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### The Revelation of St. John the Divine

This translation contains the JST version in the left column and the AMP version in the right column. This book is often referred to as The Apocalypse, literally "the unveiling", "the revelation". We often hear disasters, similar to what is described in this book, described as being "apocalyptic", which has come to mean horrendous rather than revelatory in our everyday speech.

"St. John the Divine" simply means that John was a follower of Christ and a theologian.

Most people like to focus on the beast, the plagues, the destruction of Babylon, but let's not forget that after these pictures of evil, come some of the best news in the entire Bible – when God comes to the earth and makes His dwelling among men.

I would also like to recommend to you another "Spiritual Translation of the Book of Revelation", by Anonymous. You can download it from: <https://purerevelations.wordpress.com/2016/02/05/book-of-revelation/>. He has added additional comments and shuffled some of the chapters, regrouping them to add clarity.

I am presenting the chapters in the same order as most Bibles, but if you want to follow the chapters in PR's order, start reading Chapters 1-5, 7, 6, 10, 15, 16, 8, 9, 13, 11, 14, 12, 17-22. There will be prompts starting at the end of Chapter 5.

### CHAPTER 1

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of John, a servant of God, which was given unto him of Jesus Christ, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass, that he sent and signified by his angel unto his servant John,

[THIS IS] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John, (AMP)

"The things which John saw had no allusion to the scenes of the days of Adam, Enoch, Abraham, or Jesus, only so far as is plainly represented by John, and clearly set forth by him. **John saw that only which was lying in futurity and which was shortly to come to pass.** See Rev. 1:1-3, which is a key to the whole subject." Joseph Smith (Discourses of the Prophet Joseph Smith, compiled by Alma P. Burton [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1977], 247 - 248.)

**Let's talk about what John wrote about in this book, not what he saw.** We only have a portion of the writings of John. The fullness will be revealed later. Nephi saw a vision of the history of his people from his present time, down to the second coming of Christ.

1 Nephi 14:17 And when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose founder

is the devil, then, at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants, which he hath made to his people who are of the house of Israel.

1 Nephi 14:18 And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, saying: Look!

1 Nephi 14:19 And I looked and beheld a man, and he was dressed in a white robe.

1 Nephi 14:20 And the angel said unto me: Behold one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

1 Nephi 14:21 **Behold, he shall see and write the remainder of these things; yea, and also many things which have been.**

1 Nephi 14:22 **And he shall also write concerning the end of the world.**

1 Nephi 14:23 Wherefore, the things which he shall write are just and true; and behold they are written in the book which thou beheld proceeding out of the mouth of the Jew; and at the time they proceeded out of the mouth of the Jew, or, at the time the book proceeded out of the mouth of the Jew, the things which were written were plain and pure, and most precious and easy to the understanding of all men.

1 Nephi 14:24 **And behold, the things which this apostle of the Lamb shall write are many things which thou hast seen; and behold, the remainder shalt thou see.**

1 Nephi 14:25 **But the things which thou shalt see hereafter thou shalt not write; for the Lord God hath ordained the apostle of the Lamb of God that he should write them.**

1 Nephi 14:26 **And also others who have been, to them hath he shown all things, and they have written them; and they are sealed up to come forth in their purity, according to the truth which is in the Lamb, in the own due time of the Lord, unto the house of Israel.**

1 Nephi 14:27 And I, Nephi, heard and bear record, **that the name of the apostle of the Lamb was John, according to the word of the angel.**

1 Nephi 14:28 And behold, I, Nephi, am forbidden that I should write the remainder of the things which I saw and heard; wherefore the things which I have written sufficeth me; and I have written but a small part of the things which I saw.

So, we learn from this that many others have had this same vision, which Isaiah refers to as "the vision of all".

The brother of Jared saw this same vision and sealed it up to come forth in the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon

Ether 4:5 Wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to write them; and I have written them. And he commanded me that I should seal them up; and he also hath commanded that I

should seal up the interpretation thereof; wherefore I have sealed up the interpreters, according to the commandment of the Lord.

Ether 4:6 For the Lord said unto me: **They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord.**

Ether 4:7 **And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations**, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are.

The Lord has many revelations in store for us. Those who have received their Second Comforter may ask the Lord to show the revelations to them.

Rev 1:2 Who <b>bore record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.</b>	Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. (AMP)
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This tells us that it was this same John who wrote the gospel of John and recorded the most comprehensive and sweeping view of Christ from the pre-earth life, to his earthly ministry, to life in the eternities, that we have available.

Rev 1:3 Blessed are they who read, and they who hear and understand <b>the words of this prophecy</b> , and keep those things which are written therein, <b>for the time of the coming of the Lord draweth nigh [JST].</b>	Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near. (AMP)
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Let's not forget that this is a book of prophecy. This fact will be very important to keep in mind when reading the final verses of Revelation. "Blessed are they who read, hear, and understand the words of this book." This means that in order to get the most out of this book, you will need the blessing of the Spirit of the Lord. Revelation evokes revelation, and you will really need it as you read this revelation.

And the Lord wants you to understand this book. That's why He gave this revelation.

Rev 1:4 Now this is the testimony of John to the seven servants who are over the seven churches in Asia. Grace unto you, and peace from him who is, and who was, and who is to come; who hath sent forth his angel from before his throne, to testify unto those who are the seven servants over the seven churches.	John to the seven assemblies (churches) that are in Asia: May grace (God's unmerited favor) be granted to you and spiritual peace (the peace of Christ's kingdom) from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] before His throne, (AMP)
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This book was written as a letter to the seven churches in Asia, then a Roman province in southwest Turkey. John lived the later part of his life in Ephesus. See the map below.

<p>Rev 1:5 Therefore, I, John, the faithful witness, bear record of the things which were delivered me of the angel, and from Jesus Christ the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.</p>	<p>And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead [first to be brought back to life] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once [for all] loosed and freed us from our sins by His own blood, (AMP)</p>
<p>The King James bible describes Christ as “the faithful witness”, but the JST calls John “the faithful witness”, and so he is. He saw much, and he recorded much, and he bore witness to everything he saw.</p>	
<p>Rev 1:6 And unto him who loved us, be glory; who washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, his Father. To him be glory and dominion, forever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen (so be it). (AMP)</p>
<p>John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:</p>	
<p>Rev 1:7 For behold, <b>he cometh in the clouds with ten thousands of his saints</b> in the kingdom, clothed with the glory of his Father. And every eye shall see him; and they who pierced him, and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.</p>	<p>Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall gaze upon Him and beat their breasts and mourn and lament over Him. Even so [must it be]. Amen (so be it). (AMP)</p>
<p>The JST includes a quote directly out of the Book of Enoch, a book which was considered to be added to the Biblical canon because it teaches and reinforces passages in the Bible. The Book of Enoch was considered as scripture in the Epistle of Barnabas (16:4) and by many of the early Church Fathers, such as Athenagoras, Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus and Tertullian, who wrote c. 200 that the Book of Enoch had been rejected by the Jews because it contained prophecies pertaining to Christ. This above quote also appears in Jude, but seeing it added to Revelation by Joseph Smith, implies that the Book of Enoch may be inspired. In any event, we should study and glean truth from it by the Spirit.</p>	
<p>There are so many New Testament prophecies of the future which imply that people living during that era will also be alive to witness latter-day events. “They who pierced him” refers to the Roman soldiers who pierced Jesus’ side on the cross in order to hasten His death. It also refers to all those who assented to the Savior’s death and speaks of them as if they will all be upon the earth when Christ returns. Believe what you like, but I believe that these same people will also be back on the earth living in mortality again, as they have many other times.</p>	
<p>Rev 1:8 For he saith, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.</p>	<p>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord God, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the Ruler of all). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus</p>	<p>I, John, your brother and companion (sharer and participant) with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patient</p>

Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.	endurance [which are] in Jesus Christ, was on the isle called Patmos, [banished] on account of [my witnessing to] the Word of God and the testimony (the proof, the evidence) for Jesus Christ. (AMP)
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John doesn't lord it over anybody because of his office, and special relationship with the Lord. He is our brother and fellow-servant. He was the only apostle that didn't suffer martyrdom, and it was not for lack of trying. He received his share of persecution.

I can't help but compare John in the New Testament to Joseph in the Old Testament. Here is an excerpt from Moses' blessing of the Twelve Tribes:

Deut 33:16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of **him that was separated from his brethren**.

Not joining them in death and returning speedily to the Lord in His kingdom, John was separated from his brethren in that he remained on earth to teach and witness, right up until the end.

"The book of Revelation, written by John, was...written in sorrow-from the lonely circumstance of exile: 'I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation ... was in the isle that is called Patmos.' (Rev. 1:9.) But perhaps even more powerful than the physical separation and loneliness John felt as he wrote was the spiritual isolation he suffered. We can sense it as we read his words, for John did not write in a time of success, but of gloom. The young, struggling gospel kingdom was beset upon from all sides. The Saints were hunted, persecuted, slain. But more distressingly, the Church was being ravished from within by false teachings. Undoubtedly the loneliness and sorrows John felt as he beheld the struggles of the beleaguered Church contributed strongly to the passion in his words as he wrote what he saw. Then, trying to communicate the scenes viewed in revelation, John wrote of the trials and glories of the earth's future in powerful and starkly beautiful terms." (Lenet H. Read, "How the Bible Came to Be: Part 3, A New Word Is Added to the Old," Ensign, Mar. 1982, 18)

"Patmos is a small, roughly butterfly-shaped volcanic island southwest of the Turkish city of Ephesus. It measures about ten by five miles...The writings of Pliny note that under Rome a number of islands were used as penal settlements...Today, though no longer fertile, the island boasts a population of about 2,400 fishing families.

"The revelation came while John was serving time in that penal colony. He notes that his crime was declaring 'the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ' (Rev. 1:9, KJV). The exact nature of his punishment is unknown, but it consisted at least in part of banishment." (Richard D. Draper, *Opening the Seven Seals: The Visions of John the Revelator* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1991], 3.)

"When John had spent several years at Ephesus, a cruel Roman emperor, during his persecution of the Church, arrested him, had him carried to Rome, condemned him to death, and had him plunged into boiling oil. John's life being preserved through the power of God, he was then banished to Patmos. All that John says about it is that he was ' ... in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of

God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.' (Rev. 1:9.) It is quite evident from this that he had been persecuted for his belief in the gospel and for his unwavering testimony of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was probably the last living witness of the Savior's miracles and teachings. Perhaps that is why he was banished. But wicked men could not banish the testimony he had borne. That was planted in the hearts of thousands of sincere believers and, like seeds sown in fertile soil, would grow and bear rich harvests for ages to come.

"...Upon the death of Domitian, the cruel emperor who had banished him, the Apostle was permitted to return to Ephesus, where he continued his preaching, writing, and testimony." (Gospel Ideals: Selections from the Discourses of David O. McKay [Salt Lake City: Improvement Era, 1953], 243-244)

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

I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet, (AMP)

John was meditating and pondering, spending "holy time" with the Lord. "In the spirit" means he was in such strong rapport with the Spirit, that he was taken out of his body. "Behind me" is a good way to describe the voice of the Lord when it speaks to you. It is hard to determine exactly where it comes from because it is coming from another dimension, and it seems like it is coming from behind you.

What is the Lord's day? Most Christians think it was Sunday, the first day of the week. Where did this come from? Here are some Catholic catechisms. This is part of the creed of the Catholic Church – a set of tenets that you must believe in order to be a member in good standing. Rather than a living, active faith and trust in Christ, this is what most churches consider their "faith".

Question: Why do we observe Sunday Instead of Saturday? Answer: "We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (AD 336) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." (Peter Geiermann, The Converts' Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 2nd Ed. 1910 p. 50)

Question: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals or precepts? Answer: "Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; -she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority." (Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism p. 174)

"From this we may understand how great is the authority of the church in interpreting or explaining to us the commandments of God -an authority which is acknowledged by the universal practice of the whole Christian world, even of those sects who profess to take the Holy Scriptures as their sole rule of faith since they observe as the day of rest not the seventh day of the week commanded by the Bible, but the first day, which we know is to be kept holy only from the tradition and teaching of the Catholic Church." (Henry Gibson, Catechism made easy (no. 2) 9th ed. Vol 1 pp 341 342)

Are you sure you still want to observe Sunday as the sabbath?

Over the past twenty years, there has been an increase in numbers of those who believe that the Sabbath was not on a fixed day of the week, but instead, a fixed day of the month,

specifically, the Sabbath is every seven days, beginning with the first day of the month, then the eighth, then the fifteenth, etc. It is not my intention here to prove or disprove any Sabbath belief, so if you want to learn more about the Lunar Sabbath, you are free to research the topic for yourself. Jeff Benner, Ancient Hebrew Research Center

This is my personal preference for sabbath day observance, but what about John?

John seems to be well-versed in Hebraic tradition, judging from the many references in Revelation to the Old Testament. And this may be a valuable clue to you: recognize the many references to the Old Testament, particularly Daniel and Ezekiel. Also, as I have shown in the Gospel of John, there are many Hebraic references in that gospel. Both Jesus and Paul (teaching after the resurrection of Christ) both taught in the Jewish synagogues on the Jewish sabbath, when the people assembled. Paul had disputed with the other apostles about circumcision, but there was never an argument about sabbath observance.

Rev 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.

Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia- to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.  
(AMP)

The Lord works in mysterious ways. If John were not banished to Patmos, he could have easily visited all these churches and delivered his message in person, but He had to write out his message, instead. We now have the benefit of reading it. Here is a map of the churches on the next page.



"The immediate recipients of the writing known as Revelation were seven churches in Asia designated by the Lord himself (1:4, 11). The reason why these particular churches were singled out is not made clear. It was not because there were no other branches of the church in Asia, for we know from the New Testament that there were saints in Troas (Acts 20:6-12), Colossae (Colossians 1:12), and Hierapolis (Colossians 4:13). Nor could it be that these seven were the more important cities in Asia, for while Ephesus, Smyrna, and Pergamos were cities of some size and note, Thyatira and Philadelphia were small and quite insignificant.

"If John spent the last years of the first century as a resident of Ephesus, as many have supposed, he would have been familiar with the seven churches. Moreover, his ecclesiastical position as an apostle would have given him the authority to address these churches in the manner in which he did. Sir William Ramsay, a renowned scholar of New Testament geography, once noted that all seven of the cities to whom John addressed the revelation lay on a great circular road that anciently ran through Asia. If one were to start at Ephesus and travel to the others in the order in which they were named, he would travel along this circular route.

"While we know that there were other branches of the church in Asia, it may be that by the time of John's revelation on Patmos, the apostasy had eliminated all but these seven as faithful branches. Writing just before his death (A.D. 68), Paul told Timothy that 'all they which are in Asia [are] turned away from me' (2 Timothy 1:15). Even the seven branches (A.D. 95), it would seem, had things of which they needed to repent. Ephesus, in particular is told by the Lord, 'I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.' (Revelation 2:5)" (Institute Manual, The Life and Teachings of Jesus & his Apostles, 2nd ed., p. 450)

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see from whence the voice came that spake to me; and being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;	<p>Then I turned to see [whose was] the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, (AMP)</p> <p>The voice seemed to be coming from behind him, but John needed to turn and look.</p>
Rev 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.	<p>And in the midst of the lampstands [One] like a Son of Man, clothed with a robe which reached to His feet and with a girdle of gold about His breast. (AMP)</p>
"Son of man" refers to Christ being the son of Adam. The term comes from the books of Ezekiel and Daniel. The term is used in connection with men who have been taken up into the Presence of the Lord.	
Rev 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;	<p>His head and His hair were white like white wool, [as white] as snow, and His eyes [flashed] like a flame of fire. (AMP)</p>
Rev 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.	<p>His feet glowed like burnished (bright) bronze as it is refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. (AMP)</p>

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shining in his strength.	In His right hand He held seven stars, and from His mouth there came forth a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full power at midday. (AMP)
Rev 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 I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, (AMP)
Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.	And the Ever-living One [I am living in the eternity of the eternities]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess the keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead). (AMP)
Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.	Write therefore the things you see, what they are [and signify] and what is to take place hereafter. (AMP)
Rev 1:20 This is the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the <b>servants</b> of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.	As to the hidden meaning (the mystery) of the seven stars which you saw on My right hand and the seven lampstands of gold: the seven stars are the seven angels (messengers) of the seven assemblies (churches) and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. (AMP)

## CHAPTER 2

*Charges to the elders of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos and Thyatira.*

### Number Symbolism

There is a symbolism woven throughout all the Bible, but nowhere do you see it presented and repeated and interwoven as in Revelation. The number seven is probably the most common symbol. Seven is the number of days of creation, including the all-important day of rest, the number of days in the week, the number of musical notes in the musical scale, the number of colors in the rainbow. Seven is the number of completion.

It takes twelve members to form a quorum of the Twelve, but only seven is required to form a quorum sufficient to conduct business.

One half of seven,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , is also a conspicuous number in Revelation: two witnesses are given power to prophesy 1,260 days, or exactly  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, according to the Hebrew year of 360 days (11:3); the witnesses are then killed, and their dead bodies lie in the streets of Jerusalem for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days (11:9); the "woman clothed with the sun" is protected in the wilderness for 1,260 days, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years (12:6); Gentiles tread the holy city underfoot for 42 months, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years (11:2); and the beast is given authority to continue for 42 months, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years (13:5).

We see "time, times, and half a time", or "time, times, and the dividing of time" in Daniel (Daniel 7:25 Daniel 12:7) and once more in Revelation (Revelation 12:14).

3 ½ may symbolize a work still in progress, not yet finished, not yet perfected. Or as it says in Romans 9:28 “For he will finish the work, and **cut it short** [to cut in pieces, finish quickly, hasten] in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”

### **Letters to the Churches**

This revelation takes the form of a letter addressed to seven churches. I thought it might be interesting to first list a summary of each church, the description that Christ applies to Himself when addressing each church, and the promises of blessings for overcoming, given to the churches, individually and collectively.

**Church:** Ephesus

**Christ:** He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

**Promise:** To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**Church:** Smyrna

**Christ:** The first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

**Promise:** He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

**Church:** Pergamos

**Christ:** He which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

**Promise:** 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.

**Church:** Thyatira

**Christ:** Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

**Promise:** And to him who overcometh, and keepeth my commandments unto the end, will I give power over many kingdoms; And he shall rule them with the word of God; and they shall be in his hands as the vessels of clay in the hands of a potter; and he shall govern them by faith, with equity and justice, even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star.

**Church:** Sardis

**Christ:** He who hath the seven stars, which are the seven servants of God;

**Promise:** 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.

**Church:** Philadelphia

**Christ:** 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;

**Promise:** 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,

this is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name.

**Church:** Laodicea

**Christ:** These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

**Promise:** 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.

### **Overcome all things**

D&C 76:60 And they shall overcome all things.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

I Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

4.1 For such has been, and always will be, the opposition in the hearts of unbelievers and those that know not God against the pure and unadulterated religion of heaven (the only thing which insures eternal life), that they will persecute to the uttermost all that worship God according to his revelations, receive the truth in the love of it, and submit themselves to be guided and directed by his will; and drive them to such extremities that nothing short of an actual knowledge of their being the favorites of heaven, and of their having embraced the order of things which God has established for the redemption of man, will enable them to exercise that confidence in him, necessary for them to overcome the world, and obtain that crown of glory which is laid up for them that fear God. Joseph Smith Lectures on Faith

“Salvation is nothing more nor less than to triumph over all our enemies and put them under our feet. And when we have power to put all enemies under our feet in this world, and a knowledge to triumph over all evil spirits in the world to come, then we are saved, as in the case of Jesus, who was to reign until He had put all enemies under His feet, and the last enemy was death.” Joseph Smith

### **What do we have to overcome? What are all things?**

So you think you are ready to become like God? So you think you have overcome all things?

This is just what I was able to find in New Testament, P of GP, Book of Mormon, D&C of the attributes that God has and which we should have in order to be like Him. This is pretty general and open-ended, and should by no means be taken literally or as a commandment or a checklist. If this list humbles you or overwhelms you, then it will have served its purpose. But, remember, this is not a gospel of works. Put your trust in the Lord and in His Spirit, and His grace will **help you overcome** all of these things and more. In order to be able to say we have overcome something, we have to be able to confront both the positive and negative

aspects of a thing. We need to be able to handle opposition in all things. We need to "become like the gods, knowing good and evil." This is necessary in order to commune with God.

"The things of God are of deep import; and time, and experience, and careful and ponderous and solemn thoughts can only find them out. Thy mind, O man! if thou wilt lead a soul unto salvation, must stretch as high as the utmost heavens, and search into and contemplate the darkest abyss, and the broad expanse of eternity--thou must commune with God. How much more dignified and noble are the thoughts of God, than the vain imaginations of the human heart!" Joseph Smith *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p.137

**General attributes** to be applied to each specific attribute:

To do / to not do  
To have / to not have  
To be / to not be  
To know / to not know  
To control / to not control  
To be responsible for / to not be responsible for  
Self-to-self / Others-to-self / Self-to-others / Others-to-others  
All things: Individually / collectively

To get a complete list of things to overcome we would need to come up with every possible (where it makes sense) combination of general attributes and pair them up with each specific attribute.

For example: "to be attached to all things", "to not be attached to all things".

Not every one of the combinations makes sense, and don't literally try every combination, just look it over briefly. Feel free to add, delete, or modify, as you choose. If you are able to do this without feeling compelled to follow this list, and not feel guilty for not following it, then you have overcome something.

**Specific attributes:**

Abstain	Abundance / Scarcity	Accept
Agree in all things	All things present	Allow
Attachment / Connected	Attraction	Be approved
Be glorified	Be grateful for	Be subject to all things
Bear	Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.	Believe
Circumscribe all things	Command	Comprehend
Conceal	Condemn	Confront
Control without compulsion	Correct	Create / Preserve / Destroy / Transform
Declare	Descend below and above all things	Describe all things
Desire / Not desire	Diligence	Discern
Do	Do all things with an eye single to God	Endure

Enjoy	Execute all things	Faithful in all things
Fill	Foreknowledge	Foretell
Forgiveness	Fulfill	Gain all things
Gather	Give	Give glory to God in all things
Glorify	Govern all things	Handle
Have all things before you	Hope	Identification
In the midst of all things	Indulge	Inherit
Initiate	Judge	Judgment
Justice	Know	Lose all things
Love / Fear	Make known	Make possible
Maketh alive all things	Mercy	Obedient in all things
Obey	Observe	Organize
Perfect	Perform	Possess
Power	Prepare	Prophesy
Prove	Purify	Quicken
Quickeneth all things,	Receive	Receive all things with thankfulness
Receive testimony	Recognize the opposition in all things	Reconcile all things
Redeem	Remember	Reprove
Restore	Reveal	Sanctify
Scatter	Search	See
See God in all things	Share	Solve
Start / Change / Stop	Subdue	Subject all things
Submit	Suffer	Teach
Temperate	Temptation	Testify
Timing	Tolerate	Trust / Delegate
Truth	Understand	Willing to be above, in, through, about, by, of all things
Willing to sacrifice all things	Wisdom	Witness
Work all things		
Rev 2:1 Unto the servant 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;	TO THE angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him Who holds the seven stars [which are the messengers of the seven churches] in His right hand, Who goes about among the seven golden lampstands [which are the seven churches]: (AMP)	
Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labor, 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;	I know your industry and activities, laborious toil and trouble, and your patient endurance, and how you cannot tolerate wicked [men] and have tested and critically appraised those who call [themselves] apostles (special messengers of Christ) and yet are not, and have found them to be impostors and liars. (AMP)	

Rev 2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.	I know you are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and you have not fainted or become exhausted or grown weary. (AMP)
Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.	But I have this [one charge to make] against you: that you have left (abandoned) the love that you had at first [you have deserted Me, your first love]. (AMP)
Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou are 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.	Remember then from what heights you have fallen. Repent (change the inner man to meet God's will) and do the works you did previously [when first you knew the Lord], or else I will visit you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your mind and repent. (AMP)
Rev 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.	Yet you have this [in your favor and to your credit]: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans [what they are doing as corrupters of the people], which I Myself also detest. (AMP)
D&C 117:11 Let my servant Newel K. Whitney be ashamed of the Nicolaitane band and of all their secret abominations, and of all his littleness of soul before me, saith the Lord, and come up to the land of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and be a bishop unto my people, saith the Lord, not in name but in deed, saith the Lord.	The Nicolaitane band was mentioned twice in the Book of Revelations and was considered a sect of heretics in the early church. Several of the early church fathers, including Irenaeus, Epiphanius, and Theodoret mentioned this group. Irenaeus discusses them but adds nothing to the Apocalypse except that 'they lead lives of unrestrained indulgence.'
Bruce R. McConkie taught that it was a term descriptive of "members of the Church who were trying to maintain their church standing while continuing to live after the manner of the world." (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3: 447.).	The Lord seems to be comparing the wickedness of Nicolaitans of old to the more wicked members in Kirtland. They were the apostates who had rejected Joseph Smith, defiled the Temple, and left the church. Bishop Whitney would have known them well.
Joseph Fielding Smith, taught, "Bishop Whitney was called on to forsake the abominations of those in Kirtland, whom the Lord designates as the 'Nicolaitane band.'" (Church History and Modern Revelation, 3:125-26.)	
Rev 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.	He who is able to hear, let him listen to and give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant to

	eat [of the fruit] of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (AMP)
Rev 2:8 And unto the servant of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;	And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Smyrna write: These are the words of the First and the Last, Who died and came to life again: (AMP)
Rev 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 <b>[true Israel]</b> , and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.	I know your affliction and distress and pressing trouble and your poverty--but you are rich! and how you are abused and reviled and slandered by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Fear nothing that you are about to suffer. [Dismiss your dread and your fears!] Behold, the devil is indeed about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested and proved and critically appraised, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be loyally faithful unto death [even if you must die for it], and I will give you the crown of life. (AMP)
Rev 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 <b>[cast out from God's Presence at the last day]</b> .	He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). He who overcomes (is victorious) shall in no way be injured by the second death. (AMP)
Rev 2:12 And to the servant of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;	Then to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Pergamum write: These are the words of Him Who has and wields the sharp two-edged sword: (AMP)
Rev 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.	I know where you live--a place where Satan sits enthroned. [Yet] you are clinging to and holding fast My name, and you did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed (martyred) in your midst--where Satan dwells. (AMP)
"This passage may refer specifically to the enormous altar dedicated to the god Zeus, which had the appearance of a throne and stood on a hill overlooking Pergamos. It may also refer generally to the pagan cults of Athena, Asclepius, Dionysus, and Zeus, in which the power of Satan was manifest through false religious systems that promoted the worship of the emperor as a god." (Donald W. Parry and Jay A. Parry, <i>Understanding the Book of Revelation</i> [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1998], 35.)	
Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the	Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: you have some people there who are clinging to the teaching of Balaam,

<p>children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.</p>	<p>who taught Balak to set a trap and a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, [to entice them] to eat food that had been sacrificed to idols and to practice lewdness [giving themselves up to sexual vice]. (AMP)</p>
<p>"The doctrine of Balaam was to eat things sacrificed unto idols, to commit fornication (Num. 25:1-3), and to engage in priestcrafts. Balaam, the son of Beor, convinced many from Israel to commit fornication with Moabite women and to worship false gods (Num. 31:16) he was also involved in divining for hire with Balak, the king of Moab (Num. 22:1-24; Deut. 23:4, 2 Pet. 2:15-16; Jude 1:11). After meeting in council in Jerusalem, the early apostles had specifically enjoined the saints to 'abstain from meats offered to idols' (Acts 15:6, 29)." (Donald W. Parry and Jay A. Parry, <i>Understanding the Book of Revelation</i> [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1998], 36.)</p>	
<p>Rev 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.</p>	<p>You also have some who in a similar way are clinging to the teaching of the Nicolaitans [those corrupters of the people] which thing I hate. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.</p>	<p>Repent [then]! Or else I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 2:18 And unto the servant 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;</p>	<p>And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze: (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and</p>

	eating food sacrificed to idols. [I Kings 16:31; II Kings 9:22, 30.] (AMP)
Rev 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornications; and she repented not.	I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so. (AMP)
Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into hell, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.	Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings. (AMP)
Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins [kidneys: strength and vigor] and hearts [thoughts and desires]; and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.	And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves. (AMP)
Rev 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.	But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say--I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden: (AMP)
Rev 2:25 But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come.	Only hold fast to what you have until I come. (AMP)
Rev 2:26 And to him who overcometh, and keepeth my commandments unto the end, will I give power over many kingdoms;	And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations; (AMP)
Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with the word of God; and they shall be in his hands as the vessels of clay in the hands of a potter; and <b>he shall govern them by faith, with equity and justice, even as I received of my Father.</b>	And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father; (AMP)
Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.	And I will give him the Morning Star. (AMP)
Rev 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.	He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). (AMP)
<b>CHAPTER 3</b>	

<p><i>Charge to the elders of Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.</i></p>	
Rev 3:1 And unto the servant of the church in Sardis, write; These things saith he who hath the seven stars, which are the seven servants of God; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art not dead.	AND TO the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Sardis write: These are the words of Him Who has the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] and the seven stars: I know your record and what you are doing; you are supposed to be alive, but [in reality] you are dead. (AMP)
Rev 3:2 Be watchful therefore, and strengthen those who remain, who are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God.	Rouse yourselves and keep awake, and strengthen and invigorate what remains and is on the point of dying; for I have not found a thing that you have done [any work of yours] meeting the requirements of My God or perfect in His sight. (AMP)
<p>"Perhaps few chapters in scripture afford such insightful glimpses into the spirit of the Lord's judgment as do the first three chapters of Revelation. The Lord's appraisal of the members faithfulness, endurance, patience, charity, and service-and their inactivity, cooling of love, tolerance of wickedness and false doctrines, lukewarmness, self-satisfaction, worldliness, and lack of zeal in his cause-have served for generations to motivate thoughtful readers to evaluate thoroughly their life-style." (Jay M. Todd, "The Seven Cities of Revelation , " Ensign, August 1976)</p>	
Rev 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.	So call to mind the lessons you received and heard; continually lay them to heart and obey them, and repent. In case you will not rouse yourselves and keep awake and watch, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know or suspect at what hour I will come. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Yet you still have a few [persons'] names in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes, and they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy and deserving. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not erase or blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels. (AMP)
Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.	He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). (AMP)
Rev 3:7 And to the servant 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;	And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He Who has the key of David,

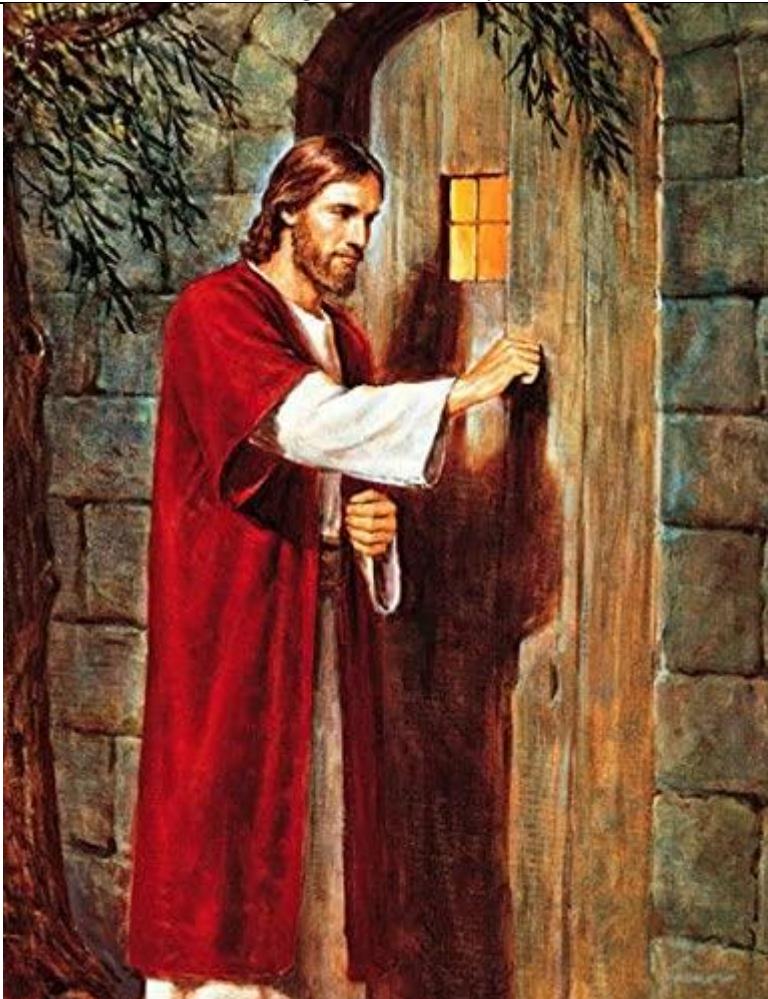
	Who opens and no one shall shut, Who shuts and no one shall open: (AMP)
Rev 3:8 I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.	I know your [record of] works and what you are doing. See! I have set before you a door wide open which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My Word and guarded My message and have not renounced or denied My name. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Take note! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn and acknowledge that I have loved you. (AMP)
D&C 112:24 <b>Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth, a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation; and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth,</b> saith the Lord.	
D&C 112:25 <b>And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth,</b> saith the Lord;	
D&C 112:26 <b>First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house,</b> saith the Lord.	
Rev 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.	Because you have guarded and kept My word of patient endurance [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you], I also will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial (testing) which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth. (AMP)
Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.	I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one may rob you and deprive you of your crown. (AMP)
Rev 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, this is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name.	He who overcomes (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; he shall never be put out of it or go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name. (AMP)
We do not take upon ourselves the Name of Christ. He places that name upon us when we receive the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. In the Sacrament, we witness that we are <b>willing</b> to receive that name, with all the rights and responsibility that Name entails.	

<p>When Zion descends from above, Zion will also ascend from beneath and be prepared to associate with those from above. The people will be so perfected and purified, ennobled, exalted, and dignified in their feelings and so truly humble and most worthy, virtuous and intelligent that they will be fit, when caught up, to associate with that Zion that shall come down from God out of heaven. John Taylor (Journal of Discourses, 10:147)</p>	
Rev 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.	He who can hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). (AMP)
Rev 3:14 And unto the servant of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;	And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the trusty and faithful and true Witness, the Origin and Beginning and Author of God's creation: (AMP)
Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot.	I know your [record of] works and what you are doing; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! (AMP)
<p>Did you ever notice that most of the food we enjoy is either hot or cold? Seldom do we enjoy food that is room temperature.</p>	
Rev 3:16 So then because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.	So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth! (AMP)
Rev 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;	For you say, I am rich; I have prospered and grown wealthy, and I am in need of nothing; and you do not realize and understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. (AMP)
<p>In order to improve, we have to know exactly what our current condition is. We must objectively examine ourselves to determine what we need to repent of.</p>	
Rev 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 eye salve, that thou mayest see.	Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see. (AMP)
Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.	Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come

	in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me. (AMP)
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Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:23

This is a powerful picture which illustrates this verse. I had to include it. The Lord literally stands at the door of our soul, knocking to come in. If you can hear His voice, invite Him in – today!



Rev 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.	He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne. (AMP)
Rev 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.	He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). (AMP)

#### CHAPTER 4

*John seeth the throne of God -- The four and twenty elders -- The four beasts.*

<p>Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and behold, a door [<b>a portal</b>] was opened into heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up [<b>Ascend</b>] hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.</p>	<p>AFTER THIS I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the Spirit [<b>John's spirit left his body</b>]; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.</p>	<p>At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne! (AMP)</p> <p>See also (Ezek. 1:26-28)</p>
<p>"Could we read and comprehend all that has been written from the days of Adam, on the relation of man to God and angels in a future state, we should know very little about it... Could you gaze into heaven five minutes, you would know more than you would by reading all that ever was written on the subject." Joseph Smith (History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6: 50.)</p>	
<p>Rev 4:3 And he that sat there 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.</p>	<p>And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like [a rainbow of] emerald. (AMP)</p>
<p>If you have never done this, take a real gemstone, especially a diamond, ruby, or sapphire, hold it up to the light and just stare at it. For me, it is a beautiful, unearthly experience.</p>	
<p>Rev 4:4 And in the midst of 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 like gold.</p>	<p>Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the <b>thrones</b>, and seated on these <b>thrones</b> were twenty-four elders (<b>the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin</b>), arrayed in white clothing, with crowns of gold upon their heads. (AMP)</p>
<p>Notice the AMP says "thrones", not seats. The Greek says "thrones". Again, the AMP is right. This was the heavenly council of God.</p>	
<p>Rev 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 <b>servants [archangels]</b> of God.</p>	<p>Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit]; (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne were the four and twenty elders; and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.</p>	<p>And in front of the throne there was also what looked like a transparent glassy sea, as if of crystal. And around the throne, in the center at each side of the throne, were four living creatures (beings) who were full of eyes in front and behind [with intelligence as to what is before and at the rear of them]. (AMP)</p>
<p>D&amp;C Section 77 was a series of questions and answers about Revelation. Once you have gained some familiarity with the revelatory process, you might try your hand at getting into the Spirit, pondering</p>	

upon a dream, a vision, or a passage of scripture. Write down your question, ask the Lord for an interpretation, then write down the interpretation. I will show an example of this further down.

D&C 77:1 Q. What is the sea of glass spoken of by John, 4th chapter, and 6th verse of the Revelation?  
A. It is the earth, in its sanctified, immortal, and eternal state.

D&C 77:2 Q. What are we to understand by the four beasts, spoken of in the same verse? A. They are figurative expressions, used by the Revelator, John, in describing heaven, the paradise of God, the happiness of man, and of beasts, and of creeping things, and of the fowls of the air; that which is spiritual being in the likeness of that which is temporal; and that which is temporal in the likeness of that which is spiritual; the spirit of man in the likeness of his person, as also the spirit of the beast, and every other creature which God has created.

D&C 77:3 Q. Are the four beasts limited to individual beasts, or do they represent classes or orders?  
A. They are limited to four individual beasts, which were shown to John, to represent the glory of the classes of beings in their destined order or sphere of creation, in the enjoyment of their eternal felicity.

D&C 77:4 Q. What are we to understand by the eyes and wings, which the beasts had? A. Their eyes are a representation of light and knowledge, that is, they are full of knowledge; and their wings are a representation of power, to move, to act, etc.

D&C 77:5 Q. What are we to understand by the four and twenty elders, spoken of by John? A. We are to understand that these elders whom John saw, were elders who had been faithful in the work of the ministry and were dead; who belonged to the seven churches, and were then in the paradise of God.

**[This last verse is incorrect. These people were seated on thrones. These people were the great and noble ones, sitting in the Council of God. We talked about "The Sod of God" elsewhere.]**

There is a grand difference and distinction between the visions and figures spoken of by the ancient prophets, and those spoken of in the revelations of John. The things which John saw had no allusion to the scenes of the days of Adam, Enoch, Abraham or Jesus, only so far as is plainly represented by John, and clearly set forth by him. John saw that only which was lying in futurity and which was shortly to come to pass...

What John saw and speaks of were things which he saw in heaven; those which Daniel saw were on and pertaining to the earth. (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, selected and arranged by Joseph Fielding Smith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1976], 287-290)

The prophets do not declare that they saw a beast or beasts, but that they saw the image or figure of a beast. Daniel did not see an actual bear or a lion, but the images or figures of those beasts. The translation should have been rendered "image" instead of "beast," in every instance where beasts are mentioned by the prophets. But John saw the actual beast in heaven, showing to John that beasts did actually exist there, and not to represent figures of things on the earth. When the prophets speak of seeing beasts in their visions, they mean that they saw the images, they being types to represent

certain things. At the same time they received the interpretation as to what those images or types were designed to represent.

I make this broad declaration, that whenever God gives a vision of an image, or beast, or figure of any kind, He always holds Himself responsible to give a revelation or interpretation of the meaning thereof, otherwise we are not responsible or accountable for our belief in it. Don't be afraid of being damned for not knowing the meaning of a vision or figure, if God has not given a revelation or interpretation of the subject.

**John saw curious looking beasts in heaven; he saw every creature that was in heaven - all the beasts, fowls and fish in heaven, -actually there, giving glory to God.** How do you prove it? (See Rev. 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 honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

**I suppose John saw beings there of a thousand forms, that had been saved from ten thousand times ten thousand earths like this - strange beasts of which we have no conception: all might be seen in heaven. The grand secret was to show John what there was in heaven. John learned that God glorified Himself by saving all that His hands had made, whether beasts, fowls, fishes or men; and He will glorify Himself with them.**

Says one, "I cannot believe in the salvation of beasts." Any man who would tell you that this could not be, would tell you that the revelations are not true. John heard the words of the beasts giving glory to God, and understood them. God who made the beasts could understand every language spoken by them. The four beasts were four of the most noble animals that had filled the measure of their creation, and had been saved from other worlds, because they were perfect: they were like angels in their sphere. We are not told where they came from, and I do not know; but they were seen and heard by John praising and glorifying God...

Again, there is no revelation to prove that things do not exist in heaven as I have set forth, nor yet to show that the beasts meant anything but beasts; and we never can comprehend the things of God and of heaven, but by revelation. We may spiritualize and express opinions to all eternity; but that is no authority. (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, selected and arranged by Joseph Fielding Smith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1976], 291-292)

Rev 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 living creature (being) was like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature [was] like a flying eagle. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the four living creatures, individually having six wings, were full of eyes all over and within [underneath their wings]; and day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (Omnipotent), Who was and Who is and Who is to come. (AMP)

Rev 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sits on the throne, who liveth forever and ever,	And whenever the living creatures offer glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities), (AMP)
Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sits on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,	The twenty-four elders (the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin) fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne, crying out, (AMP)
Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.	Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were [brought into being] and were created. (AMP)
<b>CHAPTER 5</b>	
<i>The book sealed with seven seals -- The Lion of the tribe of Juda.</i>	
Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sits on the throne a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals.	AND I saw lying on the open hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll (book) written within and on the back, closed and sealed with seven seals; (AMP)
D&C 77:6 Q. What are we to understand by the book which John saw, which was sealed on the back with seven seals? A. We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things of his economy concerning this earth during the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence.	
D&C 77:7 Q. What are we to understand by the seven seals with which it was sealed? A. We are to understand that the first seal contains the things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.	
Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel, and heard him proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and loose the seals thereof?	And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals? (AMP)
Rev 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.	And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents. (AMP)
Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.	And I wept audibly and bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it. (AMP)
Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David,	Then one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the

hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.	Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals! (AMP)
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This is obviously Christ. He holds the keys to all the revelations which He has in store for us, as I mentioned earlier.

This chapter is a description of the council in heaven. The events to occur under each dispensation of the Priesthood were decided, and Christ was chosen to be in charge of executing the plan.

Now, I would like to describe a dream that I had and how I obtained an interpretation of it.

I dreamed I was on an estate of land. The estate was on a hillside. There was a stream running down the hill. It was autumn, and the many trees on the estate had lost their leaves. The leaves covered the ground. There was a trail leading up the hill. I followed the trail up the hill until I came to the house of the man who seemed to be the caretaker. I assumed this because he was dressed in plain coveralls and was very plain and non-assuming. He was also friendly and had blond, curly hair. He offered to show me around the property. We started at the top of the hill and worked our way down the hillside. Along the trail I saw seven small buildings or gazebos. You could even call them booths or sukkot. They were little buildings made out of bamboo or something. They were intended as temporary outdoor shelters.

The man led me from building to building as we went down the hill. He told me to go inside each building one by one. Inside each building was a desk with a computer. Each computer was logged into You Tube. Each You Tube video that I watched showed a period of human history. Each video was black-and-white. The only other thing I could remember was that each video was so horrible to watch, I wanted to get it out of my memory. There was one building that the man told me I could not enter, but he showed me all the rest.

When we got to the bottom of the hill, and I watched the last video in the last little hut, the dream ended. The next night, I dreamed I was back in the same place with the same man. Only this time, he was standing at the bottom of the hill, at a lectern, dressed as plainly as before, preaching to a group of people, surrounding him.

This follow-up dream told me that this was no ordinary dream, and there must be a spiritual interpretation. Suddenly, it came to me. The estate was the world. The caretaker was the Lord. The autumn season meant that the end of the world was nearing. I ascended up the hill to meet the Lord in heaven, then we descended down the hill signifying that the world was slowly degenerating. Each booth represented a dispensation. Each computer and video represented to me a period in the sealed book, presented to me, not as a scroll, but in a contemporary high-tech way that I could easily relate to. The fact that I couldn't remember any of the videos, except that each of them was black-and-white and horrible to behold, told me that the vision was available to me to see, but it was still sealed to my eyes.

Since that time, I have had actual ascension experiences. Some of the things you see in heaven, you have never seen before, but they have to reference something in your experience for you compare them in order to understand what they mean, so they appear as dream symbols, even though they

are right before your eyes. I believe John the Revelator had actual ascension experiences in the heavens, and the things he describes symbolically weren't symbolic descriptions, that he used to disguise their meaning. Remember John is the "faithful witness". He described "all the things he saw". Having this dream and these ascension experiences helps me understand and interpret this series of experiences that John had, collectively known as the Revelation.

I would never call this "the final interpretation". Experiences like this are constantly unfolding, and as you contemplate them, or repeat them, the Lord brings more things to your mind. Besides, other people can also receive the same experience and come away with a different or more complete understanding. What you can't do is compare two experiences of both people you know to be faithful and say one is more valid than another.

<p>Rev 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 twelve horns and twelve eyes, which are the twelve servants [Apostles] of God, sent forth into all the earth.</p>	<p>And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.</p>	<p>He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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 odors, which are the prayers of saints.</p>	<p>And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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;</p>	<p>And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.</p>	<p>And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth! (AMP)</p>
<p>These are beings who have already overcome all things. (See chapter 2.) They now sit on the council with God, and are sat down with Him in his throne. During the Millennium, they will come down, along with the church of the Firstborn, inherit the earth, and assist Christ in ruling the earth.</p>	

Rev 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;	Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands, (AMP)
Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.	Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing! (AMP)
Rev 5:13 <b>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,</b> Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.	And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)! (AMP)
I have never heard anybody mention this. John heard every creature in heaven and on the earth praising God and the Lamb. Enoch conversed with the earth. It's possible. We suppose that God already has a lot of ability which we will have to develop, or He will "magically" give them to us. As beings of spirit, we already have many of these abilities, but we just don't realize that we have them. John was "in the Spirit", meaning he was conscious outside of his physical body and experienced a lot of abilities we think are only for God. <i>Visions of Glory</i> is a true account of a man named Spencer, written by John Pontius. The book talks about Spencer's near-death experiences, out of the body. One of the things Spencer could do was communicate with plants. He described the experience of "a blade of grass bearing its testimony".	
Seeing visions, transporting across great distances of time and space, communicating with what we think are inanimate objects are just a few of the things we can do. The whole point of the Gospel is learning how to use these abilities in a responsible way and use faith to create. God is not about to unleash a bunch of wild, uncontrolled renegades out in the galaxy. He wants to know he can trust us with power. This is why we need to learn to "overcome all things".	
Rev 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that liveth forever and ever.	Then the four living creatures (beings) said, Amen (so be it)! And the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshiped Him Who lives forever and ever. (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 7.
<b>CHAPTER 6</b>	
<i>The opening of the seals. Dispensation by dispensation.</i>	

Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, one of the four beasts, and I heard, as it were, the noise of thunder, saying, Come and see.	THEN I saw as the Lamb broke open one of the seven seals, and as if in a voice of thunder I heard one of the four living creatures call out, Come! (AMP)
Rev 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.	And I looked, and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer. (AMP)
Rev 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.	And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, Come! (AMP)
Rev 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.	And another horse came out, flaming red. And its rider was empowered to take the peace from the earth, so that men slaughtered one another; and he was given a huge sword. (AMP)
Rev 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.	When He broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, Come and look! And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance). (AMP)
Rev 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 hurt not thou the oil and the wine.	And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine! [II Kings 6:25.] (AMP)
Rev 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.	When the Lamb broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, Come! (AMP)
Rev 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.	So I looked, and behold, an ashy pale horse [black and blue as if made so by bruising], and its rider's name was Death, and Hades (the realm of the dead) followed him closely. And they were given authority and power over a fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and with wild beasts of the earth. (AMP)
Rev 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;	When the Lamb broke open the fifth seal, I saw at the foot of the altar the souls of those whose lives had been sacrificed for [adhering to] the Word of God and for the testimony they had borne. (AMP)

<p>There is an altar in the temple in heaven, and the names of all those who have born witness for Christ are memorialized there, and most particularly, those who have sealed their testimonies with their blood, from righteous Abel, to Zachariah who was slain between the temple and the altar, to the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb, to Stephen and all the martyrs (witnesses of Christ) down to the present time, and those who will yet drink out of the same cup the Lord drank out of.</p>	
Rev 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?	They cried in a loud voice, O [Sovereign] Lord, holy and true, how long now before You will sit in judgment and avenge our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? (AMP)
Rev 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 fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.	Then they were each given a long and flowing and festive white robe and told to rest and wait patiently a little while longer, until the number should be complete of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed as they themselves had been. (AMP)
Rev 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;	When He [the Lamb] broke open the sixth seal, I looked, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun grew black as sackcloth of hair, [the full disc of] the moon became like blood. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the stars of the sky dropped to the earth like a fig tree shedding its unripe fruit out of season when shaken by a strong wind. (AMP)
Rev 6:14 And the heavens opened as a scroll is opened when it is rolled together; and every mountain, and island, was moved out of its place.	And the sky rolled up like a scroll and vanished, and every mountain and island was dislodged from its place. (AMP)
Rev 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 mountain;	Then the kings of the earth and their noblemen and their magnates and their military chiefs and the wealthy and the strong and [everyone, whether] slave or free hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, (AMP)
Rev 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;	And they called to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on (before) us and hide us from the face of Him Who sits on the throne and from the deep-seated indignation and wrath of the Lamb. (AMP)
Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?	For the great day of His wrath (vengeance, retribution, indignation) has come, and who is able to stand before it? (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 10.

<b>CHAPTER 7</b> <i>The servants of God sealed -- The innumerable multitude.</i>	
Rev 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.	AFTER THIS I saw four angels stationed at the four corners of the earth, firmly holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind should blow on the earth or sea or upon any tree. (AMP)
D&C 77:8 Q. What are we to understand by the four angels, spoken of in the 7th chapter and 1st verse of Revelation? A. We are to understand that they are four angels sent forth from God, to whom is given power over the four parts of the earth, to save life and to destroy; these are they who have the everlasting gospel to commit to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; having power to shut up the heavens, to seal up unto life, or to cast down to the regions of darkness.	
Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and I heard him cry with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,	Then I saw a second angel coming up from the east (the rising of the sun) and carrying the seal of the living God. And with a loud voice he called out to the four angels who had been given authority and power to injure earth and sea, (AMP)
D&C 77:9 Q. What are we to understand by the angel ascending from the east, Revelation 7th chapter and 2nd verse? A. We are to understand that the angel ascending from the east is he to whom is given the seal of the living God over the twelve tribes of Israel; wherefore, he crieth unto the four angels having the everlasting gospel, saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And, if you will receive it, this is Elias which was to come to gather together the tribes of Israel and restore all things.	
D&C 77:10 Q. What time are the things spoken of in this chapter to be accomplished? A. They are to be accomplished in the sixth thousand years, or the opening of the sixth seal.	
<p>Notice the angel is ascending, not descending. That means he's already on the earth. This is a very powerful angel. Both this verse (D&amp;C 77:10) and D&amp;C 77:14 refer to a coming Elias, an office which performs a preparatory work. D&amp;C 77:14 identifies this "Elias" as John, and Joseph Smith taught that John the Beloved was to gather together the tribes of Israel. So, we could conclude that both these passages refer to John.</p> <p>Bruce R. McConkie stated, "the Elias who was to restore all things is the angel Gabriel who was known in mortality as Noah." (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3: 492.) President Joseph Fielding Smith taught, "This is the same Elias who held the keys of the dispensation of Abraham and who came to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, April 3, 1836, in the Kirtland Temple and restored the keys of Abraham's dispensation." (Answers to Gospel Questions, 3:139-40).</p> <p>The Priesthood was first given to Adam...Then to Noah, who is Gabriel: he stands next in authority to Adam in the Priesthood; he was called of God to this office, and was the father of all living in this day, and to him was given the dominion. These men held keys first on earth, and then in heaven. Joseph Smith (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 157)</p>	
Rev 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.	Saying, Harm neither the earth nor the sea nor the trees, until we have sealed

	the bond servants of our God upon their foreheads. (AMP)
D&C 77:11 Q. What are we to understand by sealing the one hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel--twelve thousand out of every tribe? A. We are to understand that those who are sealed are high priests, ordained unto the holy order of God, to administer the everlasting gospel; for they are they who are ordained out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, by the angels to whom is given power over the nations of the earth, to bring as many as will come to the church of the Firstborn.	
The above answer to Joseph Smith says that the 144,000 were ordained "out of every nation, etc.", but the below verses list the tribes that they came from. This tells us that the tribes of Israel are scattered throughout the out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.	
Rev 7:4 And the number of them who were sealed, were an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.	And [then] I heard how many were sealed (marked) out of every tribe of the sons of Israel: there were 144,000. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Twelve thousand were sealed (marked) out of the tribe of Judah, 12,000 of the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 of the tribe of Gad, (AMP)
Rev 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.	Twelve thousand of the tribe of Asher, 12,000 of the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 of the tribe of Manasseh, (AMP)
Rev 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.	Twelve thousand of the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 of the tribe of Levi, 12,000 of the tribe of Issachar, (AMP)
Rev 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.	Twelve thousand of the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 of the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 of the tribe of Benjamin. (AMP)
Rev 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 this I looked and a vast host appeared which no one could count, [gathered out] of every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. These stood before the throne and before the Lamb; they were attired in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. (AMP)
Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.	In loud voice they cried, saying, [Our] salvation is due to our God, Who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb [to Them we owe our deliverance]! (AMP)
Rev 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 worshiped God,	And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] and the four living creatures, and they fell prostrate before the throne and worshiped God. (AMP)

Rev 7:12 Saying, Amen; Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.	Amen! (So be it!) they cried. Blessing and glory and majesty and splendor and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might [be ascribed] to our God to the ages and ages (forever and ever, throughout the eternities of the eternities)! Amen! (So be it!) (AMP)
Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?	Then, addressing me, one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said, Who are these [people] clothed in the long white robes? And from where have they come? (AMP)
If you pay attention to these conversations with angels, they instruct, they show, and they ask you questions. Sometimes the person receiving the visitation does not know the answer, and so asks the angel, but sometimes the person instinctly knows the answer and blurts it out, to their surprise.	
1 Nephi 11:16 And he said unto me: Knowest thou the condescension of God? <b>[The angel asks the question.]</b>	
1 Nephi 11:17 And I said unto him: I know that he loveth his children; nevertheless, I do not know the meaning of all things. <b>[Nephi doesn't know.]</b>	
1 Nephi 11:18 And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh. <b>[The angel answers the question.]</b>	
1 Nephi 11:19 And it came to pass that I beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit; and after she had been carried away in the Spirit for the space of a time the angel spake unto me, saying: Look!	
1 Nephi 11:20 And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms.	
1 Nephi 11:21 And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father! Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which thy father saw? <b>[The angel asks Nephi another question.]</b>	
1 Nephi 11:22 And I answered him, saying: Yea, it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; wherefore, it is the most desirable above all things. <b>[Nephi now intuitively knows the answer.]</b>	
Rev 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.	I replied, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they who have come out of the great tribulation (persecution), and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (AMP)
Rev 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.	For this reason they are [now] before the [very] throne of God and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary (temple); and He Who is sitting upon the throne will protect and spread His tabernacle over

	and shelter them with His presence. (AMP)
Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.	They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun smite them, nor any scorching heat. (AMP)
Rev 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.	For the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of the waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 6.
<b>CHAPTER 8</b>	
<i>Seven angels, seven trumpets -- Four sound, and great plagues follow.</i>	
Rev 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.	WHEN HE [the Lamb] broke open the seventh seal, there was silence for about half an hour in heaven. (AMP)
Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.	Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. (AMP)
D&C 77:12 Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation? A. We are to understand that as God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day he finished his work, and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth, even so, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years will the Lord God sanctify the earth, and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which he hath not put into his power, when he shall have sealed all things, unto the end of all things; and the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of his work, in <b>the beginning of the seventh thousand years--the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.</b>	
If you want to see a chart showing the trumpets and plagues, comparing them to the seven plagues in Egypt, go to <a href="https://gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/revelation/revelation-8">https://gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/revelation/revelation-8</a>	
Rev 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.	And another angel came and stood over the altar. He had a golden censer, and he was given very much incense (fragrant spices and gums which exhale perfume when burned), that he might mingle it with the prayers of all the people of God (the saints) upon the golden altar before the throne. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the smoke of the incense (the perfume) arose in the presence of God, with the prayers of the people of God (the saints), from the hand of the angel. (AMP)
Rev 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	So the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and cast it upon the earth. Then there followed peals of

voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.	thunder and loud rumblings and blasts and noises, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. (AMP)
Rev 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.	Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. (AMP)
Rev 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.	The first angel blew [his] trumpet, and there was a storm of hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth. And a third part of the earth was burned up and a third of the trees was burned up and all the green grass was burned up. (AMP)
Rev 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.	The second angel blew [his] trumpet, and something resembling a great mountain, blazing with fire, was hurled into the sea. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And a third of the sea was turned to blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea perished, and a third of the ships were destroyed. (AMP)
Rev 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;	The third angel blew [his] trumpet, and a huge star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it dropped on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water-- (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the name of the star is Wormwood. A third part of the waters was changed into wormwood, and many people died from using the water, because it had become bitter. (AMP)
Rev 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 that the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.	Then the fourth angel blew [his] trumpet, and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that [the light of] a third of them was darkened, and a third of the daylight [itself] was withdrawn, and likewise a third [of the light] of the night was kept from shining. (AMP)
Rev 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!	Then I [looked and I] saw a solitary eagle flying in midheaven, and as it flew I heard it crying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the rest of the trumpet blasts which the three angels are about to sound! (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 9.
<b>CHAPTER 9</b>	
<i>Opening of the bottomless pit.</i>	

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to the angel was given the key of the bottomless pit.	THEN THE fifth angel blew [his] trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth; and to the angel was given the key of the shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit). (AMP)
D&C 77:13 Q. When are the things to be accomplished, which are written in the 9th chapter of Revelation? A. They are to be accomplished after the opening of the seventh seal, before the coming of Christ.	
Rev 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 reasons of the smoke of the pit.	He opened the long shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit), and smoke like the smoke of a huge furnace puffed out of the long shaft, so that the sun and the atmosphere were darkened by the smoke from the long shaft. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then out of the smoke locusts came forth on the earth, and such power was granted them as the power the earth's scorpions have. (AMP)
Rev 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.	They were told not to injure the herbage of the earth nor any green thing nor any tree, but only [to attack] such human beings as do not have the seal (mark) of God on their foreheads. (AMP)
Rev 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.	They were not permitted to kill them, but to torment (distress, vex) them for five months; and the pain caused them was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a person. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And in those days people will seek death and will not find it; and they will yearn to die, but death evades and flees from them. (AMP)
Rev 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 resembled horses equipped for battle. On their heads was something like golden crowns. Their faces resembled the faces of people. (AMP)
Rev 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.	They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Their breastplates (scales) resembled breastplates made of iron, and the [whirring] noise made by their wings was like the roar of a vast number of horse-drawn chariots going at full speed into battle. (AMP)
Rev 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.	They have tails like scorpions, and they have stings, and in their tails lies their

	ability to hurt men for [the] five months. (AMP)
When the prophets speak of seeing beasts in their visions, they mean that they saw the images, they being types to represent certain things. At the same time they received the interpretation as to what those images or types were designed to represent.	I make this broad declaration, that whenever God gives a vision of an image, or beast, or figure of any kind, He always holds Himself responsible to give a revelation or interpretation of the meaning thereof, otherwise we are not responsible or accountable for our belief in it. Don't be afraid of being damned for not knowing the meaning of a vision or figure, if God has not given a revelation or interpretation of the subject.
...Everything that we have not a key-word to, we will take it as it reads. The beasts which John saw and speaks of being in heaven, were actually living in heaven, and were actually to have power given to them over the inhabitants of the earth, precisely according to the plain reading of the revelations. I give this as a key to the elders of Israel. Joseph Smith (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, selected and arranged by Joseph Fielding Smith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1976], 291, 293.)	
Rev 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.	Over them as king they have the angel of the Abyss (of the bottomless pit). In Hebrew his name is Abaddon [destruction], but in Greek he is called Apollyon [destroyer]. (AMP)
Rev 9:12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.	The first woe (calamity) has passed; behold, two others are yet to follow. (AMP)
Rev 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,	Then the sixth angel blew [his] trumpet, and from the four horns of the golden altar which stands before God I heard a solitary voice, (AMP)
Rev 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the bottomless pit.	Saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Liberate the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. (AMP)
Rev 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.	So the four angels who had been in readiness for that hour in the appointed day, month, and year were liberated to destroy a third of mankind. (AMP)
Rev 9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand; and I saw the number of them.	The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And in [my] vision the horses and their riders appeared to me like this: the riders wore breastplates the color of fiery red and sapphire blue and sulphur (brimstone) yellow. The heads of the horses looked like lions' heads, and from

	their mouths there poured fire and smoke and sulphur (brimstone). (AMP)
Rev 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.	A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues--by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur (brimstone) that poured from the mouths of the horses. (AMP)
Rev 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.	For the power of the horses to do harm is in their mouths and also in their tails. Their tails are like serpents, for they have heads, and it is by means of them that they wound people. (AMP)
Rev 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;	And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then did not repent of [the worship of] the works of their [own] hands, so as to cease paying homage to the demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor move. (AMP)
Rev 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.	And they did not repent of their murders or their practice of magic (sorceries) or their sexual vice or their thefts. (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 13.
<b>CHAPTER 10</b>	
<i>The angel with an open book -- The end of time declared -- John eats the book.</i>	
Rev 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel [Michael] 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;	THEN I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, robed in a cloud, with a [halo like a] rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun, and his feet (legs) were like columns of fire. (AMP)
Rev 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,	He had a little book (scroll) open in his hand. He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, (AMP)
D&C 78:16 Who hath appointed Michael your prince, and established his feet, and set him upon high, and given unto him the keys of salvation under the counsel and direction of the Holy One, who is without beginning of days or end of life.	
As Adam, he presides over the world of men – both the living (the earth) and the dead (the sea). As Michael, he is set on high – in the heavens	
Rev 10:3 And <b>[he raised his right hand to the heavens and]</b> cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth; and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.	And he shouted with a loud voice like the roaring of a lion; and when he had shouted, the seven thunders gave voice and uttered their message in distinct words. (AMP)
Rev 10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from	And when the seven thunders had spoken (sounded), I was going to write [it

heaven saying unto me, Those things are sealed up which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.	down], but I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up what the seven thunders have said! Do not write it down! (AMP)
D&C 88:108 And then shall the first angel again sound his trump in the ears of all living, and <b>[the seven angels shall]</b> reveal the secret acts of men, and the mighty works of God in the first thousand years.	
D&C 88:109 And then shall the second angel sound his trump, and reveal the secret acts of men, and the thoughts and intents of their hearts, and the mighty works of God in the second thousand years--	
Rev 10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,	Then the [mighty] angel whom I had seen stationed on sea and land raised his right hand to heaven (the sky), (AMP)
Rev 10:6 And sware by him that liveth forever 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 [Satan is bound and has no time left. D&C 84:100];	And swore in the name of (by) Him Who lives forever and ever, Who created the heavens (sky) and all they contain, and the earth and all that it contains, and the sea and all that it contains. [He swore] that no more time should intervene and there should be no more waiting or delay, (AMP)
D&C 88:110 And so on, until the seventh angel shall sound his trump; and he shall stand forth upon the land and upon the sea, and swear in the name of him who sitteth upon the throne, that there shall be time no longer; and Satan shall be bound, that old serpent, who is called the devil, and shall not be loosed for the space of a thousand years.	
According to PR, this is when the council of Adam-Ondi-Adam will take place. Every dispensation head will render an accounting to Adam-Michael, who will then render an accounting to the Lord.	
Rev 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.	But that when the days come when the trumpet call of the seventh angel is about to be sounded, then God's mystery (His secret design, His hidden purpose), as He had announced the glad tidings to His servants the prophets, should be fulfilled (accomplished, completed). (AMP)
Rev 10:8 And the voice <b>[Yeshua]</b> 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.	Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke again to me, saying, Go and take the little book (scroll) which is open on the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land. (AMP)
Rev 10:9 And I Sent 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.	So I went up to the angel and asked him to give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it and eat it. It will embitter your stomach, though in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey. (AMP)
Rev 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.	So I took the little book from the angel's hand and ate and swallowed it; it was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but once I

	had swallowed it, my stomach was embittered. (AMP)
Rev 10:11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.	Then they said to me, You are to make a fresh prophecy concerning many peoples and races and nations and languages and kings. (AMP)
D&C 77:14 Q. What are we to understand by the little book which was eaten by John, as mentioned in the 10th chapter of Revelation? A. We are to understand that it was a <b>mission, and an ordinance, for him to gather the tribes of Israel</b> ; behold, this is Elias, who, as it is written, must come and restore all things.	
Notice how everything operates in the Priesthood line of authority, from Christ to Adam-Michael to John.	
Ezekiel had a similar mission.	
Ezek 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.	
Ezek 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.	
Ezek 3:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat [it]; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.	
Ezek 3:4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.	
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 15.
<b>CHAPTER 11</b>	
<i>The two witnesses prophesy -- They have power to shut heaven, that it rain not -- The beast shall fight against them, and kill them -- They lie unburied -- After three days and a half rise again -- The second woe is past -- The seventh trumpet soundeth.</i>	
Rev 11:1 And there was given me a reed [ <b>staff of power in the Priesthood</b> ] like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God [Zion will be protected], and the altar, and them that worship therein.	A REED [as a measuring rod] was then given to me, [shaped] like a staff, and I was told: Rise up and measure the sanctuary of God and the altar [of incense], and [number] those who worship there. (AMP)
Rev 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.	But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years). (AMP)
Rev 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.	And I will grant the power of prophecy to My two witnesses for 1,260 (42 months;

	three and one-half years), dressed in sackcloth. (AMP)
D&C 77:15 Q. What is to be understood by the two witnesses, in the eleventh chapter of Revelation? A. They are two prophets that are to be raised up to the Jewish nation in the last days, <b>at the time of the restoration [The restoration is not over. It may not have even begun.]</b> , and to prophesy to the Jews after they are gathered and have built the city of Jerusalem in the land of their fathers.	
Rev 11:4 <b>These are the two olive trees</b> , and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.	These [witnesses] are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth. (AMP)
This is a reference to a vision of the Old Testament prophet Zechariah.	
<p>Zechariah 4:1 And the <b>angel</b> that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,</p> <p>Zechariah 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof:</p> <p>Zechariah 4:3 And <b>two olive trees [witnesses]</b> by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.</p> <p>Zechariah 4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?</p> <p>Zechariah 4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.</p> <p>Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, <b>Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.</b></p> <p>Zerubbabel led the first group of Jews, numbering 42,360, who returned from the Babylonian captivity in the first year of Cyrus the Great, the king of the Achaemenid Empire.<sup>[3]</sup> The date is generally thought to have been between 538 and 520 BC.<sup>[4]</sup> Zerubbabel also laid the foundation of the Second Temple in Jerusalem soon after.</p> <p>In all of the accounts in the Hebrew Bible that mention Zerubbabel, he is always associated with the high priest who returned with him, Joshua (Jeshua) son of Jozadak (Jehozadak). Together, these two men led the first wave of Jewish returnees from exile and began to rebuild the Temple.</p> <p>The Davidic line from Jeconiah had been cursed by Jeremiah, saying that no offspring of "Coniah" would sit on the throne (Jeremiah 22:30). Zerubbabel was of the main Davidic line through Solomon and Jeconiah.</p> <p>The prophets Zechariah and Haggai both give unclear statements regarding Zerubbabel's authority in their oracles, in which Zerubbabel was either the subject of a false prophecy or the receiver of a divine promotion to kingship. He could also be viewed as a governor of a state within another nation and thus technically "not on the throne" of a nation. Either way, he was given the task of rebuilding</p>	

the Temple in the second year of the reign of Darius I (520 BC), along with the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zerubbabel>

This prophecy may foreshadow a time in the last days when Zerubbabel, as the Davidic servant may lead an exodus back to Zion and again rebuild the temple.

Zech 4:7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. **[a powerful servant with the sealing power]**

Zech 4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Zech 4:9 **The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.**

Zech 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the **plummet [a device to measure verticality -- uprightness]** in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven **[servants of God]**; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Zech 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

Zech 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, **What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?**

Zech 4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Zech 4:14 Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**

They are two powerful servants, with the sealing power, who are full of the Holy Spirit [symbolized by the olive trees], they are filled with the Holy Spirit, in and of themselves and provide the holy oil of the Spirit to all the other vessels.

Rev 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.

And if anyone attempts to injure them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone should attempt to harm them, thus he is doomed to be slain. [II Kings 1:10; Jer. 5:14.] (AMP)

Rev 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.**

These [two witnesses] have power to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying (their prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph); and they also have power to turn the

	waters into blood and to smite and scourge the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose. (AMP)
Rev 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.	But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And their dead bodies [will lie exposed] in the open street (a public square) of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called [by the mystical and allegorical names of] Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. (AMP)
Rev 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.	For three and a half days men from the races and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and will not allow them to be put in a tomb. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And those who dwell on the earth will gloat and exult over them and rejoice exceedingly, taking their ease and sending presents [in congratulation] to one another, because these two prophets had been such a vexation and trouble and torment to all the dwellers on the earth. (AMP)
Rev 11:11 And after three days and a 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.	But after three and a half days, by God's gift the breath of life again entered into them, and they rose up on their feet, and great dread and terror fell on those who watched them. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then [the two witnesses] heard a strong voice from heaven calling to them, Come up here! And before the very eyes of their enemies they ascended into heaven in a cloud. [II Kings 2:11.] (AMP)
Rev 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.	And at that [very] hour there was a tremendous earthquake and one tenth of the city was destroyed (fell); seven thousand people perished in the earthquake, and those who remained were filled with dread and terror and were awe-struck, and they glorified the God of heaven. (AMP)

Rev 11:14 The second woe is past; and behold, the third woe cometh quickly.	The second woe (calamity) has passed; now the third woe is speedily to come. (AMP)
Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.	The seventh angel then blew [his] trumpet, and there were mighty voices in heaven, shouting, The dominion (kingdom, sovereignty, rule) of the world has now come into the possession and become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (the Messiah), and He shall reign forever and ever (for the eternities of the eternities)! (AMP)
Rev 11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshiped God,	Then the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin], who sit on their thrones before God, prostrated themselves before Him and worshiped, (AMP)
Rev 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.	Exclaiming, To You we give thanks, Lord God Omnipotent, [the One] Who is and [ever] was, for assuming the high sovereignty and the great power that are Yours and for beginning to reign. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the heathen (the nations) raged, but Your wrath (retribution, indignation) came, the time when the dead will be judged and Your servants the prophets and saints rewarded--and those who revere (fear) Your name, both low and high and small and great--and [the time] for destroying the corrupters of the earth. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then the sanctuary of God in heaven was thrown open, and the ark of His covenant was seen standing inside in His sanctuary; and there were flashes of lightning, loud rumblings (blasts, mutterings), peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a terrific hailstorm. [I Kings 8:1-6.] (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 14.
<b>CHAPTER 12</b>	
<i>The woman clothed with the sun -- The red dragon -- The woman fleeth -- Flight with the dragon.</i>	
Rev 12:1 And there appeared a great sign in heaven, <b>in the likeness of things on the earth</b> ; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.	AND A great sign (wonder)--[warning of future events of ominous significance] appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her

	feet, and with a crownlike garland (tiara) of twelve stars on her head. (AMP)
There are a number of JST additions to this chapter. I am boldfacing them.	
Rev 12:2 And the woman being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.	She was pregnant and she cried out in her birth pangs, in the anguish of her delivery. (AMP)
Rev 12:3 <b>And she [the church of God] brought forth a man child [the kingdom of God], who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God and his throne.</b>	And she brought forth a male Child, One Who is destined to shepherd (rule) all the nations with an iron staff (scepter), and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne. (AMP)
<p>The Revelation 12 sign prophecy is an apocalyptic belief that an astronomical alignment on September 23, 2017 fulfilled the first two verses of Revelation 12. This date coincided with the Autumnal equinox.</p> <p>The passage in the Book of Revelation 12:1-3 describes "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth." (NIV). Some people believe that an astronomical alignment involving the constellations Virgo and Leo, the sun, moon, and planets Mercury, Mars, Venus, and Jupiter that occurred in September 2017 fulfilled this prophecy word-for-word. The sign is also known as the Woman of the Apocalypse. Some of the most common Christian interpretations of this passage interpret the woman as Mary or ancient Israel, the man child as the incarnate Jesus and the (teknon) child being the Body of Christ, and the woman's other offspring as the Church that forms during the tribulation. Revelation 12:6 describes a consequent duration of 1260 days that ended on March 6, 2021. From: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revelation_12_sign_prophecy">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revelation_12_sign_prophecy</a></p>	
But, wait. There's more.	
<p>September 23, 2017 is also the last day of the Jewish festival of Rosh HaShanna, aka, Jewish new year, aka Day of Atonement. Many significant events in the Restoration occurred on this day, which occurs on different dates each year, but generally around September 20-21. Joseph Smith's annual visits with Moroni took place on Rosh HaShanna every year.</p> <p>This particular astronomical alignment of the constellation Virgo rarely happens. That's why this date is so significant.</p> <p>Some people believe that Adam-ondi-Ahman took place in the heavens on this date, marking the time when the true rights to reign in this world (which were originally given to Adam, and were usurped by Satan) were given from Adam (the Ancient of days) to Jesus Christ.</p> <p>The name of Adam-ondi-Ahman was revealed several years earlier to Joseph Smith during a patriarchal blessing given to his father on December 18, 1833.</p> <p>Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.</p>	

Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

On many occasions, the Prophet Joseph Smith positively identified the “Ancient of Days” as Adam. In an 1839 discourse recorded by Willard Richards, the Prophet declared:

[When Daniel 7] speaks of the Ancient of days, he means the oldest man, our Father Adam, Michael; he will call his children together and hold a council with them to prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. He, (Adam) is the Father of the human family and presides over the Spirits of all men, and all that have had the keys must stand before him in this grand council. This may take place before some of us leave this stage of action, the Son of Man Stands before him and there is given him glory & dominion. Adam delivers up his stewardship to Christ, that which was delivered to him as holding the Keys of the Universe, but retains his standing as head of the human family.” Discourse, between circa 26 June and circa 4 August 1839—A, as Reported by Willard Richards, pp. 63–64, JSP.

In an 1877 discourse Orson Pratt further enlightened the Saints on the meaning of the name “Adam-ondi-Ahman.” He explained, “We have then an understanding that it was the place where Adam dwelt. Perhaps you may be anxious to know what ‘Ondi-Ahman’ means. It means the place where Adam dwelt. ‘Ahman’ signifies God. The whole term means Valley of God, where Adam dwelt. It is in the original language spoken by Adam, as revealed to the Prophet Joseph.” Orson Pratt, in Journal of Discourses, 18:342–43; see also “Sample of Pure Language, between circa 4 and circa 20 March 1832,” p. 144, JSP.

The date is significant in my life, too. The day just before this, I was told at work I was being forced to retire. I should have been devastated by this news, but when I prayed about it that night, I received the most peaceful feeling that everything would be all right. This marked the beginning of the time when my life and time would be freed up so I could dedicate it to the work of the Lord. Seeing as how this was also an astrological event, I decided to check my horoscope for that date. Even my horoscope for that day indicated that that date would be a marked change in my life, and I would turn from selfish pursuits to unselfish service.

So, did the meeting at Adam-ondi-Ahman really take place on that date? I’m not telling you all I know, but I believe it did. In any event, like everything that happens in the Lord’s impeccable timing, it will or has been marked in the heavens.

Rev 12:4 And there appeared another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 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 delivered, ready to devour her child after it was born.

Then another ominous sign (wonder) was seen in heaven: Behold, a huge, fiery-red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven kingly crowns (diadems) upon his heads.

His tail swept [across the sky] and dragged down a third of the stars and flung them to the earth. And the dragon stationed himself in front of the woman who was about to be delivered, so that

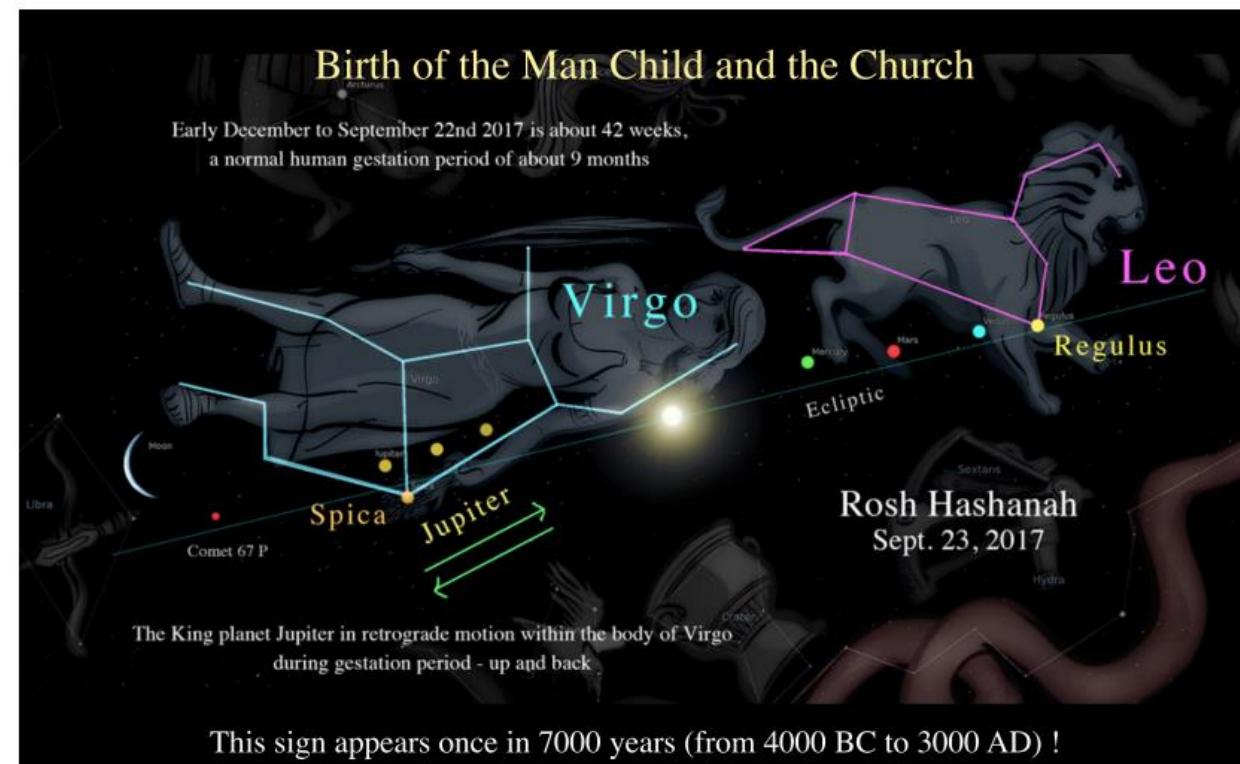
he might devour her child as soon as she brought it forth.

And she brought forth a male Child, One Who is destined to shepherd (rule) all the nations with an iron staff (scepter), and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne. (AMP)

There are various interpretations as to who the child represents. Some say it is the church of Christ. Others say Zion. One author even suggests that it is John, himself. Since we have been talking about Zion, that seems the most reasonable. Zion exists now in the heavens. It is the church of the Firstborn, consisting of those who have ascended to the heavens and had their calling and election made sure by the Lord. Many of them still dwell on the earth, but their true home is in the heavens until the time comes when they inherit the earth.

The Prophet Micah appears to tie this sign to the Servant spoken of in Isaiah and other scriptures. He prepares the way before the Master. He sates:

“But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come **one** for me [future tense, Christ], one who will be **ruler over Israel**, whose origins are from of old from ancient times. Therefore, **he** will abandon them *until the time when she who is in labor gives birth* and the rest of **his** brothers return to join the children of Israel [Revelation 12]. And he [the last-days Servant] will stand and lead his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely for then **his** greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And **he** will be their peace. When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against **him** seven shepherds, *even eight leaders of men*. They will crush the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. **He** [the Servant, with Christ's help] will deliver us from the Assyrian when he invades our land and marches into our borders” (Micah 5:2-6, Robert Smith re-translation).



This sign appears once in 7000 years (from 4000 BC to 3000 AD) !

<p>Rev 12:5 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore years.</p>	<p>And the woman [herself] fled into the desert (wilderness), where she has a retreat prepared [for her] by God, in which she is to be fed and kept safe for 1,260 days (42 months; three and one-half years). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 12:6 And there was war <b>[actually, the word is controversy]</b> in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought against Michael;</p>	<p>Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels went forth to battle with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 12:7 <b>And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.</b></p>	<p>But they were defeated, and there was no room found for them in heaven any longer. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 12:8 Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out; that old serpent called the devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him.</p>	<p>And the huge dragon was cast down and out--that age-old serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he who is the seducer (deceiver) of all humanity the world over; he was forced out and down to the earth, and his angels were flung out along with him. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 12:9 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;</p>	<p>Then I heard a strong (loud) voice in heaven, saying, Now it has come--the salvation and the power and the kingdom (the dominion, the reign) of our God, and</p>

	the power (the sovereignty, the authority) of His Christ (the Messiah); (AMP)
Rev 12:10 For the <b>accuser of our brethren</b> is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.	for the accuser of our brethren, he who keeps bringing before our God charges against them day and night, has been cast out! (AMP)
Rev 12:11 <b>For they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;</b> for they loved not their own lives, but kept the testimony even unto death. Therefore, rejoice O heavens, and ye that dwell in them.	And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing]. (AMP)
<p>The church interprets this scripture incorrectly. There are evil spirits who followed Satan and were cast down to earth without bodies. But there are also Sons of Perdition, who previously covenanted to follow Satan, who are also down on the earth with bodies. And Satan and his top lieutenants are still in the heavenlies, and are given access to accuse people before the throne of God, as it says, day and night. Paul warned us about “spiritual wickedness in high places”. This is what it means. But, before the Millennium, Satan and all his followers will be cast down to the earth. This is when he will really wreak havoc because he knows he has very little time left. Michael and the righteous people in heaven overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the power of their testimonies.</p> <p>Take special note that “Satan” means “the accuser”. It is his function to accuse people. We often run across people, and even sometimes in ourselves, we have the tendency to accuse, find fault, and judge others. When we do so, we are doing the work of Satan. It is the job of the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin and prick our conscience so that we will repent. But the accusations of Satan are meant to discourage individuals and divide groups. We need constantly to be on guard against falling into this trap.</p>	
Rev 12:12 <b>And after these things I heard another voice saying,</b> Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, yea, and they who dwell upon the islands of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.	Therefore be glad (exult), O heavens and you that dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in fierce anger (fury), because he knows that he has [only] a short time [left]! (AMP)
Rev 12:13 For when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child.	And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male Child. (AMP)
Rev 12:14 Therefore, to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might flee 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.	But the woman was supplied with the two wings of a giant eagle, so that she might fly from the presence of the serpent into the desert (wilderness), to the retreat where she is to be kept safe and fed for a time, and times, and half a time (three and onehalf years, or 1,260 days). (AMP)

Rev 12:15 And the serpent casteth out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.	Then out of his mouth the serpent spouted forth water like a flood after the woman, that she might be carried off with the torrent. (AMP)
Rev 12:16 And the earth helpeth the woman, and the earth openeth her mouth, and swalloweth up the flood which the dragon casteth out of his mouth.	But the earth came to the rescue of the woman, and the ground opened its mouth and swallowed up the stream of water which the dragon had spouted from his mouth. (AMP)
Rev 12:17 Therefore, the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war <b>with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.</b>	So then the dragon was furious (enraged) at the woman, and he went away to wage war on the remainder of her descendants--[on those] who obey God's commandments and who have the testimony of Jesus Christ [and adhere to it and bear witness to Him]. (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 17 and continue in chapter order to the end.
<b>CHAPTER 13</b>	
<i>The beast with seven heads and ten horns -- Another beast -- Men compelled to worship the beast.</i>	
Rev 13:1 And I saw another sign, <b>in the likeness of the kingdoms of the earth</b> ; a beast rise up out of the sea, and he stood upon the sand of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns; and upon his horns ten crowns; and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.	[AS] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads. (AMP)
Oh, ye elders of Israel, hearken to my voice; and when you are sent into the world to preach, tell those things you are sent to tell; preach and cry aloud, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; repent and believe the Gospel." Declare the first principles, and let mysteries alone, lest ye be overthrown. Never meddle with the visions of beasts and subjects you do not understand. Elder Brown, when you go to Palmyra, say nothing about the four beasts, but preach those things the Lord has told you to preach about-repentance and baptism for the remission of sins. (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, selected and arranged by Joseph Fielding Smith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1976], 292.)	
I have seldom spoken from the revelations; but as my subject is a constant source of speculation amongst the elders, causing a division of sentiment and opinion in relation to it, I now do it in order that division and differences of opinion may be done away with, and not that correct knowledge on the subject is so much needed at the present time.	
It is not very essential for the elders to have knowledge in relation to the meaning of beasts, and heads and horns, and other figures made use of in the revelations; still, it may be necessary, to prevent contention and division and do away with suspense. If we get puffed up by thinking that we have much knowledge, we are apt to get a contentious spirit, and correct knowledge is necessary to cast out that spirit. (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 287.)	

<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>And the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might and power and his [own] throne and great dominion. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>And one of his heads seemed to have a deadly wound. But his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth went after the beast in amazement and admiration. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 13:4 And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?</p>	<p>They fell down and paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion and authority; they also praised and worshiped the beast, exclaiming, Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him? (AMP)</p>
<p>John says, "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." Some spiritualizers say the beast that received the wound was Nebuchadnezzar, some Constantine, some Mohammed, and others the Roman Catholic Church; but we will look at what John saw in relation to this beast...</p>	
<p>"All the world wondered after the beast," Nebuchadnezzar and Constantine the Great not excepted... I will venture to say that when God allows the old devil to give power to the beast to destroy the inhabitants of the earth, all will wonder. Verse 4 reads, "And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"</p>	
<p>Some say it means the kingdom of the world. One thing is sure, it does not mean the kingdom of the Saints. (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 293)</p>	
<p>Rev 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 <b>[1260 days]</b>.</p>	<p>And the beast was given the power of speech, uttering boastful and blasphemous words, and he was given freedom to exert his authority and to exercise his will during forty-two months (three and a half years). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.</p>	<p>And he opened his mouth to speak slanders against God, blaspheming His name and His abode, [even vilifying] those who live in heaven. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>He was further permitted to wage war on God's holy people (the saints) and to overcome them. And power was given him to extend his authority over every</p>

	tribe and people and tongue and nation, (AMP)
Rev 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.	And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration and pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world. (AMP)
Rev 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.	If anyone is able to hear, let him listen: (AMP)
Rev 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.	Whoever leads into captivity will himself go into captivity; if anyone slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Herein is [the call for] the patience and the faith and fidelity of the saints (God's people). (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon. (AMP)
Rev 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.	He exerts all the power and right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt and deify the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, and to worship him. (AMP)
Rev 13:13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,	He performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men's sight. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he deceives those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast who was wounded by the [small] sword and still lived. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And he is permitted [also] to impart the breath of life into the beast's image, so that the statue of the beast could actually talk and cause to be put to death those who would not bow down and worship the image of the beast. (AMP)
Rev 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;	Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads, (AMP)

<p>Notice the contrast. The beast makes a mark. The Father writes His name.</p>	
Rev 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.	So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number [the number of a certain man]; his number is 666. (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 11.
<p><b>CHAPTER 14</b></p>	
<p><i>The Lamb on mount Sion -- An angel restoreth the gospel -- The fall of Babylon -- The harvest of the world.</i></p>	
Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.	THEN I looked, and behold, the Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 [men] who had His name and His Father's name inscribed on their foreheads. (AMP)
Rev 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;	And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of great waters and like the rumbling of mighty thunder; the voice I heard [seemed like the music] of harpists accompanying themselves on their harps. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And they sang a new song before the throne [of God] and before the four living 144,000 who had been ransomed (purchased, redeemed) from the earth. (AMP)
Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins <b>[clean]</b> . 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.	These are they who have not defiled themselves by relations with women, for they are [pure as] virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These are they who have been ransomed (purchased, redeemed) from among men as the firstfruits for God and the Lamb. (AMP)
Rev 14:5 <b>And in their mouth was found no guile</b> ; for they are without fault before the throne of God.	No lie was found to be upon their lips, for they are blameless (spotless, untainted, without blemish) before the throne of God. (AMP)
Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto	Then I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell

them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,	to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And he cried with a mighty voice, Revere God and give Him glory (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage and adoration and worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water. (AMP)
This is not the angel Moroni. This is an angel announcing from the heavens that the everlasting (as opposed to the preparatory) gospel will be preached one last time to the inhabitants of the world, giving them one last chance to repent, before the final harvest at the end of the world.	
D&C 133:36 And now, verily saith the Lord, that these things might be known among you. O inhabitants of the earth, I have sent forth mine angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel, who hath appeared unto some and hath committed it unto man, who shall appear unto many that dwell on the earth.	
D&C 133:37 And this gospel shall be preached unto every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.	
D&C 133:38 And the servants of God shall go forth, saying with a loud voice: Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come;	
D&C 133:39 And worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters-	
D&C 133:40 Calling upon the name of the Lord day and night, saying: O that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence.	
D&C 133:41 And it shall be answered upon their heads; for the presence of the Lord shall be as the melting fire that burneth, and as the fire which causeth the waters to boil.	
D&C 133:42 O Lord, thou shalt come down to make thy name known to thine adversaries, and all nations shall tremble at thy presence--	
D&C 133:43 When thou doest terrible things, things they look not for;	
D&C 133:44 Yea, when thou comest down, and the mountains flow down at thy presence, thou shalt meet him who rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, who remembereth thee in thy ways.	
D&C 133:45 For since the beginning of the world have not men heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath any eye seen, O God, besides thee, how great things thou hast prepared for him that waiteth for thee.	

D&C 133:46 And it shall be said: Who is this that cometh down from God in heaven with dyed garments; yea, from the regions which are not known, clothed in his glorious apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength?

D&C 133:47 And he shall say: I am he who spake in righteousness, mighty to save.

D&C 133:48 And the Lord shall be red in his apparel, and his garments like him that treadeth in the wine-vat.

D&C 133:49 And so great shall be the glory of his presence that the sun shall hide his face in shame, and the moon shall withhold its light, and the stars shall be hurled from their places.

D&C 133:50 And his voice shall be heard: I have trodden the wine-press alone, and have brought judgment upon all people; and none were with me;

D&C 133:51 And I have trampled them in my fury, and I did tread upon them in mine anger, and their blood have I sprinkled upon my garments, and stained all my raiment; for this was the day of vengeance which was in my heart.

D&C 133:52 And now the year of my redeemed is come; and they shall mention the loving kindness of their Lord, and all that he has bestowed upon them according to his goodness, and according to his loving kindness, forever and ever.

Rev 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.	Then another angel, a second, followed, declaring, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She who made all nations drink of the [maddening] wine of her passionate unchastity [idolatry]. (AMP)
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Rev 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,	Then another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a mighty voice, Whoever pays homage to the beast and his statue and permits the [beast's] stamp (mark, inscription) to be put on his forehead or on his hand, (AMP)
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Rev 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;	He too shall [have to] drink of the wine of God's indignation and wrath, poured undiluted into the cup of His anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. (AMP)
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Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever 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.	And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no respite (no pause, no intermission, no rest, no peace) day or night--these who pay homage to the beast and to his image and whoever receives the stamp of his name upon him. (AMP)
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Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.	Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus. (AMP)
Rev 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 labors; and their works do follow them.	Then I heard further [perceiving the distinct words of] a voice from heaven, saying, Write this: Blessed (happy, to be envied) are the dead from now on who die in the Lord! Yes, blessed (happy, to be envied indeed), says the Spirit, [in] that they may rest from their labors, for their works (deeds) do follow (attend, accompany) them! (AMP)
Rev 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.	Again I looked, and behold, [I saw] a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud One resembling a Son of Man, with a crown of gold on His head and a sharp scythe (sickle) in His hand. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And another angel came out of the temple sanctuary, calling with a mighty voice to Him Who was sitting upon the cloud, Put in Your scythe and reap, for the hour has arrived to gather the harvest, for the earth's crop is fully ripened. (AMP)
Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.	So He Who was sitting upon the cloud swung His scythe (sickle) on the earth, and the earth's crop was harvested. (AMP)
Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.	Then another angel came out of the temple [sanctuary] in heaven, and he also carried a sharp scythe (sickle). (AMP)
Rev 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.	And another angel came forth from the altar, [the angel] who has authority and power over fire, and he called with a loud cry to him who had the sharp scythe (sickle), Put forth your scythe and reap the fruitage of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are entirely ripe. (AMP)
Rev 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.	So the angel swung his scythe on the earth and stripped the grapes and gathered the vintage from the vines of the earth and cast it into the huge winepress of God's indignation and wrath. (AMP)

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horses' bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.	And [the grapes in] the winepress were trodden outside the city, and blood poured from the winepress, [reaching] as high as horses' bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia (about 200 miles). (AMP)
	To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 12.
<b>CHAPTER 15</b>	
<i>The seven last plagues -- The song of them that overcome -- The seven vials of wrath.</i>	
Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.	THEN I saw another wonder (sign, token, symbol) in heaven, great and marvelous [warning of events of ominous significance]: There were seven angels bringing seven plagues (afflictions, calamities), which are the last, for with them God's wrath (indignation) is completely expressed [reaches its climax and is ended]. (AMP)
Rev 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass <b>[the throne of God]</b> mingled with fire <b>[God dwells in everlasting burnings]</b> ; 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.	Then I saw what seemed to be a glassy sea blended with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his statue and from the number corresponding to his name were standing beside the glassy sea, with harps of God in their hands. (AMP)
Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.	And they sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, Mighty and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God the Omnipotent! Righteous (just) and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the ages (King of the nations)! (AMP)
Rev 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.	Who shall not reverence and glorify Your name, O Lord [giving You honor and praise in worship]? For You only are holy. All the nations shall come and pay homage and adoration to You, for Your just judgments (Your righteous sentences and deeds) have been made known and displayed. (AMP)
Rev 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, <b>the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven</b> was opened;	After this I looked and the sanctuary of the tent of the testimony in heaven was thrown open, (AMP)
There is a temple in heaven. In that temple, there is an alter containing the testimony of the witnesses of Christ. It is where the church of the Firstborn is wont to gather and meet.	

Rev 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.	And there came out of the temple sanctuary the seven angels bringing the seven plagues (afflictions, calamities). They were arrayed in pure gleaming linen, and around their breasts they wore golden girdles. (AMP)
Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever.	And one of the four living creatures [then] gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath and indignation of God, Who lives forever and ever (in the eternities of the eternities). (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory (the radiance, the splendor) of God and from His might and power, and no one was able to go into the sanctuary until the seven plagues (afflictions, calamities) of the seven angels were ended. [I Kings 8:10; Isa. 6:4; Ezek. 44:4.] (AMP)
To continue in PR's order, go to chapter 16.	
<b>CHAPTER 16</b>	
<i>The angels pour out their vials -- The plagues that follow -- Christ cometh as a thief -- Blessed are they that watch -- Spirits of devils.</i>	
Rev 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.	THEN I heard a mighty voice from the temple sanctuary saying to the seven angels, Go and empty out on the earth the seven bowls of God's wrath and indignation. (AMP)
If you want to see a comparison of the seven first plagues from Rev. 8-13, the seven last plagues from 15-17, and the ten plagues upon Pharaoh and Egypt from Ex. 7-12, go to <a href="https://gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/revelation/revelation-16">https://gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/revelation/revelation-16</a>	
Rev 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 worshiped his image.	So the first [angel] went and emptied his bowl on the earth, and foul and painful ulcers (sores) came on the people who were marked with the stamp of the beast and who did homage to his image. (AMP)
Rev 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] emptied his bowl into the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a corpse [thick, corrupt, ill-smelling, and disgusting], and every living thing that was in the sea perished. (AMP)
Rev 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.	Then the third [angel] emptied out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they turned into (became) blood. (AMP)

Rev 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.	And I also heard the angel of the waters say, Righteous (just) are You in these Your decisions and judgments, You Who are and were, O Holy One! (AMP)
Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.	Because they have poured out the blood of Your people (the saints) and the prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. Such is their due [they deserve it]! (AMP)
Rev 16:7 And I <b>heard another angel who came out from the altar</b> saying, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.	And [from] the altar I heard [the] cry, Yes, Lord God the Omnipotent, Your judgments (sentences, decisions) are true and just and righteous! (AMP)
Rev 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.	Then the fourth [angel] emptied out his bowl upon the sun, and it was permitted to burn (scorch) humanity with [fierce, glowing] heat (fire). (AMP)
Rev 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.	People were severely burned (scorched) by the fiery heat, and they reviled and blasphemed the name of God, Who has control of these plagues, and they did not repent of their sins [felt no regret, contrition, and compunction for their waywardness, refusing to amend their ways] to give Him glory. (AMP)
Rev 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and thy gnawed their tongues for pain,	Then the fifth [angel] emptied his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was [plunged] in darkness; and people gnawed their tongues for the torment [of their excruciating distress and severe pain] (AMP)
Rev 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.	And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their anguish and their ulcers (sores), and they did not deplore their wicked deeds or repent [for what they had done]. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then the sixth [angel] emptied his bowl on the mighty river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to make ready a road for [the coming of] the kings of the east (from the rising sun). (AMP)
Rev 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.	And I saw three loathsome spirits like frogs, [leaping] from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet. (AMP)

Rev 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 the great day of God Almighty.	For really they are the spirits of demons that perform signs (wonders, miracles). And they go forth to the rulers and leaders all over the world, to gather them together for war on the great day of God the Almighty. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Behold, I am going to come like a thief! Blessed (happy, to be envied) is he who stays awake (alert) and who guards his clothes, so that he may not be naked and [have the shame of being] seen exposed! (AMP)
Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.	And they gathered them together at the place which in Hebrew is called Armageddon. [II Kings 9:27.] (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then the seventh [angel] emptied out his bowl into the air, and a mighty voice came out of the sanctuary of heaven from the throne [of God], saying, It is done! [It is all over, it is all accomplished, it has come!] (AMP)
Rev 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.	And there followed lightning flashes, loud rumblings, peals of thunder, and a tremendous earthquake; nothing like it has ever occurred since men dwelt on the earth, so severe and far-reaching was that earthquake. (AMP)
Rev 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.	The mighty city was broken into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And God kept in mind mighty Babylon, to make her drain the cup of His furious wrath and indignation. (AMP)
Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.	And every island fled and no mountains could be found. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And great (excessively oppressive) hailstones, as heavy as a talent [between fifty and sixty pounds], of immense size, fell from the sky on the people; and men blasphemed God for the plague of the hail, so very great was [the torture] of that plague. (AMP)
I am going to defer to PR's interpretation of this chapter. He has a brief interpretation of each of these plagues and what they mean in today's world. He has seen this and I have not.	
<b>CHAPTER 17</b>	

<p><i>A woman sitting upon the beast -- The interpretation of the seven heads, and the ten horns -- The punishment of the whore -- The victory of the Lamb.</i></p>	
Rev 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 show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters;	ONE OF the seven angels who had the seven bowls then came and spoke to me, saying, Come with me! I will show you the doom (sentence, judgment) of the great harlot (idolatress) who is seated on many waters, (AMP)
<p>This is a world system, prevalent at the time of Rome, and now, and through all time. It's everywhere, among all lands and all peoples. We are so surrounded and enmeshed by it, we hardly notice it's there, until somebody points it out to us.</p>	
Rev 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.	[She] with whom the rulers of the earth have joined in prostitution (idolatry) and with the wine of whose immorality (idolatry) the inhabitants of the earth have become intoxicated. (AMP)
<p>The wealthy benefit most from this system, but we all do, to some extent, therefore we tolerate it.</p> <p>This system is based on fear and greed and the belief and trust that the acquisition of wealth is protection from the trials of life. You can rationalize it as freedom and initiative on the one hand, or equality and compassion on the other, but the only difference is which group of people gets to sit at the top of society to dictate and allocate scarce to others as a means on exercising power over them.</p>	
Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.	And [the angel] bore me away [rapt] in the Spirit into a desert (wilderness), and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was all covered with blasphemous titles (names), and he had seven heads and ten horns. (AMP)
Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, 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 robed in purple and scarlet and bedecked with gold, precious stones, and pearls, [and she was] holding in her hand a golden cup full of the accursed offenses and the filth of her lewdness and vice. (AMP)
Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.	And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth. (AMP)
<p>Here is another woman in the wilderness in opposition to the woman who has given birth. This woman has already given birth. Both of these women represent church or assemblies of people.</p> <p>1 Nephi 14:9 And it came to pass that he said unto me: Look, and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose founder is the devil.</p>	

1 Nephi 14:10 And he said unto me: **Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth.**

God isn't concerned about specific individuals or organizations. He is concerned about common functions, purposes and goals. To "belong" to a church is to support a group in its functions, purposes, and goals.

1 Nephi 14:11 And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters; and she had dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.

1 Nephi 14:12 And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who sat upon many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw.

We make the mistake of thinking that if there are two sides to an issue, one side is automatically right and the other is wrong. But this is incorrect thinking. God has placed enmity between the seed of the woman and the devil, but Satan is using that enmity for his own purposes: to convince people to take sides and fight. It doesn't matter which side "wins" as long as Satan's plans are served, he can play both sides against the middle. Beelzebub actually thinks he can drive out Beelzebub.

D&C 63:33 I have sworn in my wrath, and decreed wars upon the face of the earth, and the wicked shall slay the wicked, and fear shall come upon every man;

D&C 45:68 And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety.

D&C 45:69 And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; **and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.**

And mother of harlots will also be at war with the saints of God.

1 Nephi 14:13 And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God.

1 Nephi 14:14 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.

1 Nephi 14:15 And it came to pass that I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon that great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth.

1 Nephi 14:16 And as there began to be wars and rumors of wars among all the nations which belonged to the mother of abominations, the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold, the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots; and behold, thou seest all these things--

1 Nephi 14:7 For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other--either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken.

D&C 63:54 And until that hour there will be foolish virgins among the wise; and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked; and in that day will I send mine angels to pluck out the wicked and cast them into unquenchable fire.

But God can use this to His advantage, too, in order to fulfill His covenants with the House of Israel.

1 Nephi 14:8 And it came to pass that when the angel had spoken these words, he said unto me: Rememberest thou the covenants of the Father unto the house of Israel? I said unto him, Yea.

1 Nephi 14:17 And when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose founder is the devil, then, at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants, which he hath made to his people who are of the house of Israel.

Rev 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.	I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly. (AMP)
Rev 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.	But the angel said to me, Why do you wonder? I will explain to you the [secret symbolic meaning of the] mystery of the woman, as well as of the beast having the seven heads and ten horns that carries her. (AMP)
Rev 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 beast that you saw [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is going to come up out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and proceed to go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names

the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.	have not been recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they look at the beast, because he [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is [yet] to come. (AMP)
Rev 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.	This calls for a mind [to consider that is packed] with wisdom and intelligence [it is something for a particular mode of thinking and judging of thoughts, feelings, and purposes]. The seven heads are seven hills upon which the woman is sitting; (AMP)
Rev 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.	And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time. (AMP)
Rev 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.	And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast. (AMP)
<b>Rev 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.</b>	These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast. (AMP)
Rev 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 <b>called, and chosen, and faithful.</b>	They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings--and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called [elected] and loyal and faithful followers. (AMP)
Rev 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.	And [the angel further] said to me, The waters that you observed, where the harlot is seated, are races and multitudes and nations and dialects (languages). (AMP)
Who is Babylon? I have already explained that Babylon is a great power that should be in the earth under the name of a church, a woman--that generally represents a church--full of blasphemy. She had	

the inscription of her name upon her forehead—"Mystery Babylon, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth."

What is to become of her? Where does she sit? Upon many waters, says John; and to interpret this to the understanding of the people, the waters are many people, nations, kindreds and tongues where the woman hath her seat.

These churches are scattered over the wide face of the earth, and this is called Babylon. Another angel is to follow the one that brings the Gospel, after it has been sufficiently preached, and proclaim the downfall of this great and corrupt power in the earth. Well, will all the Christians that are there perish, or will they be gathered out? Hear what John says—"I heard a great voice from heaven, saying, 'Come out of her, oh my people, that you partake not of her sins, that you receive not of her plagues, for her sins have reached to the heavens, and God hath remembered her iniquities.' "

Then there is only one way to escape, is there? We can't stay in Babylon and be spared from these judgments, can we? Not at all. Why not? Because her sins have reached to the very heavens. Look at her abominations, her whoredoms, her murders, her priesthood, her false doctrines, her forms of godliness without any power; look at them, all the nations are following after and consider it popular to follow and embrace these doctrines. "Come out of her, oh, my people." (Journal of Discourses, 26 vols. Orson Pratt [London: Latter-day Saints' Book Depot, 1854-1886], 18: 179 - 180.)

Rev 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.	And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will [be the very ones to] hate the harlot (the idolatrous woman); they will make her cheerless (bereaved, desolate), and they will strip her and eat up her flesh and utterly consume her with fire. (AMP)
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Rev 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.	For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His own purpose by acting in harmony in surrendering their royal power and authority to the beast, until the prophetic words (intentions and promises) of God shall be fulfilled. (AMP)
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Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.	And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth. (AMP)
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It seems best to summarize all of this with a description at the end. Prophecy seems to run in repeating cycles. What John describes here could very well be the Roman empire, which he likens unto the previous Babylonian empire, and what could well be a future (for him) world system. But, as the heart of it, it is the same world system which has played a counterpoint to the work of God, throughout all of human history.

D&C 38:29 Ye hear of wars in far countries, and you say that there will soon be great wars in far countries, but **ye know not the hearts of men in your own land.**

Far more important than simply predicting the Civil War, which any observer of current events could have done at the time, was the prediction that the underlying causes of this war would not be resolved, and still haven't been resolved, and will spill out over the borders of this country and affect all nations.

D&C 87:2 And the time will come that **war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at this place.**

D&C 87:6 And thus, with the sword and by bloodshed the inhabitants of the earth shall mourn; and with famine, and plague, and earthquake, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also, **shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath, and indignation, and chastening hand of an Almighty God, until the consumption decreed hath made a full end of all nations;**

D&C 87:7 That the cry of the saints, and of the blood of the saints, shall cease to come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, from the earth, to be avenged of their enemies.

D&C 87:8 Wherefore, stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come; for behold, it cometh quickly, saith the Lord. Amen.

The very same mindset and world system that altered the original church of Christ, and sent it down the road to apostasy is at work today, threatening the future of this country, almost from the time it was born, and threatening the Restored church of Christ, almost from the time it was born. The image of the woman giving birth in the wilderness, and the dragon wanting to devour the child as soon as it is born, could apply to all of this.

Deut 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Deut 4:30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;

Even today, when many people again begin to seek Christ with all their hearts, and have the renewed vision that the Restoration could and should be put back on track, and Zion finally built, there are influences seeking to undermine this before it has barely begun.

D&C 123:7 It is an imperative duty that we owe to God, to angels, with whom we shall be brought to stand, and also to ourselves, to our wives and children, who have been made to bow down with grief, sorrow, and care, under the most damning hand of murder, tyranny, and oppression, supported and urged on and upheld by the influence of that spirit which hath so strongly riveted the creeds of the fathers, **who have inherited lies**, upon the hearts of the children, and filled the world with confusion, and **has been growing stronger and stronger, and is now the very mainspring of all corruption**, and the whole earth groans under the weight of its iniquity.

## CHAPTER 18

*Babylon is fallen -- Voice from heaven to the saints -- The destruction of the wicked -- The saints rejoice.*

Rev 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.	THEN I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendor. (AMP)
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"Nowhere else in scripture is an angel clothed with so much glory that the surface of the earth is lightened by his presence. The glory of those resurrected to a celestial glory is like the sun-very literally like the sun (D&C 76:70). Those who accompany Christ at his Second Coming will also be attended with great glory, for "all that do wickedly shall burn as stubble; for they that come shall burn them." (JS-Hist. 1:37) What will burn the wicked? In part, it will be the searing heat from the glorified, resurrected saints returning with the Master." [GospelDoctrine.com](http://GospelDoctrine.com)

"This angel is so brilliant that the very earth is illuminated by his presence. In fact, this angel's glory is like that of Christ, who will yet return: 'And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory' (Ezek. 43:2). 'For as the [light[e]ning [of the sun] cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be' (Matt. 24:27)." (Donald W. Parry and Jay A. Parry, *Understanding the Signs of the Times* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1999], 307.)

Babylon, like Zion, is a real society-a type, place, and environment of human existence, described in the scriptures with great clarity and precision... **Though Babylon is vividly described by the prophets, the best way to define her is as the exact opposite of Zion in all things.** Babylon is just as pure in its way as is Zion; it is pure evil-for even good, when it becomes contaminated and perverted, becomes an evil. The main thing is that Babylon and Zion cannot mix in any degree. Hugh Nibley (*Approaching Zion*, edited by Don E. Norton [Salt Lake City and Provo: Deseret Book Co., Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, 1989], 30.)

Babylon then, like Zion, is a type. If Zion is wherever the celestial order prevails, **Babylon is the culmination of the worldly power wherever it happens.** Through the ages, that power has actually culminated in just such world centers as ancient Babylon. Rome itself was entirely eligible for the name. The church of Rome called itself "the church that is at Babylon" (1 Peter 5:13). Rome was Babylon the great in every respect. **And in the last days we must have a Babylon, too. For the call has gone forth, "Go ye out of Babylon.** Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Go ye out of Babylon; gather ye out from among the nations" (D&C 133:7). "Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon" (D&C 133:14). Hugh Nibley (*Approaching Zion*, 16.)

Rev 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.	And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird. (AMP)
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Rev 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.	For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have
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	become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness. (AMP)
To a greater or lesser degree, as the case may be, all of the governments of the earth are in league with the great whore in that, from time to time, they do such things as:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibit the worship of God;</li> <li>• Enact laws defining religious beliefs and prescribing forms of worship;</li> <li>• Maintain state-supported, false systems of religion;</li> <li>• Deny freedom of religious belief to all their citizens;</li> <li>• Impose the religious beliefs of conquerors upon conquered people;</li> <li>• Permit the mingling of religious influence with civil government;</li> <li>• Foster one religious society and proscribe another;</li> <li>• Deny to men their inherent and inalienable rights;</li> <li>• Fail to guarantee the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life;</li> <li>• Enact laws which curtail the agency of man;</li> <li>• Require the teaching of false principles in their educational systems;</li> <li>• Deny the representatives of certain churches the right to teach their doctrines or proselyte among their people; and</li> <li>• Fail to punish crime and protect the rights of their citizens, particularly unpopular minority groups.</li> </ul>	
<p>Bruce R. McConkie (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3 vols. [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1965-1973], 3: 553-554.)</p>	
Rev 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.	I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues. (AMP)
<p>The Lord is calling for an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked. The righteous are called out of Babylon. Don't partake of her sins. Don't receive her judgments. So, what, exactly, shall be the downfall of Babylon? Revelation has already described a number of these plagues in terms a 1<sup>st</sup> century person could understand. For us today, they take the form of natural and environmental disasters, comets and meteors, internal dissent, class and political warfare. Perhaps, it is the withdrawal of the righteous and decent people, leaving behind only the corrupt.</p>	
<p>Babylon's time is all but used up, and the only thing for the Saints to do is to get out of her. As we all know, they sought to do this in a very physical as well as a spiritual sense. "I will that my saints should be assembled upon the land of Zion . . . and lift a warning voice . . . by word and by flight" (D&amp;C 63:36-37). How could they stay in the world? "We are trying to be the image of those who live in heaven; we are trying to pattern after them, . . . to walk and talk like them, to deal like them, and build up the kingdom of heaven as they have done." That meant a total renunciation of the world and its ways: <b>"It is useless for us to expect the favor of the world. We have been called out of the world, therefore the world hates us. If we were of the world, then the world would love its own, and we should have no trouble with them."</b> That was what the Lord often told his disciples. You cannot be <b>"in the world but not of the world,"</b> <b>"for all that is in the world . . . is not of the Father, but is of the world,"</b> and <b>that in the most literal sense (1 John 2:16).</b> Hugh Nibley (Approaching Zion, edited by Don E. Norton</p>	

[Salt Lake City and Provo: Deseret Book Co., Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, 1989], 31 - 32.)

One thing people don't talk about much is the increasing breakdown of trust in society. We generally trust one another to fulfill our agreements, to accept the outcome of our elections, to believe in our currency, our ideals, in science, and in governmental and religious institutions. We know that they are corrupt, but the corruption is held to an "acceptable" level. The recent election has done a great deal to undermine that trust. And this holds true for both sides. Trust is the "glue" that holds society together in spite of everything. When that is finally gone, we will probably never get it back.

<p>Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.</p>	<p>For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness and [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement]. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>Repay to her what she herself has paid [to others] and double [her doom] in accordance with what she has done. Mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed [for others]. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>To the degree that she glorified herself and reveled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], to that measure impose on her torment and anguish and tears and mourning. Since in her heart she boasts, I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering or experience sorrow- (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>So shall her plagues (afflictions, calamities) come thick upon her in a single day, pestilence and anguish and sorrow and famine; and she shall be utterly consumed (burned up with fire), for mighty is the Lord God Who judges her. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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,</p>	<p>And the rulers and leaders of the earth who joined her in her immorality (idolatry) and luxuriated with her will weep and beat their breasts and lament over her when they see the smoke of her conflagration. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>They will stand a long way off, in terror of her torment, and they will cry, Woe and alas, the great city, the mighty city, Babylon! In one single hour how your doom (judgment) has overtaken you! (AMP)</p>

Rev 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore;	And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more. (AMP)
Rev 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 of vessels of ivory, and all manner of vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,	Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble; (AMP)
Rev 18:13 And cinnamon, and odors, 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.	Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men! (AMP)
Rev 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.	The ripe fruits and delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries and dainties, your elegance and splendor are lost to you, never again to be recovered or experienced! (AMP)
Babylon's economy is built on deceptions. Babylon is described fully in Revelation 18: She is rich, luxurious, immoral, full of fornications, merchants, riches, delicacies, sins, merchandise, gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linens, purples, silks, scarlets, thyine wood, all manner of vessels, ivory, precious wood, brass, iron, marble, and so on.  She is a giant delicatessen, full of wine, oil, fine flour, wheat; a perfume counter with cinnamon, odors, ointments, and frankincense; a market with beasts and sheep. It reads like a savings stamp catalog or a guide to a modern supermarket or department store. Horses and chariots and all manner of services are available; slaves in the souls of men.	These are "the fruits thy soul lusted after . . . and all things which were dainty and goodly" (Revelation 18:14). And it is all for sale. "O virgin daughter of Babylon, . . . thou hast labored . . . [with] thy merchants, from thy youth" (Isaiah 47:1, 15). In her power and affluence she is unchallenged. "For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me" (Isaiah 47:10).
Rev 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 dealers who handled these articles, who grew wealthy through their business with her, will stand a long way off, in terror of her doom and torment, weeping and grieving aloud, and saying, (AMP)

Rev 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!	Alas, alas for the great city that was robed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, bedecked and glittering with gold, with precious stones, and with pearls! (AMP)
Rev 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to naught. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off.	Because in one [single] hour all the vast wealth has been destroyed (wiped out). And all ship captains and pilots, navigators and all who live by seafaring, the crews and all who ply their trade on the sea, stood a long way off, (AMP)
Rev 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!	And exclaimed as they watched the smoke of her burning, What city could be compared to the great city! (AMP)
Rev 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.	And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and grieved, exclaiming, Woe and alas, for the great city, where all who had ships on the sea grew rich [through her extravagance] from her great wealth! In one single hour she has been destroyed and has become a desert! (AMP)
<p>"The smoldering ashes of Babylon become the smoke signals of her own destruction. As they ascend upward in tribute to the omnipotence of God, her lovers' lamentations also rise. The kings of the earth (vv. 9-10), the merchants (vv. 11-17), and all those in the maritime trades (vv. 17-19) sing dirges. Each has his special reason for sorrow. The kings lament because they have lost their mistress, she who provided them with such great satisfaction. The merchants weep and mourn because suddenly their overstocked wares are worthless. Finally, the sailors 'cast dust on their heads' (v. 19, KJV) and weep and wail because the appetite of Babylon was what made them wealthy.</p> <p>"The Seer shows that without the false values of Babylon, the merchants and sea lords cannot foist their goods upon mankind. The whole of their marketing enterprise is built upon a pretense sustained by the creation of artificial needs. They do this by simple tricks of marketing through which warmth becomes mink; shelter becomes marble and brass; food becomes escargot and caviar. And when the bottom falls out of the market, the kings are left without taxes, armies, or treasuries, and the merchants with rotting cargos and glutted stockpiles that no one will buy." (Richard D. Draper, <i>Opening the Seven Seals: The Visions of John the Revelator</i> [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1991], 202.)</p>	
Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.	Rejoice (celebrate) over her, O heaven! O saints (people of God) and apostles and prophets, because God has executed vengeance for you upon her! (AMP)
<p>D&amp;C 97:21 Therefore, verily, thus saith the Lord, let Zion rejoice, for this is Zion--THE PURE IN HEART; therefore, let Zion rejoice, while all the wicked shall mourn.</p> <p>D&amp;C 97:22 For behold, and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly as the whirlwind; and who shall escape it?</p>	

D&C 97:23 The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall vex all people; yea, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come;

D&C 97:24 For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works.

D&C 97:25 Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her.

D&C 97:26 But if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire.

Rev 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.

Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found. (AMP)

Connected with these predictions, we have the most positive prophetic declarations of Holy Writ concerning the overthrow and entire destruction of this same mystical power which had made war with the Saints.

Its judgments are set forth as far more terrible than those which befell Jerusalem. Plague, pestilence, sword, earthquake, and the flame of devouring fire will cause her to cease to be.

Then will usher in the Kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ. Then will the Saints of the Most High take the Kingdom and the greatness of the Kingdom, under the whole heaven. Parley P. Pratt (Key to the Science of Theology/A Voice of Warning [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1965], 23-25)

The description of this fall of Babylon is given in various places in John's revelations. Awful and most terrible judgments will fall upon Mystery Babylon the Great. She is to be punished with plagues of various kinds; a grievous sore will fall upon her people, so much so that they will blaspheme God, but they will not repent of their sins. They are to be punished with having the fountains and rivers turned into blood, and the waters of the great ocean are to become as the blood of a dead man, and every living thing that is therein will die; and one of the last plagues and judgments that will be poured out upon her will be devouring fire, and she will sink as a millstone, and her name will be blotted from under heaven and all that are connected with her.

Before these terrible judgments are sent forth upon the nations of the earth, God will save all who receive the everlasting Gospel by gathering them to one place, where they can serve him and keep his commandments. He will not merely give them some idea, by reading the Scriptures, that he desires them to gather, but John says there will be a great voice from heaven proclaiming—"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Orson Pratt ((Journal of Discourses, 26 vols. [London: Latter-day Saints' Book Depot, 1854-1886], 18:61.)

Rev 18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in

And the sound of harpists and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall

thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found anymore in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;	never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And never again shall the light of a lamp shine in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again; for your businessmen were the great and prominent men of the earth, and by your magic spells and poisonous charm all nations were led astray (seduced and deluded). (AMP)
<p>In 1985, Saddam Hussein started rebuilding the city on top of the old ruins (because of this, artifacts and other finds may well be under the city by now), investing in both restoration and new construction. To the dismay of archaeologists, he inscribed his name on many of the bricks in imitation of Nebuchadnezzar. One frequent inscription reads: "This was built by Saddam Hussein, son of Nebuchadnezzar, to glorify Iraq". This recalls the ziggurat at Ur, where each individual brick was stamped with "Ur-Nammu, king of Ur, who built the temple of Nanna". These bricks became sought after as collectors' items after the downfall of Hussein, and the ruins are no longer being restored to their original state. He also installed a huge portrait of himself and Nebuchadnezzar at the entrance to the ruins, and shored up Processional Way, a large boulevard of ancient stones, and the Lion of Babylon, a black rock sculpture about 2,600 years old.</p>	
<p>When the Gulf War ended, Saddam wanted to build a modern palace, also over some old ruins; it was made in the pyramidal style of a Sumerian ziggurat. He named it Saddam Hill. In 2003, he was ready to begin the construction of a cable car line over Babylon when the invasion began and halted the project.</p>	
<p>An article published in April 2006 states that UN officials and Iraqi leaders have big plans for restoring Babylon, making it a gem of a new Iraq as a cultural center complete with shopping malls, hotels, and perhaps a theme park: "One day millions of people will visit Babylon."</p> <p>(<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylon">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylon</a>)</p>	
Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.	And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all those who have been slain (slaughtered) on earth. (AMP)
<p><b>CHAPTER 19</b></p>	
<p><i>Joy in heaven -- Blood of saints avenged -- Marriage of the Lamb -- Beast and false prophet destroyed.</i></p>	
Rev 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God;	AFTER THIS I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in heaven, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! Salvation and glory (splendor and majesty) and power (dominion and authority) [belong] to our God! (AMP)
Rev 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth	Because His judgments (His condemnation and punishment, His

<p>with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his saints at her hand.</p>	<p>sentences of doom) are true and sound and just and upright. He has judged (convicted, pronounced sentence, and doomed) the great and notorious harlot (idolatress) who corrupted and demoralized and poisoned the earth with her lewdness and adultery (idolatry). And He has avenged (visited on her the penalty for) the blood of His servants at her hand. (AMP)</p>
<p>D&amp;C 38:21 But, verily I say unto you that in time ye shall have no king nor ruler, for I will be your king and watch over you.</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 38:22 Wherefore, hear my voice and follow me, and you shall be a free people, and ye shall have no laws but my laws when I come, for I am your lawgiver, and what can stay my hand?</p>	
<p>Rev 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever.</p>	<p>And again they shouted, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! The smoke of her [burning] shall continue to ascend forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshiped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.</p>	<p>Then the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] and the four living creatures fell prostrate and worshiped [paying divine honors to] God, Who sits on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his saints, and ye that fear him, both small and great.</p>	<p>Then from the throne there came a voice, saying, Praise our God, all you servants of His, you who reverence Him, both small and great! (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>After that I heard what sounded like the shout of a vast throng, like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of terrific and mighty peals of thunder, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! For now the Lord our God the Omnipotent (the All-Ruler) reigns! (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.</p>	<p>Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself. (AMP)</p>
<p>Our personal covenant with the Lord is comparable to a marriage in its depth, commitment, and intimacy.</p>	<p><b>“All that you are to be and do in God begins with Dodi Li, my beloved is mine. The more you fathom what it means that God belongs to you, the more you will give yourself to Him. The more you</b></p>

**receive His love for you, the more you will give your love to Him.** The more your heart comprehends My beloved is mine, the more your life will become I am His. **And you won't have to struggle to live a life of righteousness and holiness, or to do what is good. You'll just do it freely, flowingly, out of love, out of His love.** For it is the Dodi Li heart that produces the Ani Lo life. So make it your aim to fill your heart with the knowledge of Dodi Li – and your life will become Ani Lo. It's as simple as Dodi Li V'Ani Lo."

"I feel compelled to make another 'non-apology.' Many readers are likely to be concerned about my use of masculine pronouns in relation to God. I think I both understand and appreciate this concern. It is a matter to which I have given much thought. I have generally been a strong supporter of the women's movement and action that is reasonable to combat sexist language.

But first of all, God is not neuter. He is exploding with life and love and even sexuality of a sort. So 'It' is not appropriate. **Certainly, I consider God androgynous. He is as gentle and tender and nurturing and maternal as any woman could ever be. Nonetheless, culturally determined though it may be, I subjectively experience His reality as more masculine than feminine. While He nurtures us, He also desires to penetrate us, and while we more often than not flee from His love like a reluctant virgin, He chases after us with a vigor in the hunt that we most typically associate with males. As CS Lewis put it, in relation to God we are all female.** Moreover, whatever our gender or conscious theology, it is our duty---our obligation---in response to His love to attempt to give birth, like Mary, to Christ in ourselves and in others." M. Scott Peck

<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>She has been permitted to dress in fine (radiant) linen, dazzling and white--for the fine linen is (signifies, represents) the righteousness (the upright, just, and godly living, deeds, and conduct, and right standing with God) of the saints (God's holy people). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are thy which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.</p>	<p>Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down: Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God. (AMP)</p>
<p>The manifestation of the power of Satan has been defeated. The Lord reigns in power, and all heaven and earth rejoice.</p>	
<p>Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See that thou do it not; <b>I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus;</b> worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.</p>	<p>Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired</p>

	preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours]. (AMP)
<p>Twice, John falls at the feet of an angel/messenger to worship him. See also Revelation 22:9. Here, the messenger reminds John that he is his fellow servant, and “of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus? Could this angel be one of his fellow apostles that had already been martyred and returned to teach him?</p>	
<p>This angel is speaking as if he were Christ, yet he is not Christ, and should not be worshipped as Christ. The church has invented a strange doctrine called “divine investiture”. Not necessary. The angel is simply speaking and acting in the Name of the Lord. He can do this because in order to be a witness of Christ, He has to place his Name upon you, and in order to speak the words of Christ, you must be authorized by the Lord to do so.</p>	
<p>I Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.</p>	
<p>True prophets realize that they are only servants, not all the time, but only when they are acting as such. The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus. It is not spiritual candy, entertainment, sensationalism, or an appeal to peoples' hatred, fear, or political opinions. Regardless of what a prophet says, a call to repent and come to Christ is always implicit or explicit in their words, If a prophet speaks by revelation, people hearing them will hear by revelation, provided that both are in tune, and both will be edified together.</p>	
<p>Only a true prophet will be authorized to speak the actual words of Christ. He doesn't need to say: "Thus saith the Lord." The Lord can speak for himself, and when He does, His sheep hear his voice because they have been introduced to Him by the Father, and from then on, no introduction is necessary. And, not only can prophets speak in the Name of the Lord, they are constrained by the Spirit to speak in the Name of the Lord.</p>	
<p>From time to time, the Lord will expose these false individuals, who pose as prophets and insist that others regard them as such, for who and what they are. It doesn't do any good for you or me to do it. That only makes their followers resist and cling to them more than ever. Leave it to the Lord to arrange circumstances where these individuals will reveal their true colors for all the world to see. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. It's just a matter of time. Eventually, everything that is not established by the Lord will be taken down.</p>	
<p>The word "apocalypse" doesn't mean calamity. It means to reveal, to unveil. And, this is what is going to be revealed:</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 1:3 And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed.</p>	
<p>No man is a minister of Jesus Christ without being a Prophet. No man can be a minister of Jesus Christ except he has the testimony of Jesus; and this is the spirit of prophecy [see Revelation 19:10].</p>	

John the Revelator says that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy [see Revelation 19:10]. Now if any man has the testimony of Jesus, has he not the spirit of prophecy? And if he has the spirit of prophecy, I ask, is he not a prophet? And if a prophet, will he not receive revelation? And any man that does not receive revelation for himself must be damned, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. For Christ says, ask and you shall receive; and if he happens to receive anything, I ask, will it not be a revelation? And if any man has not the testimony of Jesus or the spirit of God, he is none of his, namely Christ's. And if not his, he must be damned. Joseph Smith

A visitor to Nauvoo recorded that Joseph Smith taught the following during a conversation:

The Prophet Joseph [said that] ... to be a minister of Jesus, a man must testify of Jesus; and to testify of Jesus, a man must have the spirit of prophecy; for, according to John, the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

If a man professes to be a minister of Jesus and has not the spirit of prophecy, he must be a false witness, for he is not in possession of that gift which qualifies him for that office; and the difference between [Joseph Smith] and the clergy of this generation is, he claims to be in possession of that spirit of prophecy which qualifies him to testify of Jesus and the Gospel of salvation; and the clergy deny that spirit, even the spirit of prophecy, which alone could constitute them true witnesses or testators of the Lord Jesus, and yet claim to be true ministers of salvation.

Faith comes by hearing the word of God, through the testimony of the servants of God; that testimony is always attended by the Spirit of prophecy and revelation.

Oh, how I wish the following were true today.

"Some of our friends have said we are inclined to worship the General Authorities. We love them; we listen to their counsel; we thank God for them; but they would not permit us to worship them. If we should be so inclined, they would be the first to rebuke us. They would doubtless say to us what the angel said to John on the Isle of Patmos, when he was about to kneel before him, 'See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant . . . worship God.' Hugh B. Brown (Rev. 19:10.)

How I do want to honor my fellow servants: those who have died for their true eyewitness testimony of Christ, and those who may do so in the future. I do not worship them, but I honor them, and I urge everyone to pay close heed and attention to them, as they guide us in the way of life and salvation.

"Who may prophesy? Who can receive revelation? To whom are visions and heavenly manifestations vouchsafed? Not to members of the Council of the Twelve only, not to bishops and stake presidents alone, not just to the leaders of the Church. Rather, that God who is no respecter of persons and who loves all his children, speaks to every person who will heed his voice. Prophecy is for all: men, women, and children, every member of the true Church; and those who have the testimony of Jesus have the spirit of prophecy, 'for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.' (Rev. 19:10.) 'Would God,' said Moses, 'that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!'

<p>(Num. 11:29.)" Bruce R. McConkie (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3 vols. [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1965-1973], 2: 387.)</p>	
Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him is called <b>Faithful and True</b> , and in righteousness he doth judge and make war;	After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse [appeared]! The One Who was riding it is called Faithful (Trustworthy, Loyal, Incorruptible, Steady) and True, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness (holiness, justice, and uprightness). (AMP)
<p>We read earlier of Satan being cast out of heaven and sent down to earth. Then, we read about the works of Satan (Babylon) being destroyed. Next, we will read about how Christ, along with the armies in heaven battle Satan directly on the earth.</p>	
Rev 19:12 His eyes as a flame of fire; and he had on his head many crowns; and a name written, that no man knew, but himself.	His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows or can understand. (AMP)
Rev 19:13 And he is clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.	He is dressed in a robe dyed by dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of God. (AMP)
<p>Isa 63:1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this [that is] glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.</p>	
<p>Isa 63:2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winevat?</p>	
<p>Isa 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.</p>	
<p>Isa 63:4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 133:46 And it shall be said: Who is this that cometh down from God in heaven with dyed garments; yea, from the regions which are not known, clothed in his glorious apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength?</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 133:47 And he shall say: I am he who spake in righteousness, mighty to save.</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 133:48 And the Lord shall be red in his apparel, and his garments like him that treadeth in the wine-vat.</p>	
Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.	And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses. (AMP)
Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth proceedeth the word of god, and with it he will smite the nations; and he will rule	From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite (afflict, strike) the nations; and He will shepherd and

them with the word of his mouth; and he treadeth the winepress in the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.	control them with a staff (scepter, rod) of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath and indignation of God the All-Ruler (the Almighty, the Omnipotent). (AMP)
Rev 19:16 And he hath on a vesture, and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.	And on His garment (robe) and on His thigh He has a name (title) inscribed, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (AMP)
Jesus makes us kings and priests unto the Most High God. He is our king. Therefore, He is king of kings.	
Rev 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;	Then I saw a single angel stationed in the sun's light, and with a mighty voice he shouted to all the birds that fly across the sky, Come, gather yourselves together for the great supper of God, (AMP)
Rev 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 <b>who fight against the Lamb</b> , both bond and free, both small and great.	That you may feast on the flesh of rulers, the flesh of generals and captains, the flesh of powerful and mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all humanity, both free and slave, both small and great! (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then I saw the beast and the rulers and leaders of the earth with their troops mustered to go into battle and make war against Him Who is mounted on the horse and against His troops. (AMP)
"At the very moment of the Second Coming of our Lord, 'all nations' shall be gathered 'against Jerusalem to battle' (Zech. 11 - 14), and the battle of Armageddon (obviously covering the entire area from Jerusalem to Megiddo, and perhaps more) will be in progress. As John expressed it, 'the kings of the earth and of the whole world' will be gathered 'to the battle of that great day of God Almighty,... into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.' Then Christ will 'come as a thief,' meaning unexpectedly, and the dramatic upheavals promised to accompany his return will take place. (Rev. 16:14-21.) It is incident to this battle of Armageddon that the Supper of the Great God shall take place (Rev. 19:11-18)." Bruce R. McConkie (Mormon Doctrine, 2nd ed., p. 74.)	
Rev 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 worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.	And the beast was seized and overpowered, and with him the false prophet who in his presence had worked wonders and performed miracles by which he led astray those who had accepted or permitted to be placed upon them the stamp (mark) of the beast and those who paid homage and gave divine honors to his statue. Both of them were hurled alive into the fiery lake that burns and blazes with brimstone. (AMP)

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the word of him that sat upon the horse, which word proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.	And the rest were killed with the sword that issues from the mouth of Him Who is mounted on the horse, and all the birds fed ravenously and glutted themselves with their flesh. (AMP)
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## CHAPTER 20

*Satan bound for a thousand years -- The first resurrection -- Satan let loose again -- Gog and Magog -- The last and general resurrection.*

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down out of heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.	THEN I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand. (AMP)
Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,	And he gripped and overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years. (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time. (AMP)

There are a number of ideas about who this angel is. Some people suggest that it might be Eve, since she was the first to listen to Satan in the Garden, or Adam and Eve, together. Others suggest that he might be John, himself, suggesting that he is the one to send forth the 144,000 who gather people into the church of the firstborn, and also the one who has charge of opening the bottomless pit and loosing evil spirits upon the world, that there might be opposition in all things.

In any event, by now Satan is in a weakened condition, ready to be bound. And the righteousness of the people is the reason for it.

1 Nephi 22:26 And because of the righteousness of his people, Satan has no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years; for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy One of Israel reigneth.

Joseph Smith said, "The devil has no power over us only as we permit him." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 181.)

The Prophet Joseph taught that not all our sins can be blamed on Satan (Teachings, 187), and that "there will be wicked men on the earth during the thousand years" (Teachings, 268-269). All of this evidence makes it clear that it is not the righteousness of the saints alone which binds Satan during the Millenium but also the priesthood power of Christ that shuts him up and sets a seal upon him.

Rev 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	Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was
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<p>for the word of God, and which had not worshiped 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.</p>	<p>entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.</p>	<p>The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are they who have 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.</p>	<p>Blessed (happy, to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years. (AMP)</p>
<p>The righteous, who through the atonement of Christ, and who are quickened with a portion of the Celestial glory will, at the coming of Christ, be resurrected from their graves, or if alive, will be quickened and caught up to meet Him in the air. This is the morning of the first resurrection.</p> <p>Those who did not receive the testimony of Jesus that they were righteous, but afterward received it, will be resurrected next, in what is termed "the afternoon of the first resurrection."</p> <p>Lastly, those who rejected the testimony of Jesus and rejected the gospel, will not be resurrected until the end of the Millennium, in the second resurrection. This people will have the longest possible opportunity in which to repent, but if they don't, they will be judged by their works, and will have to suffer, even as Jesus suffered. (D&amp;C 19), also Rev. 20:12.</p>	
<p>Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,</p>	<p>And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his place of confinement, (AMP)</p>
<p>D&amp;C 29:21 And the great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall be cast down by devouring fire, according as it is spoken by the mouth of Ezekiel the prophet, who spoke of these things, which have not come to pass but surely must, as I live, for abominations shall not reign.</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 29:22 And again, verily, verily, I say unto you that when the thousand years are ended, and men again begin to deny their God, then will I spare the earth but for a little season;</p>	
<p>Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to</p>	<p>And he will go forth to deceive and seduce and lead astray the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth--Gog</p>

<p>gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.</p>	<p>and Magog--to muster them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea. (AMP)</p> <p>The battle of Gog and Magog will be after the millennium Joseph Smith. (History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5:298.)</p> <p>For details of this battle, see Ezek. 38-39.</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and encircled the fortress (camp) of God's people (the saints) and the beloved city; but fire descended from heaven and consumed them. [II Kings 1:10-12; Ezek. 38:2, 22.] (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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 forever and ever.</p>	<p>Then the devil who had led them astray [deceiving and seducing them] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages). (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence and from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. (AMP)</p>
<p>Rev 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.</p>	<p>I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books. (AMP)</p>
<p>2 Nephi 9:46 Prepare your souls for that glorious day when justice shall be administered unto the righteous, even the day of judgment, that ye may not shrink with awful fear; that ye may not remember your awful guilt in perfectness, and be constrained to exclaim: Holy, holy are thy judgments, O Lord God Almighty--but I know my guilt; I transgressed thy law, and my transgressions are mine; and the devil hath obtained me, that I am a prey to his awful misery.</p>	
<p>Mosiah 2:38 Therefore if that man repented not, and remaineth and dieth an enemy to God, the demands of divine justice do awaken his immortal soul to a lively sense of his own guilt, which doth</p>	

cause him to shrink from the presence of the Lord, and doth fill his breast with guilt, and pain, and anguish, which is like an unquenchable fire, whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever.

D&C 29:23 And the end shall come, and the heaven and the earth shall be consumed and pass away, and there shall be a new heaven and a new earth.

D&C 29:24 For all old things shall pass away, and all things shall become new, even the heaven and the earth, and all the fulness thereof, both men and beasts, the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea;

D&C 29:25 And not one hair, neither mote, shall be lost, for it is the workmanship of mine hand.

D&C 29:26 But, behold, verily I say unto you, before the earth shall pass away, Michael, mine archangel, shall sound his trump, and then shall all the dead awake, for their graves shall be opened, and they shall come forth--yea, even all.

D&C 29:27 And the righteous shall be gathered on my right hand unto eternal life; and the wicked on my left hand will I be ashamed to own before the Father;

D&C 29:28 Wherefore I will say unto them--Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

D&C 29:29 And now, behold, I say unto you, never at any time have I declared from mine own mouth that they should return, for where I am they cannot come, for they have no power.

D&C 29:30 But remember that all my judgments are not given unto men; and as the words have gone forth out of my mouth even so shall they be fulfilled, that the first shall be last, and that the last shall be first in all things whatsoever I have created by the word of my power, which is the power of my Spirit.

Rev 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.	And the sea delivered up the dead who were in it, death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) surrendered the dead in them, and all were tried and their cases determined by what they had done [according to their motives, aims, and works]. (AMP)
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Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.	Then death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (AMP)
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The first death was when we originally cut off from the Presence of God. We were being punished for our own sins and not for Adam's transgression.	
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Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.	And if anyone's [name] was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire. (AMP)
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"A man is his own tormentor and his own condemner. Hence the saying, They shall go into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. The torment of disappointment in the mind of man is as exquisite	
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<p>as a lake burning with fire and brimstone. I say, so is the torment of man." Joseph Smith (History of the Church, 6:314)</p>	
<p><b>CHAPTER 21</b></p>	
<p><i>A new heaven and a new earth -- The New Jerusalem.</i></p>	
Rev 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.	THEN I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea. (AMP)
<p>This is speaking about the Celestialized earth.</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 88:18 Therefore, it [the earth] must needs be sanctified from all unrighteousness, that it may be prepared for the celestial glory;</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 88:19 For after it hath filled the measure of its creation, it shall be crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father;</p>	
<p>D&amp;C 88:20 That bodies who are of the celestial kingdom may possess it forever and ever; for, for this intent was it made and created, and for this intent are they sanctified.</p>	
Rev 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.	And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified and adorned for her husband; (AMP)
Rev 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.	Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God. (AMP)
Rev 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.	God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new. Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine). (AMP)
Rev 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.	And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life. (AMP)

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.	He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son. (AMP)
I Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and <b>this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.</b>	
In every covenant, there is one playing the role of the Father, one playing the role of the Son, and one who witnesses that covenant.	
Rev 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.	But as for the cowards and the ignoble and the contemptible and the cravenly lacking in courage and the cowardly submissive, and as for the unbelieving and faithless, and as for the depraved and defiled with abominations, and as for murderers and the lewd and adulterous and the practitioners of magic arts and the idolaters (those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God) and all liars (those who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed)--[all of these shall have] their part in the lake that blazes with fire and brimstone. This is the second death. (AMP)
The second death is to find yourself outside the Presence of God.	
Notice that the “fearful” are classified with the “unbelieving”. Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear is faith in Satan.	
Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.	Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven final plagues (afflictions, calamities) came and spoke to me. He said, Come with me! I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. (AMP)
Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,	Then in the Spirit He conveyed me away to a vast and lofty mountain and exhibited to me the holy (hallowed, consecrated) city of Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God, (AMP)
I got this information from: <a href="https://gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/revelation/revelation-21">https://gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/revelation/revelation-21</a>	
An important distinction should be made between the New Jerusalem spoken of in Rev. 21:2-7 and 'that great city, the holy Jerusalem' spoken of in verse 10. Joseph Smith explained the difference:	
"Now many will feel disposed to say, that this New Jerusalem spoken of, is the Jerusalem that was built by the Jews on the eastern continent. But you will see, from Revelation 21:2, there	

was a New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, adorned as a bride for her husband; that after this, the Revelator was caught away in the Spirit, to a great and high mountain, and saw the great and holy city descending out of heaven from God. Now there are two cities spoken of here." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 86, italics added)

Some elaboration on the Prophets remarks is in order. The Prophet quotes Revelation chapter 21 to show the differences between the two cities, saying "there are two cities spoken of here." This subject is of particular interest because both the New Jerusalem and the Old Jerusalem are to be met by a city coming out of heaven. However, the circumstances and timing are different.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them' (Rev 21:2-3).

The prophet taught that this description of the New Jerusalem should not be confused with the other holy city which John saw coming out of heaven:

'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.' (Rev 21:10)

This passage speaks of a heavenly Jerusalem which will come out of heaven just as the Enoch's Zion will come out of heaven to the New Jerusalem. The key to understanding this is that this heavenly Jerusalem spoken of in Rev 21:10 does not come until after the Millennium. The two cities are compared in the following table:

Heavenly New Jerusalem	Heavenly Old Jerusalem
Description: a city which is to come from heaven and be joined with the New Jerusalem	Description: a city which is to come from heaven and be joined with the Old Jerusalem
Timing: beginning of Millennium	Timing: after the Millennium
Location: Jackson Co., Missouri	Location: site of ancient Jerusalem
Temple: large temple in the city will be the site of extensive temple work during the Millennium	Temple: no temple is necessary because the work has already been done, hence John saw no temple therein (Rev 21:22)
Inhabitants: the people of Enoch (Moses 7:62-64)	Inhabitants: an innumerable company of angels...the general assembly and the church of the firstborn (Heb 12:22-23)
Glory: the earth will be renewed and enjoy a terrestrial (paradisiacal) glory during the Millennium	Glory: after heaven and earth pass away, the earth becomes a celestialized sphere
Leadership: The Son of God will dwell with men for a thousand years	Leadership: Both the Father and the Son will reign, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it (Rev 21:22)
Rev 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;	Clothed in God's glory [in all its splendor and radiance]. The luster of it resembled

	a rare and most precious jewel, like jasper, shining clear as crystal. (AMP)
Rev 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;	It had a massive and high wall with twelve [large] gates, and at the gates [there were stationed] twelve angels, and [on the gates] the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were written: (AMP)
Rev 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.	On the east side three gates, on the north side three gates, on the south side three gates, and on the west side three gates. (AMP)
Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.	And the wall of the city had twelve foundation [stones], and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (AMP)
Rev 21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.	And he who spoke to me had a golden measuring reed (rod) to measure the city and its gates and its wall. (AMP)
Rev 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 city lies in a square, its length being the same as its width. And he measured the city with his reed-- 12,000 stadia (about 1,500 miles); its length and width and height are the same. (AMP)
Rev 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.	He measured its wall also--144 cubits (about 72 yards) by a man's measure [of a cubit from his elbow to his third fingertip], which is [the measure] of the angel. (AMP)
Rev 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.	The wall was built of jasper, while the city [itself was of] pure gold, clear and transparent like glass. (AMP)
Rev 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 foundation [stones] of the wall of the city were ornamented with all of the precious stones. The first foundation [stone] was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony (or white agate), the fourth emerald, (AMP)
Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.	The fifth onyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each separate gate being built of one solid pearl. And the main street (the

	broadway) of the city was of gold as pure and translucent as glass. (AMP)
Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.	I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Omnipotent [Himself] and the Lamb [Himself] are its temple. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp. (AMP)
Rev 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 honor into it.	The nations shall walk by its light and the rulers and leaders of the earth shall bring into it their glory. (AMP)
Rev 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there.	And its gates shall never be closed by day, and there shall be no night there. (AMP)
Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.	They shall bring the glory (the splendor and majesty) and the honor of the nations into it. (AMP)
Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.	But nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed shall ever enter it, nor anyone who commits abominations (unclean, detestable, morally repugnant things) or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. (AMP)
<b>CHAPTER 22</b>	
<i>The river of the water of life -- The tree of life -- The light of the city -- Nothing may be added to the word of God, nor taken therefrom.</i>	
Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.	THEN HE showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb (AMP)
Rev 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.	Through the middle of the broadway of the city; also, on either side of the river was the tree of life with its twelve varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing and the restoration of the nations. (AMP)
<p>"Note that the tree stands alone. It has no competition. The tree of good and evil has ceased to exist because the inhabitants of the city, knowing good from evil, have spurned all evil and eternally choose the good. In consequence the cherubim, placed to guard the tree of life, have been removed, allowing God's people to eat freely of the fruit. Jewish thought looked forward to the time when men would be free to partake of the wondrous tree.</p> <p>"Following Ezekiel 47:12, the Seer notes that each month the tree produces a different type of fruit. John conveys the idea that the tree does not follow the normal course of budding, blossoming, fruit</p>	

setting, and ripening, with one harvest a year. The crops grow continually. The entire image, as one scholar notes, 'expresses the absolute triumph of life over death.' The very leaves of the trees hold healing properties. Where it stands, not a single blade of sorrow or pain can be found. All nations are healed, that is, made whole and complete, through the power of the tree.

"But one must not overlook the meaning of the tree itself, for 'it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; . . . [which is] the most joyous to the soul' (1 Ne. 11:22-23). Thus, the tree and the water symbolize the same thing. The continuous flow of the water and the perpetual bearing of the tree emphasize the limitlessness of God's love. It flows from him forever and unconditionally. All who wish to partake may do so." (Richard D. Draper, *Opening the Seven Seals: The Visions of John the Revelator* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1991], 241-242.)

The tree of life will stand on either side of the river, even the tree which will have once borne twelve manner of fruits, and have yielded its fruit every month, its leaves having been for the healing of the nations. But now, when John sees it, the nations have no need of healing, for there is no death, neither pain, nor sorrow, for the former things have passed away, and all things are become new; consequently, he speaks in the past tense, and says they were for the healing of the nations; of course, referring to the times when they existed temporally, according to Ezekiel, before their final change.

Now, of the things which we have spoken, that is the sum: Ezekiel and the other prophets have presented us with a view of the cities of Zion and Jerusalem as they will exist during the one thousand years of rest called the Millennium; and John has given us a view of the same cities, after their final change, when they came down from God out of heaven, and rest upon the new earth. (Parley P. Pratt, *A Voice of Warning* [New York City: Eastern States Mission [189-?], 108 - 109.]

Contrast this with the dream I mentioned earlier. In my dream, there were trees growing alongside a dry stream, but the trees had all lost their leaves, and there was a hillside, not flat land. My dream must have represented our degenerated world, full of death, dying, and ugly images of the secret acts of men seen on computer screens (the modern-day equivalent of scrolls).

Rev 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;	There shall no longer exist there anything that is accursed (detestable, foul, offensive, impure, hateful, or horrible). But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall worship Him [pay divine honors to Him and do Him holy service]. (AMP)
Rev 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.	They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. (AMP)
Rev 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 forever and ever.	And there shall be no more night; they have no need for lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will illuminate them and be their light, and they shall reign [as kings] forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities). (AMP)
Rev 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true; and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his	And he [of the seven angels further] said to me, These statements are reliable

angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.	(worthy of confidence) and genuine (true). And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His messenger (angel) to make known and exhibit to His servants what must soon come to pass. (AMP)
Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly; blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.	And behold, I am coming speedily. Blessed (happy and to be envied) is he who observes and lays to heart and keeps the truths of the prophecy (the predictions, consolations, and warnings) contained in this [little] book. (AMP)
"I come quickly." Does not refer to the length of time between now and when the Lord comes, but when the Lord decides to come, He will come quickly without further delay.	
Rev 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 showed me these things.	And I, John, am he who heard and witnessed these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell prostrate before the feet of the messenger (angel) who showed them to me, to worship him. (AMP)
Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See that thou do it not; for I am thy fellowservant, <b>and of thy brethren the prophets</b> , and of them which keep the sayings of this book; worship God.	But he said to me, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] a fellow servant along with yourself and with your brethren the prophets and with those who are mindful of and practice [the truths contained in] the messages of this book. Worship God! (AMP)
See the notes for Revelation 19:10. Here the angel declares himself a fellow servant with John and of "[his] brethren the prophets". Is this angel an Old Testament prophet, returned to teach John? And was John also one of these Old Testament prophets, himself, returned to earth to serve another mission?	
Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.	And he [further] told me, Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book and make no secret of them, for the time when things are brought to a crisis and the period of their fulfillment is near. (AMP)
Rev 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.	He who is unrighteous (unjust, wicked), let him be unrighteous still; and he who is filthy (vile, impure), let him be filthy still; and he who is righteous (just, upright, in right standing with God), let him do right still; and he who is holy, let him be holy still. (AMP)
2 Nephi 9:12 And this death of which I have spoken, which is the spiritual death, shall deliver up its dead; which spiritual death is hell; wherefore, death and hell must deliver up their dead, and hell must deliver up its captive spirits, and the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies	

and the spirits of men will be restored one to the other; and it is by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel.

2 Nephi 9:13 O how great the plan of our God! For on the other hand, the paradise of God must deliver up the spirits of the righteous, and the grave deliver up the body of the righteous; and the spirit and the body is restored to itself again, and all men become incorruptible, and immortal, and they are living souls, having a perfect knowledge like unto us in the flesh, save it be that our knowledge shall be perfect.

2 Nephi 9:14 Wherefore, we shall have a perfect knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness, and our nakedness; and the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, yea, even with the robe of righteousness.

2 Nephi 9:15 And it shall come to pass that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto life, insomuch as they have become immortal, they must appear before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel; and then cometh the judgment, and then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God.

2 Nephi 9:16 And assuredly, as the Lord liveth, for the Lord God hath spoken it, and it is his eternal word, which cannot pass away, that they who are righteous shall be righteous still, and they who are filthy shall be filthy still; wherefore, they who are filthy are the devil and his angels; and they shall go away into everlasting fire; prepared for them; and their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever and has no end.

2 Nephi 9:17 O the greatness and the justice of our God! For he executeth all his words, and they have gone forth out of his mouth, and his law must be fulfilled.

2 Nephi 9:18 But, behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel, they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever.

2 Nephi 9:19 O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! For he delivereth his saints from that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

2 Nephi 9:20 O how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it.

God has perfect knowledge of all things, and if there is anything to be known, He knows it. God knows how to perfectly save us all.

D&C 76:111 For they shall be judged according to their works, and every man shall receive according to his own works, his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared;

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be.	Behold, I am coming soon, and I shall bring My wages and rewards with Me, to repay and render to each one just what
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	his own actions and his own work merit. (AMP)
Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.	I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last (the Before all and the End of all). (AMP)
In all ways Christ is the first and the last. He is the author and the finisher of our faith. (Heb 12:2)	
Rev 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.	Blessed (happy and to be envied) are those who cleanse their garments, that they may have the authority and right to [approach] the tree of life and to enter through the gates into the city. (AMP)
Recall that Adam and Eve, once they partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, were barred from partaking of the tree of life.	
Rev 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. <b>[Does not honor his covenants.]</b>	[But] without are the dogs and those who practice sorceries (magic arts) and impurity [the lewd, adulterers] and the murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and deals in falsehood (untruth, error, deception, cheating). (AMP)
Rev 22:16 <b>I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.</b> I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.	I, Jesus, have sent My messenger (angel) to you to witness and to give you assurance of these things for the churches (assemblies). I am the Root (the Source) and the Offspring of David, the radiant and brilliant Morning Star. (AMP)
Christ is both the ancestor and the descendant of David, and of all the morning stars of God, the most brilliant.	
Rev 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 [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, the true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost. (AMP)
Moroni 10:32 Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God.	
Rev 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;	I [personally solemnly] warn everyone who listens to the statements of the prophecy [the predictions and the consolations and admonitions pertaining

	to them] in this book: If anyone shall add anything to them, God will add and lay upon him the plagues (the afflictions and the calamities) that are recorded and described in this book. (AMP)
Rev 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.	And if anyone cancels or takes away from the statements of the book of this prophecy [these predictions relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions or warnings pertaining to them], God will cancel and take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the city of holiness (purity and hallowedness), which are described and promised in this book. (AMP)
This passage is often used to condemn those who deliver additional scripture of revelation, but this is false teaching for a number of reasons:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Deuteronomy 4:2, we are told <b>not to add or subtract from the commandments of God</b>. If this is true, then all the rest of the Bible is false.</li> <li>• "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: <b>thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.</b>" (Deut. 12:32.)</li> <li>• This passage refers to <b>this book of prophecy</b> – the book of Revelations, itself – and not to the Bible as a whole. This book was one of a number of sacred writings considered for inclusion in the <b>collection</b> of books known as the Bible.</li> <li>• If you are going to insist that this passage refers to the entire Bible, then you are asserting what the Bible, itself, does not say, and you are guilty of adding to the Bible, yourself.</li> <li>• John, himself, actually wrote his gospel after he wrote Revelation</li> <li>• This injunction does not exclude God, himself, adding to His own words.</li> </ul>	
Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly; Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.	He Who gives this warning and affirms and testifies to these things says, Yes (it is true). [Surely] I am coming quickly (swiftly, speedily). Amen (so let it be)! Yes, come, Lord Jesus! (AMP)
Rev 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.	The grace (blessing and favor) of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with all the saints (God's holy people, those set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively His). Amen (so let it be)! (AMP)