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# Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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# Chapter 1

**Revelation 1:1:** "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:"

- This book is the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- This revelation came from Jesus.
- Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ).
- God gave this revelation to Jesus.
- This revelation consists of some things that Jesus didn't previously know. (Before His crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples there were some things about His return that even He didn't know at that time. It seems that after those days, God the Father shared some new prophetic information with God the Son, and that information is contained in this book.)
- Even though God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one God (although three persons), there are some things the Father knows that the Son doesn't know until the Father share it with Him.
- This book contains some prophetic information about the future that can't be found anywhere else.
- The reason God gave this revelation to Jesus was so He could share it with His servants.
- The intended audience for this book is the servants of Jesus.
- This book was written for the benefit of Christians.

- The things in this book were going to start coming to pass soon after it was written.
- Jesus sent and signified this revelation to John by means of an angel.
- An angel gave this revelation to John.
- The apostle John is the servant of Jesus.
- Jesus has servants.
- Jesus has angels who obey Him.
- There are times when Jesus uses angels to send messages to His servants.

**Revelation 1:2:** "Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw."

- The apostle John bore record of the word of God.
- The apostle John bore record of the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- The apostle John bore record of all the things that he saw.
- This book contains a true record of the things that John saw.
- This book contains the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- This book is the word of God. It comes from God, not from men.

**Revelation 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."

- Those who read this book are blessed.



- Those who hear the words of this book are blessed.
- This book is a book of prophecy. It contains material that had not yet come to pass at the time it was written.
- Those who listen to this book and obey it are blessed.
- This book needs to be obeyed. It was given to us for instruction.
- The events of this book were going to start unfolding shortly after it was written.
- The reason those who read this book are blessed is because the prophecies were going to start being fulfilled shortly after it was written.
- God wanted people to know the things that were written in this book. He wanted them to read it and pay attention to it. He didn't want people to ignore it.
- God wanted people to understand the things that were written in this book, so that they might obey it.
- God wants people to pay attention to prophecy and take it seriously. He doesn't view prophecy as a distraction from more important things.
- God wants people to read this book and pay close attention to it.
- God doesn't want people to neglect this book or ignore it.

**Revelation 1:4:** "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;"

- The apostle John sent this book as a letter to the seven

churches which were in Asia.

- When this book was written, there were at least seven churches in Asia.
- John prayed that God's grace would be upon the seven churches in Asia.
- John prayed that God's peace would be upon the seven churches in Asia.
- Jesus is the one who is.
- Jesus is the one who was.
- Jesus is the one who is to come.
- There are seven Spirits before the throne of Jesus.
- Jesus has a throne.

**Revelation 1:5:** "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"

- Jesus is the faithful witness.
- Jesus is the first begotten of the dead.
- Jesus truly died.
- Jesus was truly risen from the dead.
- Jesus was the first to be risen from the dead.
- Jesus is the prince of the kings of the earth.
- Jesus loved us.
- Jesus washed us from our sins in His own blood.
- We have sins.

- Our sins need to be forgiven.
- We can't purchase forgiveness for our sins on our own. There's nothing we can do to atone for our sins.
- The only way our sins can be atoned for is by the blood of Jesus.
- The death of Jesus is what atones for our sins.
- Jesus is our Savior.
- Jesus is the only way to be saved.

**Revelation 1:6:** "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

- Jesus has made us kings unto God the Father. This is past tense, meaning it's already happened.
- Jesus has made us priests unto God the Father. This is past tense, meaning it's already happened.
- All genuine Christians are kings.
- All genuine Christians are priests.
- John prayed that Jesus would be glorified forever.
- John prayed that Jesus would be given dominion forever.
- Christians should seek the everlasting glory of Jesus.
- Christians should seek the everlasting dominion of Jesus.

**Revelation 1:7:** "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

- Jesus is going to return to this world.
- When Jesus returns, He will be accompanied by clouds.
- When Jesus returns, every eye will see Him.
- When Jesus returns, those who pierced Him will also see Him.
- When Jesus returns, all the kindreds of the earth will wail.
- Jesus isn't going to return invisibly. The whole world will see Him.
- There will still be people alive in this world when Jesus returns.

**Revelation 1:8:** "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

- Jesus is the Alpha and Omega.
- Jesus is the beginning and the ending.
- Jesus is the Lord.
- Jesus is He who is.
- Jesus is He who was.
- Jesus is He who is to come.
- Jesus is the Almighty.
- Jesus is divine.

**Revelation 1:9:** "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word

of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

- This book was written by the apostle John.
- John said that he was the brother to the recipients of this letter. He referred to other Christians as his brothers.
- John referred to other Christians as brothers, not brothers and sisters. This wasn't seen as sexist or inappropriate.
- John said that he was a companion in tribulation to those who received this letter. He knew that those seven churches in Asia were suffering, and he told them that he was suffering as well.
- John said that he was a fellow companion in the kingdom of Jesus. Those seven churches were part of the kingdom, and he was as well.
- John spoke of the patience of Jesus Christ. This seems to be a reference to patiently enduring trials while waiting for the Lord to return.
- Christians need patience.
- When John wrote this letter, he was in the isle of Patmos.
- The reason John was in the isle of Patmos was because he had been exiled there for his faith in Jesus. He was suffering as a prisoner and a person in exile.
- When John wrote this letter, he was being persecuted for his faith in the word of God.
- When John wrote this letter, he was being persecuted for his faith in the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- There are times when our faith in Jesus, and our faith in the Scriptures, will bring pain and suffering into our life.

**Revelation 1:10:** "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

- This revelation came to John on the Lord's day.
- When this revelation came to John, he was in the Spirit.
- When this revelation came to John, he heard a great voice speaking behind him.
- John didn't initially see the person who was talking to him because the voice came from behind him.
- The voice that John heard was a great voice. John compared it to a trumpet.

**Revelation 1:11:** "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

- The voice that John heard was the voice of Jesus.
- Jesus said that He was the Alpha and Omega.
- Jesus said that He was the first and the last.
- Jesus commanded John to write the things that he was going to see in a book.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to the seven churches that were in Asia.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Ephesus.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Smyrna.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Pergamos.

- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Thyatira.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Sardis.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Philadelphia.
- Jesus commanded John to send the revelation to Laodicea.
- Jesus was the one who selected the recipients of this letter.
- Jesus was the one who commanded John to record the things that he saw and send them to the churches.
- Jesus wanted these churches to receive this letter. He wanted them take it seriously and obey it. He didn't want them to ignore it or treat it as unimportant.
- Ephesus was in Asia.
- Smyrna was in Asia.
- Pergamos was in Asia.
- Thyatira was in Asia.
- Sardis was in Asia.
- Philadelphia was in Asia.
- Laodicea was in Asia.
- Jesus came to Patmos to speak in person to the apostle John.
- The apostle John saw Jesus after His ascension.

**Revelation 1:12:** "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;"

- John turned around so he could see the person who was talking to him.
- When John turned around, he saw seven golden candlesticks.
- John had to turn around in order to see Jesus.

**Revelation 1:13:** "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle."

- Jesus is called the Son of man.
- Jesus was in the midst of the seven candlesticks.
- Jesus was clothed with a garment.
- The garment that Jesus was clothed with went down to His feet.
- Jesus was girded with a golden girdle.
- The apostle John could see Jesus.

**Revelation 1:14:** "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;"

- The head and hairs of Jesus were white like wool.
- The head and hairs of Jesus were as white as snow.
- The eyes of Jesus were like a flame of fire.
- The physical appearance of Jesus was like a person. He had a head, hair, eyes, feet, and wore clothes. He wasn't some type of ghostly non-material spirit.



**Revelation 1:15:** "And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

- The feet of Jesus were like fine brass burned in a furnace.
- The voice of Jesus was like the sound of many waters.

**Revelation 1:16:** "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

- Jesus held seven stars in His right hand.
- A sharp sword with two edges went out of the mouth of Jesus.
- The countenance of Jesus was like the sun, shining in all its strength.

**Revelation 1:17:** "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:"

- When the apostle John saw Jesus, he collapsed and fell down at His feet.
- When John collapsed, Jesus laid His right hand upon him.
- Jesus told John to not be afraid.
- Jesus told John that He was the first and the last.
- Seeing Jesus seems to have filled John with great fear (because Jesus told John to not be afraid).
- Seeing the risen Lord was an overwhelming experience for John. This is true even though John was in the Spirit when the Lord came to see him.

**Revelation 1:18:** "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

- Jesus is alive.
- Jesus was dead.
- Although Jesus was once dead, He is now alive.
- Jesus is alive forevermore. He will never die again.
- Jesus has the keys of hell.
- Jesus has the keys of death.
- There are keys to hell.
- There are keys to death.

**Revelation 1:19:** "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;"

- Jesus commanded John to write the things which he had seen.
- Jesus commanded John to write the things that currently existed ("the things which are").
- Jesus commanded John to write the things that would happen in the future.
- This book contains a firsthand account of the things that John had seen.
- This book contains some things that were taking place at the time that John wrote it.
- This book contains some things that were going to happen after John wrote it.

- The prophecies in this book will surely come to pass.

**Revelation 1:20:** "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

- Jesus gave John the interpretation of the seven stars and the seven candlesticks.
- The symbols in this book must be interpreted by using the Scriptures, which tell us what the symbols mean. We may not assign our own interpretation to them.
- Scripture must be interpreted by using other Scripture.
- The seven stars were the angels of the seven churches.
- The seven candlesticks were the seven churches.
- Each of the seven churches who received this letter had an angel assigned to them.
- Jesus explained how to interpret this book.

## Chapter 2

**Revelation 2:1:** "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;"

- The first letter in Revelation was written to the church at Ephesus.
- There was a church at Ephesus at the time the book of Revelation was written.

- Ephesus existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Ephesus was dictated by Jesus.
- Jesus is the one who holds the seven stars in His right hand. (Revelation 1 said the seven stars were symbolic of the angels of the seven churches in Asia.)
- Jesus walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. (Revelation 1 said that the seven candlesticks were symbolic of the seven churches in Asia.)
- Jesus walks among the churches.
- Jesus is very familiar with the churches.

**Revelation 2:2:** "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

- Jesus knows the works and labor of the churches.
- Jesus knows the good things the churches are doing.
- The church of Ephesus was full of good works.
- Churches should perform good works.
- The church of Ephesus was patient.
- Churches should be patient.
- The church of Ephesus couldn't tolerate those who were evil.
- Churches shouldn't tolerate those who are evil.
- The church of Ephesus tested people who claimed to be apostles, and discovered they were false teachers.

- Churches should put teachers to the test to see if they're from God or not.
- In the early church there were some people who falsely claimed to be apostles.

**Revelation 2:3:** "And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."

- The church of Ephesus endured.
- The church of Ephesus labored for the sake of Christ.
- The church of Ephesus didn't faint, in spite of all the things they suffered.
- Churches should endure.
- Churches should labor for the sake of Christ.
- The church shouldn't faint, but should press on.

**Revelation 2:4:** "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

- Jesus knows the bad things the churches are doing.
- The good things that churches are doing don't excuse the bad things they're doing. Jesus expects churches to do what's right. He doesn't accept sin in their midst.
- The church at Ephesus was doing many things that were right, but they had left their first love. They didn't love the Lord as they once had. Their love had grown cold.
- Churches should love the Lord. They shouldn't allow their love to grow cold.
- Just because a church is doing many right things, and

doesn't tolerate evil, and puts false teachers to the test, doesn't mean that God is happy with the church. It also doesn't mean that the church has a love for God.

- It's possible for a church to be doing all the right things and yet not have a love for God.
- A church needs to do more than just do the right things. It also needs to love the Lord.

**Revelation 2:5:** "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

- Even though the church at Ephesus was doing many of the right things, Jesus said that if they didn't repent of the sin that was in their midst then He would remove His presence from the church. In other words, Jesus would disown the church if they didn't repent, even though they were doing many things right and only one thing wrong.
- If a church has sin in its midst and doesn't repent of that sin, Jesus will remove Himself from that church and cast it away from Him.
- Jesus doesn't tolerate sin in churches. Unrepentant sin is grounds for being cast out of His presence.
- There may be many churches in existence today that are actually not churches at all, because Jesus has cast them from His presence due to their unrepentant sin.
- Jesus expects churches to be perfect. He commands them to repent, and if they don't repent then He casts them away from Him.
- Jesus commanded the church at Ephesus to remember

their first love.

- Jesus commanded the church at Ephesus to repent.
- Jesus commanded the church at Ephesus to return to their first love.
- Jesus told the church at Ephesus that if they didn't repent then He would come against them quickly and cast them out of His presence. However, if they repented then He wouldn't do that.
- If a church is in sin then it must repent.
- If a church is in sin and doesn't repent then Jesus will quickly come against it.

**Revelation 2:6:** "But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate."

- The church at Ephesus hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes. (No one today seems to know who the Nicolaitanes were or what they did.)
- Jesus hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes.
- It's good for churches to hate the same thing that Jesus hates.
- There are some things that Jesus hates.

**Revelation 2:7:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

- Jesus promised that those who overcome (which are those who believe on Him) would be granted permission

to eat from the tree of life.

- The tree of life still exists.
- The tree of life is located in the paradise of God.
- Jesus wanted everyone to hear what He had to say to the churches. The letter to the church at Ephesus wasn't just for their benefit.
- Only those who believe in Jesus will be allowed to eat from the tree of life.
- The tree of life is an actual tree that bears actual fruit.
- Since the tree of life grants everlasting life to those who eat of it, and since those who believe in Jesus will get to eat of this tree, Jesus was promising everlasting life to those who believe in Him.

**Revelation 2:8:** "And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"

- The second letter in Revelation was written to the church at Smyrna.
- There was a church at Smyrna at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- Smyrna existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Smyrna was dictated by Jesus.
- Jesus is the first and the last.
- Jesus died. His death was a real thing that actually happened.



- Jesus rose from the dead. Although He died, He's now alive.

**Revelation 2:9:** "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."

- Jesus had nothing negative to say about the church at Smyrna.
- Jesus knew about the suffering of the church at Smyrna.
- Jesus knows when churches are suffering and being persecuted.
- The church of Smyrna did good works.
- The church of Smyrna suffered tribulation. They were persecuted.
- The church of Smyrna was poor.
- Although the church of Smyrna was faithful and weren't doing anything wrong, they were persecuted and poor. God didn't bless them with material wealth.
- It's possible for a church to be both faithful and poor.
- It's possible for a church to be both faithful and persecuted.
- God doesn't promise material riches to those who faithfully serve Him.
- Jesus said that although the church at Smyrna was poor in material goods, they were rich in His sight.
- Jesus was pleased with the church at Smyrna. They faithfully endured persecution for His sake.

- In the days of the church at Smyrna, there some people who claimed to be Jews but weren't. Instead they were the synagogue of Satan.
- It's blasphemous to claim to be a Jew when you're not.
- The church of Smyrna was persecuted by people who claimed to be Jews.

**Revelation 2:10:** "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

- Jesus told the church at Smyrna that they were going to suffer even more persecution than they already had. Instead of getting better, things were going to get worse.
- Jesus allowed the church at Smyrna to be persecuted. He didn't prevent it from happening.
- The devil was the one who was persecuting the church at Smyrna.
- The devil was the one who was casting people from the church at Smyrna into prison.
- The devil was the one who was taking people from the church at Smyrna and putting them on trial.
- Jesus told the church at Smyrna that some of them were going to be put to death by the devil.
- There are times when God gives the devil power to cast Christians into prison.
- There are times when God gives the devil power to put Christians on trial for their faith.

- There are times when God gives the devil power to put Christians to death.
- Jesus told the church at Smyrna to be faithful unto death.
- Jesus told the church at Smyrna that they would have tribulation for "ten days". (It's not known if this was a literal 10 days, or if it was symbolic for a passage of time.)
- Jesus told the church at Smyrna that if they were faithful unto death, Jesus would give them a crown of life.
- Jesus promised to reward those who were faithful unto death.
- The devil is the one who puts Christians in prison for their faith. It's not an act of man, but an act of the devil.
- The devil is the one who persecutes Christians. He's the one who's behind it.
- The devil is the one who puts Christians to death. He's the one who's behind it.
- Persecution comes from the devil.

**Revelation 2:11:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

- Jesus promise that he who overcomes (which are those who believe in Him) won't be hurt of the second death. (The book of Revelation explains that the second death is being cast into the lake of fire to be tormented for all of eternity.)
- Those who believe in Jesus won't be cast into the lake of fire.

- Those who don't believe in Jesus will be cast into the lake of fire.
- Those who don't believe in Jesus will die twice. They will die once at the end of their physical life, and a second time when they're cast into the lake of fire.
- It's better to believe in Jesus and be martyred, and not suffer the second death, than to reject Him and experience the second death.

**Revelation 2:12:** "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;"

- The third letter in Revelation was written to the church at Pergamos.
- There was a church at Pergamos at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- Pergamos existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Pergamos was dictated by Jesus.
- Jesus is the one who has the sharp sword with two edges. (Other passages in the Bible identifies this sword as the Word of God.)
- The Bible comes from Jesus. It's His sharp sword.

**Revelation 2:13:** "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among

you, where Satan dwelleth."

- Jesus knew the works of the church at Pergamos.
- Jesus knew that the church at Pergamos lived where Satan's seat was.
- In the days when the book of Revelation was written, the seat of Satan was located at Pergamos. That's where he lived.
- Jesus knew that the church at Pergamos had been faithful unto death.
- Jesus knew that the church at Pergamos had held fast to His name and hadn't denied the faith, even when persecuted to death.
- In the time before Revelation was written, Antipas was put to death for the faith.
- There's a specific place in this world where Satan dwells.
- Antipas was a faithful martyr for Christ.

**Revelation 2:14:** "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication."

- Even though the church at Pergamos was faithful unto death and hadn't denied the faith, Jesus had something against the church. They allowed heresy to be taught, and permitted false teachers to teach people to sin.
- Churches must not permit false teachers to teach heresy.
- Churches must not permit people to teach others to sin.

- Jesus doesn't give persecuted churches a pass when it comes to doctrine. Even persecuted churches must not allow heresy or sin in their midst.
- Just because a church refuses to deny the faith, even to the point of death, doesn't mean they're right in the sight of God. If they're allowing heresy or sin then God has something against them.
- Balaam was a real person who actually existed.
- Balac was a real person who actually existed.
- Balaam was the one who told Balac to tempt the Israelites into committing fornication.
- Balaam was the one who told Balac to tempt the Israelites into eating things sacrificed to idols.
- Since Balaam was unable to curse Israel, he instead taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock in front of Israel, so they would sin against God and God would curse them.
- Christians must not eat things that have been sacrificed to idols.
- Christians must not commit fornication.
- It's wrong to cast a stumblingblock in front of someone else so they'll sin.

**Revelation 2:15:** "So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate."

- It seems that the Nicolaitanes taught people to sin (either through idolatry, or fornication, or both).
- The church at Pergamos had in their midst people who taught others to sin, and they did nothing about it.

- The church at Pergamos had in their midst people who God hated, and yet they did nothing about it.
- Churches must not tolerate things that God hates.
- Churches must not tolerate people who teach others to do things that God hates.
- Jesus hates the doctrines of the Nicolaitanes.

**Revelation 2:16:** "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."

- Jesus commanded the church at Pergamos to repent. Even though they were being martyred for the faith, they weren't right in His sight because they tolerated heresy, false teachers, and sin.
- Jesus told the persecuted church at Pergamos that if they didn't repent then Jesus would come against them and fight against them Himself.
- Jesus told the church at Pergamos that if they didn't repent then He would fight against them with the Word of God.
- There are times when Jesus uses the Scriptures as a weapon.
- There are times when Jesus attacks churches with the Word of God.

**Revelation 2:17:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man

knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

- Jesus promised that those who overcome (which are those who believe in Him) would be granted permission to eat of the hidden manna. (It's not known if this is actual manna or something else.)
- Jesus promised to give a white stone to those who overcome. (In ancient times this was given to those who were found "not guilty" in judgment.)
- Jesus promised to give a new name to those who overcome. This seems to indicate that one day all Christians will be given new names.
- Jesus said that the new name that Christians will one day be given is only known to those who receive it.
- Jesus said that the new name will be written on the white stone, which will be given to those who believe in Him.

**Revelation 2:18:** "And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;"

- The fourth letter in Revelation was written to the church at Thyatira.
- There was a church at Thyatira at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- Thyatira existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Thyatira was dictated by Jesus.
- Jesus is the Son of God.



- Jesus has eyes like a flame of fire.
- Jesus has feet like fine brass.

**Revelation 2:19:** "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."

- Jesus knew the works that had been done by the church at Thyatira.
- Jesus knew the charity of the church at Thyatira.
- Jesus knew the service that had been done by the church at Thyatira.
- Jesus knew the faith of the church at Thyatira.
- Jesus knew the patience of the church at Thyatira.
- Jesus knew that the works of the church at Thyatira had increased over time, and were greater now than at the beginning.
- Jesus wants a church to have good works.
- Jesus wants a church to demonstrate charity.
- Jesus wants a church to do service.
- Jesus wants a church to have faith.
- Jesus wants a church to be patient.
- Jesus wants a church to grow in good works over time.

**Revelation 2:20:** "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed

unto idols."

- At the church of Thyatira there was a woman named Jezebel, who called herself a prophetess.
- Jezebel was teaching people to commit fornication.
- Jezebel was teaching people to eat things sacrificed to idols.
- Even though Jezebel was doing wicked things, the church accepted her and allowed her to teach people to sin.
- It's wrong to teach people to commit fornication.
- People shouldn't commit fornication.
- It's wrong to teach people to eat things sacrificed to idols.
- People shouldn't eat things sacrificed to idols.
- Churches must not tolerate people who teach others to sin.
- It's wrong to teach people to sin.
- Although the church of Thyatira did good works, had faith, and showed charity, they tolerated a woman who taught others to sin, and so Jesus had something against them.
- The good works of a church doesn't excuse their acceptance of false teachers.
- Jesus seeks churches that are perfect in His sight.
- It's not enough for a church to just get some things right.
- Jesus is against churches that tolerate false teachers.
- Jesus is against churches that allow people to teach others to sin.

**Revelation 2:21:** "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not."

- Jesus gave Jezebel some time to repent of her fornication, but she didn't repent.
- There are times when Jesus gives people a chance to repent of their sin.
- Jesus wants people to repent of their sin.
- People who are sinning need to repent.
- Fornication (sexual immorality) is evil.
- People who are guilty of sexual immorality need to repent of their sin.

**Revelation 2:22:** "Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."

- Jesus said that because Jezebel was guilty of fornication and wouldn't repent, He would cast her into great tribulation.
- Jesus said that those who committed adultery with Jezebel would also be cast into great tribulation. (This means this pagan church would still exist in the end times and would have to endure the seven-year tribulation. They wouldn't be included in the rapture.)
- There are times when Jesus punishes people for their sin.
- Jezebel could escape her punishment if she repented.
- Those who sinned with Jezebel could escape their punishment if they repented.
- Adultery is sinful.

- Those who commit adultery need to repent.
- There are times with Jesus will withhold His judgment if people repent before the judgment comes.

**Revelation 2:23:** "And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

- Jesus said that He would kill Jezebel's children. (This seems to refer to those who copied her example and committed the same sins that she did.)
- There are times when Jesus punishes sin by death.
- It's wrong to copy the sins of someone who's evil.
- Jesus searches the reins (our desires and affections).
- Jesus searches the heart.
- The reason Jesus was going to punish Jezebel and her children was so that the churches would know that Jesus searches our desires and affections.
- There are times when Jesus punishes people so that others will know that He is in charge.
- Jesus will give to each of us according to our works.
- Although we're saved by faith and not by works, our works will play a role in what Jesus gives to us.
- Our works matter.
- There are consequences for sin.

**Revelation 2:24:** "But unto you I say, and unto the rest in

Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden."

- Jesus said He wouldn't place any other burdens on those who hadn't joined with Jezebel in her sin.
- Jesus said He wouldn't place any other burdens on those who didn't know the depths of Satan.
- It's bad to know the depths of Satan.
- Those who listened to Jezebel, and committed fornication or ate food sacrificed to idols, were involved in the depths of Satan.
- Fornication is a serious sin that's directly tied to the devil.
- Eating food sacrificed to idols is a serious sin that's directly tied to the devil.
- Jesus puts a difference between people based on the doctrine that they accept.
- Doctrine is important.
- Jesus puts a difference between people based on their actions (whether they're living in sin or not).

**Revelation 2:25:** "But that which ye have already hold fast till I come."

- Churches must hold fast to what they have until Jesus returns.
- Jesus is going to return one day.
- Jesus wants churches to remain faithful until He returns.
- Churches need to remain faithful.

- The things that a church does matters to Jesus.
- The doctrines that a church holds matters to Jesus.

**Revelation 2:26:** "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:"

- Jesus commands people to have faith in Him (which is what it means to "overcome").
- Jesus commands people to keep His works until the end.
- It's not enough to be faithful for now. We must remain faithful unto the end.
- One day the end will come. (One day Jesus will return.)
- Jesus promised that those who believed in Him and remained faithful until the end would be given power over the nations.
- One day Jesus will give Christians power over the nations.
- After Jesus returns there will still be nations.
- The works that we must keep are the works of *Jesus* – not our works, or our thoughts, or our ideals, or our desires.
- In the world to come, the people who have power over the nations will be those who faithfully served the Lord in this life.

**Revelation 2:27:** "And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father:"

- One day Christians will rule over the nations.
- One day Christians will rule over the nations with a rod of

iron.

- One day Christians will break nations apart, the way pots are broken.
- Jesus has power over the nations.
- One day Jesus will rule over the nations with a rod of iron.
- One day Jesus will shatter the nations, the way pots are broken.
- Jesus received authority over the nations from God the Father.
- There's a coming era when Christians will rule over sinful nations.
- There's a coming era when Jesus will rule over sinful nations.

**Revelation 2:28:** "And I will give him the morning star."

- Jesus promised to give those who have faith in Him the morning star. (The Bible tells us that He is the morning star.)

**Revelation 2:29:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

- Jesus wants people to pay attention to what He told the seven churches.
- Jesus wants people to pay attention to the book of Revelation.
- Jesus wants people to pay attention to end times prophecy.

- The message that Jesus gave to these churches came from the Spirit.
- The message in these letters to the seven churches doesn't just apply to them. It applies to everyone.

## Chapter 3

**Revelation 3:1:** "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

- The fifth letter in Revelation was written to the church at Sardis.
- There was a church at Sardis at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- Sardis existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Sardis was dictated by Jesus.
- Jesus has the seven Spirits of God.
- Jesus has the seven stars. (Chapter 1 said that these were the angels of the seven churches.)
- Jesus knew the works of the church at Sardis.
- The church at Sardis had a reputation that they were alive, but in reality they were dead.
- Sometimes the reputation of a church isn't true. People may believe that it's a good church when in reality it's a bad one.
- Jesus knows the truth about churches. He's not deceived



by their appearance or reputation.

- It's possible for a church to seem to be alive when it's really dead.
- The sixth letter in Revelation was written to the church at Philadelphia.
- There was a church at Philadelphia at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- Philadelphia existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Philadelphia was dictated by Jesus.

**Revelation 3:2:** "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God."

- Jesus commanded the church at Sardis to be watchful.
- Jesus commanded the church at Sardis to strengthen the things that remained, which were about to die as well.
- Jesus said that the church at Sardis wasn't perfect in His sight.
- Jesus requires churches to be perfect in His sight.
- The church at Sardis was in bad shape, but it seems they didn't realize it.
- It's possible for churches to still exist and yet be dead.
- It's possible for churches to grow worse over time.
- If a church isn't watchful then it will grow worse over time.

- If a church isn't watchful then it may still exist, but it will die and be dead.

**Revelation 3:3:** "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

- Jesus commanded the church at Sardis to remember the teachings of the Scriptures, which they once received and had heard.
- Jesus commanded the church at Sardis to hold fast to the teachings of the Scriptures.
- Jesus commanded the church at Sardis to repent.
- Even though the church at Sardis was dead, they could still repent.
- Churches must hold fast to the teaching of the Scriptures.
- If a church is in sin, it must repent.
- Jesus commanded the church at Sardis to watch for His return.
- Churches must watch for His return.
- Jesus requires churches to know and understand end-times prophecy, so that they might be watching for His return.
- It's a bad thing when churches don't watch for the return of Jesus.
- There are signs of the return of Jesus that the church can be watching for.
- There are signs of the return of Jesus that point to the

hour of His return.

- It's possible to know the hour when Jesus will return.
- Those who aren't watching for the return of Jesus will be taken by surprise when He returns.
- Those who are watching for the return of Jesus won't be taken by surprise when He returns.
- Jesus said that not knowing the hour when He will return is a punishment. It's something bad.

**Revelation 3:4:** "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy."

- There were a few individuals in the church of Sardis who were righteous.
- Jesus compares righteousness to a garment. (In the Bible garments are symbolic of righteousness.)
- Jesus compares sin to a defiled garment.
- Jesus said that those who were righteous would walk with Him, because they were worthy.
- Those who are living in sin won't walk with Jesus, because they're not worthy.
- Sin defiles those who commit.
- Jesus puts a difference between those who are in sin and those who aren't.
- Those who are righteous will one day walk with Jesus in white.
- Even though the church of Sardis was wicked, Jesus found

some people in that church who were righteous. He promised to reward those individual righteous people.

- There may be times when a church is wicked but there are still people within the church who are righteous.

**Revelation 3:5:** "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

- Jesus promised that those who believe in Him (which is what "overcome" means) will be clothed in white raiment (which is symbolic of righteousness).
- Jesus promised that those who believe in Him won't have their name blotted out of the book of Life.
- The book of Life exists. It's a real thing.
- The names of those who believe in Jesus are written in the Book of Life.
- Jesus promised to confess the names of those who believe in Him to His Father.
- Jesus promised to confess the names of those who believe in Him in the presence of the Father's angels.
- The angels belong to the Father.
- Jesus won't deny knowing those who have faith in Him.

**Revelation 3:6:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

- Jesus commands Christians to pay attention to the letters that He wrote to the seven churches.

- The material in these letters applies to everyone. It doesn't just apply to the churches.
- The material in these letters came from the Spirit.
- Jesus doesn't want the churches to ignore the things that He wrote in these letters.
- Jesus doesn't want churches to ignore the book of Revelation.
- These letters to these seven churches are important. They must not be neglected.

**Revelation 3:7:** "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;"

- Jesus is holy.
- Jesus is true.
- Jesus has the key of David.
- When Jesus opens something, no one can shut it.
- When Jesus shuts something, no one can open it.

**Revelation 3:8:** "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

- Jesus knew the works of the church of Philadelphia.
- Jesus opened a door (of opportunity) for the church of Philadelphia.

- The church of Philadelphia had a little bit of strength.
- The church of Philadelphia had kept the word of Jesus.
- The church of Philadelphia hadn't denied the name of Jesus.
- Because the church of Philadelphia had a little strength, had kept the word of Jesus, and hadn't denied His name, He opened a door for them that no one could shut.
- Churches should keep the word of Jesus.
- Churches must not deny the name of Jesus.
- There are times when God opens a door of opportunity for churches.
- When God opens a door of opportunity for a church, no one can shut it.
- There are times when God rewards churches who keep His word and don't deny His name.

**Revelation 3:9:** "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."

- In the days of the church of Philadelphia there were people who claimed to be Jews, but who weren't Jews at all. Instead they were of the synagogue of Satan.
- There are some people who claim to be Jews, but who aren't Jews at all.
- Those who falsely claim to be Jews are of the synagogue of Satan.
- Jesus promised that He would make the false Jews who

persecuted the church of Philadelphia to one day come and bow at the feet of that church.

- Jesus promised that one day the false Jews who persecuted the church of Philadelphia would know that Jesus loved that church.
- Jesus loved the church of Philadelphia.
- One of the rewards that Jesus can give a church is having their enemies come and bow down before them. (This may be something that happens in the next life.)
- One of the rewards that Jesus can give a church is publicly demonstrating to their enemies that Jesus loves them.

**Revelation 3:10:** "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

- The church of Philadelphia patiently kept Christ's word.
- Since the church of Philadelphia was faithful, Jesus promised that they wouldn't have to endure the tribulation period. (This means they will be included in the rapture.)
- There are some churches who will be included in the rapture, while there are others who won't. Faithful churches will be raptured, while pagan churches will be left behind and forced to endure the tribulation.
- Jesus referred to the tribulation period as the "hour of temptation".
- The tribulation period is going to be a time of temptation.
- The tribulation period will impact the entire world.

- The tribulation people will tempt (or test) all those who are living in the world at the time.
- The reason the church of Philadelphia will be kept from the tribulation, which will impact the entire world and everyone who is living in the world at the time, is because they will be removed from this world during the rapture.
- There are some people who won't have to endure the tribulation period.

**Revelation 3:11:** "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

- Jesus said that He was coming quickly. This means when He comes it will be very rapid. (Coming quickly or rapidly is different from coming soon.)
- Jesus commanded the church at Philadelphia to hold on to the things they had.
- Faithful churches need to hold on to their faithfulness and not depart from it.
- It's possible for churches to lose their crown.
- Jesus gives faithful churches a crown as a reward.
- There are some rewards that can be lost.
- If the church of Philadelphia remained faithful then they would keep their crown.
- It was important for the church of Philadelphia to keep their crown. The reward of the crown was something of value that they should strive for so they didn't lose it.
- Jesus promised a crown to the faithful church of Philadelphia (provided they didn't let go of their



faithfulness).

**Revelation 3:12:** "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

- Jesus promised that those who overcome (which are those who have faith in Him) will be made a pillar in the temple of God.
- Jesus said that His heavenly Father was His God.
- Jesus promised that those who overcome will be a pillar in the temple of God, and they will never leave that temple. (This may mean that their salvation and membership in the church is secure and will never be lost.)
- Jesus promised to write the name of God the Father upon those who are faithful to Him.
- Jesus promised to write the name of the new Jerusalem upon those who are faithful to Him.
- Jesus promised to write His new name upon those who are faithful to Him.
- The new Jerusalem is a real city.
- The new Jerusalem is the city of God.
- Jesus describes the new Jerusalem as coming down out of heaven from God. (However, the city is never described as landing anywhere, which raises the possibility that it may orbit the Earth.)

- If the new Jerusalem comes down from Heaven then it must be in Heaven first.
- Jesus will write His name upon those who are His (which is a contrast to the mark of the beast).
- Jesus has a new name.

**Revelation 3:13:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

- Jesus commanded Christians to listen to what He had to say to the churches. He wanted them to pay attention to the content of these letters and take it to heart.
- The contents of these letters to the seven churches came from the Spirit.

**Revelation 3:14:** "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;"

- The sixth letter in Revelation was written to the church at Laodicea.
- There was a church at Laodicea at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- Laodicea existed at the time the book of Revelation was written.
- The letter to the church at Laodicea was dictated by Jesus.
- Jesus is the "Amen" (which means "let it be").
- Jesus is the faithful witness.

- Jesus is the true witness.
- Jesus is the beginning of the creation of God (which means He created the world and everything it contains).
- The church must believe the words of Jesus, because they are faithful and true.
- The church must believe that Jesus is the one who divinely created this world (as is written in Genesis 1 and 2), because He said that He did and His word is faithful and true.

**Revelation 3:15:** "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot."

- Jesus knew the works of the church of Laodicea, and He found them to be terrible.
- The church of Laodicea was neither cold nor hot. Instead they were utterly indifferent.
- Jesus was angry with the church at Laodicea because of their indifference.
- It's bad for churches to be indifferent.

**Revelation 3:16:** "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

- Since the church of Laodicea was indifferent, Jesus said that He would vomit them out of His mouth.
- Jesus wasn't a part of the church of Laodicea. Instead He detested them and viewed them as vomit.

**Revelation 3:17:** "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"

- The church of Laodicea thought very highly of themselves.
- The church of Laodicea were proud of their great material wealth.
- The church of Laodicea believed that they didn't need anything (but they were wrong).
- In reality, the church of Laodicea was wretched.
- In reality, the church of Laodicea was miserable.
- In reality, the church of Laodicea was poor (from a spiritual standpoint).
- In reality, the church of Laodicea was blind (because they couldn't see the truth).
- In reality, the church of Laodicea was naked. (Since clothing is symbolic of righteousness, this means they weren't clothed in the righteousness of Christ).
- The church of Laodicea believed they were rich and wonderful, but in reality they weren't saved at all. They weren't even Christian because they lacked righteousness.
- It's possible for a church to think very highly of themselves and yet be utterly lost and without Christ.
- It's possible for a church to claim to be wonderful and yet not have Christ at all.
- Just because a church is wealthy doesn't mean Christ is with that church.

- There are wealthy churches that Christ isn't a part of.
- If a church has great wealth, that doesn't mean Christ is blessing them or looks favorably upon them.
- In the eyes of God, material wealth has nothing to do with God's favor. It's not a sign of success.

**Revelation 3:18:** "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

- Jesus commanded the church of Laodicea to buy from Him true gold that had been tried in the fire, so that they could be rich. (This seems to refer to the gospel, the doctrines of the Scriptures, and the word of God – all things that the pagan church of Laodicea had rejected.)
- Those who are only wealthy in material things are actually poor in the sight of God. They lack the things that matter most (such as the salvation of their soul).
- Jesus freely offers true riches to those who seek them.
- The true riches from God have been tried in the fire.
- Jesus commanded the church of Laodicea to get white raiment from Him so that they may be clothed. (He is telling them to obtain His righteousness to cover their sins so that they might be saved).
- Jesus freely offers true righteousness to those who seek it. He will give His righteousness to those who seek forgiveness and righteousness.
- The only way we can be made righteous is if Jesus gives

us His righteousness. Our own righteousness is wholly insufficient.

- The church of Laodicea lacked the righteousness of Christ, which means they weren't saved. Their sins weren't covered.
- Jesus commanded the church of Laodicea to anoint their eyes so that they might see the truth.
- Jesus had nothing good to say about the church of Laodicea.
- We need the righteousness of Christ.

**Revelation 3:19:** "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

- Jesus rebukes those He loves.
- Jesus chastens those He loves.
- Jesus commanded the church of Laodicea to be zealous and repent.
- Jesus doesn't tolerate sin in the church.
- Churches that are guilty of sin must repent.

**Revelation 3:20:** "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

- Jesus said that He was outside the church of Laodicea, knocking on the door to the church. He was looking for an individual within the church that He could have a relationship with.

- Jesus said that He will have a relationship with any individual who will hear His voice and open the door to Him.
- Jesus wasn't a part of the church of Laodicea. Instead He was outside it.
- The church of Laodicea was so bad that Jesus was looking for single individuals that He could have fellowship with.
- It's possible for single individuals to have fellowship with Jesus. It doesn't have to be a group of people.

**Revelation 3:21:** "To him that overcometh 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."

- Jesus said that He will give those who overcome (which are those who believe in Him) the right to sit with Him in His throne.
- Jesus promised that one day Christians will sit with Christ in His throne.
- Jesus overcame this world.
- Jesus sat down with His Father in His throne.

**Revelation 3:22:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

- Jesus repeatedly commanded the church to pay attention to the contents of these seven letters. The church needs to know what they say and take them to heart.
- Jesus doesn't want the church to neglect the words of this book. These words are important and need to be

heard.

- Jesus repeatedly said that the contents of these letters comes from the Spirit.

## Chapter 4

**Revelation 4:1:** "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."

- The events in this chapter happened after Jesus dictated the letters to the apostle John.
- John saw a door open in heaven.
- The voice that called out to him to come up to Heaven was the first voice he heard back in chapter 1.
- Since John was called up to Heaven by the same person who spoke to him in chapter 1, and since the person who spoke to him in chapter 1 identified himself as the "alpha and omega", that means Jesus is the one who spoke to him in chapter 1 and who called him up to Heaven in chapter 4.
- The letters to the seven churches give an overview of church history. The events in the rest of the book of Revelation take place after the church age has come to an end.
- Jesus told John to come up to Heaven. (This is a picture of the rapture. In that event Jesus will also bring us to Heaven.)
- Jesus said that He would show John things that would



happen in the future.

- The events that Jesus showed John are things that *must* happen. They're not things that might happen or could happen.
- John compares the voice of Jesus to the sound of a trumpet.

**Revelation 4:2:** "And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."

- The apostle John wasn't physically brought to Heaven. Instead he said that he was "in the spirit".
- There's a throne in Heaven.
- There's someone sitting on the throne in Heaven.

**Revelation 4:3:** "And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."

- The being who's on the throne in Heaven looks like "a jasper and a sardine stone".
- There's an emerald rainbow around the throne in Heaven.

**Revelation 4:4:** "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold."

- There are 24 seats around the throne of God in Heaven.
- There were elders sitting in the 24 seats around the

throne of God. (This is symbolic of the raptured church. Since the church is in Heaven at this point, that means chapter 4 takes place after the rapture.)

- When John arrived in Heaven, the elders were sitting on their seats. (Their seats aren't described as thrones).
- The elders were clothed in white raiment. (This is symbolic of righteousness).
- The elders were wearing crowns of gold. (Since the church has already received its reward at this point, this means chapter 4 takes place after the judgment seat of Christ.)

**Revelation 4:5:** "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."

- Out of the throne of God proceeded lightning.
- Out of the throne of God proceeded thundering.
- Out of the throne of God proceeded voices.
- There were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne of God.
- The seven lamps of fire are symbolic of the seven Spirits of God.

**Revelation 4:6:** "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."

- In front of the throne of God was a sea of glass, which looked like crystal. (This may be the firmament spoken of in Genesis 1.)
- In the midst of the throne of God were four beasts which were full of eyes.
- Around the throne of God were four beasts which were full of eyes.
- The four beasts had eyes before and behind.
- There are creatures in Heaven that aren't human and aren't angels either.

**Revelation 4:7:** "And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."

- The first of the four beasts that are around the throne of God looks like a lion (but is full of eyes).
- The first of the four beasts that are around the throne of God looks like a calf (but is full of eyes).
- The first of the four beasts that are around the throne of God has the face of a man (but is full of eyes).
- The first of the four beasts that are around the throne of God looks like a flying eagle (but is full of eyes).

**Revelation 4:8:** "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

- Each of the four beasts had six wings.

- Each of the four beasts were filled with eyes. (The text seems to say they had eyes within them as well.)
- Each of the four beasts said "Holy, holy, holy" to the Lord. They never stopped saying that, and they said it day and night.
- God is exceedingly holy.
- God is seated on the throne.
- God is the one who was.
- God is the one who is.
- God is the one who is to come.

**Revelation 4:9:** "And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,"

- The four beasts give glory to God.
- The four beasts give honor to God.
- The four beasts give thanks to God.
- God lives forever and ever.

**Revelation 4:10:** "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,"

- John saw the 24 elders fall down before God (who was sitting on the throne) and worship Him.
- John saw the 24 elders cast their crowns before the throne of God.

- The 24 elders used their rewards (their crowns) to worship the Lord.
- The 24 elders fell down before God. They bowed down before Him and worshiped Him. (The text does *not* say they never ceased to do this day nor night. Throughout all of Revelation, the elders only do this once.)
- In Heaven the church will have crowns.
- In Heaven the church will see God.
- In Heaven the church will fall down before God.
- In Heaven the church will worship God.
- In Heaven the church will use their rewards to worship God.
- Heaven is focused on the glory, honor, and praise of God.

**Revelation 4:11:** "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

- God is worthy to receive glory.
- God is worthy to receive honor.
- God is worthy to receive power.
- God has created all things.
- God created all things for His pleasure.
- In Heaven the church will glorify God.
- In Heaven the church will honor God.
- God is the one who has all power in Heaven.
- God is the one who is glorified in Heaven.

- God is the one who is given honor in Heaven.
- We should glorify, honor, and praise God because He created all things (including us).

## Chapter 5

**Revelation 5:1:** "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

- The being who's on the throne in Heaven is described using male pronouns (not female ones).
- The being who's on the throne in Heaven is said to have a right hand.
- God had a book in His hand, which was written within and on the backside.
- The book in God's right hand was sealed with seven seals.
- This book of judgment was in the hand of God and belonged to God. This book didn't belong to the antichrist and wasn't unleashed by the antichrist. It's the wrath of God, not the wrath of man or the wrath of the devil.

**Revelation 5:2:** "And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"

- A strong angel used a loud voice to ask who was worthy to open the book and loose its seals.
- Only someone who was worthy could open the book and loose the seals.

- The angel looked for a person who was worthy to open the book and loose the seals.
- Before the book could be opened the seals had to be loosed.

**Revelation 5:3:** "And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."

- No one in Heaven was worthy to open the book.
- No one in earth was worthy to open the book.
- No one under the earth was worthy to open the book.
- There are people in Heaven.
- There are people in earth.
- There are people under the earth. (This may be a reference to Hell.)
- No one was worthy to open the book or look thereon.

**Revelation 5:4:** "And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon."

- The apostle John wept much, because no one was worthy to open the book and read it.

**Revelation 5:5:** "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

- One of the elders told John to stop weeping, for there

was someone who was worthy to open the book and loose its seals.

- The only person who was worthy to open the book and loose its seals was Jesus.
- Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah.
- Jesus is from the tribe of Judah.
- Jesus is the Root of David.
- Since Jesus has prevailed, He is worthy to open the book and loose its seals.
- The seven seals (which unleash judgments upon the world) were loosed by Jesus. He was the only one who was worthy to loose them. This means the events of the tribulation are the work of Jesus, not the work of the devil or the work of the antichrist. The entire tribulation is the wrath of Jesus (the wrath of the Lamb).

**Revelation 5:6:** "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."

- Jesus stood in the midst of the throne of God.
- Jesus stood in the midst of the four beasts.
- Jesus stood in the midst of the 24 elders.
- Jesus is described as a Lamb who was slain.
- The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes.
- The seven eyes are the seven Spirits of God, who He sent forth into all the world.



- God has sent seven Spirits into all the world.

**Revelation 5:7:** "And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne."

- Jesus took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.
- Since Jesus is the one who took the book from the one who was on the throne, the person who was on the throne couldn't have been Jesus. Instead it must have been God the Father.
- The judgments of the tribulation start when Jesus takes the book and looses its seals.

**Revelation 5:8:** "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints."

- When Jesus took the book, the 24 elders fell down before Him.
- Every one of the 24 elders had a harp.
- Every one of the 24 elders had a golden vial full of odors. This is symbolic of the prayers of the saints.
- It seems that in Heaven the church has harps.
- In Heaven the church will fall down before Jesus and worship Him.
- There are harps in Heaven.
- There are musical instruments in Heaven.

- There are harps in the throne room of God.

**Revelation 5:9:** "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"

- When Jesus took the book, the 24 elders sung a new song.
- There are songs sung in Heaven.
- There are songs sung in Heaven about Jesus, His redemption of mankind, and His blood that He shed for us.
- Jesus is worthy to take the book.
- Jesus is worthy to open the seven seals on the book.
- The reason Jesus is worthy to take the book and open its seals is because He was slain, and He redeemed the church by His blood.
- The only person who can take the book and open its seals is the redeemer of mankind.
- There's only one redeemer of mankind, and it's Jesus. All of Heaven, and earth, and under the earth has been searched for another, but there's none.
- Jesus was slain. He truly died.
- The 24 elders said that they had been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. (This further identifies them as the church.)
- Jesus has redeemed the church to God.
- The church is redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

- The church is composed of individuals from every kindred.
- The church is composed of individuals from every tongue.
- The church is composed of individuals from every people group.
- The church is composed of individuals from every nation.

**Revelation 5:10:** "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

- Jesus has turned the church into kings in the sight of God.
- Jesus has turned the church into priests in the sight of God.
- Those who are a part of the church are both kings and priests.
- In a future era the church will reign upon the earth.
- Although the church was in Heaven at this point, the church was looking forward to the day when they would return to the earth and reign over it.
- The church won't always be in Heaven. One day they'll return to the earth and reign over it.

**Revelation 5:11:** "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;"

- The apostle John heard the voice of many angels.
- There were many angels around the throne of God.

- John said there were an exceedingly great number of angels – ten thousand times ten thousand (which is 100 million) and more besides.

**Revelation 5:12:** "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

- The exceedingly great number of angels spoke with a loud voice.
- Jesus is described as the Lamb who was slain.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive power.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive riches.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive wisdom.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive strength.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive honor.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive glory.
- The angels said that Jesus was worthy to receive blessing.
- In Heaven the angels praise and glorify Jesus.
- The 24 elders said that Jesus had redeemed them. The angels didn't say that (because they haven't been redeemed).
- In Heaven Jesus is praised, glorified, and worshiped.

**Revelation 5:13:** "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the

throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

- Every creature in Heaven praised God the Father and God the Son.
- Every creature on earth praised God the Father and God the Son.
- Every creature under the earth praised God the Father and God the Son.
- Every creature in the sea praised God the Father and God the Son.
- The day is coming when all animals (including sea life) will praise God (both the Father and the Son).
- Animals are capable of praising God.
- The apostle John heard all of the animals praise God.
- There are creatures in Heaven.
- There are creatures on earth.
- There are creatures under the earth.
- There are creatures in the sea.
- It seems that all of the creatures are either in Heaven or on earth. There don't appear to be any creatures anywhere else (such as on other planets).
- The creatures blessed God the Father and God the Son.
- The creatures gave honor to God the Father and God the Son.
- The creatures gave glory to God the Father and God the Son.
- The creatures gave power to God the Father and God the Son.

- The creatures said that God the Father and the Son should have everlasting blessing, honor, glory, and power.
- It seems that all of the animals, both in Heaven and on earth, worship God. None of them failed to glorify Him.

**Revelation 5:14:** "And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."

- After all of this praise, the four beasts said "Amen" (let it be).
- After all of this praise, the 24 elders fell down before God and worshiped Him.
- God lives forever and ever.
- In Heaven everyone worships God. (By the time this chapter takes place, the devil and his fallen angels have been cast out of Heaven.)

## Chapter 6

**Revelation 6:1:** "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see."

- Jesus is the one who opened the seals on the book.
- The wrath that was poured out upon the world during the tribulation is the wrath of the Lamb, not the wrath of the devil or the antichrist.
- The wrath of the Lamb begins at the very beginning of the tribulation. Jesus is the one who opens the very first

seal (and all the other seals).

- Jesus opened the seals one at a time.
- The four beasts can speak.
- One of the four beasts spoke to John and told him to come and see something.
- The beast that spoke to John had a voice that was like the noise of thunder.
- Jesus opened the first seal.

**Revelation 6:2:** "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

- John was able to see events that were going on in the earth while he was in the throne room of God.
- The first seal unleashed a white horse upon the world.
- There was a person riding the white horse.
- The person who was riding the white horse had a bow.
- A crown was given to the person who was riding the white horse.
- The person who was riding the white horse went around conquering.
- In the first seal, a person is given authority and weapons and he unleashes war upon the world. His wars are successful and he engages in conquest.
- War breaks out at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation period.
- The reason the white horse is unleashed upon the world

is because Jesus opened the seal. Jesus is the one who unleashed it.

**Revelation 6:3:** "And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see."

- Jesus opened the second seal.
- After Jesus opened the second seal, a different beast told John to come and see what had been unleashed upon the world.

**Revelation 6:4:** "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

- The second seal unleashed a red horse upon the world.
- The red horse had a rider.
- The rider of the red horse was given the power to take peace away from the entire world, so that people would kill one another.
- A great sword was given to the rider of the red horse.
- In the second seal, the entire world was plunged into war.
- Jesus has the power to send peace, and to send war.
- Jesus is the one who controls the world, and the fate of nations.
- The reason the red horse is unleashed upon the world is because Jesus opened the seal. Jesus is the one who unleashed it.



**Revelation 6:5:** "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand."

- Jesus opened the third seal.
- After Jesus opened the third seal, a different beast told John to come and see what had been unleashed upon the world.
- The third seal unleashed a black horse upon the world.
- The rider on the black horse held a pair of balances.

**Revelation 6:6:** "And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

- In the days of the black horse, a measure of wheat sold for a day's wages.
- In the days of the black horse, three measures of barley sold for a day's wages.
- The black horse brought famine upon the world.
- Jesus has the power to send crops, and to take them away. He can bless the world with food or send famine.
- The rider on the black horse told people not to hurt the oil and the wine. (This may mean there was still oil and wine available in a time when food had become scarce.)
- In the early part of the tribulation, there will be a great famine.
- It seems that the world wars of the first part of the

tribulation will lead to a terrible famine.

- The reason the black horse is unleashed upon the world is because Jesus opened the seal. Jesus is the one who unleashed it.

**Revelation 6:7:** "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see."

- Jesus opened the fourth seal.
- After Jesus opened the fourth seal, the last beast told John to come and see what had been unleashed upon the world.

**Revelation 6:8:** "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

- The fourth seal unleashed a pale horse upon the world.
- The name of the rider on the pale horse was Death.
- The pale horse was followed by Hell.
- The rider on the pale horse was given the power to kill a fourth part of the world, and put to death 25% of the people living in the entire world.
- The rider on the pale horse was given the power to kill people with the sword, with hunger, with death, and with wild animals.
- It seems that the events of the first part of the tribulation will lead to the death of 25% of those who are alive in

those days.

- During the first part of the tribulation, people will be killed with the sword.
- During the first part of the tribulation, people will be killed with famine.
- During the first part of the tribulation, people will be killed by wild animals.
- During the tribulation there will be world wars and famine, and a massive number of people will die.
- The reason the pale horse is unleashed upon the world is because Jesus opened the seal. Jesus is the one who unleashed it.

**Revelation 6:9:** "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:"

- Jesus opened the fifth seal.
- When Jesus opened the fifth seal, no beast called out to John. Instead he saw something that was going on in the throne room of God.
- There's an altar in the throne room of God in Heaven.
- John was able to see the souls of the martyrs.
- The souls of the martyrs are in Heaven.
- In Heaven, the souls of the martyrs are under the altar.
- Since the tribulation takes place after the rapture, the souls of the martyrs that John saw must be the souls of people who were saved after the tribulation period.

- There will be people who are saved after the rapture.
- During the first part of the tribulation, there will be people who are killed because of their faith in Jesus.

**Revelation 6:10:** "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

- The souls of the martyrs were able to cry out.
- The souls of the martyrs cried out with a loud voice.
- The Lord is holy.
- The Lord is true.
- The Lord is judge.
- The Lord is the avenger.
- The souls of the martyrs cried out for God to avenge their blood.
- The martyrs want their blood to be avenged.
- The martyrs who are in Heaven are crying out for vengeance. They want God to avenge them.
- The martyrs who are in Heaven are angry that they were murdered, and they want God to punish the wicked.
- The martyrs wanted to know how much longer it would be until God avenged their blood.
- Those who are in Heaven, and who were murdered for the sake of Jesus, want to be avenged. They're not at peace, and they won't be at peace until their blood is avenged.
- The righteous dead, who were murdered, want God to

pour out His wrath upon the world in order to punish the wicked.

- The righteous dead who are in Heaven want God to punish the world.

**Revelation 6:11:** "And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

- White robes were given to every one of the martyrs. (White robes are symbolic of righteousness.)
- The souls of the martyrs were able to wear white robes.
- The souls of the martyrs were told to rest for a season.
- The martyrs were told that their blood would be avenged after more Christians were murdered for their faith.
- Christians will be put to death throughout the tribulation.
- God isn't going to prevent the death of Christians during the tribulation.
- There's going to come a day when God will avenge the blood of the martyrs.
- God is going to avenge the blood of the martyrs after their number has been filled.
- It's the will of God for some people to be martyred.
- The reason so many Christians are martyred for their faith is because Jesus opened the seal. Jesus is the one who unleashed it.

**Revelation 6:12:** "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;"

- Jesus opened the sixth seal.
- When the sixth seal was opened there was a great earthquake.
- When the sixth seal was opened the sun became black.
- When the sixth seal was opened the moon became as blood (it turned red).
- The reason the earthquake and meteors were unleashed upon the world is because Jesus opened the seal. Jesus is the one who unleashed it.

**Revelation 6:13:** "And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

- When the sixth seal was opened, the stars of heaven fell to the earth. (This may be a reference to a meteor shower.)
- The meteor shower of the sixth seal is compared to a fig tree whose figs are blown to the ground by a mighty wind.

**Revelation 6:14:** "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."

- When the sixth seal was opened, the heaven departed as a scroll. (This may mean the stars disappeared from view.)

- When the sixth seal was opened, every mountain was moved out of its place.
- When the sixth seal was opened, every island was moved out of its place.
- In the first part of the tribulation, there will be an earthquake so great that it will move every mountain and every island.

**Revelation 6:15:** "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;"

- When the sixth seal was opened, the kings of the earth hid themselves.
- When the sixth seal was opened, the great men of the earth hid themselves.
- When the sixth seal was opened, the rich men of the earth hid themselves.
- When the sixth seal was opened, the chief captains of the earth hid themselves.
- When the sixth seal was opened, the mighty men of the earth hid themselves.
- When the sixth seal was opened, the bondmen of the earth hid themselves.
- When the sixth seal was opened, the free men of the earth hid themselves.
- In the days of the sixth seal there will be kings.
- In the days of the sixth seal there will be great men.

- In the days of the sixth seal there will be rich men (in spite of the wars, famine, and death).
- In the days of the sixth seal there will be chief captains.
- In the days of the sixth seal there will be mighty men.
- In the days of the sixth seal there will be slaves. Slavery will exist during the tribulation period.
- In the days of the sixth seal there will be free men.
- When the sixth seal is opened, people will hid themselves in the dens and the rocks of the mountains.
- The sixth seal will terrify everyone in the world, from the greatest to the least.

**Revelation 6:16:** "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:"

- When the sixth seal is opened, the people of the world will beg the mountains to fall on them and hide them from God.
- When the sixth seal is opened, the whole world will know and understand that the wrath which had been poured out upon them came from God. They will know it's the wrath of the Lamb (the wrath of Jesus).
- When the sixth seal is opened, there won't be any atheists. Everyone will know that God is on the throne, and that the Lord Jesus is pouring out His wrath upon the world.
- When the sixth seal is opened, people will be terrified of God and will desperately look for a way to hide from Him.



**Revelation 6:17:** "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

- The seven year tribulation period is the day of the wrath of the Lamb. It's not the wrath of the devil or the antichrist.
- The wrath of the Lamb begins at the start of the tribulation (because Jesus is the one who opened the seals).
- When the sixth seal is opened, the whole world will know that they're in the time of the wrath of Jesus.
- When the sixth seal is opened, the whole world will know that no one can withstand the wrath of Jesus.

## Chapter 7

**Revelation 7:1:** "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree."

- Earlier in Revelation there were four beasts. Now there are four angels and four winds.
- After the sixth seal was opened, the apostle John saw four angels.
- The four angels were standing at the four corners of the earth. (This doesn't mean the earth is flat.)
- The earth has four corners.
- After the sixth seal was opened, the four angels held the

four winds of the earth at the four corners of the earth, so that the wind would no longer blow.

- When the four angels held the four winds, the wind didn't blow on the earth.
- When the four angels held the four winds, the wind didn't blow on the sea.
- When the four angels held the four winds, the wind didn't blow on any tree.
- One of the judgments that the Lord Jesus Christ will pour out upon the world during the tribulation is that He will withhold the wind.
- The angels have the ability to stop the wind from blowing.
- The earth has four winds.
- John was clear that he saw the 144,000 sealed after the first six seals were opened.

**Revelation 7:2:** "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,"

- After the four angels held the four winds, the apostle John saw a fifth angel.
- The fifth angel cried out with a loud voice.
- The fifth angel spoke to the four angels who were holding the four winds.
- The four angels who were holding the four winds were given permission to hurt the earth.

- The four angels who were holding the four winds were given permission to hurt the sea.
- The fifth angel ascended from the east.
- The fifth angel had the seal of the living God.
- God is alive.

**Revelation 7:3:** "Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

- The fifth angel told the four angels who were holding the four winds to not hurt the earth until the servants of God had been sealed.
- The fifth angel told the four angels who were holding the four winds to not hurt the sea until the servants of God had been sealed.
- The fifth angel told the four angels who were holding the four winds to not hurt the trees until the servants of God had been sealed.
- The servants of God were to be sealed before any further tribulation judgments took place.
- The servants of God were sealed in their foreheads.
- In the days after the sixth seal there will be servants of God in the world.

**Revelation 7:4:** "And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

- A total of 144,000 people were sealed.

- The 144,000 people who were sealed in their foreheads were sealed from the tribes of Israel. (This means they were Jews).
- The 144,000 are sealed after the sixth seal has been opened. This means they're not sealed at the beginning of the tribulation, but instead at some point after its beginning (depending on how long it takes to open the first six seals).

**Revelation 7:5:** "Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand."

- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Judah.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Reuben.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Gad.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Judah will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Reuben will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Gad will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Judah will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Reuben will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Gad will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.

**Revelation 7:6:** "Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand."

- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Asher.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Nephtalim.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Manasseh.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Asher will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Nephtalim will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Manasseh will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Asher will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Nephtalim will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Manasseh will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.

**Revelation 7:7:** "Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand."

- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Simeon.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Levi.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Issachar.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Simeon will still exist.

- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Levi will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Issachar will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Simeon will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Levi will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Issachar will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.

**Revelation 7:8:** "Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand."

- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Zebulun.
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Joseph (Ephraim).
- 12,000 were sealed from the tribe of Benjamin.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Zebulun will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Benjamin will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Ephraim will still exist.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Zebulun will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Benjamin will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.

- In the time after the sixth seal is opened, the tribe of Ephraim will have at least 12,000 men who are virgins.
- There's no mention of the tribe of Dan. Either no one was chosen from that tribe, or that tribe doesn't exist at this time.

**Revelation 7:9:** "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;"

- After the 144,000 were sealed the apostle John saw a great multitude in Heaven – a multitude so large that no one could number them.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven were from all nations.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven were from all kindreds.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven were from all people.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven were from all tongues.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven stood before the throne.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven stood before the Lamb.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven were clothed in white robes (which is symbolic of righteousness).
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven held palms

in their hands.

- During the tribulation there will be people saved from all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues.
- During the tribulation an enormous multitude will be saved – a number so great that no one can count them.

**Revelation 7:10:** "And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven cried out with a loud voice.
- The great multitude that John saw in Heaven cried out "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb".

**Revelation 7:11:** "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,"

- When the great multitude cried out, all the angels who stood around the throne of God fell before the throne on their faces and worshiped God.
- When the great multitude cried out, all the elders who sat around the throne of God fell before the throne on their faces and worshiped God.
- When the great multitude cried out, the four beasts who were around the throne of God fell before the throne on their faces and worshiped God.
- The throne room of God is a place of worship.



- The great multitude isn't composed of angels.
- The great multitude isn't composed of beasts.
- The great multitude is said to be distinct from the 24 elders. This means the great multitude isn't part of the church.

**Revelation 7:12:** "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

- The angels, elders, and beasts ascribed everlasting blessing to God.
- The angels, elders, and beasts ascribed everlasting glory to God.
- The angels, elders, and beasts ascribed everlasting wisdom to God.
- The angels, elders, and beasts ascribed everlasting honor to God.
- The angels, elders, and beasts ascribed everlasting power to God.
- The angels, elders, and beasts ascribed everlasting might to God.
- The angels, elders, and beasts said that everyone should thank the Lord forever.
- The beings in Heaven seek to give all glory, honor, power, and might to God forever and ever. They seek to glorify Him and not themselves, to give all glory and honor to Him and not to themselves, and to give Him all power and might forever. They're wholly focused on serving God, on submitting to Him, and on honoring Him.

- Those who are saved will give thanks to God forever.

**Revelation 7:13:** "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?"

- One of the elders asked the apostle John who the multitude was that wore white robes, and where it had came from.
- One of the elders asked John a question, even though the elder knew the answer to the question and John didn't.
- One of the elders spoke to John.

**Revelation 7:14:** "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

- When one of the elders asked John a question, John told him that the elder already knew the answer to his question.
- The great multitude was saved during the seven year tribulation.
- It seems that the great multitude was saved by the preaching of the 144,000 witnesses (who were witnesses for Jesus, and for the gospel).
- It seems that the great multitude will preach to every nation, and people, and kindred, and tongue.
- It seems that those who are saved by the 144,000 witnesses will be martyred very soon after they're saved.

- During the tribulation, the church won't do any preaching. Instead God will raise up 144,000 Jews, who He will use to save a staggering multitude (which is more evidence that the church isn't in the world during the tribulation era).
- The great multitude washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (This is an indication of righteousness.)
- It seems that the nations of the tribulation era won't be able to stop the ministry of the 144,000 witnesses before it's complete, and before an enormous multitude is saved.

**Revelation 7:15:** "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them."

- The great multitude is before the throne of God.
- The great multitude will serve God day and night in His temple. (This is similar to the promise that Jesus gave the church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3:12, where He said that "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out". Since it's unlikely that verse means Christians will never leave the throne room of God, the same is true for this promise.)
- The one who sits on the throne (God) will dwell among this great multitude.
- If the great multitude is going to serve God day and night, that opens up the possibility that after the resurrection people will no longer need to sleep (unless this is talking

about people working different shifts.)

- Throughout all the ages of eternity, the great multitude will serve God.
- After the resurrection, people won't be sitting around doing nothing. Instead they'll serve God.

**Revelation 7:16:** "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat."

- The great multitude will never hunger again.
- The great multitude will never thirst again.
- The great multitude will never be burned by the sun again.
- The great multitude will never be burned by the heat again.
- It's possible that after the resurrection, people will no longer be hungry.
- It's possible that after the resurrection, people will no longer be thirsty.
- It's possible that after the resurrection, people will no longer be adversely affected by the sun.
- It's possible that after the resurrection, people will no longer be adversely affected by the heat.

**Revelation 7:17:** "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

- Jesus will feed the great multitude.
- Jesus will lead the great multitude to living waters.
- God will wipe away all tears from the eyes of those who are in the great multitude.
- It's possible that after the resurrection, the reason people will no longer be hungry is because God will feed them.
- It's possible that after the resurrection, the reason people will no longer be thirsty is because God will give them living water.
- It seems that after the resurrection, God will wipe away all of our tears. Sadness and loss won't reign in our lives.

## Chapter 8

**Revelation 8:1:** "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour."

- Jesus is the one who opens the seventh seal.
- The seven seals are opened in order.
- The seventh seal isn't opened until after the 144,000 witnesses have completed their ministry, and an enormous multitude of people have been saved.
- Time passes in Heaven.
- When Jesus opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven for half an hour.

**Revelation 8:2:** "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets."

- After Jesus opened the seventh seal, seven angels were each given a trumpet.
- Revelation is a book of sevens: seven seals, seven angels, seven trumpets, seven churches, seven candlesticks, and seven stars.

**Revelation 8:3:** "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."

- After Jesus opened the seventh seal, an angel (who wasn't given a trumpet) came and stood at the altar.
- The angel who approached the altar had a golden censer.
- The angel with the censer was given a great deal of incense.
- The angel was given incense so he could offer it with the prayers of the saints. (In the Bible, incense is symbolic of prayer.)
- There's an altar in the throne room of Heaven.
- The altar in Heaven is before the throne of God.
- The altar in Heaven is made of gold.
- The prayers of the saints are offered on the altar in Heaven.
- The saints should pray.

**Revelation 8:4:** "And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand."

- When the angel offered the incense upon the altar, the smoke of the incense ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
- The prayers of the saints ascended up before God.

**Revelation 8:5:** "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake."

- After the angel offered the incense, the angel filled the censer with fire from the altar.
- After the angel filled the censer with fire, he cast it into the earth.
- It's possible to cast things from Heaven to the earth.
- When the fire from the altar of Heaven was cast to the earth, it caused voices.
- When the fire from the altar of Heaven was cast to the earth, it caused thunderings.
- When the fire from the altar of Heaven was cast to the earth, it caused lightning.
- When the fire from the altar of Heaven was cast to the earth, it caused an earthquake.
- There's an earthquake that takes place after the seven seals are opened, but before the seven trumpets sound.

**Revelation 8:6:** "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

- The seven trumpets sound after the seven seals are opened. This happens in chronological order.

- The seven trumpets sound after fire from the altar is cast down to earth.
- The reason the seven angels were given trumpets was so they could sound them.
- There are trumpets in Heaven.
- Angels have the ability to play musical instruments.
- Angels have the ability to play trumpets.

**Revelation 8:7:** "The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up."

- When the first angel sounded, hail and fire mingled with blood was cast upon the earth.
- When the first angel sounded, a third of all the trees of the earth were burned up.
- When the first angel sounded, all of the green grass in the world was burned up.
- Since the angels weren't allowed to harm the trees until the 144,000 were sealed, that means the sealing of the 144,000 was done after the sixth seal was opened but before the first trumpet sounds, since the first trumpet burns up one third of the world's trees.
- There are times when God uses hail to punish the world.
- There are times when God rains down fire from the sky in order to punish the world.
- There are times when God burns up trees and grass and plants in order to punish the world.



- God has control of hail.
- There are times when God uses what seems to be weather events to accomplish His purposes, or to send judgment upon the world.

**Revelation 8:8:** "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;"

- When the second angel sounded, a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea. (This seems to be an asteroid impact.)
- The first and second trumpet judgment both involve fire.
- The first trumpet judgment is against the land. The second trumpet judgment is against the sea.
- When the second angel sounded, a third of the sea became blood. (This seems to refer to the ocean that the asteroid falls into.)
- The great asteroid impact which will happen during the tribulation will strike the sea, not the land (which may trigger an enormous tsunami).
- The asteroid impact will poison the ocean.

**Revelation 8:9:** "And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed."

- When the second angel sounded, a third of the creatures in the sea died. (This may refer to the creatures in the ocean that the asteroid struck.)

- When the second angel sounded, a third of the ships of the sea were destroyed. (This may refer to the ships that were in that ocean that the asteroid struck.)
- During the time in the tribulation when the seven angels sound their trumpets, there will be ships in the sea.
- During the time in the tribulation when the seven angels sound their trumpets, there will be life in the ocean.

**Revelation 8:10:** "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;"

- When the third angel sounded, a great star fell from heaven, burning as a lamp. (This seems to be a second asteroid impact.)
- When the third angel sounded, a fiery asteroid fell upon the rivers and the fountain of waters.
- The first asteroid impact is upon the ocean. The second asteroid impact is upon the rivers.
- The second asteroid impact fell upon the third part of the rivers. (This seems to refer to poisoning the water supply of the continent that the asteroid strikes.)
- Both of the asteroid impacts from the trumpet judgments are poisonous.

**Revelation 8:11:** "And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."

- The name of the second asteroid that struck the world during the trumpet judgments was Wormwood.
- The second asteroid impact poisoned a third part of the world's fresh water supply, and turned them to wormwood.
- Because of the second asteroid impact, many people died as a result of a third of the world's fresh water supply becoming bitter and undrinkable.

**Revelation 8:12:** "And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."

- When the fourth angel sounded, a third of the sun was smitten. (This seems to mean that the light coming from the sun was reduced by a third.)
- When the fourth angel sounded, a third of the moon was smitten. (This seems to mean that the light coming from the moon was reduced by a third.)
- When the fourth angel sounded, a third of the stars was smitten. (This seems to mean that the light coming from the stars was reduced by a third.)
- When the fourth angel sounded, the world became darker. Since it became darker, it may have become colder as well, as a result of less light reaching the world.
- When the fourth angel sounded, something happened which reduced the light that was reaching the world. It may have been a cloud of dust that was in the sky that obscured the sun, moon, and stars. (The dust may have

come from the two asteroid impacts.)

- The trumpet judgments have a consistent theme of “one third”. One third of various things was smitten, while two thirds remained.
- God has control over whether asteroids strike this world. He controls when they strike, where they strike, and what damage they do.
- God has control over how much light reaches this world.
- There are times when God punishes the world by changing how much light reaches this world. There are times when God judges this world by sending darkness.

**Revelation 8:13:** "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

- After the fourth angel sounded, a different angel flew through Heaven and announced that the judgments which would be triggered by the remaining three angels would bring great woe to those who lived on the earth.
- There are times when angels fly through Heaven to announce news.
- Some angels can fly.
- The judgments that God will pour out upon the world during the tribulation will bring great woe to those who live on the earth.

# Chapter 9

**Revelation 9:1:** "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit."

- When the fifth angel sounded, the apostle John saw a star fall from heaven to the earth.
- Since a key was given to this star, and stars are symbolic of angels, this seems to be a fallen angel.
- Revelation 12 says that after the rapture, the devil will wage war against Heaven and be cast out. The fifth angel will sound long after that, which means this event happened after all the fallen angels lost their access to Heaven. This may be referring to a demon falling down from the sky, or it may mean that after the war in Heaven one additional angel will fall.
- On the earth there's a bottomless pit.
- The bottomless pit is locked.
- The bottomless pit has a key.
- The bottomless pit can only be opened with the key.
- The key to the bottomless pit is in Heaven.
- The key to the bottomless pit will be given to an angel after the fifth trumpet sounds.

**Revelation 9:2:** "And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit."

- After the fifth angel sounds, a different angel will open the bottomless pit.
- When the bottomless pit is opened, smoke will rise out of the pit.
- When the bottomless pit is opened, its smoke will darken the sun. (This happens after one third of the sunlight is smitten, since that took place when the fourth angel sounded.)
- When the bottomless pit is opened, its smoke will darken the air.
- The bottomless pit is full of smoke.

**Revelation 9:3:** "And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."

- The bottomless pit is full of a creature that's described as a locust. (These locusts appear to be demons, not insects.)
- When the bottomless pit is opened and the world is filled with its smoke, "locusts" will come out of its smoke.
- When the bottomless pit is opened and the "locusts" are released, they will be given power.
- The power that's given to the "locusts" is compared to the power of scorpions.

**Revelation 9:4:** "And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."

- The "locusts" are commanded to not hurt any of the grass. (Since the grass was burned up in a previous judgment, it must have grown back. This means some time must have passed since that previous judgment.)
- The "locusts" are commanded to not hurt any green thing.
- The "locusts" are commanded to not hurt any tree.
- The "locusts" are commanded to only hurt those who don't have the seal of God in their foreheads.
- During the tribulation, there will be some judgments that don't fall upon those who have the seal of God in their foreheads.
- During the tribulation, there will be some people who have the seal of God in their foreheads.
- God has control over the "locusts". They can't go further than what He allows.
- During the days of the fifth trumpet sounding, there will be grass, green things, and trees on the earth.

**Revelation 9:5:** "And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man."

- The "locusts" were forbidden from killing people.
- The "locusts" were only allowed to torment people for five months.
- The torment that the "locusts" inflicted on people is compared to the torment that people experience when a scorpion strikes them.

- Those who were attacked by the "locusts" will be tormented for five months. They will be in great pain but they won't die.

**Revelation 9:6:** "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them."

- In the days of the plague of "locusts", people will seek death but they won't find it. It seems that people will be unable to kill themselves.
- The plague of "locusts" will be so horrific that people will try to kill themselves.
- The plague of "locusts" will be so horrific that people will want to die.
- God won't allow people to die from the plague of "locusts". Instead He will force them to endure five months of pain.
- Those who have the seal of God on their foreheads won't be afflicted by the plague of "locusts".
- God has the power to stop people from dying.
- Sometimes God punishes people by preventing them from dying.
- There are times when God punishes people by bringing great pain into their lives, and then preventing them from getting rid of the pain and forcing them to endure it.

**Revelation 9:7:** "And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of



men."

- The "locusts" (who appear to be demons) look like horses prepared for battle.
- The "locusts" have crowns of gold.
- The "locusts" have faces of men.

**Revelation 9:8:** "And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions."

- The "locusts" have hair like women. (This appears to be a reference to having long hair.)
- The "locusts" have teeth like lions.

**Revelation 9:9:** "And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle."

- The "locusts" have breastplates like iron.
- The "locusts" have wings.
- The sound of the wings of the "locusts" resembles the sound of chariots of many horses.

**Revelation 9:10:** "And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months."

- The "locusts" have tails like scorpions.
- The "locusts" have stingers in their tails.
- The "locusts" have power to hurt people for five months (by stinging them).

**Revelation 9:11:** "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."

- The "locusts" have a king over them. (Since Proverbs says that locusts don't have a king, this shows that they aren't true locusts at all but are some type of demon.)
- The angel who opened the bottomless pit is the king of the "locusts".
- The Hebrew name of the angel who is the king of the locusts is Abaddon.
- The Greek name of the angel who is the king of the locusts is Apollyon.
- Since the angel who opened the bottomless pit is the king of the locusts, and since the locusts are locked away in a bottomless pit full of smoke (and appear to be demons), it seems that this angel is actually a fallen angel, and is a demon.

**Revelation 9:12:** "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter."

- The sounding of the fifth angel is the first woe.
- After the first woe, two more woes will be unleashed. There are a total of three woes.
- In Revelation 8:13 an angel said "woe, woe, woe". It turns out there will literally be three "woe" judgments. The angel wasn't repeating himself, but was talking about three separate woes.

**Revelation 9:13:** "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,"

- When the sixth angel sounded, a voice spoke.
- The voice that spoke came from between the four horns of the altar.
- The golden altar that's before the throne of God has four horns on it.

**Revelation 9:14:** "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates."

- The voice from the altar told the angel who sounded the sixth trumpet to set loose the four angels who were bound in the Euphrates river.
- There are four angels bound in the Euphrates river.
- The Euphrates river will still exist when the sixth angel sounds.
- It's possible to bind angels.

**Revelation 9:15:** "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."

- After the sixth angel sounded, the four angels which were bound in the Euphrates river were loosed. Since these four angels were previously bound, it's very likely they're fallen angels.
- The four bound angels were prepared for a specific hour,

day, month, and year.

- The four bound angels were prepared to kill a third of the human race that's alive at the time the sixth angel sounds.

**Revelation 9:16:** "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them."

- Releasing the four bound angels unleashed an army of 200 million. (This appears to be an army of demons.)

**Revelation 9:17:** "And thus 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 as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone."

- The army of 200 million rode on horses.
- The soldiers in the army of 200 million had breastplates of fire.
- The soldiers in the army of 200 million had breastplates of jacinth.
- The soldiers in the army of 200 million had breastplates of brimstone.
- The heads of the horses looked like the heads of lions.
- The horses breathed fire.
- The horses breathed smoke.
- The horses breathed brimstone.
- The soldiers and the horses appear to be demonic. They

don't seem like actual people or horses at all. That would make this an army of demons, not an army of human soldiers.

- After the sixth angel sounds, God will use a massive army of demons to kill a third of the human race.
- It's possible for demons to kill people.
- There are times when God uses demons to punish people and nations.
- There are times when God uses demons to kill people.

**Revelation 9:18:** "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths."

- The army of 200 million killed a third of the human race.
- The army of 200 million killed a third of the human race with fire from their mouths.
- The army of 200 million killed a third of the human race with smoke from their mouths.
- The army of 200 million killed a third of the human race with brimstone from their mouths.

**Revelation 9:19:** "For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt."

- The army of 200 million had power in their mouth (which breathed smoke, fire, and brimstone).
- The army of 200 million had power in their tails, which were like the tails of scorpions.

**Revelation 9:20:** "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:"

- The people who were still alive at this point didn't repent of their sins.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't stop worshipping devils.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't stop worshipping idols of gold.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't stop worshipping idols of silver.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't stop worshipping idols of brass.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't stop worshipping idols of stone.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't stop worshipping idols of wood.
- At the time the sixth angel sounded, the human race worshiped devils.
- At the time the sixth angel sounded, the human race worshiped idols.
- Idols can't see.
- Idols can't hear.
- Idols can't walk.
- Even though the survivors had lived through terrible

judgments, and even though many people died, they refused to repent of their idolatry.

- By the time the sixth angel sounds, people have stopped repenting of their sins and being saved. At this point people are hardened and will no longer turn from their sins.
- In order to be saved, you must repent of idolatry.

**Revelation 9:21:** "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

- The people who were still alive at this point didn't repent of their murders.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't repent of their sorceries.
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't repent of their fornication (sexual immorality).
- The people who were still alive at this point didn't repent of their thefts.
- In order for murderers to be saved, they must repent. Unrepentant murderers won't be saved.
- In order for sorcerers to be saved, they must repent. Unrepentant sorcerers won't be saved.
- In order for the sexually immoral to be saved, they must repent. Those who are guilty of sexual immorality, but who don't repent of it, won't be saved.
- In order for thieves to be saved, they must repent. Unrepentant thieves won't be saved.

- When the sixth angel sounded, people were murdering one another.
- When the sixth angel sounded, people were engaged in sorcery.
- When the sixth angel sounded, people were engaged in sexual immorality.
- When the sixth angel sounded, people were stealing from one another.

## Chapter 10

**Revelation 10:1:** "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:"

- After the sixth angel sounded, the apostle John saw a mighty angel come down from Heaven.
- The mighty angel was clothed with a cloud.
- It's possible for angels to wear clouds.
- Some angels are mightier than others.
- The mighty angel had a rainbow upon his head.
- It's possible for angels to wear rainbows.
- The face of the mighty angel was like the sun. (This seems to mean it glowed brilliantly.)
- The feet of the mighty angel were like pillars of fire.

**Revelation 10:2:** "And he had in his hand a little book open:



and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,"

- The mighty angel held a little book in his hand.
- There are books in Heaven.
- The mighty angel set his right foot upon the sea.
- The mighty angel set his left foot upon the earth.

**Revelation 10:3:** "And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices."

- The voice of the mighty angel was like that of a lion.
- When the mighty angel cried out, the seven thunders spoke.
- The seven thunders spoke after the sixth seal sounded.

**Revelation 10:4:** "And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."

- The apostle John heard the things that were said by the seven thunders.
- The apostle John wasn't allowed to reveal what the seven thunders said.
- We're allowed to know that the seven thunders exist and when they'll speak, but we're not allowed to know what they said. That part has been sealed.
- There are some things God reveals to us, and there are other things He keeps sealed.

**Revelation 10:5:** "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,"

- The mighty angel stood upon the sea and upon the earth at the same time. (It's possible the mighty angel is very tall.)
- After the seven thunders spoke, the mighty angel lifted up his hand to Heaven.

**Revelation 10:6:** "And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:"

- God lives forever and ever.
- God created Heaven.
- God created the things that are in Heaven.
- God created the earth.
- God created the things that are in the earth.
- God created the sea.
- God created the things that are in the sea.
- There are creatures in Heaven.
- There are creatures on earth.
- There are creatures in the sea.

**Revelation 10:7:** "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the

prophets."

- After the sixth angel sounded, the mighty angel said that when the seventh angel begins to sound, the mystery of God that He declared to His prophets will be finished.
- The mystery of God will continue until the seventh angel begins to sound.
- God revealed a mystery to the prophets.
- The mystery that God revealed to the prophets will be completed when the seventh angel begins to sound.
- The prophets are the servants of God.
- The moment when the seventh angel begins to sound is a major prophetic turning point.

**Revelation 10:8:** "And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth."

- A voice from Heaven commanded the apostle John to take the little book out of the hand of the mighty angel.
- The little book that the mighty angel was holding was open.

**Revelation 10:9:** "And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey."

- The apostle John asked the mighty angel to give him the little book.

- The mighty angel told the apostle John to take the little book.
- The mighty angel told the apostle John to eat the little book.
- The mighty angel told John that when the little book was in his mouth, it would taste as sweet as honey.
- The mighty angel told John that when the little book was in his stomach, it would be bitter.
- The apostle John was commanded to eat a book.

**Revelation 10:10:** "And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter."

- The apostle John took the little book out of the angel's hand.
- The apostle John ate the little book.
- When John was eating the book, it tasted sweet.
- As soon as John had eaten the book, it was bitter in his stomach.

**Revelation 10:11:** "And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

- The mighty angel told John that he must prophesy again before many peoples.
- The mighty angel told John that he must prophesy again before many nations.

- The mighty angel told John that he must prophesy again before many tongues.
- The mighty angel told John that he must prophesy again before many kings.
- The little book was a book of prophecy.
- John needed to give the prophecy which was in the little book (that he ate) to many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.
- God wants many peoples to hear the prophecy of Revelation.
- God wants many nations to hear the prophecy of Revelation.
- God wants the book of Revelation to be translated into many languages.
- God wants the kings of the world to hear the prophecy of Revelation.
- God doesn't consider prophecy to be a distraction, or something that shouldn't be studied. Instead it's something He wants us to take very seriously, and to spread all over the world, and to tell the kings of the world.

## Chapter 11

**Revelation 11:1:** "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein."

- The apostle John was given a reed that was like a rod.

- An angel told John to rise up and measure the temple of God.
- An angel told John to rise up and measure the altar.
- An angel told John to rise up and measure those who worshiped in the temple.
- During the tribulation period, a temple of God (the third temple) will exist in Jerusalem.
- The temple of God which will exist in those days will have an altar.
- The temple of God which will exist in those days will have worshipers.
- One day the third temple will be built.

**Revelation 11:2:** "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months."

- The apostle John was told not to measure the outer court of the temple.
- The reason John wasn't to measure the outer court was because it was given to the Gentiles.
- The third temple will be located in Jerusalem.
- During the tribulation, the Gentiles will oppress and have control over Jerusalem for 42 months (3.5 years). (This seems to correspond to the second half of the tribulation.)

**Revelation 11:3:** "And I will give power unto my two

witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

- During the tribulation, God will give power unto His two witnesses.
- God's two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days (which is 42 months, or 3.5 years).
- The two witnesses will prophesy (which means they will be prophets).
- The two witnesses will be from God.
- The two witnesses will wear sackcloth.
- The two witnesses will have power from God.
- During the tribulation period, two prophets will prophesy for 3.5 years. This means there will be prophets during that time period.
- God isn't going to use the church in any way during the tribulation period. Instead He will use the 144,000 sealed Jews, and the two witnesses. This is more evidence that the church won't be in the world during that time.

**Revelation 11:4:** "These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."

- The two witnesses are compared to two olive trees.
- The two witnesses are compared to two candlesticks.
- The two witnesses are said to stand before God.
- God is the God of the earth.

**Revelation 11:5:** "And if any man will hurt them, fire

proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed."

- If anyone tries to hurt the two witnesses, fire will proceed out of the mouth of the two witnesses and will devour them.
- The two witnesses will be able to breathe fire.
- The two witnesses will use fire to devour their enemies.
- It won't be possible to hurt the two witnesses.
- All those who try to hurt the two witnesses must be devoured by fire. No one who tries to hurt them will be allowed to escape.

**Revelation 11:6:** "These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will."

- The two witnesses will have the power to stop rain from falling and send a drought.
- The two witnesses will have the power to turn water to blood.
- The two witnesses will have the power to smite the earth with "all plagues".
- The two witnesses will be able to use their power as often as they wish.

**Revelation 11:7:** "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and



kill them."

- Once the two witnesses have finished their testimony, the beast will overcome them and kill them.
- The two witnesses will testify for 3.5 years and will then be killed.
- The two witnesses will be killed by the beast.
- The beast who kills the two witnesses will ascend out of the bottomless pit.
- The beast is currently trapped in the bottomless pit.
- The beast will make war against the two witnesses.
- The beast will overcome the two witnesses.
- The beast can't make war against the two witnesses as long as he's trapped in the bottomless pit. His war against them seems to begin after the bottomless pit has been opened (which happens when the fifth angel sounds his trumpet).
- God will allow the beast to kill the two witnesses.
- God won't protect the two witnesses from the beast.
- God won't allow the two witnesses to die before they've finished their testimony.
- It seems that the 42 months when the two witnesses prophecy take place before the bottomless pit is opened.
- God is the one who gives the key to unlock the bottomless pit. This means God is the one who releases the beast who kills the two witnesses.

**Revelation 11:8:** "And their dead bodies shall lie in the street

of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

- The dead bodies of the two witnesses will lie in the streets of Jerusalem.
- Jerusalem is called a great city.
- Jerusalem is spiritually called Sodom.
- Jerusalem is spiritually called Egypt.
- During the tribulation, Jerusalem is an exceedingly wicked city.
- Jerusalem is where Jesus was crucified.
- Jesus was crucified.
- The dead bodies of the two witnesses won't be buried. (This will allow the whole world to witness their resurrection.)
- The two witnesses will do their work in Jerusalem.
- The rise of the beast who kills the two witnesses seems to be connected to the time the Gentiles have control over Jerusalem. It seems that the Gentiles don't have control over Jerusalem while the two witnesses are giving their testimony.

**Revelation 11:9:** "And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves."

- The people of the world won't allow the dead bodies of the two witnesses to be buried.
- The people of the world will see the dead bodies of the

two witnesses for three and a half days.

- People from all over the whole world, from different nations and tongues, will see the dead bodies of the two witnesses.

**Revelation 11:10:** "And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth."

- Those who dwell upon the earth will rejoice because the two witnesses are dead.
- Those who dwell upon the earth will make merry because the two witnesses are dead.
- Those who dwell upon the earth will send gifts to one another because the two witnesses are dead.
- Those who dwell upon the earth hated the two witnesses. (This is strong evidence that the people of the earth didn't repent, even though they saw the testimony of the two witnesses and knew their power was real).
- The two witnesses are called two prophets.
- The two witnesses tormented the people who dwelt upon the earth (and yet those people didn't repent).

**Revelation 11:11:** "And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them."

- After three and a half days, God resurrected the two witnesses.

- The two witnesses were resurrected when the spirit of life from God entered into their bodies.
- After three and a half days, the two witnesses stood upon their feet.
- Those who saw the two witnesses stand up were filled with great fear.

**Revelation 11:12:** "And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

- A great voice from Heaven commanded the two witnesses to come up to Heaven.
- The two witnesses ascended up to Heaven in a cloud.
- The enemies of the two witnesses saw their resurrection and saw them ascend into Heaven.

**Revelation 11:13:** "And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven."

- The same hour that the two witnesses ascended into Heaven, there was a great earthquake.
- The great earthquake caused a tenth of Jerusalem to be destroyed.
- The great earthquake killed 7000 people in Jerusalem.
- Those who survived the earthquake were frightened.
- Those who survived the earthquake gave glory to God.

**Revelation 11:14:** "The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly."

- The death and resurrection of the two witnesses takes place after the sixth trumpet sounds, as a part of the second woe.
- The third woe comes quickly after the second woe.
- It seems that the seals are opened during the 42 months when the two witnesses give their testimony.
- The seventh trumpet doesn't sound until after the two witnesses have been ascended into Heaven.
- The events of Revelation up to this point take place in the first part of the tribulation.

**Revelation 11:15:** "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

- After the two witnesses have ascended into Heaven, the seventh angel sounds.
- When the seventh angel sounded, great voices spoke in Heaven.
- When the seventh angel sounds, the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of God and His Christ.
- God and His Christ will reign forever and ever.
- The kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of God when the seventh angel sounds. This happens *before* Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation period.

**Revelation 11:16:** "And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,"

- When the 24 elders heard the great voices, they fell upon their faces.
- When the 24 elders heard the great voices, they worshiped God.
- The 24 elders sit before God on their seats. (Their seats aren't called thrones.)

**Revelation 11:17:** "Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned."

- The 24 elders gave thanks to God.
- God is almighty.
- God has always existed.
- God exists now.
- God will always exist.
- The 24 elders gave thanks to God because He had taken His great power.
- The 24 elders gave thanks to God because He has reigned.
- The 24 elders were thankful that God had taken control over the kingdoms of the world, and would reign forever.

**Revelation 11:18:** "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants

the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

- When the seventh angel sounded, the nations were angry.
- There will be many that don't repent at the testimony of the two witnesses.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time for the dead to be judged.
- The tribulation is the time of the wrath of God.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time to reward the prophets.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time to reward the saints.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time to reward those who feared God's name.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time to reward those who were small.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time to reward those who were great.
- When the seventh angel sounded, it was time to destroy those who destroyed the earth.
- One day the dead will be judged.
- One day God will reward the prophets.
- The prophets are the servants of God.
- One day God will reward the saints.
- One day God will reward those who fear Him.

- One day God will reward those who are small (meaning those who are *not* great).
- One day God will reward those who *are* great.
- There are some who are small, and there are some who are great. Everyone isn't the same.
- One day God will destroy those who destroy the earth.
- The sounding of the seventh trumpet is a major turning point.

**Revelation 11:19:** "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

- When the seventh angel sounded, the temple of God was opened in Heaven.
- There's a temple of God in Heaven.
- The Ark of the Covenant is located in Heaven.
- The Ark of the Covenant is located in the temple of God in Heaven.
- When the seventh angel sounded, there was lightning.
- When the seventh angel sounded, there were voices.
- When the seventh angel sounded, there were thunderings.
- When the seventh angel sounded, there was an earthquake.
- When the seventh angel sounded, there was great hail.



# Chapter 12

**Revelation 12:1:** "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

- A great wonder appeared in heaven.
- The sign that appeared in the heavens wasn't just a wonder. It was a "great wonder" (the *only* "great wonder" in the Bible).
- Since the wonder (sign) is composed of the sun, moon, and stars, the "heaven" in which this wonder appeared is the sky (not the abode of God).
- The great wonder is composed of a woman who's clothed with the sun, who has the moon under her feet, who has a crown of twelve stars on her head, and who has reached the end of a term of pregnancy and is about to give birth.
- The great wonder is a constellation of stars in the form of a woman, which intersects with the path of the sun. The sign comes to pass when the sun is in the constellation, when the moon is at the feet of the woman, when there are 12 stars above her head (meaning the constellation above her has 12 stars in it), and when she has been "pregnant" (with something inside her) for 9 months.
- The great wonder is composed of the sun, moon, and stars.
- God uses the sun, moon, and stars as signs.
- This passage doesn't say this happened after the seventh trumpet was blown. Instead we seem to have reached a different section of Revelation that's talking about

something else.

- The great wonder appears before the dragon appears.

**Revelation 12:2:** "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

- The constellation of the woman is said to be ready to be delivered. This means there was something inside the constellation for 9 months, and that time is about to end. Since stars can't move in relation to one another, the pregnancy must be a "wandering star" (a planet) that's inside the constellation of the woman for 9 months.
- The woman seems to be a reflection of two things. There's the sign in the sky, but there's also the actual woman on earth who delivers a child that's caught up to Heaven (where God dwells). That means the woman is both a constellation in the sky, and the nation of Israel.
- At some point after the great wonder appears in the sky, the nation of Israel will cry out in terrible pain (which is compared to the pain of childbirth).
- Something very bad will happen to Israel in the days after the great wonder appears in the sky.

**Revelation 12:3:** "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

- After the great wonder appeared in the sky, a different wonder also appeared in the sky.
- This second wonder isn't called a "great wonder".
- This second wonder appeared in the sky, just like the

great wonder.

- The second wonder is the appearance of a great red dragon (which this chapter later identifies as the devil).
- At some point after the sign of the woman (the "great wonder") appears in the sky, the devil will appear as well. He will come to this world in person in a highly visible way.
- When the dragon comes, he will have seven heads and ten horns. (Other passages in the Bible identifies these things as being symbolic of demons.)
- When the devil appears in the sky, he won't be alone. Instead he'll be coming to invade this world with other fallen angels.
- When the devil invades this world with other fallen angels, he will be visible. Since he's a sign in the sky, the whole world will be able to see this.
- The ten kings who will rule over the world in the end times are brought to this world by the devil, and enter this world at this time. That means they're actually demons, and aren't human beings at all.
- The devil will enter into this world after the woman (Israel) cries out in terrible pain. The pain of Israel will be the sign to the dragon that it's time for him to invade this world.
- The devil is waiting for the woman (Israel) to be in pain. That's when he will invade.

**Revelation 12:4:** "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for

to devour her child as soon as it was born."

- The tail of the dragon will cast a third of the stars of heaven to the earth.
- The devil won't invade this world alone. He'll bring his entire army of demons with him.
- When the devil invades, both him and his entire army of demons will be visible in the sky. The whole world will be able to witness this invasion.
- Of all the angels that God created, one third fell and became fallen angels (demons). Two thirds remained faithful to God.
- When the devil comes, he will stand by the woman (Israel) so he can devour her child (the church) as soon as it's born (resurrected).
- When the devil comes, it seems that he's going to invade Israel. That's where the demons are going to go.
- The child of the woman is the church. The birth of the child is a reference to the moment when the church will be resurrected and transformed.
- The devil intends to attack the resurrected church the moment after Christ has resurrected and transformed us. He's coming to attack the church *after* it's resurrected, not before.
- The target of this invasion isn't the woman (Israel) but the church.
- The pain of the woman is a sign that the time of the rapture has come. The devil will invade this world so he can be here right before the rapture happens, and can attack the church right after the resurrection takes place.

- The devil will invade this world right before the rapture happens. His invasion (which will be visible to everyone all over the world) will be the final sign that the time of the rapture has come.

**Revelation 12:5:** "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."

- After the devil invades this world in a highly visible way with his army of demons, and after he's reached Israel with that army, the church will be resurrected and transformed. The rapture won't happen until *after* the devil has arrived.
- The church will one day rule over all nations with a rod of iron (which is exactly what Jesus promised earlier in the book of Revelation).
- The goal of the devil is to destroy the church so that it can never rule over all nations.
- The devil will fail in his attempt to attack the church after the resurrection. This is because Jesus will immediately remove us from this world.
- The reason the rapture will take place, and we will instantly be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the air and then removed from this world, is to keep us safe from the attack of the devil. We will be quickly removed from this world so the devil can't attack us (as he intended to do).
- The rapture will remove us from this world and take us straight to the throne room of God.
- The church will be raptured, but the woman (Israel)

won't.

- Since the rapture takes place before the tribulation, that means the events of this chapter take place before the events of chapter 4 (because in chapter 4 the church is already in Heaven).
- The rapture can't be "imminent". There's a sequence of events that *must* take place before the rapture can happen.
- It's possible to know when the rapture will happen by watching for the signs: the sign of the woman, followed by the sign of the dragon.
- There's no reason for the rapture to take the church by surprise. When the devil invades this world in a highly visible way, that's the sign that the rapture is imminent and about to take place.
- Those who are watching for these signs will be able to know when the hour of the Lord's return has come.
- The "alien invasion" (which is actually an invasion of demons) doesn't happen after the rapture. Instead it happens before the rapture.

**Revelation 12:6:** "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

- After the rapture takes place, Israel will flee into the wilderness.
- God will prepare a place in the wilderness to keep Israel safe.
- Israel will be hidden and fed in the wilderness for 1260

days (which is 3.5 years).

- The time that Israel will be hidden in the wilderness doesn't appear to be connected to the tribulation. Instead it happens after the rapture (and after the war in Heaven is over), but before the tribulation begins.

**Revelation 12:7:** "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"

- After Jesus raptures the church and brings us to the throne room of God, the devil will invade Heaven with his army of fallen angels.
- When the church disappears from the world, the devil is going to follow the church to Heaven. He's still going to try to attack the church even though it's not on earth anymore.
- The reason the war in Heaven will happen is because the devil is trying to attack the church (to eliminate the church before it can rule over the world with a rod of iron).
- The trigger for the war in Heaven is the rapture.
- Michael and his angels will fight against the devil.
- Michael seems to be the commanding general in this war in Heaven.
- One day a war will be fought in Heaven.
- The war which will be fought in Heaven will be between God's angels and fallen angels. The church won't get involved.
- The devil will personally fight in this war.

- The devil's fallen angels will fight in this war.
- Jesus won't be fighting against the devil. Instead Michael will be fighting against him.

**Revelation 12:8:** "And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."

- The devil and his fallen angels will lose the war. They won't be successful.
- The devil and his fallen angels will lose their place in Heaven. When they lose this war they will lose their access to Heaven as well.
- Up until this point, the devil had access to Heaven. After this point, the devil loses his access and can't return.

**Revelation 12:9:** "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

- The dragon is the devil.
- The old serpent is the devil.
- The devil is Satan.
- The devil deceives the whole world.
- The devil is a deceiver.
- After the devil loses the war in Heaven, he will be cast out into the earth.
- After the devil loses the war in Heaven, his fallen angels will be cast out into the earth.



- The devil and his fallen angels will lose their access to Heaven after the rapture.

**Revelation 12:10:** "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

- After the devil and his fallen angels were cast out of Heaven, a loud voice spoke.
- The voice said that salvation had come.
- The voice said that strength had come.
- The voice said that the kingdom of God had come.
- The voice said that the power of Jesus had come.
- The reason that salvation and strength and the kingdom and power had come was because the accuser of the brethren had been cast down.
- Up to this point, the devil had been accusing the church before God day and night.
- After the rapture, the devil will never again be able to accuse the church before God.
- The next major defeat of the devil (after the crucifixion) will be in the war in Heaven, which takes place immediately after the rapture. That's when the devil will be cast out of Heaven forever and no longer able to accuse the church.
- The devil is the accuser of the church.
- The devil won't always be able to accuse the church.

**Revelation 12:11:** "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

- The church overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb.
- In order to overcome the devil, we need the blood of the Lamb (the blood of Jesus).
- It takes the blood of Jesus to overcome the devil.
- The church overcame the devil by the word of their testimony.
- The testimony of the church matters.
- The church overcame the devil because they didn't love their lives. They overcome him because they were willing to die for Jesus (and in many cases they *did* die for Jesus).
- Those who love their lives more than Jesus won't be able to overcome the devil.
- In order to overcome the devil, we need to love Jesus more than our lives.

**Revelation 12:12:** "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

- Those who dwell in Heaven are told to rejoice because the devil has been cast out.
- There are those who dwell in Heaven.
- Those who inhabit the earth are told that woe has come upon them, because the devil has been cast out of

Heaven and cast down to the earth.

- Those who inhabit the sea are told that woe has come upon them, because the devil has been cast out of Heaven and cast down to the earth.
- The reason there's woe upon those who inhabit the earth and the sea is because the devil has been cast out, and has great wrath, and knows that he only has a short time.
- When the devil is cast out, he will be greatly angry.
- When the devil is cast out, he will know that he only has a short time left.

**Revelation 12:13:** "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child."

- When the devil is cast out of Heaven and down to the earth, he will persecute the woman (Israel).
- The devil won't be able to persecute the church after he is cast out because the church will be out of his reach in Heaven.
- At this point, the church is gone from the world. It's no longer around.
- At this point, Israel is still in the world. Israel wasn't included in the rapture.

**Revelation 12:14:** "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

- Israel doesn't flee into the wilderness until after the war in Heaven is over and the devil has been cast out.
- The reason Israel will flee into the wilderness is because the devil will be cast down to the earth and will persecute her. This means Israel is fleeing into the wilderness in order to escape the devil's wrath.
- When the devil persecutes Israel, the nation will be given wings and will fly into the wilderness to the place God has prepared for her.
- Israel will remain in the wilderness and will be nourished for 3.5 years.

**Revelation 12:15:** "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."

- When Israel has reached her hiding place in the wilderness, the devil won't be able to reach her.
- Since the devil won't be able to reach Israel, he will unleash a flood to drown her.

**Revelation 12:16:** "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

- When the devil unleashes a flood to drown Israel, the earth will open its mouth and swallow up the flood waters.
- God will miraculously protect Israel from the flood waters that the devil will unleash.
- The devil won't be able to drown Israel with the flood.

**Revelation 12:17:** "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

- The devil was angry with the woman (Israel), but was unable to reach her.
- Since the devil couldn't destroy Israel, he will instead wage war against the remnant of her seed (those who became Christians after the rapture).
- When these events take place, and the devil has been cast out after losing the war in Heaven, there will be Christians in the world again. This means there are people who will be saved after the rapture.
- Christians are called the seed of the woman (Israel). (This doesn't mean they're Jews.)
- Christians are those who keep the commandments of God.
- Christians are those who keep the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- The devil hates Christians.
- In the days after the rapture, the devil will wage war against Christians.

## Chapter 13

**Revelation 13:1:** "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the

name of blasphemy."

- In this part of the vision, John stood upon the sand of the sea. (In other words, he was on a beach.)
- John saw a beast rise up out of the sea.
- When the apostle John saw this part of the vision, he seems to have been on earth watching it happen instead of in Heaven.
- This chapter doesn't tell us when the beast rose out of the sea. This is a different vision from what was seen in chapter 12, and there's no mention of seals or trumpets.
- The beast that will rise in the end times will come out of the sea. (In the Bible, the sea is symbolic of Gentile nations.)
- The beast had seven heads and ten horns (just like the dragon from chapter 12, which also had seven heads and ten horns).
- The ten horns had ten crowns (a crown on each horn). (This symbolizes the 10 kings who will rule in the end times. The 10 kings are 10 demons, since the devil brings them with him when he comes before the rapture to attack the church.)
- The seven heads had the name of blasphemy written upon them. (This book is full of names that are written on things.)
- The beast that rises up out of the sea (the Gentile nations) is demonic and blasphemous.
- The beast that rises up out of the sea seems to be a kingdom of some type.

**Revelation 13:2:** "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

- The beast that rose out of the sea looked like a leopard (like the four great beasts of Daniel 7).
- The beast that rose out of the sea had the feet of a bear (like the four great beasts of Daniel 7).
- The beast that rose out of the sea had the mouth of a lion (like the four great beasts of Daniel 7).
- The beast that rose out of the sea seems to be a combination of the four great beasts that are found in Daniel 7.
- The dragon (the devil) gave his power to the beast.
- The dragon (the devil) gave his seat to the beast.
- The dragon (the devil) gave his authority to the beast.
- The demonic beast that rises up in the end times (which seems to be a kingdom, not an individual) will have the power of the devil.

**Revelation 13:3:** "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

- One of the heads of the beast (one of the kings) received a fatal wound and died. (This seems to be a reference to the antichrist dying.)
- The head of the beast that received the fatal wound and died came back to life. (This seems to be a reference to the antichrist coming back to life.)

- When the head (one of the kings) came back to life, the whole world was amazed and wondered at the beast.

**Revelation 13:4:** "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

- After the resurrection of the head (the king), the people of the world worshiped the devil.
- After the resurrection of the head (the king), the people of the world worshiped the beast (which is the kingdom of the devil).
- After the resurrection of the head (the king), the people of the world believed that it was impossible to fight against the beast (the kingdom of the devil).

**Revelation 13:5:** "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given a mouth that spoke great things.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given a mouth that spoke blasphemies.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given power to continue for 42 months (3.5 years). (This seems to correspond to the second half of the tribulation.)
- It seems that the resurrection of the antichrist happens halfway through the tribulation.
- It seems that the antichrist doesn't begin his reign until



halfway through the tribulation (although he's one of the kings of the beast kingdom before that time).

- It seems that the worship of the devil and the beast begins in the second half of the tribulation.
- The time of the antichrist is limited to 42 months.

**Revelation 13:6:** "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) blasphemed God.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) blasphemed the name of God.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) blasphemed the tabernacle of God.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) blasphemed those who dwell in Heaven. (This could be the angels, or the resurrected church, or both.)

**Revelation 13:7:** "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given the power to make war with the saints.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given the power to overcome the saints.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given power over all kindreds.

- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given power over all tongues.
- The head that was resurrected (the antichrist) was given power over all nations.
- After the antichrist is resurrected, he will be able to make war with the saints and overcome them.
- God isn't going to protect the tribulation saints from the antichrist.
- After the antichrist is resurrected, he will have power over all nations for 42 months (which is until the Lord Jesus Christ returns at the end of the tribulation).
- When the antichrist is resurrected, there will be saints in the world. Although many Christians are martyred before this time, it seems there will still be some left (otherwise the antichrist would have no one to wage war against).
- The antichrist is given power over all nations. That's why he can do the things that he does.
- The antichrist is only given power over all nations for a limited time.

**Revelation 13:8:** "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

- Everyone in the world whose names aren't written in the book of life will worship the antichrist.
- The book of life is the book of life of the Lamb.
- The book of life is a real thing.
- The book of life has names written in it.

- The names of those who are in the book of life are those who've truly been saved. They're the names of all genuine Christians, and are those whom the Lord Jesus Christ has decided to save.
- Those who are truly saved (the genuine Christians) won't worship the antichrist.
- Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world. (This means the decision for Jesus to come and die for the sins of His people was made when He created the world.)
- The decision for Jesus to come and die wasn't made after the fall in the Garden of Eden. Instead it was made before mankind was even created.
- The fall of man didn't catch God by surprise. The fact that it would happen was known from the foundation of the world.
- In the tribulation era, it will be easy to tell the difference between genuine Christians and everyone else. All those who don't worship the antichrist are genuine Christians.

**Revelation 13:9:** "If any man have an ear, let him hear."

- The apostle John wants Christians to pay attention to what's written in this chapter.
- The apostle John wants Christians to pay attention to what's written in this book.
- Christians need to pay attention to the book of Revelation. It's important.
- Christians need to pay attention to end times prophecy. It's important.
- The study of end times prophecy isn't a distraction. It's

important. God wants us to hear it and know it.

**Revelation 13:10:** "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

- He who leads people into captivity will go into captivity. (Those who fight for the antichrist and take people captive will be punished by being taken into captivity themselves.)
- He who kills people with the sword will be killed by the sword. (Those who fight for the antichrist and kill in his name will be punished by being killed themselves.)
- God will give the antichrist power over the saints, and the world will worship him and serve him. However, after 42 months are ended God will kill both the antichrist and all those who worshiped him.
- The patience and faith of the saints is knowing that although they'll be killed, God will kill those who slaughtered them.
- During the tribulation period, the saints will have to have patience and faith because God has given the antichrist the power to wage war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

**Revelation 13:11:** "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

- The first beast (kingdom) came out of the sea (the Gentile nations) and had 10 horns (10 kings). The second beast (kingdom) came out of the earth and had two horns.

- The second beast is compared to a lamb.
- The second beast spoke like a dragon (the devil).
- The second beast rises up after the first beast.

**Revelation 13:12:** "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

- The second beast (kingdom) will exercise all the power of the first beast (kingdom).
- The second beast (kingdom) will force everyone in the world to worship the resurrected antichrist.
- The second beast will arise after the antichrist is resurrected.
- The second beast is the one who will cause people to worship the antichrist. (This being seems to be the false prophet.)
- The focus in the second half of the tribulation will be getting people to worship the antichrist.
- There's no talk of worshipping the antichrist until after he's resurrected.

**Revelation 13:13:** "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,"

- The false prophet will do great wonders.
- The false prophet will make fire come down from heaven.

- The miracles done by the false prophet seem to be a poor copy of the miracles that were done by the two witnesses (who seem to have ascended into Heaven before the antichrist is resurrected).

**Revelation 13:14:** "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; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

- The false prophet will do miracles in order to deceive people into worshiping the antichrist.
- The antichrist's deadly wound was inflicted by a sword.
- The false prophet used his miracles to convince people to make an image of the beast (an idol for people to worship).
- The image of the beast was made by the people of the world.
- The reason the people of the world will make the image of the beast is because the false prophet will tell them to.

**Revelation 13:15:** "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

- The false prophet will be able to give life to the idol of the antichrist.
- The idol of the antichrist will be able to speak.
- The idol of the antichrist will be able to kill those who

don't worship it.

- In the second half of the tribulation, the world will be commanded to worship the idol of the antichrist.
- In the second half of the tribulation, those who don't worship the idol of the antichrist will be killed.

**Revelation 13:16:** "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:"

- The false prophet will force everyone to receive the mark of the beast.
- The mark of the beast won't appear in the world until after the antichrist has been resurrected.
- The mark of the beast won't appear in the world until the second half of the tribulation.
- All people, both small and great, will be forced to get the mark.
- All people, both rich and poor, will be forced to get the mark.
- All people, both free and slave, will be forced to get the mark.
- The only people who won't get the mark are those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- People will either get the mark in their right hand or in their foreheads.

**Revelation 13:17:** "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."

- No one was allowed to buy anything unless they had the mark of the beast.
- No one was allowed to sell anything unless they had the mark of the beast.
- In order to participate in economic activity in the second half of the tribulation, people had to have either the mark of the beast (the antichrist), or the name of the beast (the antichrist), or the number of his name.
- The mark of the beast will come in three different varieties. It will be a mark, or a name, or a number.
- In the second half of the tribulation, Christians will be excluded from economic activity. They won't be allowed to buy or sell anything.

**Revelation 13:18:** "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 Six hundred threescore and six."

- The beast is a man (the antichrist).
- The number of the antichrist is 666. (In ancient times letters also had a numeric value. When the numeric value of the letters of his name are added together, the total is 666.)
- God wants us to pay attention to the number of the beast (the antichrist), because this will identify him.



# Chapter 14

**Revelation 14:1:** "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

- The apostle John saw the Lamb (the Lord Jesus) on mount Zion.
- Jesus had with him the 144,000 witnesses.
- The 144,000 witnesses had the name of the Father written in their foreheads. (This is a contrast to the mark of the beast, which is the name of the antichrist.)
- This passage takes place after the 144,000 finished their testimony and were killed.
- After the 144,000 have finished their work during the tribulation, all of them will be killed.

**Revelation 14:2:** "And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:"

- The apostle John heard a voice from Heaven.
- The voice sounded like many waters.
- The voice sounded like great thunder.
- The apostle John heard the voice of harpers.
- The apostle John heard people playing harps.
- In Heaven there are harps.
- In Heaven there are people who play harps.

**Revelation 14:3:** "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth."

- The 144,000 sung a new song.
- The 144,000 were before the throne of God. This means they were killed during the tribulation.
- The 144,000 sung a new song before the four beasts and the elders.
- The 144,000 are a distinct group. They're not part of the church (which is represented by the elders).
- Only the 144,000 could learn this song and sing it.
- The 144,000 were redeemed from the earth.
- There's singing in the throne room of God.

**Revelation 14:4:** "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."

- The 144,000 didn't defile themselves with women. They didn't commit sexual immorality.
- The 144,000 are virgins.
- The 144,000 follow the Lamb (the Lord Jesus) wherever He goes.
- The 144,000 were redeemed from among men.
- The 144,000 are the firstfruits to God.

- The 144,000 are the firstfruits to the Lamb.
- It seems that the 144,000 are the first Jews to be saved during the tribulation period. They're the firstfruits (not of the Gentiles, but of the Jews).

**Revelation 14:5:** "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

- The 144,000 were without guile.
- The 144,000 were without fault.
- Even though the 144,000 were without guile or fault, and didn't defile themselves and were faithful, God still allowed them to be killed. He didn't protect them.

**Revelation 14:6:** "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"

- After the 144,000 are killed, an angel will fly through the skies of earth.
- After the 144,000 are killed, an angel will fly through all the world and preach the everlasting gospel.
- At no point during the tribulation does the church ever show up and do anything.
- During the tribulation, the gospel is spread by the 144,000 witnesses and by an angel. It's not spread by the church (which is strong evidence that the church isn't in the world at that time).
- The gospel is everlasting.

- During the second half of the tribulation, an angel will be used to preach the gospel.
- Some angels can fly.
- During the second half of the tribulation, an angel will preach the gospel to every nation.
- During the second half of the tribulation, an angel will preach the gospel to every kindred.
- During the second half of the tribulation, an angel will preach the gospel to every tongue.
- During the second half of the tribulation, an angel will preach the gospel to every people.
- During the second half of the tribulation, everyone in the world will hear the gospel. This is because an angel will fly through the sky and preach it.
- The death of the 144,000 witnesses won't stop the spread of the gospel. This is because once they're gone, God will send an angel to preach it.

**Revelation 14:7:** "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

- The angel who preached the gospel cried out with a loud voice.
- The angel commanded people to fear God.
- People ought to fear God.
- The angel commanded people to give glory to God.
- People ought to give glory to God.

- The angel cried out that the hour of God's judgment has come.
- The angel commanded people to worship God.
- People ought to worship God.
- God made Heaven.
- God made the earth.
- God made the sea.
- God made the fountains of waters.
- In the first half of the tribulation, the 144,000 will spread the gospel to everyone. In the second half of the tribulation, an angel will spread the gospel to everyone. This means that during both halves of the tribulation, the gospel will be spread over all the world.
- During the second half of the tribulation, people will see an angel of God fly through the sky and preach the gospel.
- During the tribulation, the people of this world will see God do many miraculous things. They will see God send terrible judgments, which they know are from God. They will see the testimony of the two witnesses. They will see the death and resurrection of the two witnesses. They will also see an angel fly through the sky and preach the gospel. This means that during the tribulation, God will give abundant supernatural evidence to everyone that He's real, that He's powerful, and that the gospel is true.

**Revelation 14:8:** "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

- A second angel flew through the sky after the first angel (who preached the everlasting gospel).
- The second angel said that Babylon is fallen.
- In the second half of the tribulation period, Babylon will exist.
- In the second half of the tribulation period, Babylon will fall.
- In the second half of the tribulation period, Babylon will be a great city.
- In the second half of the tribulation period, Babylon will rule over the nations.
- In the end times, the city of Babylon will have a relationship with all nations and will lead them into sin.
- The city of Babylon isn't going to endure. Although it will rise again in the end times, God will destroy it.
- The first angel preached the everlasting gospel. The second angel announced to the world that Babylon had fallen. (This seems to be a prophecy, because its actual fall occurs at the very end of the tribulation period.)

**Revelation 14:9:** "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,"

- A third angel flew through the sky after the first two angels and warned people not to take the mark of the beast.
- Taking the mark of the beast is unforgivable.
- Those who worship the beast and his image, and who

receive his mark, can't be forgiven.

- Some people will take the mark of the beast in their forehead.
- Some people will take the mark of the beast in their hand.
- Before people take the mark, an angel will preach the gospel to them, and another angel will warn them of the consequences of taking it. No one will take the mark of the beast unknowingly.
- God will use an angel to warn people not to worship the beast (the antichrist).
- God will use an angel to warn people not to worship the image of the beast (the idol).
- God will use an angel to warn people not to take the mark of the beast.
- God won't use the 144,000 to warn people about the mark of the beast, because they're all dead by the time it appears. (God also won't use the church, because they're not around during the tribulation.)

**Revelation 14:10:** "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:"

- Taking the mark of the beast is unforgivable. It can't be repented of. Those who take it can't be forgiven and can't be saved.
- Once a person takes the mark, they're beyond salvation.

They're sealed into everlasting destruction because it's an unforgivable sin.

- The only people who will be tempted to take the mark of the beast are those who are alive during the second half of the tribulation. The mark doesn't appear before that.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will face the full force of the everlasting wrath of God, which won't be diluted in any way.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented with fire.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented with brimstone.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented in the presence of the holy angels.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented in the presence of the Lamb (the Lord Jesus).
- People must not take the mark of the beast.
- The holy angels of God will witness the everlasting torment of those who took the mark of the beast.
- The Lord Jesus Christ will witness the everlasting torment of those who took the mark of the beast.
- Those who say that God isn't present in Hell are wrong. Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented in the presence of the angels and in the presence of the Lord Jesus.
- All those who take the mark of the beast will be told before they take it that the consequence is everlasting fiery damnation, with no hope of salvation. In spite of hearing this message from an angel of God, multitudes



will still take it.

- The torment of those who take the mark of the beast isn't something that will happen out of sight. Instead there will be witnesses to it for all of eternity.

**Revelation 14:11:** "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

- Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented forever.
- Smoke will rise from those who are being tormented from taking the mark of the beast. This smoke will be visible, and it will ascend forever.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will be tormented day and night forever, with no rest.
- It's an exceptionally grievous sin to worship the beast (the antichrist).
- It's an exceptionally grievous sin to worship the image of the beast.
- It's an exceptionally grievous sin to take the mark of the beast.

**Revelation 14:12:** "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

- During the second half of the tribulation, the patience of the saints will be to not take the mark, but to instead endure persecution and death.

- The saints are those who keep the commandments of God.
- The saints are those who keep the faith of Jesus.
- God has given us commandments that we must follow.
- We must keep the commandments of God.
- We must keep the faith.
- Patience is to endure persecution while remaining obedient and keeping the faith.
- Patiently enduring persecution and suffering is something that God highly values.
- God doesn't tell the saints that He will protect them during the tribulation. Instead He tells them to patiently endure persecution, suffering, and death.

**Revelation 14:13:** "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

- A voice from Heaven called out to the apostle John.
- The voice from Heaven told the apostle John to write something.
- From the moment the mark of the beast is introduced to the world, it's better to be dead than alive. This is because those who are alive are tempted to commit an unforgivable sin, while those who are dead are safe from temptation and can find rest.
- In the second half of the tribulation, it's more blessed for the saints to be dead than alive.

- The saints who are dead rest from their labors. They're no longer tempted or persecuted, and their works follow after them.
- It's not true that it's always better to be alive than dead.
- Once we're dead, we rest from our labors.
- Once we're dead, our works follow after us.

**Revelation 14:14:** "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle."

- The apostle John saw a white cloud.
- The Lord Jesus sat upon the white cloud. (Either this was a special cloud, or this is an ability that Jesus has.)
- The Lord Jesus was wearing a golden crown.
- The Lord Jesus had in His hand a sharp sickle.

**Revelation 14:15:** "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

- An angel came out of the temple that's in Heaven.
- An angel cried out to Jesus with a loud voice.
- An angel told Jesus to use His sickle to reap, because the time of reaping had come and the harvest on the earth was ready.
- The time for Jesus to reap will come after the appearance of the mark of the beast.

- The time of reaping is a time of judgment and bloodshed. It's a negative thing, not a positive thing.

**Revelation 14:16:** "And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

- Jesus thrust His sickle on the earth and reaped it. (This seems to result in a massive amount of bloodshed and death.)
- Before the harvest was ready and the reaping happened, God sent three angels to preach the everlasting gospel, to warn of the fall of Babylon, and to warn people not to take the mark of the beast. The reaping only happens after the whole world has been reached with the gospel and warned not to worship the antichrist.

**Revelation 14:17:** "And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle."

- A second angel came out of the temple which is in Heaven.
- There's a temple in Heaven.
- The second angel was also holding a sharp sickle.

**Revelation 14:18:** "And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."

- A third angel came out from the altar.

- The third angel had power over fire.
- The third angel told the second angel to thrust his sickle on the earth, because its grapes were fully ripe. (This seems to be talking about the wicked, not about actual grapes.)
- There's an angel who has power over fire.
- There will come a day when the world will be ripe for judgment.

**Revelation 14:19:** "And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

- The angel with the sickle thrust it into the earth. He gathered the grapes and cast them into the great winepress.
- The great winepress is the winepress of the wrath of God. The wicked will be cast into the wrath of God, and will be killed in large numbers in a very bloody way.
- Nothing good happens to those who are reaped with the sickle. It leads to death.

**Revelation 14:20:** "And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."

- The wrath of God was poured out outside the city of Jerusalem.
- The wrath of God caused immense bloodshed outside the city of Jerusalem.

- The blood reached up to the bridles of the horses.
- For the space of 1600 furlongs, blood reached up to the bridles of the horses. (1600 furlongs is 200 miles.)

## Chapter 15

**Revelation 15:1:** "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

- The apostle John saw another sign in Heaven.
- This sign takes place after the seven trumpets are sounded.
- This sign is described as great.
- This sign is described as marvelous.
- The great and marvelous sign that John saw was seven angels, who had the last seven plagues.
- The last seven plagues filled up the wrath of God.
- Revelation is a book of sevens: seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven spirits, seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven last plagues.

**Revelation 15:2:** "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

- John saw a sea of glass mingled with fire.

- The sea of glass is in Heaven.
- Those who were martyred in the second half of the tribulation stood on the sea of glass.
- The martyrs are those who got victory over the beast (the antichrist). They didn't worship him.
- The death of the martyrs is seen as a victory. Instead of taking the mark of the beast, they chose martyrdom. That is counted as a great victory.
- Martyrdom isn't seen as a loss or a defeat. Instead it's a victory over evil.
- The martyrs are those who got victory over the image of the beast, because they didn't worship it.
- The martyrs are those who got victory over the mark of the beast, because they didn't take it.
- The martyrs are those who got victory over the number of the name of the beast, because they rejected it.
- Those who were martyred in the second half of the tribulation had the harps of God.
- There are a lot of harps in Heaven.
- In Heaven people use harps to worship God.
- It's good to use harps when worshipping God.
- Harps are a heavenly instrument.

**Revelation 15:3:** "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

- Those who were martyred in the second half of the tribulation sung the song of Moses.
- Those who were martyred in the second half of the tribulation sung the song of the Lamb (the Lord Jesus).
- Moses was a real person who actually existed.
- Moses was the servant of God.
- There's a song of Moses.
- There's a song of the Lamb.
- The martyrs praised God for His great and marvelous works.
- The martyrs praised God for being just.
- The martyrs praised God for being true.
- God is just.
- God is true.
- It's good to praise the justice of God.
- It's good to praise the fact that God is true.
- God is the King of the saints.
- Even though the martyrs were killed by the antichrist for their faith, their response in Heaven was to praise God. Even though God didn't save their lives, the martyrs praised God for His great works and praised Him for His ways.

**Revelation 15:4:** "Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."



- People should fear the Lord.
- People should glorify the name of God.
- One day all people will fear the Lord (although this doesn't mean they'll all be saved).
- One day all people will glorify God (although this doesn't mean they'll all be saved).
- Only God is holy.
- One day all the nations will come and worship before God (although this doesn't mean they'll all be saved).
- During the tribulation, the judgments of God are made manifest.
- The tribulation is the judgments of God.
- The tribulation martyrs in Heaven praised God for the judgments that He poured out upon the world during the tribulation.

**Revelation 15:5:** "And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:"

- After the martyrs sang their song, the temple in Heaven was opened.
- The temple in Heaven is the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony.
- The seven last plagues are sent upon the world after the antichrist has murdered those who refused to take the mark of the beast. The temple in Heaven is opened after the martyrs are in Heaven and have sung their song.

**Revelation 15:6:** "And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles."

- When the temple in Heaven was opened, seven angels came out of it.
- There were angels in the temple in Heaven.
- The seven angels had the last seven plagues.
- The seven angels were clothed in pure linen.
- The seven angels were clothed in white linen.
- The seven angels had golden girdles.
- The seven angels that poured out the seven last plagues upon the world were pure and righteous angels of God.
- The plagues that will be poured out upon the world during the seven year tribulation period come from God, and are part of His pure and righteous judgments.

**Revelation 15:7:** "And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."

- One of the four beasts gave each of the seven angels a vial.
- The vials were golden vials.
- The vials were full of the wrath of God.
- God lives forever and ever.

**Revelation 15:8:** "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to

enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled."

- The temple in Heaven was filled with smoke from the glory of God.
- The temple in Heaven was filled with smoke from the power of God.
- When the temple in Heaven was filled with the glory of God, no one could enter the temple.
- No one could enter the temple in Heaven until after the seven plagues had been poured out upon the earth.
- The glory of God is exceedingly great.
- The power of God is exceedingly great.
- It's possible for the glory of God to manifest itself as smoke.
- It's possible for the glory of God to manifest itself in such a way that no one can approach it.
- In Heaven there are times when God manifests His glory in a powerful way in the temple.
- While the seven angels poured out the seven plagues, God manifested His presence in the temple in Heaven in a powerful way.

## Chapter 16

**Revelation 16:1:** "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

- A great voice out of the temple told the seven angels to

pour their vials of wrath upon the world.

- Since the great voice came out of the temple, and since the temple was filled with the glory of God, and since no one could enter the temple because of the glory of God, the great voice seems to be the voice of God.
- The angels didn't pour out their vials of wrath until God told them to do so.
- God is the one who gave the command to pour out the vials of wrath upon the earth (and the vials themselves contained His wrath).

**Revelation 16:2:** "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

- The first angel poured out his vial upon the earth.
- The angels are referred to using male pronouns. The angels are male, not female. (There are no female angels in the Bible.)
- The first vial of God's wrath inflicted those who took the mark of the beast with a terrible sore.
- The first vial only impacted those who took the mark of the beast, and those who worshiped the image of the beast.

**Revelation 16:3:** "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."

- The second angel poured out his vial upon the sea.

- The second vial of God's wrath turned the sea into something that resembled the blood of a dead man.
- The second vial of God's wrath killed every living thing in the sea.
- In the second half of the seven-year tribulation, every living thing in the sea will die. By the time the tribulation is over there will be no life left in the sea at all. Everything in it will be dead.
- No sea life will survive the tribulation.
- The judgments of God get worse in the second half of the tribulation, after the antichrist has martyred those who refused to take the mark of the beast.
- After the antichrist murders those who refuse to take his mark and sheds their blood in massive numbers, God will turn all of the water in all of the oceans to blood.

**Revelation 16:4:** "And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood."

- The third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters.
- The third vial of God's wrath turned the rivers (the world's fresh water supply) into blood.
- After the second vial turned the world's sea water into blood, the third vial turned the world's fresh water into blood.
- In the second half of the tribulation, all of the water in the world (both salt water and fresh water) will be turned to blood. God will do this after the antichrist murders

those who refuse to take the mark of the beast.

- God will punish the world for killing the martyrs by turning the entire world's water supply into blood.

**Revelation 16:5:** "And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus."

- There's an angel of the waters.
- The angel of the waters praised God for turning the world's water supply into blood.
- When God turned the world's water supply into blood, He did it as a judgment upon mankind.
- The angels in Heaven praise God for the judgments that He pours out upon the world.
- It's a righteous thing for God to pour out judgments upon the world to punish it for its sin.
- God is righteous.
- God judges the world.
- It's good and righteous for God to judge the world, and to punish its sins.
- God has always existed.
- God exists now.
- God will always exist.
- The angels praise God by referring to His divine attributes (such as His eternal existence).

**Revelation 16:6:** "For they have shed the blood of saints and

prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."

- The world has shed the blood of God's saints.
- The world has shed the blood of God's prophets.
- In the second half of the tribulation, God will punish the world for shedding the blood of the martyrs and the prophets by turning the entire world's water supply into blood.
- Since the world shed the blood of the saints and the prophets, God gave them blood to drink.
- One day God will punish the world for shedding the blood of the saints and the prophets.
- The angel of the waters said that the world was worthy of this judgment. Since the world shed the blood of the saints and prophets, it deserved to have its water taken away and be given blood to drink instead.

**Revelation 16:7:** "And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."

- After the third vial was poured out, a voice from the altar praised the Lord.
- The voice from the altar praised the Lord for His true and righteous judgments.
- The voice from the altar praised the Lord for turning the entire world's water supply into blood, as punishment for the blood of the saints and prophets that the world had shed.
- God is almighty.

- The judgments of God are true.
- The judgments of God are righteous.
- Since the souls of the martyrs from the first half of the tribulation are under the altar (see Revelation 6), this voice may have come from a martyr.
- It's good to praise the Lord for His true and righteous judgments.
- Those in Heaven praised God for His judgments as soon as He poured them out. They didn't wait until later, or do it another time.

**Revelation 16:8:** "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire."

- The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun.
- The fourth vial of God's wrath gave the sun the power to scorch men with fire.
- The fourth vial of God's wrath seems to have made the sun much more violent, since it gained the ability to scorch men with fire. The sun becomes much hotter.
- During the tribulation, the sun itself will be impacted by the judgments of God.
- The judgments of God during the tribulation will impact more than just the earth. They'll impact the sun as well.
- There are times when God does things to the sun in order to punish those who live on the earth.
- The judgments of God can go beyond this world, and impact things beyond this planet.



**Revelation 16:9:** "And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."

- After the fourth vial of God's wrath is poured out, people are scorched with great heat.
- The world will become extremely hot during the second half of the tribulation.
- When people are scorched with great heat, they don't repent.
- When people are scorched with great heat, they blaspheme the name of God.
- When people are scorched with great heat, they refuse to give glory to God.
- When the seven vials are poured out, no one repents and no one else is saved. Instead people blaspheme the name of God.
- It seems that salvation is only possible before the seven vials are poured out. Once the vial judgments begin, no one else is saved.
- God has power over the vial plagues. They're the plagues of His wrath.

**Revelation 16:10:** "And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,"

- The fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast. (This seems to refer to the capitol of the antichrist's kingdom.)

- The fifth vial of God's wrath filled the kingdom of the antichrist with supernatural darkness.
- The supernatural darkness gave people terrible pain.
- The supernatural darkness caused so much pain that people gnawed their tongues.

**Revelation 16:11:** "And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."

- When darkness caused people pain, they blasphemed God.
- The sores from the first vial were still around when the fifth vial was poured out.
- When darkness caused people pain, they refused to repent of their evil deeds.
- God wants people to repent of their evil deeds.

**Revelation 16:12:** "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

- The sixth angel poured out his vial upon the Euphrates river.
- The Euphrates river is described as a great river.
- The sixth vial of God's wrath caused the Euphrates river to dry up.
- The reason the Euphrates river was dried up was so a path could be made for the kings of the east.

- During the second half of the tribulation, there will be kings (plural) in the east (meaning east of the Euphrates river).

**Revelation 16:13:** "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."

- After the sixth vial of God's wrath was poured out, an unclean spirit resembling a frog came out of the dragon (the devil).
- After the sixth vial of God's wrath was poured out, an unclean spirit resembling a frog came out of the beast (the antichrist).
- After the sixth vial of God's wrath was poured out, an unclean spirit resembling a frog came out of the false prophet.
- There are unclean spirits that resemble frogs.
- The dragon, the beast, and the false prophet all possessed an unclean spirit.

**Revelation 16:14:** "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

- The three unclean spirits were the spirits of devils.
- The three unclean spirits had the power to work miracles.
- Unclean spirits have the power to work miracles.
- The three unclean spirits went to the kings of the whole

world.

- The reason the three unclean spirits went to the kings of the whole world was to gather them together to battle.
- The battle to which the kings of the world are being gathered is the battle of the great day of God Almighty.
- God is the one who wants the kings of the world to be gathered to battle.
- The reason the kings of the world gathered to battle was because the devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet sent out unclean spirits to them to persuade them to come by means of miracles.
- Although the devil is the one who was gathering the kings to battle, the battle was actually of the Lord.
- In the second part of the tribulation, the world will be reigned over by kings.
- In the second part of the tribulation, the antichrist won't reign over all the world. Instead he'll have to resort to using unclean spirits in order to persuade other kings to come to battle.

**Revelation 16:15:** "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

- Jesus described His coming as like the coming of a thief. He's coming when people don't expect it.
- The coming of Jesus which is described as a thief is His return at the end of the seven year tribulation period.
- Blessed are those who watch for the coming of Jesus (the one at the end of the tribulation).

- Blessed are those who are watching for Jesus, and who keep their garments (meaning they continue to walk in righteousness, and don't take the mark of the beast).
- During the second half of the tribulation, Jesus will come by surprise. People who aren't watching for His return will be caught by surprise when He appears.
- During the second half of the tribulation, there will be enormous temptation for people to abandon their faith and take the mark of the beast.
- During the second half of the tribulation, it will be possible to commit a sin that can't be forgiven. (That sin is taking the mark of the beast.)

**Revelation 16:16:** "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

- The unclean spirits of devils gathered the kings of the world together at a place called Armageddon (in Hebrew).
- The devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet gathered the kings of the world together at a place called Armageddon.
- God gathered the kings of the world together at a place called Armageddon.
- The great battle at the end of the tribulation, where the kings of the world go to battle, takes place at Armageddon.
- The battle of Armageddon happens after the sixth angel pours out the sixth vial upon the Euphrates river and dries it up.

- The reason the Euphrates river is dried up is so that the kings to the east can come to the battle at Armageddon.

**Revelation 16:17:** "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done."

- The seventh angel poured out his vial into the air.
- When the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out, a great voice came out of the temple of Heaven that said "It is done". (This seems to be the voice of God.)
- The voice came out of the temple of Heaven, from the throne. This seems to be saying that there's a throne in the temple of Heaven.

**Revelation 16:18:** "And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great."

- When the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out, there were voices.
- When the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out, there were thunders.
- When the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out, there was lightning.
- When the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out, there was a great earthquake.
- The great earthquake that happened when the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out was the worst earthquake that had ever happened since there were

people on earth.

- The great earthquake that happened when the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out was exceedingly mighty.
- There are several earthquakes that take place during the tribulation. The worst one happens after the seventh vial of God's wrath is poured out into the air.

**Revelation 16:19:** "And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

- When the great earthquake happened, the great city (which seems to be Jerusalem) was divided into three parts.
- When the great earthquake happened, the cities of the nations fell.
- At the end of the tribulation period, the cities of the nations will be destroyed.
- When the great earthquake happened, the time of judgment for the city of Babylon had finally come. It was time for Babylon to face the fierceness of the wrath of God.
- At the end of the tribulation period, Babylon will be judged.
- The fierceness of the wrath of God against Babylon is exceedingly great.

**Revelation 16:20:** "And every island fled away, and the

mountains were not found."

- When the great earthquake happened, every island fled away.
- Every island in the sea will be impacted by the events of the great tribulation.
- When the great earthquake happened, every mountain was destroyed.
- The mountains of the world won't survive the great tribulation.
- The earthquake that's triggered by the seventh vial of God's wrath will destroy the cities of the world, move every island, and level every mountain. It will cause unparalleled global destruction.
- By the time the tribulation is over, the world will be in ruins, and the nations will be in ruins as well. Even the world's geography will be different.

**Revelation 16:21:** "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

- When the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out, a great hailstorm came upon the world.
- The hailstorm came from Heaven.
- The hail was exceedingly large.
- Every hailstone weighed 75 pounds.
- After an earthquake destroys the cities of the world and levels every mountain, God will send a rain of 75-pound



hailstones upon the world, which will cause enormous devastation.

- When the 75 pound hailstones fell upon the world, people blasphemed God. They didn't repent of their wicked deeds.

## Chapter 17

**Revelation 17:1:** "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

- One of the seven angels who poured out a vial of God's wrath upon the earth showed John the judgment of the great whore (the corrupt end-times religion).
- This judgment seems to take place after all seven of the vials of God's wrath are poured out.
- The great whore (the corrupt end-times religion) sits upon many waters. (Verse 15 says that the waters are symbolic of nations.)
- The great whore (the corrupt end-times religion) will still exist at the end of the tribulation period.
- At the end of the tribulation, the great whore (the corrupt end-times religion) will be judged for her wicked deeds.
- The woman is called a "great whore". When the Bible speaks of fornication in a symbolic context, it's talking about false religion. The woman represents some sort of false religion or form of idolatry.

**Revelation 17:2:** "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

- In the end-times, the kings of the earth are involved with the corrupt end-times religion.
- In the end-times, the inhabitants of the earth are involved with the corrupt end-times religion.
- In the end-times, the corrupt religion of those days has led the kings of the world into terrible sin.
- In the end-times, the corrupt religion of those days has led the people of the world into terrible sin.
- People who live in the end times should have nothing to do with the corrupt religion of those days. It's a religion of sin, and God will judge it.

**Revelation 17:3:** "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

- The apostle John was carried away in the spirit by one of the angels who poured out the vials of God's wrath.
- John saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast.
- The beast was full of names of blasphemy.
- The beast (the kingdom of the antichrist) had seven heads and ten horns. (These are the demonic rulers of the antichrist's kingdom.)
- The woman (the false religion of the end times) was

supported by the beast (the kingdom of the antichrist).  
She rode the beast to world power.

**Revelation 17:4:** "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:"

- The woman was wearing purple clothes.
- The woman was wearing scarlet clothes.
- The woman was wearing gold.
- The woman was wearing precious stones.
- The woman was wearing pearls.
- The woman was wearing very expensive clothes.
- The woman was wearing royal clothes.
- The woman (the false religion) was very wealthy.
- The woman (the false religion) had great power.
- The woman was holding a golden cup.
- The golden cup was full of abominations and filthiness.
- The woman was exceedingly sinful and wicked.

**Revelation 17:5:** "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

- The woman had a name written upon her forehead. (This seems to be a recurring theme in the book of Revelation.)
- The woman was named Babylon the Great.

- The woman was called the mother of harlots.
- The woman was called the mother of abominations of the earth.
- This woman appears to be the root of all false religions, and the root of all that's opposed to God in the world.
- The woman is connected to the city of Babylon.

**Revelation 17:6:** "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

- The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints.
- The woman was drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.
- The woman (the false religion) was responsible for the martyrdom of many of the followers of Jesus.
- The woman (the false religion) was the enemy of God. She murdered the followers of Jesus and was drunk with their blood.
- When the apostle John saw this woman, he wondered about her.

**Revelation 17:7:** "And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."

- The angel who poured out one of the seven vials said that he would explain the mystery of this woman to John, along with the mystery of the beast.

- In order for us to understand the mysteries of God, someone must provide us with the interpretation.
- God used angels to explain the mysteries of the end-times to the apostle John.
- The woman (the false end-times religion) is carried by the beast (the antichrist's kingdom).
- The woman who rides the beast is called a mystery.

**Revelation 17:8:** "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

- The beast existed for a time.
- The beast was going to be destroyed. It won't live forever.
- The beast will ascend out of the bottomless pit.
- The fact that the beast will (future tense) ascend out of the bottom pit means that the beast is most likely the devil, as he will be cast into the bottomless pit after the seven vials are poured out and will ascend out of it a thousand years later.
- The beast (the devil) will go into perdition.
- The day is coming when God will punish the beast.
- The day is coming when the beast will be destroyed.
- Those who dwell on the earth, who aren't saved, will wonder at the beast (the devil).
- Those whose names are written in the book of life will be

saved.

- Those whose names aren't written in the book of life won't be saved. They're lost.
- The names that are written in the book of life were written there from the foundation of the world. They weren't written there when people were born, or when they repented of their sins and believed in Jesus.
- God decided who would be saved from the foundation of the world. That decision was made before any of us were born, or ever existed.
- The decision of who would be saved was made by God, who wrote our names in the book of life. It wasn't made by us.
- The beast (the devil) will be in this world. Then he will be gone (for he will be in the bottomless pit). He will then return for a time (but will be cast into the lake of fire for all of eternity).

**Revelation 17:9:** "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

- The seven heads of the beast (the devil's kingdom) are seven mountains.
- The woman (the false religion) sits on seven mountains. (Both Rome and Babylon have seven mountains, so it's not clear who the woman is.)

**Revelation 17:10:** "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he

cometh, he must continue a short space."

- The angel who poured out one of the vials of God's wrath said that there were seven kings.
- The angel said that five kings were gone, one king currently existed, and there was one king who had not yet come. (Theologians believe this is a reference to the five previous world kingdoms that existed, the kingdom of Rome that existed in John's day, and the antichrist to come).
- When the final king comes, he must continue for a short time. (This seems to be a reference to the antichrist.)
- The antichrist must reign for a short time.
- The antichrist will only reign for a short time.
- The antichrist won't reign forever. His kingdom won't endure.
- After a short time, God will put an end to the kingdom and reign of the antichrist.

**Revelation 17:11:** "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."

- The beast (the devil) is the eighth king.
- The beast is considered one of the seven kings.
- The beast (the devil) will go into perdition. (He will be cast into the lake of fire.)

**Revelation 17:12:** "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

- The ten horns are ten kings. (Revelation 12 tells us that the devil brings these 10 kings with him when he invades the world right before the rapture takes place. That means these 10 kings are demonic, and aren't human beings.)
- The ten kings existed in John's day, and yet they will reign in the end times. This is more evidence that they're demonic and aren't human beings.
- The ten kings were alive in John's day but hadn't received their kingdom yet.
- In the end times, during the reign of the beast, the ten kings will receive power along with him.
- The ten kings will have a kingdom in the end times.
- The ten kings will have power in the end times.

**Revelation 17:13:** "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

- The ten demonic kings all have the same mind.
- The ten demonic kings will give their power to the beast.
- The ten demonic kings will give their strength to the beast.
- The ten demonic kings will use their kingdoms to help the beast.
- The beast will be supported and strengthened by the ten demonic kings.

**Revelation 17:14:** "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and



King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

- The ten demonic kings, and the beast, will make war with the Lamb. Specifically, they will wage war against the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.
- When the ten demonic kings and the beast make war with the Lord Jesus, He will overcome them.
- Jesus is the Lord of lords.
- Jesus is the King of kings.
- Those who are with Jesus are called.
- Those who are with Jesus are chosen.
- Those who are with Jesus are faithful.
- God has chosen us. We didn't choose Him.
- We must be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 17:15:** "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

- In the Bible, when water is used symbolically it represents nations.
- The great whore (the false end-times religion) sits upon many waters. This means the false religion has been spread across many nations.
- The false end-times religion is embraced by multitudes of people.
- The false end-times religion is embraced by many nations.
- The false end-times religion is embraced by many

different languages.

- In the end-times there will still be individual nations.
- In the end-times there will still be many different languages.
- The false end-times religion has a worldwide scope.

**Revelation 17:16:** "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."

- The ten horns (the ten demonic kings) will hate the whore (the false end-times religion).
- The ten demonic kings will make the whore desolate and naked. (They will attack the false end-times religion and destroy it.)
- God will use the ten demonic kings to destroy the false end-times religion.
- The ten demonic kings will eat the flesh of the whore and burn her with fire. (The ten kings will attack those who are involved with the false end-times religion.)
- In the end-times, the antichrist will attack both Christians and those who are part of the "great whore" religion.
- Although the great whore will ride upon the beast, the beast will hate her and will ultimately destroy her.

**Revelation 17:17:** "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

- God has put it in the hearts of the ten demonic kings to fulfill His will.
- God has control over demons. He can direct them to fulfill His will.
- God has control over what demons desire.
- God has caused the ten demonic kings to agree with one another.
- God has caused the ten demonic kings to give their kingdom to the beast.
- It's the will of God for the kingdom to be given to the beast, until His words are fulfilled.
- God is using demons, and the antichrist, to fulfill His will.
- God is in control all throughout the tribulation. He's the one who's directing events.
- The kingdom of the beast will only endure until the words of God are fulfilled, and then it will be ended.

**Revelation 17:18:** "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

- The woman (the great whore) is a great city.
- The woman (the great whore) is a city that reigns over the kings of the earth. (This means it may be either Rome or Babylon, since they both fit that description and they both sit on seven hills).

# Chapter 18

**Revelation 18:1:** "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

- After the seventh vial of God's wrath was poured out upon the world, the apostle John saw yet another angel.
- The angel came down from Heaven.
- The angel had great power.
- Angels have the ability to travel from Heaven to earth.
- The angel had great glory.
- The glory of the angel was so great that it lightened the earth.
- Some angels have great glory.
- It's possible for the glory of angels to bring light to the world.
- It's possible to see the glory of angels.

**Revelation 18:2:** "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

- The angel cried mightily.
- The angel cried with a loud voice. (This seems to be a recurring theme in Revelation.)
- The angel said that Babylon the great had fallen.
- At the end of the tribulation period, the great city of

Babylon will fall.

- The city of Babylon will exist during the tribulation period.
- During the tribulation period, the city of Babylon will be a great city.
- When Babylon falls, it will be a habitation of devils.
- When Babylon falls, it will be a habitation of foul spirits.
- When Babylon falls, it will be a cage for unclean birds.
- When Babylon falls, it will be a cage for hateful birds.
- It's possible for devils and unclean spirits to inhabit a place (like the ruined city of Babylon).
- It's possible for a place to be haunted (not by ghosts, but by unclean spirits).
- There are some spirits that are unclean.
- There are birds which are unclean.
- There are birds which are hateful.
- When Babylon falls, it will be inhabited by demons instead of by people.
- During the millennium, the city of Babylon will be in ruins. It won't be inhabited.
- During the millennium, there will still be demons and unclean spirits in the world (in the ruins of Babylon).
- The great and powerful angel, full of glory, went from Heaven to earth to announce the fall of Babylon.

**Revelation 18:3:** "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have

committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

- All nations committed immorality with Babylon. (When immorality is used symbolically in the Bible it refers paganism and false religions.)
- The kings of the earth committed immorality with Babylon.
- When talking about Babylon, the angel speaks of the "wine of the wrath of her fornication". Babylon's idolatry is accompanied by great wrath (which can be seen by the way the antichrist persecuted the saints and overcame them).
- The merchants of the earth were made rich by Babylon.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be a source of great wealth.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be full of delicacies.
- In the end-times, some people will be rich.

**Revelation 18:4:** "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

- A different voice spake from Heaven.
- A voice called out from Heaven to earth, telling the saints of God to leave Babylon.
- Before Babylon falls, a voice from Heaven will tell the saints to leave Babylon so they're not caught in her judgment.

- A voice called out from Heaven to earth, telling the saints of God to leave Babylon and not partake in her sins.
- A voice called out from Heaven to earth, telling the saints of God that if they partake of the sins of Babylon then they'll partake in the city's judgment as well.
- There are times when God punishes cities for their sins.

**Revelation 18:5:** "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

- In the tribulation period, the sins of Babylon are so great that they've reached Heaven.
- At the end of the tribulation period, God will remember the iniquities of Babylon.

**Revelation 18:6:** "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double."

- A voice from Heaven asked God to treat Babylon the way that she's treated God. (The city had viciously persecuted the saints of God and put them to death in large numbers.)
- A voice from Heaven asked God to double the punishment of the city of Babylon. (The city's sins were great, and the prayer is that the city will receive double punishment for what she has done.) This request is repeated three times.
- Those who are in Heaven are greatly angry with the city of Babylon, and want to see God punish the city. In fact, they want to see God punish the city double.

- It's not wrong to pray that God will punish a city for its sins.
- It's not wrong to pray that God would give double punishment for sins.
- It's not wrong to cry out for God's judgment.
- God punishes cities according to their wicked deeds. He holds them accountable for what they've done.
- When a city sins, there are consequences upon that city for that sin.

**Revelation 18:7:** "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow."

- In the end-times, the city of Babylon glorified herself.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon lived deliciously.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon called itself a queen.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon believed that it would never see sorrow.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon is very glorious.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon is very rich.
- Since Babylon glorified itself, the voice from Heaven asked God to fill Babylon with much torment.
- Since Babylon glorified itself, the voice from Heaven asked God to fill Babylon with much sorrow.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon was exceedingly proud.



- In the end-times, the city of Babylon believed that judgment would never come.
- The city of Babylon is referred to as a woman (a queen).

**Revelation 18:8:** "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."

- Since Babylon glorified itself, her plagues would come in a single day.
- Since Babylon glorified itself, death would come in a single day.
- Since Babylon glorified itself, mourning would come in a single day.
- Since Babylon glorified itself, famine would come in a single day.
- Since Babylon glorified itself, the city would be utterly burned with fire.
- Babylon would be destroyed in a single day, and reduced to ruins.
- The Lord God is strong.
- God is the one who will judge the wicked city of Babylon.
- At the end of the tribulation period, God will judge Babylon. He will send plagues, death, and famine upon the city, and will reduce it to ruins where only demons and wild animals will live.

**Revelation 18:9:** "And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall

bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,"

- The kings of the earth who sinned with Babylon will outlive her. They will see her destruction.
- The kings of the earth who sinned with Babylon will see smoke rise from the ruins of the city.
- The kings of the earth were made wealthy by Babylon. Because of the city, they were able to live "deliciously".
- When Babylon falls, the wicked kings of the earth will bewail and lament its fall.
- At the end of the tribulation, the kings of the earth will be exceedingly wicked. This can be seen by the fact that they will lament for Babylon (which means they were on the side of Babylon and the devil, not the side of God).

**Revelation 18:10:** "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."

- When Babylon falls, the kings of the earth will stay far away from Babylon.
- The fall of Babylon will put fear in the heart of the kings of the earth.
- The kings of the earth will see the torment of Babylon when the city falls.
- When Babylon falls, the city will be filled with torment.
- The judgment of Babylon will come in a single hour.
- Babylon will be destroyed in a single hour of a single day. The city's judgment and destruction will be very swift.

- In the end times, the city of Babylon will be both great and mighty.

**Revelation 18:11:** "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:"

- When Babylon falls, the merchants of the earth will weep over her.
- When Babylon falls, the merchants of the earth will mourn over her.
- In the end times, the merchants of the earth are very wicked. This can be seen by the fact that they were on the side of Babylon, not the side of God.
- When Babylon falls, people will stop buying things from the merchants of the earth.
- In the end-times there will still be merchants.
- In the end-times people will still buy and sell things.

**Revelation 18:12:** "The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,"

- In the end-times, merchants sold gold (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold silver (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold precious stones (which

means they existed and people were buying them).

- In the end-times, merchants sold pearls (which means they existed and people were buying them).
- In the end-times, merchants sold fine linen (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold purple fabric (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold silk (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold scarlet fabric (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold thyine wood (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold ivory vessels (which means they existed and people were buying them).
- In the end-times, merchants sold precious wood (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold brass (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold iron (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold marble (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, brass is considered a precious resource.
- In the end-times, iron is considered a precious resource.
- In the end-times, fine linen is considered a precious resource.

- In the end-times, purple linen is considered a precious resource.
- In the end-times, scarlet linen is considered a precious resource.

**Revelation 18:13:** "And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men."

- In the end-times, merchants sold cinnamon (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold incense (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold ointments (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold frankincense (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold wine (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold oil (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold fine flour (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold wheat (which means it existed and people were buying it).
- In the end-times, merchants sold animals (which means they existed and people were buying them).
- In the end-times, merchants sold sheep (which means

they existed and people were buying them).

- In the end-times, merchants sold horses (which means they existed, and people were buying them).
- In the end-times, merchants sold chariots (which means they existed, and people were buying them).
- In the end-times, merchants sold slaves (which means they existed, and people were buying them).
- In the end times, merchants sold souls. (What that means isn't entirely clear.)
- In the end-times, cinnamon is considered a precious resource.
- The fact that cinnamon and brass and iron and linen are considered precious in the end-times is a sign that the society of those days isn't technologically advanced.
- The fact that merchants were selling chariots and horses in the end times is a sign that the society of those days isn't technologically advanced.
- In the end-times, wealth is measured by basic commodities. Merchants weren't selling advanced machines, but instead basic raw materials.
- It seems that modern technology is lost before the end-times and isn't recovered. At the end of the tribulation society is still primitive.
- In the end-times, the slave trade exists again.
- The merchants of the end-times only went out of business when Babylon fell, at the end of the tribulation. Up to that point people were still buying their merchandise, in spite of all the judgments that God sent upon the world. Apparently life went on in the face of all

that death and destruction.

**Revelation 18:14:** "And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all."

- When Babylon falls, the fruits the city lusted after will be taken away.
- When Babylon falls, the things that were dainty will be taken away.
- When Babylon falls, the things that were good will be taken away.
- When Babylon falls, the good and dainty things will be taken away forever. The city will never have them again.
- The fall of Babylon during the tribulation will be permanent. The city will never recover.
- The great wealth of the city of Babylon will be unable to save her.
- The great power of the city of Babylon will be unable to save her.

**Revelation 18:15:** "The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,"

- The merchants of the earth were made rich by the city of Babylon.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will wield great economic power.

- When the merchants see the torment of Babylon, they will become afraid.
- When the merchants see the torment of Babylon, they will bewail her in fear from a distance.
- When the merchants see the torment of Babylon, they will weep and wail over her fall.

**Revelation 18:16:** "And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!"

- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be clothed in fine linen.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be clothed in purple.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be clothed in scarlet.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be decked with gold.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be decked with precious stones.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will be decked with pearls.
- In the end-times, fine linen and purple and scarlet are considered to be on the same level as gold and precious stones. This is more evidence that modern technology doesn't exist in those days. The end-times world values the same things that a pre-technology society values.
- The greatness of the city of Babylon won't be able to save it.



**Revelation 18:17:** "For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,"

- The city of Babylon will be destroyed in a single hour.
- The city of Babylon will lose all of its wealth in a single hour.
- In the end-times there will be shipmasters, ships, and sailors.
- In the end-times there will be people who trade by the sea.
- In the end-times, sailors will stand far away from the city of Babylon and bewail her.

**Revelation 18:18:** "And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!"

- In the end-times, sailors will see the smoke rising from the ruins of Babylon.
- The smoke from Babylon will be visible from the sea.
- In the end-times, sailors will mourn the fall of Babylon.
- The sea merchants and sailors who exist in the end-times are very wicked. They will wail over the fall of Babylon (showing that they're on the side of that wicked city, and not on the side of God).
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon is the greatest city in the world. It will exceed all the other cities of that era in wealth, power, and merchandise.
- When the kings and merchants and sailors see the fall of

Babylon, they don't repent of their sins. Instead they mourn the loss of this wicked city. The fact that the city was miraculously destroyed in a single hour didn't move them to repent.

**Revelation 18:19:** "And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate."

- When the sailors saw the fall of Babylon, they cast dust on their heads.
- When the sailors saw the fall of Babylon, they cried out.
- When the sailors saw the fall of Babylon, they wept.
- When the sailors saw the fall of Babylon, they wailed.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will make sailors rich.
- In the end-times, the riches of Babylon made sailors rich as well.
- At the end of the tribulation period, the city of Babylon will be made desolate in a single hour.
- The reason the merchants and sailors will weep over the fall of Babylon is because the city made them rich, and now the source of their wealth was gone.

**Revelation 18:20:** "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her."

- When the city of Babylon falls, the inhabitants of Heaven will rejoice.

- When the city of Babylon falls, the holy apostles will rejoice.
- When the city of Babylon falls, the prophets will rejoice.
- When the city of Babylon falls, the kings of the earth and the merchants and the sailors will weep. However, the people of Heaven and the apostles and the prophets will rejoice.
- The fall of the city of Babylon is a good thing.
- The fall of the city of Babylon will avenge the residents of Heaven.
- The fall of the city of Babylon will avenge the holy apostles.
- The fall of the city of Babylon will avenge the prophets.
- The city of Babylon persecuted the apostles.
- The city of Babylon persecuted the prophets.
- The city of Babylon persecuted the citizens of Heaven.
- The apostles are holy.
- God is the one who destroyed the city of Babylon.
- The destruction of the city of Babylon was an act of vengeance.
- When God destroyed the city of Babylon He avenged the citizens of Heaven, and the holy apostles, and the prophets.
- The day is coming when God will avenge the citizens of Heaven.
- The day is coming when God will avenge the apostles.
- The day is coming when God will avenge the prophets.

- It's not wrong to rejoice when a wicked city is destroyed.
- It's not wrong to rejoice when God avenges us.
- The destruction of Babylon is a reason for rejoicing.
- The citizens of Heaven won't mourn when Babylon is destroyed.

**Revelation 18:21:** "And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."

- A mighty angel picked up a stone that was like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea.
- The city of Babylon will be thrown down with great violence.
- The city of Babylon will be destroyed.
- The city of Babylon won't be rebuilt. It will remain destroyed forever.

**Revelation 18:22:** "And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;"

- The voice of harpers will never again be heard in Babylon.
- The voice of musicians will never again be heard in Babylon.
- The voice of pipers will never again be heard in Babylon.
- The voice of trumpeters will never again be heard in

Babylon.

- In the end-times, Babylon will be home to harpers (people playing on harps).
- In the end-times, Babylon will be home to musicians.
- In the end-times, Babylon will be home to pipers.
- In the end-times, Babylon will be home to trumpeters.
- Harp music is apparently popular in the end times.
- No craftsmen will ever set up shop in Babylon again.
- No millstone will ever grind in Babylon again.
- In the end-times, Babylon will be home to craftsmen.
- In the end-times there will be millstones in Babylon. This is more evidence that modern technology doesn't exist in that era, because millstones are used to grind grain (instead of modern machinery).
- After Babylon is destroyed, it will never be rebuilt and will never be inhabited again. It will be gone for good.

**Revelation 18:23:** "And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."

- The light of a candle will never again be seen in Babylon.
- In the end-times, Babylon will be lit by candles.
- Since the great and wealthy city of Babylon is lit by candles, this is more evidence that modern technology doesn't exist in that era. It seems that modern electric lighting don't exist, and primitive candles are used

instead.

- The voice of a bridegroom will never again be heard in Babylon.
- The voice of a bride will never again be heard in Babylon.
- In the end-times, there will be brides and bridegrooms in Babylon. People will still get married in that era, and marriage will still exist.
- In the end-times, the merchants of Babylon will be the great men of the earth.
- In the end-times, the sorceries of Babylon deceived all the nations of the world.
- In the end-times, Babylon will be a city of sorcery.

**Revelation 18:24:** "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

- In the city of Babylon was the blood of the prophets.
- In the city of Babylon was the blood of the saints.
- In the city of Babylon was the blood of all those who were slain upon the world.
- God held the city of Babylon responsible for the blood of the prophets.
- God held the city of Babylon responsible for the blood of the saints.
- God held the city of Babylon responsible for all the blood that was shed upon the whole world.
- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will rule over all the

world.

- In the end-times, the city of Babylon will shed a great deal of blood over all the world.

## Chapter 19

**Revelation 19:1:** "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:"

- The apostle John heard a great voice of many people.
- There are many people in Heaven.
- The people in Heaven praised God for salvation.
- The people in Heaven gave glory to God.
- The people in Heaven gave honor to God.
- The people in Heaven gave power to God.
- The people in Heaven worship God. They're His people, and He's their God.
- The people in Heaven are focused on God. They seek to give Him all the glory, honor, and power, and they're fully submitted to Him.

**Revelation 19:2:** "For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand."

- The people in Heaven glorified God for the wrath He poured out upon the "great whore" (the false religion of

the end-times).

- The people in Heaven glorify God for the judgments He pours out upon wickedness.
- God's judgments are true.
- God's judgments are righteous.
- The people in Heaven aren't horrified at God's judgments, and aren't distressed by them. Instead they praise God for them.
- At the end of the tribulation God will judge the "great whore" (the false end-times religion that exists in those days).
- In the end-times the "great whore" corrupted the entire world.
- At the end of the tribulation God will avenge the blood of His servants that was shed by the "great whore".
- One day God is going to avenge the blood of the martyrs.
- One day God will hold those who killed the martyrs responsible for what they've done. They won't go unpunished.

**Revelation 19:3:** "And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever."

- The smoke of the judgment of God rose up forever and ever.
- The wrath that God poured out is everlasting.
- The people in Heaven praised God for His everlasting wrath.



- The people in Heaven aren't horrified at God's wrath, and aren't upset that it's everlasting. Instead they praise Him for it.

**Revelation 19:4:** "And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia."

- When many people praised God for the judgments that He poured out upon those who killed the martyrs, the 24 elders (the raptured church) fell down before God and worshiped Him as well.
- The raptured church will worship God for the judgments that He will pour out upon the world.
- The raptured church will worship God.
- The Lord sits on the throne.

**Revelation 19:5:** "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great."

- The apostle John heard a voice come out of the throne in Heaven (the throne where God sits).
- The voice from the throne called out that all of God's servants should praise Him.
- The people in Heaven praise God.
- The people in Heaven fear God.
- There are "small" people in Heaven.
- There are "great" people in Heaven.

- Not everyone in Heaven is the same, or has the same status.
- The people who are in Heaven are the servants of God.
- The people in Heaven will respond to the wrath that God pours out upon the world during the tribulation by praising Him.
- All of God's servants should fear Him.
- All of God's servants should praise Him.
- The judgments and wrath of God should be a source of praise.
- There are times when God refers to Himself in the third person.

**Revelation 19:6:** "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

- The apostle John heard the voice of a great multitude, which sounded like the voice of many waters and mighty thunderings.
- The voice of great multitude said "Alleluia".
- All throughout the tribulation it's clear that the Lord is the one who truly reigns, and who decides what happens in the world.
- The Lord God reigns.
- The Lord God is omnipotent.

**Revelation 19:7:** "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour

to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

- After the "great whore" is judged and Babylon is destroyed, it's time for the marriage of the Lamb.
- The marriage of the Lamb takes place in Heaven at the end of the tribulation period (which is more evidence that the church is already in Heaven at that time).
- Heaven will rejoice and be glad when it's time for the marriage of the Lamb.
- After Babylon is destroyed, the wife of the Lamb will finally be ready for marriage.
- One day the bride of Christ will become the wife of Christ.
- The Bible does indeed use the metaphor of marriage to describe the relationship between Christ and the church.

**Revelation 19:8:** "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."

- The bride of Christ (the church) was given fine white linen to wear, which is symbolic of righteousness.
- In the Bible, when clothing is used symbolically it represents righteousness.
- The church is given clean garments to wear. In other words, her righteousness is something that's given to her by God. It's not her own righteousness, but the righteousness of God that she's wearing.

**Revelation 19:9:** "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are

they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

- The angel told the apostle John to write something down.
- The church is part of the bride of Christ, who will become the wife. However, there's another group of saints that's outside of the church who will be invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper.
- The words that are written in Revelation are the true sayings of God.
- The sayings of God are true.
- There are some who will be called to attend the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- There are some who will not be called to attend the marriage supper of the Lamb.

**Revelation 19:10:** "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

- The apostle John tried to worship the angel that gave him the revelation of the end times.
- When the apostle John tried to worship an angel, the angel immediately stopped him.
- The angels of God don't permit anyone to worship them.
- It's wrong to worship angels.
- Only God should be worshiped.
- Angels are our fellow servants. They're the fellow

servants of all who have the testimony of Jesus.

- Angels are the servants of God.
- We must worship God.
- The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
- Those who reject prophecy are rejecting the testimony of Jesus.
- Those who ignore prophecy are ignoring the testimony of Jesus.
- Prophecy is very important. It must not be neglected or ignored, and the church must not reject it.

**Revelation 19:11:** "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

- After the destruction of Babylon, the apostle John saw Heaven opened.
- John saw a white horse.
- Jesus was riding the white horse.
- When Jesus returns to this world at the end of the tribulation, He will be riding a white horse.
- Jesus is faithful.
- Jesus is true.
- Jesus judges the world.
- Jesus makes war.
- The judgment of Jesus is righteous.
- The war that Jesus will wage at the end of the tribulation

(against the antichrist and the devil) is righteous.

- There are horses in Heaven.

**Revelation 19:12:** "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself."

- The eyes of Jesus were like a flame of fire.
- On the head of Jesus were many crowns.
- Jesus had a name written upon Him that no one knew except for Himself.

**Revelation 19:13:** "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."

- Jesus is clothed with a garment that is dipped in blood.
- Heaven doesn't ignore the sacrifice of Jesus. Instead it magnifies Him for it.
- Heaven doesn't ignore the blood that Jesus shed. Instead it's part of Heaven's worship of Him.
- One of the names of Jesus is the Word of God.

**Revelation 19:14:** "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

- When Jesus returns to this world at the end of the tribulation period, the armies of Heaven will follow Him.
- There are armies in Heaven.
- The armies of Heaven will come to this world riding white

horses.

- The armies of Heaven are clothed in fine white linen (which is symbolic of righteousness).

**Revelation 19:15:** "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

- A sharp sword goes out of the mouth of Jesus. (In the Bible, the Word of God – the Scriptures – is called a sharp sword.)
- Jesus will use His Word to smite the nations.
- When Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation period He will smite the nations.
- When Jesus returns He will rule over the nations.
- When Jesus returns He will rule over the nations with a rod of iron.
- When Jesus returns He's going to pour out God's wrath upon the world.
- When Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation He will return with great wrath. He is returning to pour out wrath upon the world. He's not returning in peace, but to wage war.

**Revelation 19:16:** "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

- There's a name written on the garment of Jesus: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

- There's a name written on the thigh of Jesus: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- Jesus is the King of Kings.
- Jesus is the Lord of Lords.

**Revelation 19:17:** "And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;"

- The apostle John saw an angel standing in the sun.
- There are some angels that can stand in the sun.
- The angel who was standing in the sun cried out with a loud voice.
- The angel who was standing in the sun cried out to all the birds of the sky.
- There are some birds that will survive the tribulation period, and will still be alive when Jesus returns.
- Some angels have the ability to speak to birds.
- Some angels have the ability to give commands to birds.
- An angel will call birds to go to the great battle of armageddon, so they can eat corpses.
- The great battle of armageddon is called a supper, because birds will eat the dead bodies that will fall in that battle.
- God is great.

**Revelation 19:18:** "That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the



flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great."

- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of kings.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of captains.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of mighty men.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of horses.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of horse riders.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of all men.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of free men.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of slaves.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of "small" men.
- After the battle of armageddon, birds will eat the flesh of "great" men.
- The battle of armageddon will be fought with horses. (This is more evidence that modern technology is still lost even at the end of the tribulation period.)
- The kings who go to armageddon won't be victorious. Instead the Lord Jesus Christ will slaughter them and give their corpses to birds to eat.

**Revelation 19:19:** "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."

- In the battle of armageddon, the beast (the antichrist) will come to make war against Jesus and His army.
- In the battle of armageddon, the kings of the earth will come to make war against Jesus and His army.
- In the battle of armageddon, the armies of the earth will come to make war against Jesus and His army.
- The reason the kings of the world gather together at armageddon is specifically to wage war against Jesus Himself.
- At the end of the tribulation, the kings of the world will join the antichrist in an effort to wage war against Jesus Himself.
- It seems that the kings of the earth will be in some sort of alliance with the antichrist, because they will go to war with him against Jesus.
- At the end of the tribulation period, the kings of the earth will be exceedingly wicked. They will go to armageddon to fight against Jesus, who has returned to this world in person.
- The antichrist will actually try to wage war against the very person of Jesus Himself.
- The kings of the world will actually try to wage war against the very person of Jesus Himself.
- The armies of the world will actually try to wage war against the very person of Jesus Himself.

- When Jesus returns to this world, the world will respond by waging war against Him. Jesus will be faced with the combined might of the antichrist and all the kings and armies of the entire world, who will seek to destroy Him.

**Revelation 19:20:** "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

- Although the armies and kings of the whole world will wage war against Jesus, they won't be victorious.
- Although the antichrist will wage war against Jesus, he won't be victorious.
- The antichrist will be cast alive into the lake of fire.
- The false prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire.
- Jesus will defeat the antichrist.
- Jesus will defeat the false prophet.
- In the end-times, the false prophet will perform miracles.
- The reason the false prophet will perform miracles will be to deceive those who took the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image.
- Those who take the mark of the beast will also worship the image of the beast.
- The miracles that the false prophet will perform are intended to deceive people.
- It's possible for evildoers and wicked people to perform miracles.

- It's not true that only the saints of God can perform miracles.
- A miracle, in and of itself, isn't proof of God's approval because the devil can perform them.
- Some miracles are deceptive and are intended to lead people away from God.
- There is a lake of fire.
- The lake of fire burns with brimstone.
- At the end of the tribulation period, the antichrist will be cast alive into the lake of fire.
- At the end of the tribulation period, the false prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire.
- It seems that the first people who will be cast into the lake of fire are the antichrist and the false prophet.

**Revelation 19:21:** "And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

- When Jesus returns, He will slaughter the armies of the antichrist and the kings of the world (who have gathered at armageddon specifically to wage war against Him).
- When Jesus returns, He will slaughter the armies of the world with His spoken word.
- When Jesus returns, He will slaughter the armies of the world. Although the armies of Heaven will accompany Him, they won't fight. Jesus will defeat all those who are opposed to Him single-handedly.
- All those who go to armageddon to wage war against

Jesus will be killed by Him. His spoken word will kill them.

- The birds of the air will eat the corpses of those who die in the battle of armageddon.
- At the battle of armageddon, Jesus will be victorious. He will triumph over all His enemies.

## Chapter 20

**Revelation 20:1:** "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand."

- The next thing the apostle John saw was an angel coming down from Heaven.
- After the Lord Jesus Christ returned to this world at the end of the tribulation and defeated the antichrist and his armies, an angel came down from Heaven.
- The angel had the key to the bottomless pit.
- At some point the key to the bottomless pit was returned to Heaven.
- The bottomless pit has a key.
- The angel had a great chain in his hand.

**Revelation 20:2:** "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,"

- The angel that came down from Heaven captured the devil.

- After the tribulation period is over, an angel will lay hold on the devil.
- After the tribulation period is over, the devil will be bound with a great chain for a thousand years.
- It's possible to bind the devil with a great chain from Heaven.
- The devil can be bound.
- The dragon is symbolic of the devil.
- The serpent is symbolic of the devil.
- A single angel was able to lay hold on the devil and bind him. The text doesn't say this was a great and powerful angel. It also doesn't say he was an archangel.
- The devil wasn't bound by the Lord Jesus Christ, but by an angel.
- The devil wasn't bound at the time of the crucifixion, but after the tribulation period was over.
- The devil will be bound for a thousand years.
- The devil isn't currently bound.

**Revelation 20:3:** "And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

- The angel cast the devil into the bottomless pit.
- The angel shut the bottomless pit.
- The angel sealed the devil within the bottomless pit for a thousand years.

- The devil was sealed into the bottomless pit for a thousand years so that he couldn't deceive the nations during that period.
- In the present age the devil is free and is deceiving the nations.
- During the millennium the devil will be absent from this world.
- During the millennium the devil will be unable to deceive the nations.
- After the millennium is over, the devil will be set free for a little season.
- During the millennium, the nations won't be deceived.
- One of the reasons the millennium will be such a time of great blessing is because the devil will be absent.
- God has the power to remove the devil from this world, but He's going to wait until after the end of the tribulation to do so.
- At this time the devil is allowed to deceive the nations, but he won't always have that power.
- There will be a time after the millennium when the devil will be freed from the bottomless pit.

**Revelation 20:4:** "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

- The apostle John saw thrones.
- The people who were sitting on the thrones were those who were martyred during the tribulation period.
- The tribulation martyrs had been beheaded.
- During the tribulation period, many of those who worship Jesus will be beheaded.
- The tribulation martyrs were given judgment. (This seems to mean they were given the power to reign with Christ.)
- The tribulation martyrs were put to death for the witness of Jesus.
- The tribulation martyrs were put to death for the word of God.
- The tribulation martyrs hadn't worshiped the beast.
- The tribulation martyrs hadn't worshiped the image of the beast.
- The tribulation martyrs hadn't taken the mark of the beast.
- After the tribulation period, but before the millennium begins, the tribulation martyrs will be resurrected.
- The tribulation martyrs will be alive during the millennium.
- During the millennium, the tribulation martyrs will reign with Christ over the world.
- Those who are put to death during the tribulation for their faith in Jesus will be resurrected after the tribulation is over, and will reign with Christ over the world during the millennium.



**Revelation 20:5:** "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."

- Only the tribulation martyrs will be raised from the dead at the beginning of the millennium.
- The rest of the dead (such as those who took the mark of the beast) won't be resurrected at the beginning of the millennium.
- The resurrection of the tribulation martyrs at the beginning of the millennium is referred to as the first resurrection. (This must mean the first resurrection after the return of Christ at the end of the tribulation, because Christ Himself was resurrected and is called the firstfruits of the dead. Also, when Christ returns at the rapture the entire church will be resurrected.)
- The rest of the dead will be resurrected after the millennium is over.
- At some point all of the dead will be resurrected, including those who are wicked.

**Revelation 20:6:** "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

- Those who are resurrected in the first resurrection are blessed.
- Those who are resurrected in the first resurrection are holy.
- The second death isn't a threat to those who were resurrected in the first resurrection.

- Those who are resurrected in the first resurrection are priests of God.
- Those who are resurrected in the first resurrection are priests of Christ.
- Those who are resurrected in the first resurrection will reign with Christ for a thousand years.
- It seems that the tribulation saints will stop reigning with Christ once the millennium is over.
- It seems that the ending of the reign of the tribulation saints will coincide with the release of the devil from the bottomless pit.
- It seems that when the devil is released from the bottomless pit, the tribulation saints are no longer reigning over the world.

**Revelation 20:7:** "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,"

- The millennium will last for one thousand years. (This isn't symbolic, but is a literal thousand years.)
- When the millennium is over, the devil will be released out of his prison.
- For a thousand years, the devil will be trapped in the bottomless pit.
- The bottomless pit is going to serve as a prison for the devil.

**Revelation 20:8:** "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to

gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

- When the devil is released from the bottomless pit, he will go out and deceive the nations.
- After the millennium, the devil will deceive the nations.
- After the millennium, the nations in the four quarters of the earth will be deceived.
- After the millennium, the devil will deceive the nations and cause them to go to battle against God.
- After the millennium, the devil will deceive an immense number of people. The number is compared to the sand of the sea.
- After the millennium (after a thousand years of peace and harmony, and a total absence of war) the devil will deceive a staggering number of people in a very short amount of time. He will persuade them to go to war against God Himself, and fight against Jesus *in person* – the very Jesus who slaughtered the antichrist and all of his armies at the end of the tribulation.
- After the millennium, Gog and Magog will go to war against God.
- After the millennium, the nations will go to war against God.
- After the millennium, an enormous number of people will go to war against God.
- The millennium won't fix humanity. When it's over, the people of the world will quickly be persuaded to go to war against God.
- After the millennium, one final battle against God will be

waged by the devil.

- After the millennium, mankind will make one final attempt to wage war against God.

**Revelation 20:9:** "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

- After the millennium, the devil and his vast army will gather around Jerusalem and will surround it.
- When the devil and his army gathers around Jerusalem, fire will come down from God out of Heaven and consume all of them.
- Those who gather against God in the final battle against Him will be burned alive.
- The devil's final battle against God will fail.
- Jerusalem is referred to as the beloved city.
- Jerusalem is referred to as the camp of the saints.
- The saints won't have to fight in the final battle. Instead God will destroy all of His enemies by raining down fire from Heaven.
- In the final battle, God will defend His city and His saints.

**Revelation 20:10:** "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

- After the final battle, the devil will be cast into the lake of

fire and brimstone.

- After the final battle, the devil will join the antichrist and the false prophet in the lake of fire.
- The ultimate fate of the devil is to be cast into the lake of fire, where he will be tormented day and night for all of eternity.
- The first three beings who will be cast into the lake of fire are the antichrist, the false prophet, and the devil.
- The devil doesn't spend his time tormenting people in Hell. Instead his fate is to be tormented in the lake of fire forever.
- The lake of fire and brimstone will burn forever.
- The devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet will be tormented with fire and brimstone day and night forever, with no rest or hope of salvation.
- All those who are cast into the lake of fire will be tormented day and night forever.

**Revelation 20:11:** "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

- After the devil was cast into the lake of fire, the apostle John saw a great white throne.
- God sat on the great white throne.
- After the devil was cast into the lake of fire, the universe was destroyed. It fled away and was gone.
- After the millennium is over, and after the last battle is fought, this universe will be destroyed.

- This universe won't last forever.
- At the beginning of the great white throne judgment, the entire universe (and all it contains) will be destroyed.
- The things in this world are temporary. One day every single thing in this entire universe will be gone.

**Revelation 20:12:** "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

- In the great white throne, the dead will be judged.
- The people who are judged at the great white throne judgment are those who are dead. This means those who are alive at that time (such as the resurrected church and the resurrected tribulation saints) won't be judged at this time.
- Some of the dead are great.
- Some of the dead are small.
- All of the dead will stand before God and be judged.
- None of the wicked are too great to avoid this judgment.
- None of the wicked are too small to avoid this judgment.
- One day God will judge all of the unrighteous dead.
- There are books in Heaven.
- At the great white throne judgment, people will be judged according to their works.
- The book of life will be opened at the great white throne judgment.

- There are books in Heaven that record our works.
- One day God will hold all of the wicked accountable for all the wicked things they've done.

**Revelation 20:13:** "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

- All those who died in the sea are present at this judgment.
- All those who were in Hell are present at this judgment.
- Those who are in Hell won't be there forever. One day they'll be taken out of Hell so they can be judged by God at the great white throne judgment.
- All of those who were still dead at the time of the great white throne judgment will be judged by their works. None of the dead will escape it.
- When the wicked stand before God in this judgment, they'll be standing before Him without any righteousness. They will be in the presence of a holy God, the holy angels, and the holy saints with all of their sins and wickedness and vileness. (That will be an exceedingly terrible experience for them.)
- At the time of the great white throne judgment, all of the wicked will be dead. (Any wicked who were still alive after the millennium joined the devil in the last battle and were burned to death by fire from God out of Heaven.)

**Revelation 20:14:** "And death and hell were cast into the lake

of fire. This is the second death."

- At the great white throne judgment, death will be cast into the lake of fire.
- At the great white throne judgment, hell will be cast into the lake of fire.
- The second death is to be cast into the lake of fire.
- At the great white throne judgment, death will be abolished (although the wicked will suffer a second death).

**Revelation 20:15:** "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

- The wicked will die twice. They will die once, then God will resurrect them so they can stand before Him at the great white throne judgment and be cast alive into the lake of fire (which is the second death).
- All those whose names aren't written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire.
- All those whose names are written in the book of life won't be cast into the lake of fire.
- The fate of the wicked isn't to burn in Hell forever. Instead it's to burn in the lake of fire forever.
- The wicked will never escape the lake of fire.
- The wicked won't be annihilated. Instead they'll be tormented in the lake of fire forever, day and night, with no rest or hope of escape.



# Chapter 21

**Revelation 21:1:** "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

- By the time the great white throne judgment is over, the heaven (the universe) and the earth are gone.
- After the great white throne judgment, God will make a new heaven (the universe) and earth.
- The sea (the "firmament" barrier between the realm of God and the realm of man) doesn't exist in the new heaven and earth. (Since this barrier seems to have been put in place because of sin, and since there will be no sin in the new heaven and earth, this makes sense.)
- At the great white throne judgment the earth and everything it contains will be destroyed. However, after the judgment is over God will make a new earth.
- One day the earth will be replaced.
- One day everything in this world will be destroyed.
- Since all of the wicked were put into the lake of fire during the great white throne judgment, and since the new earth is created after that, this means there will never be wickedness or wicked people in the new earth.
- Since the devil is put into the lake of fire before the great white throne judgment, and since the new earth is created after that, this means the devil will never set foot in the new earth or deceive those who live there.
- Since all of the wicked were put into the lake of fire during the great white throne judgment, and since the

new earth is created after that, that means the new earth will be populated by the righteous (all of whom were resurrected before the new earth was created).

- There will be a time when there's no earth at all. For a time the universe will be gone and not replaced yet.
- Since death was destroyed at the great white throne judgment, and since the new earth is created after that, this means there will be no death in the new earth.

**Revelation 21:2:** "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

- The apostle John saw the new Jerusalem.
- The new Jerusalem is a city.
- The new Jerusalem is holy.
- The new Jerusalem was coming down from God out of Heaven.
- At the time that God creates the new earth, the city of the new Jerusalem is already in Heaven.
- The new Jerusalem is compared to a bride adorned for her husband.
- Brides are adorned for their husband. (They're not adorned for themselves, or for others.)
- The city of the new Jerusalem is described as coming down from Heaven, but it's never said to land anywhere. (It's possible that it orbits the new earth.)

**Revelation 21:3:** "And I heard a great voice out of heaven

saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

- The apostle John heard a great voice out of Heaven.
- One of the themes of Revelation are great (and loud) voices speaking from Heaven.
- After the great white throne judgment, the tabernacle of God will be with men. This means He will dwell with them on earth, and they will dwell with Him.
- In the new earth, all of the people will belong to God. They will be His people, and He will be their God.
- After the great white throne judgment, there will no longer be any distance between God and man. In this age God is in Heaven and we are on earth, but in the age to come God will be on earth as well, living in the midst of His people.
- In the new earth there will be no pagans or unbelievers.
- The eternal destiny of mankind isn't to live in Heaven. Instead it's to live with God in the new earth that He will create.
- The eternal destiny of mankind is to be on earth, not in Heaven.
- It's not true that the saints will spend eternity in Heaven. Instead they'll spend eternity on the new earth, living with God.
- The home of mankind is earth, because that's where God dwells.

**Revelation 21:4:** "And God shall wipe away all tears from

their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

- In the new earth, God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. (This means God will put an end to all crying and sorrow.)
- In the new earth, there will be no more death.
- In the new earth, there will be no more sorrow.
- In the new earth, there will be no more crying.
- In the new earth, there will be no more pain.
- In the new earth, the former things (death and sorrow and crying and pain and evil and sin) have passed away (and they will never return).
- In the new earth, there will be no sin. There won't be a second fall, because the former things are passed away.
- In the new earth, sickness and disease and suffering will no longer be a problem. Such things won't exist.

**Revelation 21:5:** "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

- The one who sat upon the throne said that He makes all things new.
- God is the one who sits on the throne.
- After the great white throne judgment, God will make all things new.
- The words of Revelation are true.
- The words of Revelation are faithful.

- God wants us to know the things that are in this book. God repeatedly told the apostle John to write what he had seen.
- Christians should study the material of this book and take it seriously, because its words are true and faithful, and because God wants us to know them.
- God wants us to know about the eternal state. He wants us to know things will ultimately be like after the great white throne judgment.
- God is the one who told the apostle John to write the things he had seen.

**Revelation 21:6:** "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

- God said that "it is done". (From God's perspective, everything in this book has already happened. The future is certain and will surely come to pass.)
- God is the Alpha (the beginning).
- God is the Omega (the ending).
- God will freely give the water of life to those who thirst for it. (Jesus is the water of life.)

**Revelation 21:7:** "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

- God said that he who overcomes (which are all those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah) will inherit all things.
- It's the destiny of the saints to inherit all things.

- God will be the God of the saints.
- The saints will be the sons of God.

**Revelation 21:8:** "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

- The fearful will be cast into the lake of fire.
- The unbelieving will be cast into the lake of fire.
- The abominable will be cast into the lake of fire.
- Murderers will be cast into the lake of fire.
- Whoremongers will be cast into the lake of fire.
- Sorcerers will be cast into the lake of fire.
- Idolaters will be cast into the lake of fire.
- All liars will be cast into the lake of fire.
- It's a wicked sin to be fearful. Christians must not do that.
- It's a wicked sin to be unbelieving. Christians must not do that.
- It's a wicked sin to be abominable. Christians must not do that.
- It's a wicked sin to be a murderer. Christians must not do that.
- It's a wicked sin to be a whoremonger. Christians must not do that.
- It's a wicked sin to be a sorcerer. Christians must not do that.

- Sorcery is a real thing. It's a wicked sin that leads to everlasting damnation.
- It's a wicked sin to be an idolater. Christians must not do that.
- It's a wicked sin to be a liar. Christians must not do that.
- No unbeliever will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.
- No unrepentant murderer will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.
- No unrepentant fornicator will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.
- No unrepentant sorcerer will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.
- No unrepentant idolater will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.
- No unrepentant liar will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.
- In order to be saved we must repent of our sins. We must overcome the world through faith in Christ.
- Only the saints will enter the new earth and live there. All of the wicked will be tormented for eternity in the lake of fire.
- Being cast into the lake of fire is the second death.

**Revelation 21:9:** "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."

- One of the seven angels who poured out the seven vials of God's wrath upon the world showed the apostle John the new Jerusalem.
- The new Jerusalem is called the bride – the wife of the Lamb. (This may mean the new Jerusalem is going to be the home of the church.)

**Revelation 21:10:** "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"

- The angel carried John away in the spirit.
- John was taken to a great and high mountain.
- The new Jerusalem is holy.
- The new Jerusalem is a great city.
- The new Jerusalem is a city.
- The home of the church is a city. God will prepare a city for us, and we will live there.
- The new Jerusalem is described as descending out of Heaven from God, but it's never said to land anywhere. (It may orbit the world.)
- The new Jerusalem isn't built upon the earth. Instead it descends from God out of Heaven.
- The new Jerusalem comes from Heaven. It's not an earthly city.
- The new Jerusalem exists and is ready at the time God creates the new earth.



**Revelation 21:11:** "Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;"

- The new Jerusalem is said to have the glory of God.
- The new Jerusalem emits light.
- The light that comes from the new Jerusalem is compared to a jasper stone.

**Revelation 21:12:** "And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:"

- The new Jerusalem is surrounded by a great and high wall.
- The new Jerusalem has twelve gates.
- There's an angel stationed at each gate.
- Each gate has written on it one of the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Revelation 21:13:** "On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates."

- The new Jerusalem has three gates on the east.
- The new Jerusalem has three gates on the north.
- The new Jerusalem has three gates on the south.
- The new Jerusalem has three gates on the west.
- In order to enter the city of the new Jerusalem, you must

enter by one of the gates (which are each guarded by an angel).

**Revelation 21:14:** "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

- The new Jerusalem has twelve foundations.
- Each of the foundations of the new Jerusalem is named after one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- The Lamb (the Lord Jesus Christ) has twelve apostles.
- Although there may be more than twelve apostles mentioned in the Bible if you count the disciples (including the replacement for Judas) and Paul, there are only twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- The foundation of the church was laid by the apostles. The foundations of the new Jerusalem are named after the twelve apostles.

**Revelation 21:15:** "And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof."

- The angel had a golden reed to measure the city.
- The angel had a golden reed to measure the gates of the city.
- The angel had a golden reed to measure the wall of the city.
- The new Jerusalem was measured by a golden reed (a fixed standard).

- The city was measured by the angel.

**Revelation 21:16:** "And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

- The new Jerusalem is a cube.
- The length, breadth, and height of the new Jerusalem are all equal. The city is a cube.
- The new Jerusalem is a cube that is twelve thousand furlongs on each side. (A furlong is 0.125 miles, so this city is 1500 miles wide, long, and tall.)
- The number 12 figures prominently in the new Jerusalem: twelve foundations, twelve gates, twelve angels, and twelve thousand furlongs.
- The new Jerusalem has a volume of 3,375,000,000 cubic miles. (It's roughly the size of the moon, but a bit smaller.)

**Revelation 21:17:** "And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel."

- The wall of the city is 144 cubits. (That's 12 x 12).
- A cubit is about 1.5 feet (although the cubit of an angel may be larger). This would make the walls more than 200 feet tall.

**Revelation 21:18:** "And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass."

- The walls of the new Jerusalem are compared to jasper.
- The city of the new Jerusalem was made of pure gold.
- The gold of the new Jerusalem is compared to clear glass. The gold is transparent.

**Revelation 21:19:** "And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;"

- The foundations of the wall of the city are garnished with precious stones.
- The first foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is jasper.
- The second foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is sapphire.
- The third foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is chalcedony.
- The fourth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is emerald.

**Revelation 21:20:** "The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst."

- The fifth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is sardonyx.
- The sixth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is sardius.

- The seventh foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is chrysolyte.
- The eighth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is beryl.
- The ninth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is topaz.
- The tenth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is chrysophrasus.
- The eleventh foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is jacinth.
- The twelfth foundation of the wall of new Jerusalem is amethyst.

**Revelation 21:21:** "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

- Each of the twelve gates of the city are made of a single pearl.
- The streets of the new Jerusalem are made of pure gold.
- The streets of the new Jerusalem are made of transparent gold.

**Revelation 21:22:** "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

- There was no temple in the new Jerusalem.
- The Lord God Almighty dwells in the new Jerusalem.
- The Lord Jesus Christ dwells in the new Jerusalem.

- The reason there's no temple in the new Jerusalem is because God and the Lamb are its temple.

**Revelation 21:23:** "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

- The new Jerusalem doesn't need the light of the sun.
- The new Jerusalem doesn't need the light of the moon.
- The reason the new Jerusalem doesn't need the sun or the moon is because the city is lit by the glory of God, and by the glory of the Lamb.
- The new Jerusalem is lit by the glory of God, and the city is made of transparent gold. That's why the city emits light (it's shining with the glory of God, which is shining through it).

**Revelation 21:24:** "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

- The nations of them which are saved will walk in the light of the new Jerusalem, which shines with the glory of God. (This is more evidence that the city orbits the world, and shines its light upon the nations which are on earth.)
- The kings of the earth will bring their glory into the new Jerusalem.
- The kings of the earth will bring their honor into the new Jerusalem.
- In the new earth, the kings of the world will seek to bring glory and honor into the new Jerusalem. They will be

working for the glory and honor of God, not of themselves.

- In the new earth there will be kings. This means there will still be people who have authority over others. There will be an authority structure in the eternal state.
- The new earth will be ruled over by kings.
- There will be multiple kings in the new earth.
- There will be multiple nations in the new earth. Nations will still exist.
- In the new earth, there will be some people who live in the new Jerusalem, but there will be entire nations (and kings) who live outside of it.

**Revelation 21:25:** "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."

- The gates of the new Jerusalem will never be shut.
- Night will never fall upon the new Jerusalem.

**Revelation 21:26:** "And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it."

- The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into the new Jerusalem.
- In the new earth the nations will seek to glorify God, not themselves.

**Revelation 21:27:** "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in

the Lamb's book of life."

- Nothing that defiles will ever be allowed to enter the new Jerusalem.
- Nothing that works abominations will ever be allowed to enter the new Jerusalem.
- Nothing that deceives will ever be allowed to enter the new Jerusalem.
- The wicked will never be allowed to enter the new Jerusalem (because they will be in the lake of fire). However, those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will be allowed to enter that holy city.
- The book of life belongs to the Lamb (the Lord Jesus Christ). It's His book of life.
- The new Jerusalem will be kept pure and free from evil and deceit forever.

## Chapter 22

**Revelation 22:1:** "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

- The angel showed the apostle John a river.
- The river was pure.
- The river contained the water of life.
- The river was as clear as crystal.
- The river proceeded out of the throne of God.
- In the eternal state, the throne of God is located in the



new Jerusalem.

- In the eternal state, the water of life comes out of the throne of God.
- The throne in Heaven is the throne of God, and the throne of the Lamb.
- In the new Jerusalem, there will be an actual river that contains the literal water of life. It will be an actual stream, and isn't just a metaphor. (This is like the river of life that will proceed out of the temple that will exist in the millennium, whose water will bring healing to the world.)
- The new Jerusalem will contain a river.

**Revelation 22:2:** "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

- In the new Jerusalem, there's a street on each side of the river of life.
- In the new Jerusalem, the tree of life grows on both sides of the river of life.
- The tree of life will exist in the eternal state.
- The tree of life is a real tree.
- It seems that the tree of life draws its water from the river of life.
- The tree of life bears twelve different kind of fruits.
- The tree of life yields a different fruit every month.
- The leaves of the tree of life are used to heal the nations.

**Revelation 22:3:** "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:"

- In the eternal state, the curse that God placed upon the world and upon mankind will be gone. The curse that was imposed after the fall of man will be gone.
- It seems that the curse that God placed upon the world won't be removed until the eternal state. (This can be seen by the fact that death is part of the curse, and death will exist until the great white throne judgment.)
- After the great white throne judgment, the curse will never be reimposed upon the world, or upon mankind.
- The new earth won't have a curse. Instead it will have the throne of God, and the throne of the Lamb.
- In the eternal state, the servants of God will serve Him.
- The saints won't be idle during the eternal state. Instead they'll be serving God.
- The role of the saints through the endless ages to come is to serve God.
- The focus of life in the eternal state is service to God.

**Revelation 22:4:** "And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

- In the eternal state, the saints will see the face of God.
- In the eternal state, the saints will have the name of God in their foreheads. (This is the opposite of those who lived during the tribulation and put the name of the

antichrist on their foreheads. In the end it will be one or the other.)

**Revelation 22:5:** "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

- In the new Jerusalem it will never be night.
- In the new Jerusalem it will never be dark.
- In the new Jerusalem there will be no need for candles or sources of artificial light.
- In the new Jerusalem there will be no need for the light of the sun.
- The reason it will never be dark in the new Jerusalem is because God will give light for that city.
- In the eternal state God will reign forever and ever.
- In the eternal state the saints of God will reign with Him forever and ever.

**Revelation 22:6:** "And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done."

- The words in the book of Revelation are faithful.
- The words in the book of Revelation are true.
- God wants us to know what's written in this book. He wants us to believe it and pay attention to it.
- The contents of this book came from the Lord God of the holy prophets. The same God who gave divine revelation

to the holy prophets of old is the one who gave us this book.

- God used an angel to give this revelation to the apostle John.
- The reason God wanted John to have this revelation was so that God's servants would know about the things that must shortly be done.
- God wants His saints to know about what will happen in the future.
- God wants His saints to know and understand end-times prophecy. The reason He gave us prophecy in the first place was because He wanted us to know it and understand it.
- Christians should study end-times prophecy and learn it.
- Christians shouldn't neglect prophecy.
- It's bad to have a "who cares?" attitude when it comes to end times prophecy. That's not the attitude God wants us to have.
- The book of Revelation spans from the beginning of the church age (the days of the apostles) to the eternal state. It started coming true immediately after it was written.
- The book of Revelation contains prophecy. That means it's talking about things that would take place after it was written.
- The things that are written in the book of Revelation will come to pass. There's no chance that they won't.

**Revelation 22:7:** "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

- Jesus said that He would come quickly. (He didn't say that He would come soon.)
- When Jesus returns, He will return very rapidly (or suddenly).
- Jesus pronounced a blessing upon those who keep the sayings that are found in Revelation.
- Jesus wants people to read Revelation and to listen to what it has to say. He specifically blessed people who do that.
- Jesus doesn't want people to ignore Revelation.
- The book of Revelation isn't irrelevant, and it's not a distraction. It contains material that Jesus wanted us to have, and that Jesus wanted us to pay attention to and believe.

**Revelation 22:8:** "And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things."

- The apostle John saw the things that are written in this book.
- The apostle John heard the things that are written in this book.
- This book is a firsthand, eyewitness account of the end-times.
- After John saw and heard these things, he tried to worship the angel who gave him the revelation.
- An angel gave John the revelation that's found in this book.

- Sometimes God uses angels to give divine prophetic revelation to people.

**Revelation 22:9:** "Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God."

- The angel stopped John from worshipping him.
- The angels of God don't accept worship.
- The angels of God direct people to worship God only.
- Angels are the fellow servants of the saints.
- Angels are the fellow servants of the prophets.
- Angels are the fellow servants of those who keep the sayings of the book of Revelation.
- We must worship God alone.
- We must not worship angels.
- God (and the angels) wants us to keep the sayings of this book.
- God wants us to learn this book and pay attention to what it says.

**Revelation 22:10:** "And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand."

- John was commanded not to seal the prophecies that were contained in the book of Revelation.
- The reason John wasn't allowed to seal the prophecies in this book was because the time of their fulfillment was at

hand.

**Revelation 22:11:** "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

- Let those who are unjust continue to be unjust.
- Let those who are filthy continue to be filthy.
- Let those who are righteous continue to be righteous.
- Let those who are holy continue to be holy.
- One of the themes of Revelation is that during the tribulation the saints of God were faithful, but the wicked refused to repent regardless of the punishments that God poured out upon the world. Those who were holy continued to be holy, but those who were unjust continued to be unjust.

**Revelation 22:12:** "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

- Jesus is coming quickly. (This is different than coming soon. It means that when Jesus returns He will come suddenly and rapidly.)
- Jesus is going to return to this world.
- When Jesus returns He will bring our reward with Him.
- When Jesus returns He will reward each person according to their works.
- The way that we live our lives matters.

- In the end, people will receive a reward for how they lived their lives. Their actions will play a role in determining what they receive in the future.
- It's not true that in the end everyone will receive the same thing.
- It's not true that we can do whatever we want and there are no consequences.
- Jesus is the one who will give us our reward.
- Our rewards are connected to the return of Jesus.

**Revelation 22:13:** "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

- Jesus is the Alpha (the beginning).
- Jesus is the Omega (the ending).
- Jesus is the first.
- Jesus is the last.
- Jesus is divine. He is the everlasting God.

**Revelation 22:14:** "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

- Those who obey the commandments of Jesus will be blessed.
- Those who obey the commandments of Jesus will be given the right to eat of the fruit of the tree of life.
- Those who obey the commandments of Jesus will be given the right to enter into the gates of the new



Jerusalem.

- Those who don't obey the commandments of Jesus aren't blessed.
- Those who don't obey the commandments of Jesus won't eat of the fruit of life.
- Those who don't obey the commandments of Jesus won't enter into the new Jerusalem.
- We must obey the commandments of Jesus.
- God puts a difference between those who obey His commandments, and those who don't.
- Some people will be granted the right to eat of the fruit of the tree of life, but others won't.
- Some people will be granted the right to enter into the new Jerusalem, but others won't.
- God cares about our obedience to His commands.
- One of the characteristics of the saints is that they obey His commandments.

**Revelation 22:15:** "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

- Those who are unclean won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem. (Under the Mosaic Law, dogs were considered to be unclean.)
- Sorcerers won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem.
- Fornicators (those who are sexually immoral) won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem.

- Murderers won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem.
- Idolaters won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem.
- Those who love lies won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem.
- Those who tell lies won't be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem.
- In order to be saved, those who are sinners must repent of their sin and turn away from them.
- In order to be saved, sorcerers must repent of their sin and turn away from it.
- In order to be saved, those who are sexually immoral must repent of their sin and turn away from it.
- In order to be saved, murderers must repent of their sin and turn away from it.
- In order to be saved, idolaters must repent of their sin and turn away from it.
- In order to be saved, liars must repent of their sin and turn away from it.
- No unrepentant sinner will enter into the new Jerusalem.
- No unrepentant sorcerer will enter into the new Jerusalem.
- No unrepentant fornicator will enter into the new Jerusalem.
- No unrepentant murderer will enter into the new Jerusalem.
- No unrepentant idolater will enter into the new

Jerusalem.

- No unrepentant liar will enter into the new Jerusalem.
- No one who's unsaved will enter into the new Jerusalem.
- Only those who have repented of their sins and who obey the commandments of God will be allowed to enter into the new Jerusalem. (Obedience to God is never the cause of salvation, but it's *always* the result of salvation.)

**Revelation 22:16:** "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

- The book of Revelation emphasizes the fact that the contents of this book came straight from Jesus Himself. He's the one who gave us this book.
- Jesus wants us to pay attention to this book, to take it seriously, to study it, and to believe it.
- Jesus wants us to pay attention to end times prophecy.
- It's not the will of Jesus for us to neglect prophecy, or to ignore it, or to dismiss it.
- Jesus specifically wanted the churches to know the material that's in this book.
- Jesus gave the churches this revelation by the means of His angel.
- The angel who gave this prophecy to the apostle John was an angel of Jesus.
- The book of Revelation is the testimony of Jesus.
- Jesus is the root of David.

- Jesus is the offspring of David.
- Jesus (not the devil) is the bright and morning star.

**Revelation 22:17:** "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

- The Spirit says that those who are thirsty should come and drink of the water of life.
- The bride (the church) says that those who are thirsty should come and drink of the water of life.
- Those who hear the words of this book should come and drink of the water of life.
- Those who are thirsty should come and drink of the water of life.
- Those who desire the water of life should come and drink of it.
- Jesus freely gives the water of life to those who are thirsty, and to those who desire it.
- We should drink of the water of life.

**Revelation 22:18:** "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:"

- Anyone who tampers with the text of Revelation and adds something to it will be cursed with the plagues that are written in this book.

- It's a very serious sin to tamper with the text of Revelation. God will severely punish those who corrupt it.
- We must not tamper with the text of Revelation. That's a horrible and terrible sin.

**Revelation 22:19:** "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

- Anyone who tampers with the text of Revelation and takes something away from it will be cursed by having their name removed from the book of life.
- Those who corrupt the text of Revelation will be cast into the lake of fire and tormented forever. It's an unforgivable sin.
- The one thing that will cause your name to be removed from the book of life is tampering with the text of Revelation.
- There are many sins that can be forgiven, but tampering with the text of Revelation isn't one of them. That's one of the worst things a person can do, which can be seen by the fact that God won't forgive it.
- God becomes very angry when people tamper with the text of the Bible.
- It's a horrific sin to tamper with the text of the Bible.
- Christians must never tamper with the text of God's Word.
- It's possible to have your name removed from the book of life.

- It's possible to be barred from entering the new Jerusalem.
- It's possible to lose the blessings that are found in this book.
- Those who have tampered with this book, and corrupted it, will be severely punished.

**Revelation 22:20:** "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

- The book of revelation is the testimony of Jesus.
- Jesus is the one who says that all of the things in this book will come to pass.
- Jesus says that He will come quickly.
- It's the desire of the apostle John that the Lord Jesus Christ would return to this world.
- It's good to desire that Jesus should return.
- Christians should earnestly desire the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 22:21:** "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

- Jesus is Lord.
- Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ).
- John prayed that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ would be with us.
- John ended this book with "Amen" (let it be).