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LESSON ONE

Overview

THIS LESSON
INCORPORATES

The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Revelation 1–11
“Revelation at a Glance” chart

Revelation is the only book in the Bible that begins and ends with the promise of a blessing to those who read, hear, and heed the words of its prophecy—a prophecy which must take place.

Revelation also closes with the assurance that the words of this prophetic book are faithful and true. Listen

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near (Revelation 1:3).

And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true”; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place. “And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book” (Revelation 22:6-7).

As you begin your study of this awesome and unique New Testament book, you can know for certain, dear student, that these blessings will be yours if you live in the light of what Revelation teaches.

DAY ONE

As you begin your study, it’s imperative that you understand how we believe the Lord has led us to approach this inductive study of Revelation.

Many people have heard others teach from the book of Revelation but have not studied it for themselves. They were taught the results of the teacher’s study (his particular view of eschatology—the study of future things). The teacher’s interpretation may be accurate, but the student not thoroughly familiar with the text of Revelation won’t know.

It's interesting that Revelation promises a blessing for reading, hearing, and obeying this prophecy but not for comprehending—understanding every last detail of the book.

Therefore, our **first** and foremost goal is that when you finish Revelation, you will intimately know and understand the One who holds the future. This knowledge will replace fear with the unshakeable confidence that God will triumph, justly dealing with the righteous and the wicked.

Our **second** goal is that this study will grip you and forever chart the course for your life so that you will not waver in your determination to practice righteousness the rest of your days. May it cause you to love and obey God with a fervent passion.

Third, we want you to finish this course with a clear, thorough understanding of the content of Revelation. Our purpose is not to persuade you to believe what we believe but to help you gain your own thorough understanding of the content of the book of Revelation and live accordingly. We want you to receive the blessing God has for you.

We don't intend to interpret Revelation for you or deliver it from a particular theological point of view. Rather, our purpose is to help you become totally familiar with the book's content so that you can discern for yourself.

In fact, we're instructing Precept leaders to refrain from presenting Revelation from particular doctrinal persuasions and to discourage students from pushing their own eschatological views.

You will not need commentaries for this course; therefore, please do not consult them.

When you have thoroughly investigated the content of Revelation on your own, you may want to take our third and fourth courses on Revelation, *What Is the Sign of His Coming and of the End of the Age?* and *Interpreting Revelation in the Light of Biblical Prophecy*. At that point you'll be more qualified to evaluate the various interpretations of events, people, and times presented in this awesome prophecy and to appreciate the difficulties of teaching Revelation.

And what is our prayer? That as you do this study, you'll keep the unity of the Spirit until we come to the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4).

Now, in the light of all this, are you ready to begin your study of Revelation? This will revolutionize your relationship with God the Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit.

1. Although Revelation 4–22 is the most difficult part to figure out, we believe depth of understanding comes only by continually dealing with the book as a whole, rather than quickly overviewing then dissecting one chapter at a time.

The more you become familiar with the big picture, the easier it is to see the relationship of the parts to the whole and keep them in their proper context. If you want to have an accurate understanding of Revelation, this is crucial.

Now then in the light of all this, take time to talk with your Father.

What are the concerns of your heart? List them in the space provided and then take them to Him in prayer. Ask Him to open the eyes of your understanding, guide you into all truth, and remind you of your commitment to this study whenever necessary.

Remember, Revelation presents a clear picture of the defeat and demise of the enemy. Of course, Satan wants to keep you blind to this. You need to realize that he'll do everything he can to keep you from studying Revelation. Forewarned is forearmed, so stand firm in the full armor of God as His valiant warrior.

Write out your concerns and then pray. Never begin your study without prayer.

2. Read the title of this book in your Bible and then read the first verse of the first chapter. Note below whether it contains a series of revelations or just one and what they're (it's) about. Write out your insight and what brought you to your conclusion. Your answer can be brief.

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3. Even if you have done our course on Revelation 1–3, *Jesus' Message to the Church*, prayerfully read through the first chapter of Revelation again and ask God to open the eyes of your understanding so you'll behold and understand His wondrous words.
- a. At the end of this workbook you'll find the entire text of Revelation (Observation Worksheets). Read chapter 1 watching for the words *see*, *saw*, *seen*, and *looked*. Mark or color these words the same way. Then mark the word *heard* another way.
 - b. Now read through chapter 1 again and answer the following questions. Make sure your answers come only from this chapter. Record the number of the verse in which you find the answer.
 - 1) Who wrote Revelation?
 - 2) Why was it written? What was the author bearing witness to when he wrote Revelation?
 - 3) To whom was it written?
 - 4) The author was told to write three things. List what they are and record the verse you find them in.
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d) Listed in _____
 - 5) What's to be done with the prophecy?

DAY
TWO
AND
DAY
THREE

Today we're going to start our overview of Revelation. As you begin, remember, in an overview you don't have to observe, understand, and grasp every truth contained in this book. What you do this week is part of a process, so don't get overwhelmed. Your main assignment will be to read and mark key words and phrases distinctively—you'll analyze later.

When you go to your Precept discussion class, don't compare yourself with anyone. Do your assignment; then as you go about your day or prepare for bed, meditate on what you observed and relax. If your passion is to know His Word, you can rest assured God will lead you into all truth, but it won't happen immediately. It will take diligent, continuous study.

1. Your assignment today is to read Revelation 1–5.

As you read each chapter, look for and mark the words and/or phrases listed below. Write them on a card you can use as a bookmark, marking each word or phrase in a distinctive way and/or color so you can remember how to mark it as you read through Revelation. You'll be adding other words to this list as your study progresses.

- a. Continue to mark *looked* and *see* with their tenses and also *heard* the same way you did in chapter 1. Add these words to your bookmark.
 - b. Mark the phrase *after these things*.
 - c. Mark *hour*, *saints*, and *sealed*.
2. When you finish reading each chapter, determine its theme (main subject). Remember, key words and phrases reveal main subjects. Record them on the appropriate line on the “Revelation at a Glance” chart located in the Appendix.
 3. Now that you've read chapters 1–5, go back and look at Revelation 1:19's listing of three things John was commanded to write and answer the following questions:
 - a. Of these five chapters, which one deals mainly with the things John saw?
 - b. Which one covers the “things that are” at the time of John's writing?
 - c. Which chapter begins the third segment of Revelation—“the things which shall take place after these things [the things that are]”? Give the reference that supports your answer. You'll find it at the beginning of one of the first five chapters of Revelation.

DAY
FOUR
AND
DAY
FIVE

1. Read Revelation 6–11 and mark the same words you did yesterday except *hour* in Revelation 8:1 (since it refers to half an hour).
 - a. Mark each of the following words in distinctive ways. Add these to your bookmark.
 - 1) *wrath*
 - 2) *woe*
 - 3) *earthquake*
 - 4) *reign*
 - 5) *nations*
 - b. Mark or underline references to time for instant recognition.
 - c. Also
 - 1) mark in distinctive ways references to each of the seven seals so you'll immediately see when a seal is broken.
 - 2) mark references to each of the seven trumpets in a way that will distinguish them from the seals. In chapter 10 mark the reference to the seventh angel who is about to sound even though the seventh trumpet is not blown at that time. You'll find an important reference to time to mark in this same verse.
2. Record the theme of each of these chapters on the chart "Revelation at a Glance."

Well, dear friend, you have begun. Persevere; it's going to be an awesome study. You'll be thrilled with all you see for yourself. Know that not only have we at Precept Ministries prayed for you, but Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the throne of God interceding for you right now . . . and He's not going to stop.

REVELATION 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THE** Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated *it* by His angel to His bond-servant John,
- 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* to all that he saw.
 - 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.
 - 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
 - 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—
 - 6 and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
 - 7 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 will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.
 - 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
 - 9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
 - 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet,

- 11 saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”
- 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;
- 13 and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.
- 14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.
- 15 His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters.
- 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.
- 17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,
- 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- 19 “Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.
- 20 “As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

REVELATION 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

“TO the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

- 2 ‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;
- 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary.
- 4 ‘But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.
- 5 ‘Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.
- 6 ‘Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- 7 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.’
- 8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:
The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:
- 9 ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
- 10 ‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

- 11 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.’
- 12 ‘And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:
The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:
- 13 ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.
- 14 ‘But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit *acts of immorality*.
- 15 ‘So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.
- 16 ‘Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.
- 17 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’
- 18 ‘And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:
- 19 ‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.
- 20 ‘But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of immorality* and eat things sacrificed to idols.
- 21 ‘I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

- 22 ‘Behold, I will throw her on a bed *of sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.
- 23 ‘And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.
- 24 ‘But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.
- 25 ‘Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.
- 26 ‘He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;
- 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;
- 28 and I will give him the morning star.
- 29 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

REVELATION 3

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

“TO the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 ‘Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

3 ‘So remember what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

4 ‘But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

5 ‘He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

9 ‘Behold, I will cause *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and *make them* know that I have loved you.

10 ‘Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that *hour* which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

- 11 ‘I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.
- 12 ‘He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
- 13 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’
- 14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:
- 15 ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.
- 16 ‘So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.
- 17 ‘Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,
- 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.
- 19 ‘Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.
- 20 ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.
- 21 ‘He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
- 22 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

REVELATION 4
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AFTER these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”

- 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.
- 3 And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.
- 4 Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.
- 5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
- 6 and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.
- 7 The first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle.
- 8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,
“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”

- 9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,
- 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
- 11 “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

REVELATION 5

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.
- 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?”
- 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.
- 4 Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;
- 5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”
- 6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.
- 7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.
- 8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
- 9 And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- 10 “You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

- 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,
- 12 saying with a loud voice,
 “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”
- 13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,
 “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”
- 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

REVELATION 6

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THEN** I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.”
- 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.
 - 3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.”
 - 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.
 - 5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.
 - 6 And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”
 - 7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.”
 - 8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.
 - 9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;
 - 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

- 11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.
- 12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made of* hair, and the whole moon became like blood;
- 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.
- 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;
- 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;
- 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

REVELATION 7

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AFTER this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”

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

5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

- 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
- 12 saying,
“Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.”
- 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?”
- 14 I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.
- 16 “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;
- 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

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WHEN the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

- 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.
- 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.
- 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
- 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.
- 7 The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.
- 8 The second angel sounded, and *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,
9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.
- 10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

- 11 The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.
- 12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.
- 13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

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THEN the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.

- 2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.
- 3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
- 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.
- 6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.
- 7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.
- 8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions.
- 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.
- 10 They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.
- 11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

- 12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.
- 13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
- 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”
- 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.
- 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.
- 17 And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.
- 18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.
- 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.
- 20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;
- 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

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- I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;
- 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;
- 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.
- 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them."
- 5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven,
- 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,
- 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.
- 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land."
- 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."
- 10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

- 11 And they said to me, “You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.”

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- THEN** there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said,
“Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.
- 2 “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.
 - 3 “And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”
 - 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
 - 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
 - 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.
 - 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.
 - 8 And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.
 - 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

- 10 And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.
- 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.
- 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.
- 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.
- 15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,
“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”
- 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,
- 17 saying,
“We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.
- 18 “And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”
- 19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

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