fanny Crosby wrote these words:**

Face to face with Christ my Savior, face to face what will it be  
When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ Who died for me?  
CHORUS: Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky;  
Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!  
Only faintly now I see Him, with the darkened veil between,  
But a blessed day is coming When His glory shall be seen!  
Face to face, O blissful moment! face to face to see and know;  
Face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ Who loves me so!

- 4B. We shall **SEE** without lamp or sun - 5a - cf. *21:23*
- 5B. We shall **SUPERVISE** the universe in our Lord's behalf - 5b  
Cf. *2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10*

# ***THE REVELATION***

*Message No. 47*

**“BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY!”**

***Revelation 22:6-21***

“I come quickly” - **22:7, 12, 20** - cf. **Rev. 3:11** cf. **1 Cor. 15:52** - soon and sudden

## 1A. THE **IMPACT** OF THIS BOOK - 6-9

Notice five things:

1B. The **RELIABILITY** of its message

*“these sayings are faithful and true”* - cf. **21:5**

2B. The **REMINDER** of how the message was given - cf. **1:1**

3B. The **RESPONSE** we should give to this message - sixth beatitude  
Cf. **Matt. 24:45-46; 25:14-30; 1 John 3:3** (purity and faithfulness)

4B. The **REACTION** of John to this book

*“I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things”*

5B. The **REBUKE** of the angel - 9 - cf. **Heb. 1:4, 6**

## 2A. **IMPORTANCE** OF THE BOOK - 10-15

(Revealed in four ways)

1B. It reveals the **CLIMAX** of God's plan of the ages - 10-11

“seal not” - cf. **Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 8-10**

1C. The impossibility of any changes in the eternal state of believers and unbelievers - “*still*”

2C. The enormous contrast between the believer and the unbeliever in terms of final destiny (filthy vs. holy)

2B. It reveals the **COMING** of Jesus Christ - 12

Cf. **Rom. 2:6; 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:8; 11 Cor. 5”10** cf. **Rev. 4:4**

“on their heads crowns of gold”

3B. It reveals the Divine **CHARACTER** of Jesus Christ - 13

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- 4B. It reveals the **CONSEQUENCES** of the gospel - 14-15
  - 1C. They **Describe** how we may enter the heavenly city  
Cf. *John 6:28-29; 1 John 3:23; 5:5*  
*v. 14 "wash their robes" codex Sinaiticus and Alexandrinus.*
  - 2C. They **Determine** who is inside the city and who is outside the city
- 3A. THE FINAL **INVITATION** OF THE BOOK - 16-21
  - 1B. The **PERSON** Who is the center and object of this invitation - 16  
"root" - *Isa. 11:1; 53:2* - Cf. *Psa. 132:11-12; 11 Samuel 7:12-13, 16*  
"star" - *Numbers 24:17; Rev. 2:28*
  - 2B. The **PROVISION** of this invitation - 17  
Cf. *Matt. 11:28* - "Come!"
    - 1C. The **PEOPLE** who give the invitation  
*"the Spirit and the bride say ... and let him that heareth say..."*
    - 2C. The **PREREQUISITE** which must be faced  
*"let him who is athirst come" and "whosoever will"*
    - 3C. The **PROMISE** which the invitation gives  
*"the water of life"*
    - 4C. The **PRICE** of this invitation - "*freely*"
  - 3B. The **PUNISHMENT** for those who reject this invitation - 18-19  
Cf. *Heb. 1:1-2; Jude 3* "tree of life" 10 times – *Gen. 2:9; 3:22, 24; Prov. 3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:4; Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14.*
  - 4B. The **PROPHECY** that makes this invitation so important - 20
    - 1C. It is an **EVENT** that will happen soon!
    - 2C. It is the **EXPECTATION** of every believer!

A FINAL WORD: "THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL - AMEN!" (cf. *Titus 2:11-14*)