

²⁵ Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth,^a saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.”^t ²⁶ Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time people began to call on^b the name of the LORD.^u

FROM ADAM TO NOAH

5 This is the written account of Adam’s family line.

When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God.^v ² He created them male and female^w and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind”^c when they were created.

³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image;^x and he named him Seth. ⁴ After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.^y

⁶ When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father^d of Enosh. ⁷ After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁸ Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

⁹ When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. ¹⁰ After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹¹ Altogether, Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

¹² When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel.

¹³ After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁴ Altogether, Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

¹⁵ When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. ¹⁶ After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷ Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. ¹⁹ After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. ²² After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God^a 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked faithfully with God;^b then he was no more, because God took him away.^c

²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. ²⁶ After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. ²⁹ He named him Noah^e and said, “He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed.”^d ³⁰ After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

^a 25 Seth probably means *granted*. ^b 26 Or to proclaim ^c 2 Hebrew *adam* ^d 6 Father may mean ancestor; also in verses 7-26. ^e 29 Noah sounds like the Hebrew for *comfort*.

4:25 ⁵Ge 5:3 ¹ver 8 4:26 ^uGe 12:8; 1Ki 18:24; Ps 116:17; Joel 2:32; Zep 3:9; Ac 2:21; 1Co 1:2 5:1 ^vGe 1:27; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10
5:2 ^wGe 1:27; Mt 19:4; Mk 10:6; Gal 3:28 5:3 ^xGe 1:26; 1Co 15:49 5:5 ^yGe 3:19 5:18 ^zJude 1:14 5:22 ^aver 24;
Ge 6:9; 17:1; 48:15; Mic 6:8; Mal 2:6 5:24 ^bver 22 ^c2Ki 2:1, 11; Heb 11:5 5:29 ^dGe 3:17; Ro 8:20

³²After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

WICKEDNESS IN THE WORLD

6 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth^e and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. ³Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with^a humans forever,^f for they are mortal^b;^g their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

⁴The Nephilim^h were on the earth in those days — and also afterward — when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

⁵The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.ⁱ

⁶The LORD regretted^j that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

⁷So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created — and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground — for I regret that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.^k

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

⁹This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time,^l and he walked faithfully with God.^m

¹⁰Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.ⁿ

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.^o ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.^p

¹³So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.” ¹⁴So

make yourself an ark of cypress^q wood;^r make rooms in it and coat it with pitch^s inside and out. ¹⁵This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.^d

¹⁶Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit^e high all around.^f Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.^t

¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you,^u and you will enter the ark^v — you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

¹⁹You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰Two^w of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

²²Noah did everything just as God commanded him.^x

^{a3} Or *My spirit will not remain in* ^{b3} Or *corrupt*

^{c14} The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain. ^{d15} That is, about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high or about 135 meters long, 23 meters wide and 14 meters high ^{e16} That is, about 18 inches or about 45 centimeters ^{f16} The meaning of the Hebrew for this clause is uncertain.

6:1 ^eGe 1:28 **6:3** ^fIsa 57:16 ^gPs 78:39 **6:4** ^hNu 13:33 **6:5** ⁱGe 8:21; Ps 14:1-3 **6:6** ^j1Sa 15:11,35; Isa 63:10 **6:8** ^kGe 19:19; Ex 33:12,13,17; Lk 1:30; Ac 7:46 **6:9** ^lGe 7:1; Eze 14:14,20; Heb 11:7; 2Pe 2:5 ^mGe 5:22 **6:10** ⁿGe 5:32 **6:11** ^oEze 7:23; 8:17 **6:12** ^pPs 14:1-3 **6:13** ^qver 17; Eze 7:2-3 **6:14** ^rHeb 11:7; 1Pe 3:20 ^sEx 2:3 **6:17** ^tGe 7:4,21-23; 2Pe 2:5 **6:18** ^uGe 9:9-16 ^vGe 7:1,7,13 **6:20** ^wGe 7:15 **6:22** ^xGe 7:5,9,16

7 The LORD then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family,^y because I have found you righteous^z in this generation. **2** Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean^a animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, **3** and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. **4** Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”

5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.^b

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. **7** And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. **8** Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, **9** male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. **10** And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month — on that day all the springs of the great deep^c burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens^d were opened. **12** And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.^e

13 On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. **14** They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every

creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. **15** Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark.^f **16** The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

17 For forty days^g the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. **18** The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. **19** They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered.^h **20** The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits.^{a,b} **21** Every living thing that moved on land perished — birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind.ⁱ **22** Everything on dry land that had the breath of life^j in its nostrils died. **23** Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth.^k Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.^l

24 The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.^m

8 But God rememberedⁿ Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth,^o and the waters receded. **2** Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens^p had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. **3** The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone

^a 20 That is, about 23 feet or about 6.8 meters

^b 20 Or *rose more than fifteen cubits, and the mountains were covered*

7:1 ^yMt 24:38 ^zGe 6:9; Eze 14:14 **7:2** ^aver 8; Ge 8:20; Lev 10:10; 11:1-47 **7:5** ^bGe 6:22 **7:11** ^cEze 26:19 ^dGe 8:2

7:12 ^ever 4 **7:15** ^fGe 6:19 **7:17** ^gver 4 **7:19** ^hPs 104:6 **7:21** ⁱGe 6:7,13 **7:22** ^jGe 1:30 **7:23** ^kMt 24:39;

Lk 17:27; 1Pe 3:20; 2Pe 2:5 ^lHeb 11:7 **7:24** ^mGe 8:3 **8:1** ⁿGe 9:15; 19:29; Ex 2:24;

1Sa 1:11,19 ^oEx 14:21 **8:2** ^pGe 7:11

down, ⁴and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark ⁷and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. ⁹But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. ¹⁰He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹²He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

¹³By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives." ¹⁷Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you — the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground — so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."^r

¹⁸So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds — everything that moves on land — came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD^s and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean^t birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings^u on it. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma^v and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground^w because of humans, even though^a every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood.^x And never again will I destroy all living creatures,^y as I have done.

²²"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."^z

GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH

9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.^a ²The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. ³Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you.^b Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

⁴"But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.^c ⁵And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an

^a21 Or *humans, for*

8:16 ^qGe 7:13 **8:17** ^rGe 1:22 **8:20** ^sGe 12:7-8; 13:18; 22:9 ^tGe 7:8; Lev 11:1-47 ^uGe 22:2, 13; Ex 10:25 **8:21** ^vLev 1:9, 13; 2Co 2:15 ^wGe 3:17 ^xGe 6:5; Ps 51:5; Jer 17:9 ^yGe 9:11, 15; Isa 54:9 **8:22** ^zGe 1:14; Jer 33:20, 25 **9:1** ^aGe 1:22 **9:3** ^bGe 1:29 **9:4** ^cLev 3:17; 17:10-14; Dt 12:16, 23-25; 1Sa 14:33

a long blast may they approach the mountain.”

¹⁴After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵Then he said to the people, “Prepare yourselves for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations.”

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. ⁸Everyone in the camp trembled. ^h¹⁷Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, ⁱ because the LORD descended on it in fire. ^jThe smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, ^k and the whole mountain ^a trembled ^l violently. ¹⁹As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice ^m of God answered ⁿ him. ^b

²⁰The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up ²¹and the LORD said to him, “Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see ^o the LORD and many of them perish. ²²Even the priests, who approach ^p the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them.” ^q

²³Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, ‘Put limits ^r around the mountain and set it apart as holy.’”

²⁴The LORD replied, “Go down and bring Aaron ^s up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the LORD, or he will break out against them.”

²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

20:1-17pp — Dt 5:6-21

20 And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ^t

³“You shall have no other gods before ^c me. ^u

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image ^v in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship ^w them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, ^x punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation ^y of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand ^z generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ^a

⁸“Remember the Sabbath ^b day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ^c ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he

^a 18 Most Hebrew manuscripts; a few Hebrew manuscripts and Septuagint and all the people

^b 19 Or and God answered him with thunder

^c 3 Or besides

19:16 ⁸Heb 12:18-19; Rev 4:1 ^hHeb 12:21 **19:18** ¹Ps 104:32 ²Ex 3:2; 24:17; Dt 4:11; 2Ch 7:1; Ps 18:8; Heb 12:18 ^kGe 19:28 ^lJdg 5:5; Ps 68:8; Jer 4:24 **19:19** ^mNe 9:13 ⁿPs 81:7 **19:21** ^oEx 3:5; 1Sa 6:19 **19:22** ^pLev 10:3 ^q2Sa 6:7 **19:23** ^rver 12 **19:24** ^sEx 24:1, 9 **20:2** ^tEx 13:3 **20:3** ^uDt 6:14; Jer 35:15 **20:4** ^vLev 26:1; Dt 4:15-19, 23; 27:15 **20:5** ^wIsa 44:15, 17, 19 ^xEx 34:14; Dt 4:24 ^yNu 14:18; Jer 32:18 **20:6** ^zDt 7:9 **20:7** ^aLev 19:12; Mt 5:33 **20:8** ^bEx 31:13-16; Lev 26:2 **20:9** ^cEx 34:21; Lk 13:14

rested^d on the seventh day.
Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother,^e so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.^f

14 “You shall not commit adultery.^g

15 “You shall not steal.^h

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.ⁱ

17 “You shall not covet^j your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet^k and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance^l and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”^m

20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fearⁿ of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”ⁿ

21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness^o where God was.

IDOLS AND ALTARS

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven:^p 23 Do not make any gods to be alongside me;^q do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.^r

24 “Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings

and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name^s to be honored, I will come to you and bless^t you. 25 If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool^u on it. 26 And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.^v

21 “These are the laws” you are to set before them:

HEBREW SERVANTS

21:2-6pp — Dt 15:12-18

21:2-11Ref — Lev 25:39-55

2 “If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free,^w without paying anything. 3 If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free.

5 “But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,^x 6 then his master must take him before the judges.^y He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.^z

7 “If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as male servants do. 8 If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself,^b he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has broken faith with her. 9 If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter. 10 If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first

^a6 Or before God ^b8 Or master so that he does not choose her

20:11 ^dGe 2:2 20:12 ^eMt 15:4*; Mk 7:10*; Eph 6:2 20:13 ^fMt 5:21*; Ro 13:9* 20:14 ^gMt 19:18* 20:15 ^hLev 19:11, 13; Mt 19:18* 20:16 ⁱEx 23:1,7; Mt 19:18* 20:17 ^jRo 7:7*; 13:9*; Eph 5:3 20:18 ^kEx 19:16-19; Heb 12:18-19 20:19 ^lDt 5:5, 23-27; Gal 3:19 20:20 ^mDt 4:10; Isa 8:13 ⁿPr 16:6 20:21 ^oDt 5:22 20:22 ^pNe 9:13 20:23 ^qVer 3 ^rEx 32:4, 8, 31 20:24 ^sDt 12:5; 16:6, 11; 2Ch 6:6 ^tGe 12:2 20:25 ^uDt 27:5-6 21:1 ^vDt 4:14 21:2 ^wJer 34:8, 14 21:5 ^xDt 15:16 21:6 ^yEx 22:8-9 ^zNe 5:5

¹⁷May the favor^a of the Lord
our God rest on us;
establish the work of our
hands for us—
yes, establish the work
of our hands.^w

91 Whoever dwells in the
shelter^x of the Most High
will rest in the shadow^y
of the Almighty.^b

²I will say of the LORD, “He is my
refuge^z and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

³Surely he will save you
from the fowler’s snare^a
and from the deadly
pestilence.^b

⁴He will cover you with
his feathers,
and under his wings you
will find refuge;^c
his faithfulness will be your
shield^d and rampart.

⁵You will not fear^e the
terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶nor the pestilence that stalks
in the darkness,
nor the plague that
destroys at midday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your
right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only observe
with your eyes
and see the punishment
of the wicked.^f

⁹If you say, “The LORD is my refuge,”
and you make the Most
High your dwelling,

¹⁰no harm^g will overtake you,
no disaster will come
near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his
angels^h concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;ⁱ

¹²they will lift you up in
their hands,
so that you will not strike your
foot against a stone.^j

¹³You will tread on the lion
and the cobra;
you will trample the great
lion and the serpent.^k

¹⁴“Because he^c loves me,” says the
LORD, “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he
acknowledges my name.

¹⁵He will call on me, and I
will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and
honor him.^l

¹⁶With long life^m I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.ⁿ”

A psalm. A song. For the Sabbath day.

92^d It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your
name,^o O Most High,^p

²proclaiming your love
in the morning^q
and your faithfulness at night,
³to the music of the ten-
stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.^r

⁴For you make me glad by
your deeds, LORD;
I sing for joy at what your
hands have done.^s

⁵How great are your works,^t
LORD,
how profound your thoughts!^u

⁶Senseless people^v do not know,
fools do not understand,

^a17 Or *beauty* ^b1 Hebrew *Shaddai* ^c14 That is,
probably the king ^dIn Hebrew texts 92:1-15 is
numbered 92:2-16.

90:17 ^wIsa 26:12 **91:1** ^xPs 31:20 ^yPs 17:8 **91:2** ^zPs 142:5 **91:3** ^aPs 124:7; Pr 6:5 ^b1Ki 8:37 **91:4** ^cPs 17:8 ^dPs 35:2
91:5 ^eJob 5:21 **91:8** ^fPs 37:34; 58:10; Mal 1:5 **91:10** ^gPr 12:21 **91:11** ^hHeb 1:14 ⁱPs 34:7 **91:12** ^jMt 4:6*; Lk 4:10-11*
91:13 ^kDa 6:22; Lk 10:19 **91:15** ^l1Sa 2:30; Ps 50:15; Jn 12:26 **91:16** ^mDt 6:2; Ps 21:4 ⁿPs 50:23 **92:1** ^oPs 147:1
^pPs 135:3 **92:2** ^qPs 89:1 **92:3** ^r1Sa 10:5; Ne 12:27; Ps 33:2 **92:4** ^sPs 8:6; 143:5 **92:5** ^tRev 15:3
^uPs 40:5; 139:17; Isa 28:29; Ro 11:33 **92:6** ^vPs 73:22

7 that though the wicked
spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.

8 But you, LORD, are forever exalted.

9 For surely your enemies, LORD,
surely your enemies
will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.^w

10 You have exalted my horn^{ax}
like that of a wild ox;
fine oils^y have been
poured on me.

11 My eyes have seen the defeat
of my adversaries;
my ears have heard the rout
of my wicked foes.^z

12 The righteous will flourish
like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar
of Lebanon;^a

13 planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the
courts of our God.^b

14 They will still bear fruit^c in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
15 proclaiming, "The LORD
is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no
wickedness in him."^d

93 The LORD reigns,^e he is
robed in majesty;^f
the LORD is robed in majesty
and armed with strength;^g
indeed, the world is
established, firm
and secure.^h

2 Your throne was established
long ago;
you are from all eternity.ⁱ

3 The seas^j have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up
their voice;

the seas have lifted up their
pounding waves.

4 Mightier than the thunder^k
of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers
of the sea —
the LORD on high is mighty.

5 Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness^l adorns your house
for endless days.

94 The LORD is a God
who avenges.^m
O God who avenges, shine forth.ⁿ

2 Rise up, Judge^o of the earth;
pay back^p to the proud
what they deserve.

3 How long, LORD, will the wicked,
how long will the wicked
be jubilant?

4 They pour out arrogant^q words;
all the evildoers are full
of boasting.^r

5 They crush your people,^s LORD;
they oppress your inheritance.

6 They slay the widow and
the foreigner;
they murder the fatherless.

7 They say, "The LORD does not see;^t
the God of Jacob takes
no notice."

8 Take notice, you senseless
ones^u among the people;
you fools, when will you
become wise?

9 Does he who fashioned
the ear not hear?
Does he who formed the
eye not see?^v

10 Does he who disciplines
nations not punish?
Does he who teaches^w mankind
lack knowledge?

^a 10 Horn here symbolizes strength.

92:9 ^wPs 68:1; 89:10 92:10 ^xPs 89:17 ^yPs 23:5 92:11 ^zPs 54:7; 91:8 92:12 ^aPs 1:3; 52:8; Jer 17:8; Hos 14:6 92:13 ^bPs 100:4
92:14 ^cJn 15:2 92:15 ^dJob 34:10 93:1 ^ePs 97:1 ^fPs 104:1 ^gPs 65:6 ^hPs 96:10 93:2 ⁱPs 45:6 93:3 ^jPs 96:11 93:4 ^kPs 65:7
93:5 ^lPs 29:2 94:1 ^mNa 1:2; Ro 12:19 ⁿPs 80:1 94:2 ^oGe 18:25 ^pPs 31:23 94:4 ^qPs 31:18 ^rPs 52:1 94:5 ^sIsa 3:15
94:7 ^tJob 22:14; Ps 10:11 94:8 ^uPs 92:6 94:9 ^vEx 4:11; Pr 20:12 94:10 ^wJob 35:11; Isa 28:26

- 11** The LORD knows all human plans;
he knows that they are futile.^x
- 12** Blessed is the one you
discipline,^y LORD,
the one you teach^z
from your law;
- 13** you grant them relief from
days of trouble,
till a pit^a is dug for the wicked.
- 14** For the LORD will not
reject his people;^b
he will never forsake
his inheritance.
- 15** Judgment will again be founded
on righteousness,^c
and all the upright in
heart will follow it.
- 16** Who will rise up^d for me
against the wicked?
Who will take a stand for me
against evildoers?^e
- 17** Unless the LORD had
given me help,^f
I would soon have dwelt in
the silence of death.
- 18** When I said, "My foot
is slipping,^g"
your unending love, LORD,
supported me.
- 19** When anxiety was great
within me,
your consolation
brought me joy.
- 20** Can a corrupt throne be
allied with you —
a throne that brings on
misery by its decrees?^h
- 21** The wicked band togetherⁱ
against the righteous
and condemn the
innocent^j to death.
- 22** But the LORD has become
my fortress,
and my God the rock in
whom I take refuge.^k
- 23** He will repay^l them for their sins
and destroy them for
their wickedness;
the LORD our God will
destroy them.
- 95** Come, let us sing for
joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud^m to the
Rockⁿ of our salvation.
- 2** Let us come before him^o
with thanksgiving
and extol him with
music^p and song.
- 3** For the LORD is the great God,^q
the great King above all gods.^r
- 4** In his hand are the depths
of the earth,
and the mountain peaks
belong to him.
- 5** The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed
the dry land.^s
- 6** Come, let us bow down^t
in worship,
let us kneel^u before the
LORD our Maker;^v
- 7** for he is our God
and we are the people
of his pasture,^w
the flock under his care.
- Today, if only you would
hear his voice,
- 8** "Do not harden your hearts as
you did at Meribah,^{ax}
as you did that day at Massah^b
in the wilderness,
- 9** where your ancestors tested^y me;
they tried me, though they
had seen what I did.

^a 8 Meribah means *quarreling*. ^b 8 Massah means *testing*.

94:11 ^x1Co 3:20* **94:12** ^yJob 5:17; Heb 12:5 ^zDt 8:3 **94:13** ^aPs 55:23 **94:14** ^b1Sa 12:22; Ps 37:28; Ro 11:2 **94:15** ^cPs 97:2
94:16 ^dNu 10:35; Ps 17:13 ^ePs 59:2 **94:17** ^fPs 124:2 **94:18** ^gPs 38:16 **94:20** ^hPs 58:2 **94:21** ⁱPs 56:6 ^jPs 106:38; Pr 17:15, 26
94:22 ^kPs 18:2; 59:9 **94:23** ^lPs 7:16 **95:1** ^mPs 81:1 ⁿ2Sa 22:47 **95:2** ^oMic 6:6 ^pPs 81:2; Eph 5:19 **95:3** ^qPs 48:1;
145:3 ^rPs 96:4; 97:9 **95:5** ^sGe 1:9; Ps 146:6 **95:6** ^tPhp 2:10 ^u2Ch 6:13 ^vPs 100:3; 149:2; Isa 17:7; Da 6:10-11;
Hos 8:14 **95:7** ^wPs 74:1; 79:13 **95:8** ^xEx 17:7 **95:9** ^yNu 14:22; Ps 78:18; 1Co 10:9

HEZEKIAH'S ILLNESS

38:1-8pp — 2Ki 20:1-11; 2Ch 32:24-26

38 In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz^u went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order,^v because you are going to die; you will not recover."

² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, ³ "Remember, LORD, how I have walked^w before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion^x and have done what is good in your eyes."^y And Hezekiah wept^z bitterly.

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: ⁵ "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years^a to your life. ⁶ And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend^b this city.

⁷ "This is the LORD's sign^c to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: ⁸ I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz."^y So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.^d

⁹ A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery:

¹⁰ I said, "In the prime of my life^e must I go through the gates of death^f and be robbed of the rest of my years?^g"

¹¹ I said, "I will not again see the LORD himself in the land of the living;^h no longer will I look on my fellow man,

or be with those who now dwell in this world.

¹² Like a shepherd's tentⁱ my house has been pulled down^j and taken from me.

Like a weaver I have rolled^k up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom;^l day and night^m you made an end of me.

¹³ I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion he brokeⁿ all my bones;^o day and night you made an end of me.

¹⁴ I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove.^p

My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am being threatened; Lord, come to my aid!^q

¹⁵ But what can I say?

He has spoken to me, and he himself has done this.^r

I will walk humbly^s all my years because of this anguish of my soul.^t

¹⁶ Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too.

You restored me to health and let me live.^u

¹⁷ Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish.

In your love you kept me from the pit^v of destruction; you have put all my sins^w behind your back.^x

¹⁸ For the grave^y cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise;^z

those who go down to the pit^a cannot hope for your faithfulness.

38:1 ^uIsa 37:2 ^v2Sa 17:23 38:3 ^wNe 13:14; Ps 26:3 ^x1Ch 29:19 ^yDt 6:18 ^zPs 6:8 38:5 ^a2Ki 18:2 38:6 ^bIsa 31:5; 37:35
38:7 ^cIsa 7:11, 14 38:8 ^dJos 10:13 38:10 ^ePs 102:24 ^fPs 107:18; 2Co 1:9 ^gJob 17:11 38:11 ^hPs 27:13; 116:9
38:12 ⁱ2Co 5:1, 4; 2Pe 1:13-14 ^jJob 4:21 ^kHeb 1:12 ^lJob 7:6 ^mPs 73:14 38:13 ⁿPs 51:8 ^oJob 10:16; Da 6:24
38:14 ^pIsa 59:11 ^qJob 17:3 38:15 ^rPs 39:9 ^s1Ki 21:27 ^tJob 7:11 38:16 ^uPs 119:25 38:17 ^vPs 30:3
^wJer 31:34 ^xIsa 43:25; Mic 7:19 38:18 ^yEcc 9:10 ^zPs 6:5; 88:10-11; 115:17 ^aPs 30:9

¹⁹The living, the living—
they praise^b you,
as I am doing today;
parents tell their children^c
about your faithfulness.

²⁰The LORD will save me,
and we will sing^d with
stringed instruments^e
all the days of our lives^f
in the temple^g of the LORD.

²¹Isaiah had said, “Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover.”

²²Hezekiah had asked, “What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?”

ENVOYS FROM BABYLON

39:1-8pp — 2Ki 20:12-19

39 At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon^h sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of his illness and recovery. ²Hezekiah received the envoysⁱ gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold,^j the spices, the fine olive oil—his entire armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

³Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and asked, “What did those men say, and where did they come from?”

“From a distant land,^k” Hezekiah replied. “They came to me from Babylon.”

⁴The prophet asked, “What did they see in your palace?”

“They saw everything in my palace,” Hezekiah said. “There is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.”

⁵Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD Almighty:

⁶The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon.^l Nothing will be left, says the LORD. ⁷And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.^m”

⁸“The word of the LORD you have spoken is good,” Hezekiah replied. For he thought, “There will be peace and security in my lifetime.””

COMFORT FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

40 Comfort, comfort^o
my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly^p to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has
been completed,^q
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from
the LORD’s hand
double^r for all her sins.

³A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way^s for the LORD^a;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.^b”

⁴Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and
hill made low;
the rough ground shall
become level,^u
the rugged places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD
will be revealed,
and all people will see
it together.^v

For the mouth of the
LORD has spoken.^w

^a3 Or A voice of one calling in the wilderness: / “Prepare the way for the LORD ^b3 Hebrew; Septuagint make straight the paths of our God

38:19 ^bDt 6:7; Ps 118:17; 119:175 ^cDt 11:19 **38:20** ^dPs 68:25 ^ePs 33:2 ^fPs 116:2 ^gPs 116:17-19 **39:1** ^h2Ch 32:31 **39:2** ⁱ2Ch 32:31 ^j2Ki 18:15 **39:3** ^kDt 28:49 **39:6** ^l2Ki 24:13; Jer 20:5 **39:7** ^m2Ki 24:15; Da 1:1-7 **39:8** ⁿ2Ch 32:26 **40:1** ^oIsa 12:1; 49:13; 51:3, 12; 52:9; 61:2; 66:13; Jer 31:13; Zep 3:14-17; 2Co 1:3 **40:2** ^pIsa 35:4 ^qIsa 41:11-13; 49:25 ^rIsa 61:7; Jer 16:18; Zec 9:12; Rev 18:6 **40:3** ^sMal 3:1 ^tMt 3:3*; Mk 1:3*; Jn 1:23* **40:4** ^uIsa 45:2, 13 **40:5** ^vIsa 52:10; Lk 3:4-6* ^wIsa 1:20; 58:14

the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.ⁱ

³⁴At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.^j

His dominion is an eternal
dominion;
his kingdom endures from
generation to generation.^k

³⁵All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.^l

He does as he pleases^m
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.
No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: “What
have you done?”ⁿ

³⁶At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom.^o My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.^p And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.^q

^a2 Or *ancestor*; or *predecessor*; also in verses 11, 13 and 18 ^b7 Or *Chaldeans*; also in verse 11
^c10 Or *queen mother*

THE WRITING ON THE WALL

5 King Belshazzar gave a great banquet^r for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ²While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets^s that Nebuchadnezzar his father^a had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.^t ³So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.^u

⁵Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶His face turned pale and he was so frightened^v that his legs became weak^w and his knees were knocking.

⁷The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers^b and diviners.^x Then he said to these wise^y men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck,^z and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”^a

⁸Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant.^b ⁹So King Belshazzar became even more terrified^c and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled.

¹⁰The queen,^c hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. “May the king live forever!”^d she said. “Don’t be alarmed! Don’t look so pale! ¹¹There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit

4:33 ⁱDa 5:20-21 **4:34** ^jDa 12:7; Rev 4:10 ^kPs 145:13; Da 2:44; 5:21; 6:26; Lk 1:33 **4:35** ^lIsa 40:17 ^mPs 115:3; 135:6 ⁿIsa 45:9; Ro 9:20 **4:36** ^oPr 22:4 **4:37** ^pDt 32:4; Ps 33:4-5 ^qEx 18:11; Job 40:11-12; Da 5:20, 23 **5:1** ^rEst 1:3 **5:2** ^s2Ki 24:13; Jer 52:19 ^tEst 1:7; Da 1:2 **5:4** ^uPs 135:15-18; Hab 2:19; Rev 9:20 **5:6** ^vDa 4:5 ^wEze 7:17 **5:7** ^xIsa 44:25 ^yDa 4:6-7 ^zGe 41:42 ^aDa 2:5-6, 48; 6:2-3 **5:8** ^bDa 2:10, 27 **5:9** ^cIsa 21:4 **5:10** ^dDa 3:9

of the holy gods^e in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom^f like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners.^g **12** He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar,^h was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems.ⁱ Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means.”

13 So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, “Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?^j **14** I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. **15** The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. **16** Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”

17 Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else.^k Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

18 “Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. **19** Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put

to death;^m those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. **20** But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride,ⁿ he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped^o of his glory.^p **21** He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign^q over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.^r

22 “But you, Belshazzar, his son,^a have not humbled^s yourself, though you knew all this. **23** Instead, you have set yourself up against^t the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand.^u But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life^v and all your ways.^w **24** Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

25 “This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

26 “Here is what these words mean:

Mene^b: God has numbered the days^x of your reign and brought it to an end.^y

27 *Tekel*^c: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.^z

^a 22 Or *descendant*; or *successor* ^b 26 *Mene* can mean *numbered* or *mina* (a unit of money).
^c 27 *Tekel* can mean *weighed* or *shekel*.

5:11 ^eDa 4:8-9, 19 ^fver 14; Da 1:17 ^gDa 2:47-48 **5:12** ^hDa 1:7 ⁱver 14-16; Da 6:3 **5:13** ^jDa 6:13 **5:17** ^k2Ki 5:16 **5:18** ^lJer 27:7; Da 2:37-38 **5:19** ^mDa 2:12-13; 3:6 **5:20** ⁿDa 4:30 ^oJer 13:18 ^pJob 40:12; Isa 14:13-15 **5:21** ^qEze 17:24 ^rDa 4:16-17, 35 **5:22** ^sEx 10:3; 2Ch 33:23 **5:23** ^tJer 50:29 ^uPs 115:4-8; Hab 2:19 ^vJob 12:10 ^wJob 31:4; Jer 10:23 **5:26** ^xJer 27:7 ^yIsa 13:6 **5:27** ^zPs 62:9

the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous^a ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.^b

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

A PROPHET WITHOUT HONOR

13:54-58pp — Mk 6:1-6

⁵³When Jesus had finished these parables,^c he moved on from there. ⁵⁴Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue,^d and they were amazed.^e “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. ⁵⁵“Isn’t this the carpenter’s son?^f Isn’t his mother’s^g name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?^h ⁵⁶Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷And they took offense^h at him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”ⁱ

⁵⁸And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHEADED

14:1-12pp — Mk 6:14-29

14 At that time Herod^j the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus,^k ²and he said to his attendants, “This is John the Baptist;^l he has risen from

the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

³Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison^m because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,ⁿ ⁴for John had been saying to him: “It is not lawful for you to have her.”^o ⁵Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.^p

⁶On Herod’s birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests and pleased Herod so much ⁷that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. ⁸Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” ⁹The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted ¹⁰and had John beheaded^q in the prison. ¹¹His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. ¹²John’s disciples came and took his body and buried it.^r Then they went and told Jesus.

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

14:13-21pp — Mk 6:32-44; Lk 9:10-17; Jn 6:1-13

14:13-21Ref — Mt 15:32-38

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them^s and healed their sick.^t

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

13:49 ^aMt 25:32 13:50 ^bMt 8:12 13:53 ^cMt 7:28 13:54 ^dMt 4:23 ^eMt 7:28 13:55 ^fLk 3:23; Jn 6:42 ^gMt 12:46 13:57 ^hJn 6:61
ⁱLk 4:24; Jn 4:44 14:1 ^jMk 8:15; Lk 3:1, 19; 13:31; 23:7, 8; Ac 4:27; 12:1 ^kLk 9:7-9 14:2 ^lMt 3:1 14:3 ^mMt 4:12; 11:2
ⁿLk 3:19, 20 14:4 ^oLev 18:16; 20:21 14:5 ^pMt 11:9 14:10 ^qMt 17:12 14:12 ^rAc 8:2 14:14 ^sMt 9:36 ^tMt 4:23

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves^u of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.^v Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

14:22-33pp — Mk 6:45-51; Jn 6:16-21
14:34-36pp — Mk 6:53-56

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.^w Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,”^x they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage!^y It is I. Don’t be afraid.”^z

²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,”^a he said, “why did you doubt?”

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”^b

³⁴When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him ³⁶and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak,^c and all who touched it were healed.

THAT WHICH DEFILES

15:1-20pp — Mk 7:1-23

15 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ²“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”^d

³Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’^{ae} and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’^{bf} ⁵But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ ⁶they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. ⁷You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

8 “These people honor me
with their lips,
but their hearts are
far from me.

^a4 Exodus 20:12; Deut. 5:16 ^b4 Exodus 21:17; Lev. 20:9

14:17 ^uMt 16:9 **14:19** ^v1Sa 9:13; Mt 26:26; Mk 8:6; Lk 24:30; Ac 2:42; 27:35; 1Ti 4:4 **14:23** ^wLk 3:21 **14:26** ^xLk 24:37
14:27 ^yMt 9:2; Ac 23:11 ^zDa 10:12; Mt 17:7; 28:10; Lk 1:13, 30; 2:10; Ac 18:9; 23:11; Rev 1:17 **14:31** ^aMt 6:30
14:33 ^bPs 2:7; Mt 4:3 **14:36** ^cMt 9:20 **15:2** ^dLk 11:38 **15:4** ^eEx 20:12; Dt 5:16; Eph 6:2 ^fEx 21:17; Lev 20:9

9 They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely
human rules.^{g ah}

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. **11** What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them,ⁱ but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”^j

12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

13 He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted^k will be pulled up by the roots. **14** Leave them; they are blind guides.^b If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”^m

15 Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”ⁿ

16 “Are you still so dull?”^o Jesus asked them. **17** “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? **18** But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart,^p and these defile them. **19** For out of the heart come evil thoughts — murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.^q **20** These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

THE FAITH OF A CANAANITE WOMAN

15:21-28pp — Mk 7:24-30

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.⁵ **22** A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David,^t have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”^u

^a9 Isaiah 29:13 ^b14 Some manuscripts *blind guides of the blind*

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

24 He answered, “**I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.**”^v

25 The woman came and knelt before him.^w “Lord, help me!” she said.

26 He replied, “**It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.**”

27 “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

28 Then Jesus said to her, “**Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.**” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

JESUS FEEDS THE FOUR THOUSAND

15:29-31pp — Mk 7:31-37

15:32-39pp — Mk 8:1-10

15:32-39Ref — Mt 14:13-21

29 Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

30 Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.^y

31 The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.^z

32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “**I have compassion for these people;³ they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.**”

33 His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”

34 “**How many loaves do you have?**” Jesus asked.

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

15:9 ⁸Col 2:20-22 ^hIsa 29:13; Mal 2:2 **15:11** ⁱAc 10:14, 15 ^jver 18 **15:13** ^kIsa 60:21; 61:3; Jn 15:2 **15:14** ^lMt 23:16, 24; Ro 2:19 ^mLk 6:39 **15:15** ⁿMt 13:36 **15:16** ^oMt 16:9 **15:18** ^pMt 12:34; Lk 6:45; Jas 3:6 **15:19** ^qGal 5:19-21 **15:20** ^rRo 14:14 **15:21** ^sMt 11:21 **15:22** ^tMt 9:27 ^uMt 4:24 **15:24** ^vMt 10:6, 23; Ro 15:8 **15:25** ^wMt 8:2 **15:28** ^xMt 9:22 **15:30** ^yMt 4:23 **15:31** ^zMt 9:8 **15:32** ^aMt 9:36

but rather thanksgiving.^k **5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a person is an idolater^l — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.^{am}

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrathⁿ comes on those who are disobedient. **7** Therefore do not be partners with them.

8 For you were once^o darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light^p **9** (for the fruit^q of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) **10** and find out what pleases the Lord. **11** Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. **12** It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. **13** But everything exposed by the light^r becomes visible — and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. **14** This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,^s
rise from the dead,^t
and Christ will shine on you.”^u

15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the most of every opportunity,^v because the days are evil.^w **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.^x **18** Do not get drunk on wine,^y which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,^z **19** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.^a Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks^b to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

^a 5 Or *kingdom of the Messiah and God*

^b 26 Or *having cleansed* ^c 31 Gen. 2:24

^d 3 Deut. 5:16 ^e 4 Or *Parents*

5:4 ^k ver 20 **5:5** ^l Col 3:5 ^m 1Co 6:9 **5:6** ⁿ Ro 1:18 **5:8** ^o Eph 2:2 ^p Lk 16:8 **5:9** ^q Gal 5:22 **5:13** ^r Jn 3:20, 21 **5:14** ^s Ro 13:11
^t Jn 5:25 ^u Isa 60:1 **5:16** ^v Col 4:5 ^w Eph 6:13 **5:17** ^x Ro 12:2; 1Th 4:3 **5:18** ^y Pr 20:1 ^z Lk 1:15 **5:19** ^a Ac 16:25; Col 3:16
5:20 ^b Ps 34:1 **5:21** ^c Gal 5:13 **5:22** ^d Ge 3:16; 1Pe 3:1, 5, 6 ^e Eph 6:5 **5:23** ^f 1Co 11:3; Eph 1:22 **5:25** ^g Col 3:19
^h ver 2 **5:26** ⁱ Ac 22:16 **5:27** ^j Eph 1:4; Col 1:22 **5:28** ^k ver 25 **5:30** ^l 1Co 12:27 **5:31** ^m Ge 2:24; Mt 19:5;
1Co 6:16 **5:33** ⁿ ver 25 **6:1** ^o Col 3:20 **6:3** ^p Ex 20:12 **6:4** ^q Col 3:21 ^r Ge 18:19; Dt 6:7

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLDS

5:22-6:9pp — Col 3:18-4:1

21 Submit to one another^c out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands^d as you do to the Lord.^e **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church,^f his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives,^g just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her^h **26** to make her holy, cleansing^b her by the washingⁱ with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.^j **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives^k as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church — **30** for we are members of his body.^l **31** “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”^{cm} **32** This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33** However, each one of you also must love his wifeⁿ as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.^o **2** “Honor your father and mother” — which is the first commandment with a promise — **3** “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”^{d^p}

4 Fathers,^e do not exasperate your children;^q instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.^r

⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect^s and fear, and with sincerity of heart,^t just as you would obey Christ.^u ⁶Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,^v ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do,^w whether they are slave or free.

⁹And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours^x is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord^y and in his mighty power.^z ¹¹Put on the full armor of God,^a so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,^b against the powers^c of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.^d ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,^e with the breastplate of righteousness in place,^f ¹⁵and with your

feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.^g

¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith,^h with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvationⁱ and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.^j

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions^k with all kinds of prayers and requests.^l With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹Pray also for me,^m that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlesslyⁿ make known the mystery of the gospel,^o ²⁰for which I am an ambassador^p in chains.^p Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

FINAL GREETINGS

²¹Tychicus,^q the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²²I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are,^r and that he may encourage you.

²³Peace^s to the brothers and sisters,^a and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.^b

^a ²³ The Greek word for *brothers and sisters* (*adelphoi*) refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God's family. ^b ²⁴ Or *Grace and immortality to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ*.

6:5 ^stI 6:1 ^tCol 3:22 ^uEph 5:22 6:7 ^vCol 3:23 6:8 ^wCol 3:24 6:9 ^xJob 31:13, 14 6:10 ^y1Co 16:13 ^zEph 1:19 6:11 ^aRo 13:12
6:12 ^bEph 1:21 ^cRo 8:38 ^dEph 1:3 6:14 ^eIsa 11:5 ^fIsa 59:17 6:15 ^gIsa 52:7 6:16 ^h1Jn 5:4 6:17 ⁱIsa 59:17 ^jHeb 4:12
6:18 ^kLk 18:1 ^lMt 26:41; ^mPhp 1:4 6:19 ⁿ1Th 5:25 ^oAc 4:29; 2Co 3:12 6:20 ^p2Co 5:20 ^qAc 21:33
6:21 ^rAc 20:4 6:22 ^sCol 4:7-9 6:23 ^tGal 6:16; 1Pe 5:14

the survivors were terrified and gave glory^g to the God of heaven.^h

¹⁴The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.ⁱ

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

¹⁵The seventh angel sounded his trumpet,^j and there were loud voices^k in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,^l and he will reign for ever and ever.”^m

¹⁶And the twenty-four elders,ⁿ who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying:

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,^o the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.^p
¹⁸The nations were angry,^q and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets^r and your people who revere your name, both great and small^s— and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

¹⁹Then God’s temple^t in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.^u

^{a5} Psalm 2:9

THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON

12 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ²She was pregnant and cried out in pain^v as she was about to give birth. ³Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns^w and seven crowns^x on its heads. ⁴Its tail swept a third^y of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.^z The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child^a the moment he was born. ⁵She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”^{ab} And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.^c

⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon,^d and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent^e called the devil,^f or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.^g He was hurled to the earth,^h and his angels with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heavenⁱ say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,^j who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

^{11:13} ^gRev 14:7 ^hRev 16:11 ^{11:14} ^lRev 8:13 ^{11:15} ^jRev 10:7 ^kRev 16:17; 19:1 ^lRev 12:10 ^mDa 2:44; 7:14, 27 ^{11:16} ^oRev 4:4 ^{11:17} ^qRev 1:8 ^pRev 19:6 ^{11:18} ^qPs 2:1 ^rRev 10:7 ^sRev 19:5 ^{11:19} ^lRev 15:5, 8 ^uRev 16:21 ^{12:2} ^vGal 4:19 ^{12:3} ^wDa 7:7, 20; Rev 13:1 ^xRev 19:12 ^{12:4} ^yRev 8:7 ^zDa 8:10 ^aMt 2:16 ^{12:5} ^bPs 2:9; Rev 2:27 ^{12:6} ^cRev 11:2 ^{12:7} ^dver 3 ^{12:9} ^eGe 3:1-7 ^fMt 25:41 ^gRev 20:3, 8, 10 ^hLk 10:18; Jn 12:31 ^{12:10} ⁱRev 11:15 ^jJob 1:9-11; Zec 3:1

¹¹They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb^k
and by the word of their
testimony;^l
they did not love their
lives so much
as to shrink from death.^m
¹²Therefore rejoice, you heavensⁿ
and you who dwell in them!
But woe^o to the earth and the sea,^p
because the devil has
gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that
his time is short.”

¹³When the dragon^q saw that he
had been hurled to the earth, he pur-
sued the woman who had given birth
to the male child.^r ¹⁴The woman was
given the two wings of a great eagle,^s
so that she might fly to the place
prepared for her in the wilderness,
where she would be taken care of for
a time, times and half a time,^t out
of the serpent’s reach. ¹⁵Then from
his mouth the serpent spewed water
like a river, to overtake the woman
and sweep her away with the torrent.
¹⁶But the earth helped the woman by
opening its mouth and swallowing
the river that the dragon had spewed
out of his mouth. ¹⁷Then the dragon
was enraged at the woman and went
off to wage war^u against the rest of her
offspring^v— those who keep God’s
commands^w and hold fast their tes-
timony about Jesus.^x

THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA

13 The dragon^a stood on the
shore of the sea. And I saw a
beast coming out of the sea.^y It had
ten horns and seven heads,^z with ten
crowns on its horns, and on each
head a blasphemous name.^a ²The
beast I saw resembled a leopard,^b but

had feet like those of a bear^c and a
mouth like that of a lion.^d The drag-
on gave the beast his power and his
throne and great authority.^e ³One
of the heads of the beast seemed to
have had a fatal wound, but the fatal
wound had been healed.^f The whole
world was filled with wonder^g and
followed the beast. ⁴People wor-
shipped the dragon because he had
given authority to the beast, and they
also worshiped the beast and asked,
“Who is like^h the beast? Who can
wage war against it?”

⁵The beast was given a mouth to
utter proud words and blasphemiesⁱ
and to exercise its authority for forty-
two months.^j ⁶It opened its mouth
to blaspheme God, and to slander
his name and his dwelling place and
those who live in heaven.^k ⁷It was
given power to wage war^l against
God’s holy people and to conquer
them. And it was given authority
over every tribe, people, language
and nation.^m ⁸All inhabitants of the
earthⁿ will worship the beast— all
whose names have not been written
in the Lamb’s book of life,^o the Lamb
who was slain from the creation of
the world.^{bp}

⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.^q

¹⁰“If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity they will go.
If anyone is to be killed^c
with the sword,
with the sword they
will be killed.”^{dr}

This calls for patient endurance and
faithfulness^s on the part of God’s
people.^t

^a 1 Some manuscripts *And I*

^b 8 Or *written from the creation of the world in the book of life belonging to the Lamb who was slain* ^c 10 Some manuscripts *anyone kills* ^d 10 Jer. 15:2

12:11 ^k Rev 7:14 ^l Rev 6:9 ^m Lk 14:26 **12:12** ⁿ Ps 96:11; Isa 49:13; Rev 18:20 ^o Rev 8:13 ^p Rev 10:6 **12:13** ^q ver 3 ^r ver 5
12:14 ^s Ex 19:4 ^t Da 7:25 **12:17** ^u Rev 11:7 ^v Ge 3:15 ^w Rev 14:12 ^x Rev 1:2 **13:1** ^y Da 7:1-6; Rev 15:2 ^z Rev 12:3 ^a Da 11:36;
Rev 17:3 **13:2** ^b Da 7:6 ^c Da 7:5 ^d Da 7:4 ^e Rev 16:10 **13:3** ^f ver 12, 14 ^g Rev 17:8 **13:4** ^h Ex 15:11 **13:5** ⁱ Da 7:8, 11, 20, 25;
11:36; 2Th 2:4 ^j Rev 11:2 **13:6** ^k Rev 12:12 **13:7** ^l Da 7:21; Rev 11:7 ^m Rev 5:9 **13:8** ⁿ Rev 3:10 ^o Rev 3:5; 20:12
^p Mt 25:34 **13:9** ^q Rev 2:7 **13:10** ^r Jer 15:2; 43:11 ^s Heb 6:12 ^t Rev 14:12

THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH

¹¹Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. ¹²It exercised all the authority^u of the first beast on its behalf,^v and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast,^w whose fatal wound had been healed.^x ¹³And it performed great signs,^y even causing fire to come down from heaven^z to the earth in full view of the people. ¹⁴Because of the signs^a it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived^b the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.^c ¹⁶It also forced all people, great and small,^d rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,^e ¹⁷so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark,^f which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.^g

¹⁸This calls for wisdom.^h Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.^{ai} That number is 666.

THE LAMB AND THE 144,000

14 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb,ⁱ standing on Mount Zion,^k and with him 144,000^l who had his name and his Father's name^m written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing watersⁿ and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists

playing their harps.^o ³And they sang a new song^p before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000^q who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins.^r They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind^s and offered as first-fruits^t to God and the Lamb. ⁵No lie was found in their mouths;^u they are blameless.^v

THE THREE ANGELS

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair,^w and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth^x—to every nation, tribe, language and people.^y ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God^z and give him glory,^a because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”^b

⁸A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,^{bc} which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”^d

⁹A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image^e and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand,^{fo} they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury,^f which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath.^g They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever.^h There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” ¹²This calls for patient endurance on the part of

^a18 Or is humanity's number ^b8 Isaiah 21:9

13:12 ^uver 4 ^vver 14 ^wRev 14:9, 11 ^xver 3 **13:13** ^yMt 24:24 ^z1Ki 18:38; Rev 20:9 **13:14** ^a2Th 2:9, 10 ^bRev 12:9 **13:15** ^cDa 3:3-6 **13:16** ^dRev 19:5 ^eRev 14:9 **13:17** ^fRev 14:9 ^gRev 14:11; 15:2 **13:18** ^hRev 17:9 ⁱRev 15:2; 21:17 **14:1** ^jRev 5:6 ^kPs 2:6 ^lRev 7:4 ^mRev 3:12 **14:2** ⁿRev 1:15 ^oRev 5:8 **14:3** ^pRev 5:9 ^qver 1 **14:4** ^r2Co 11:2; Rev 3:4 ^sRev 5:9 ^tJas 1:18 **14:5** ^uPs 32:2; Zep 3:13 ^vEph 5:27 **14:6** ^wRev 8:13 ^xRev 3:10 ^yRev 13:7 **14:7** ^zRev 15:4 ^aRev 11:13 ^bRev 8:10 **14:8** ^cIsa 21:9; Jer 51:8 ^dRev 17:2, 4; 18:3, 9 **14:9** ^eRev 13:14 **14:10** ^fIsa 51:17; Jer 25:15 ^gRev 18:6 **14:11** ^hIsa 34:10; Rev 19:3

the people of Godⁱ who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

¹³Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord^j from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

HARVESTING THE EARTH AND TRAMPLING THE WINEPRESS

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

¹⁷Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” ¹⁹The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. ²⁰They were trampled in the winepress^p outside the city,^q and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.^b

SEVEN ANGELS WITH SEVEN PLAGUES

15 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign:^r seven angels^s with the seven last plagues^t—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. ²And I saw what looked

like a sea of glass^u glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image^v and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God³ and sang the song of God’s servant Moses^w and of the Lamb:

“Great and marvelous
are your deeds,^x

Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,^y

King of the nations.^c

⁴Who will not fear you, Lord,^z

and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship before you,^a

for your righteous acts have
been revealed.”^d

⁵After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple^b—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law^c—and it was opened. ⁶Out of the temple^d came the seven angels with the seven plagues.^e They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. ⁷Then one of the four living creatures⁸ gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. ⁸And the temple was filled with smoke^h from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the templeⁱ until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

THE SEVEN BOWLS OF GOD’S WRATH

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels,^j “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.”

^a14 See Daniel 7:13. ^b20 That is, about 180 miles or about 300 kilometers ^c3 Some manuscripts ages ^d3,4 Phrases in this song are drawn from Psalm 111:2,3; Deut. 32:4; Jer. 10:7; Psalms 86:9; 98:2.

14:12 ¹Rev 13:10 **14:13** ¹Co 15:18; 1Th 4:16 **14:14** ⁸Da 7:13; Rev 1:13 ¹Rev 6:2 **14:15** ^mJoel 3:13 ⁿJer 51:33 **14:19** ^oRev 19:15; **14:20** ^pIsa 63:3 ^qHeb 13:12; Rev 11:8 **15:1** ^rRev 12:1, 3 ^sRev 16:1 ^tLev 26:21 **15:2** ^uRev 4:6 ^vRev 13:14 **15:3** ^wEx 15:1; Dt 32:4 ^xPs 111:2 ^yPs 145:17 **15:4** ^zJer 10:7 ^aIsa 66:23 **15:5** ^bRev 11:19 ^cNu 1:50 **15:6** ^dRev 14:15 ^ever 1 ^fRev 1:13 **15:7** ^gRev 4:6 **15:8** ^hIsa 6:4 ⁱEx 40:34, 35; 1Ki 8:10, 11; 2Ch 5:13, 14 **16:1** ^jRev 15:1