

Revelation

Prologue

1:1
Dan 2:28-29,
45
John 12:49;
17:8
Rev 1:19; 5:7;
17:1; 22:6, 8, 16

1 This is a revelation from* Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon* take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John,² who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1:2
Rev 1:9; 6:9

³God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

1:3
Rev 22:7, 10

John's Greeting to the Seven Churches

1:4
Exod 3:14
Rev 1:8; 3:1;
4:5, 8; 5:6;
11:17; 16:5

⁴This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia.*

Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit* before his throne; ⁵and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.

1:5
Ps 89:27
Isa 40:2
Col 1:18
Rev 3:14;
19:11, 16

All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. ⁶He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

1:6
Exod 19:6
Isa 61:6
1 Pet 2:5, 9

⁷ Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.

And everyone will see him—
even those who pierced him.

1:7
Dan 7:13
Zech 12:10
Matt 24:30
John 19:34, 37

And all the nations of the world
will mourn for him.

Yes! Amen!

1:8
Amos 3:13; 4:13
Rev 1:4; 4:8;
11:17; 21:6;
22:13

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,”* says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

Vision of the Son of Man

1:9
Phil 4:14
2 Tim 2:12
Rev 1:1; 22:8

⁹I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was

1:1a Or of. 1:1b Or suddenly, or quickly. 1:4a Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey. 1:4b Greek the seven spirits. 1:8 Greek I am the Alpha and the Omega, referring to the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. ¹⁰It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit.* Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. ¹¹It said, "Write in a book* everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

¹²When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. ¹³And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man.* He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. ¹⁴His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. ¹⁵His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. ¹⁶He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.*"

¹⁹"Write down what you have seen—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen.* ²⁰This is the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven gold lampstands: The seven stars are the angels* of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

The Message to the Church in Ephesus

2 "Write this letter to the angel* of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:

²"I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. ³You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.

⁴"But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!* ⁵Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. ⁶But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do.

1:10 Or *in spirit*. 1:11 Or *on a scroll*. 1:13 Or *like a son of man*. See Dan 7:13. "Son of Man" is a title Jesus used for himself. 1:18 Greek *and Hades*. 1:19 Or *what you have seen and what they mean—the things that have already begun to happen*. 1:20 Or *the messengers*. 2:1 Or *the messenger*; also in 2:8, 12, 18. 2:4 Greek *You have lost your first love*.

1:10
Rev 4:2; 21:10

1:11
Rev 1:2, 19; 2:1,
8, 12, 18; 3:1,
7, 14

1:12
Zech 4:2

1:13
Dan 7:13; 10:5
Rev 14:14

1:14
Dan 7:9; 10:6
Rev 2:18; 19:12

1:15
Ezek 1:24; 43:2
Rev 14:2; 19:6

1:16
Isa 49:2
Rev 1:20; 2:1,
12, 16; 19:15

1:17
Isa 44:6; 48:12
Dan 8:18

1:18
Rev 2:8

1:19
Isa 48:6
Rev 1:1

1:20
Rev 1:4, 12, 16;
2:1; 3:1

2:1
Rev 1:12-16,
20; 3:1

2:2
2 Cor 11:13
1 Jn 4:1
Rev 2:19

2:3
John 15:21

2:4
Jer 2:2
Matt 24:12

2:5
Rev 2:16, 22;
3:3, 19

2:6
Ps 139:21
Rev 2:15

2:7
Gen 2:8-9;
3:22-24
Ezek 31:8-9
Rev 22:2, 14

⁷“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

The Message to the Church in Smyrna

2:8
Rev 1:11, 17-18

⁸“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive:

2:9
2 Cor 6:10;
11:14-15
Rev 3:9

2:10
Dan 1:12-14
Jas 1:12
Rev 3:9; 17:14

⁹“I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. ¹⁰Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

2:11
Rev 2:7; 20:6,
14

¹¹“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.

The Message to the Church in Pergamum

2:12
Rev 1:16; 2:16

¹²“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword:

2:13
Rev 14:12

¹³“I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city.

2:14
Num 31:16
1 Cor 6:13
2 Pet 2:15
Jude 1:11

¹⁴“But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin.

2:15
Rev 2:6

2:16
2 Thes 2:8
Rev 1:16; 2:5;
22:7, 12, 20

¹⁵In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. ¹⁶Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

2:17
Ps 78:24
Isa 62:2; 65:15
John 6:49-58
Rev 3:12; 19:12

¹⁷“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

The Message to the Church in Thyatira

¹⁸“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze:

2:18
Dan 10:6
Rev 1:14-15

¹⁹“I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things.

2:19
Rev 2:2

²⁰“But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality.

2:20
1 Kgs 16:31
2 Kgs 9:7, 22

²²“Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering,* and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. ²³I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve.

2:21
Rev 9:20

2:22
Rev 17:2

2:23
Prov 24:12
Jer 17:10
Matt 16:27
Luke 16:15
Rom 8:27

²⁴“But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching (‘deeper truths,’ as they call them—depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you ²⁵except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. ²⁶To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end,

2:25
Rev 3:11

To them I will give authority over all the nations.

2:26-27
Ps 2:8-9
Matt 10:22
Rev 12:5

²⁷ They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.*

²⁸ They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star!

2:28
Rev 22:16

²⁹“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

2:29
Rev 2:7

The Message to the Church in Sardis

3 “Write this letter to the angel* of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit* of God and the seven stars:

3:1
Rev 1:4, 11, 16;
3:8, 15

“I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that

2:22 Greek *a bed*. **2:26-27** Ps 2:8-9 (Greek version). **3:1a** Or *the messenger*; also in 3:7, 14. **3:1b** Greek *the seven spirits*.

3:3
 Matt 24:42-44
 Luke 22:32
 1 Thes 5:2-6
 2 Pet 3:10
 Rev 2:5; 16:15

your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. ³Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.

3:4
 Jude 1:23
 Rev 3:5; 4:4;
 6:11; 19:14

⁴Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.

3:5
 Exod 32:32-33
 Ps 69:28
 Matt 10:32
 Luke 12:8
 Rev 13:8; 17:8;
 20:12

⁶Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

3:6
 Rev 2:7

The Message to the Church in Philadelphia

⁷Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

3:7
 Job 12:14
 Isa 22:22
 Matt 16:19

This is the message from the one who is holy and true,
 the one who has the key of David.
 What he opens, no one can close;
 and what he closes, no one can open.*

3:8
 Acts 14:27
 Rev 2:13
3:9
 Isa 43:4; 49:23
 2 Cor 11:14-15
 Rev 2:9

⁸I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. ⁹Look, I will force those who belong to Satan's synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love.

3:10
 2 Pet 2:9
 Rev 2:10

¹⁰Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. ¹¹I am coming soon.* Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. ¹²All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.

3:11
 Rev 2:25; 22:7,
 12, 20

3:12
 Ezek 48:35
 Gal 4:26
 Rev 21:2, 10

¹³Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

3:13
 Rev 2:7

The Message to the Church in Laodicea

3:14
 John 1:3
 2 Cor 1:20
 Col 1:15-18
 Rev 1:5

¹⁴Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning* of God's new creation:

3:7 Isa 22:22. 3:11 Or *suddenly, or quickly*. 3:14 Or *the ruler, or the source*.

¹⁵“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! ¹⁶But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! ¹⁷You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. ¹⁸So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. ¹⁹I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

²⁰“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. ²¹Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

²²“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

Worship in Heaven

4 Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” ²And instantly I was in the Spirit,* and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. ³The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. ⁴Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit* of God. ⁶In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal.

In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. ⁷The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. ⁸Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—
the one who always was, who is, and who is still
to come.”

4:2 Or *in spirit*. 4:5 Greek *They are the seven spirits*.

3:15
Rom 12:11

3:17
Hos 12:8
Zech 11:5
1 Cor 4:8

3:18
1 Pet 1:7
Rev 3:4; 16:15

3:19
Prov 3:12
1 Cor 11:32
Heb 12:6
Rev 2:5

3:20
John 14:23

3:21
Matt 19:28
Rev 5:5

3:22
Rev 2:7

4:1
Exod 19:20, 24
Ezek 1:1
Dan 2:28-29,
45
Rev 1:1, 10, 19;
11:12; 19:11

4:2
1 Kgs 22:19
Isa 6:1
Ezek 1:26-27
Rev 1:10; 4:9;
20:11

4:3
Ezek 1:26-28
Rev 21:11, 19-20

4:4
Isa 24:23
Rev 11:16; 19:4

4:5
Exod 19:16
Ezek 1:13
Zech 4:2
Rev 1:4; 5:6

4:6-7
Ezek 1:5-22;
10:12, 14
Rev 15:7; 19:4

4:8
Isa 6:2
Ezek 1:18; 10:12

4:9
Dan 4:34
Rev 4:2; 5:1

4:10
Rev 4:4; 5:8, 14

4:11
Rev 10:6

⁹Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever),
¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say,

¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord our God,
to receive glory and honor and power.
For you created all things,
and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

The Lamb Opens the Scroll

5:1
Isa 29:11
Ezek 2:9-10
Dan 12:4
Rev 5:7

5:2
Rev 10:1; 18:21

5:3
Phil 2:10

5:5
Gen 49:9
Isa 11:1, 10
Heb 7:14
Rev 22:16

5:6
Isa 53:7
Zech 4:10
John 1:29, 36
Rev 1:4; 4:5

5:7
Rev 5:1

5:8
Rev 4:4, 6;
8:3-4; 14:2; 15:2

5:9
Ps 144:9
Rev 14:3

5 Then I saw a scroll* in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?” ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.

⁴Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. ⁵But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, “Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David’s throne,* has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit* of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. ⁷He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. ⁸And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. ⁹And they sang a new song with these words:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and break its seals and open it.
For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people
for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

5:10
Exod 19:6
1 Pet 2:5-9
Rev 1:6; 20:4

¹⁰ And you have caused them to become
a Kingdom of priests for our God.
And they will reign* on the earth.”

5:1 Or *book*; also in 5:2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9. 5:5 Greek *the root of David*. See Isa 11:10. 5:6 Greek *which are the seven spirits*. 5:10 Some manuscripts read *they are reigning*.

¹¹Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. ¹²And they sang in a mighty chorus:

5:11
Dan 7:10
Heb 12:22
Rev 4:4, 6

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing.”

5:12
1 Chr 29:11
Isa 53:7
John 1:29, 36
Rev 4:11

¹³And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

5:13
Phil 2:10
Rev 4:11; 5:7

“Blessing and honor and glory and power
belong to the one sitting on the throne
and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

¹⁴And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

5:14
Rev 4:6, 9-10

The Lamb Breaks the First Six Seals

6 As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll.* Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, “Come!” ²I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory.

6:1
Rev 5:1, 6

³When the Lamb broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, “Come!” ⁴Then another horse appeared, a red one. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take peace from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere.

6:2
Zech 1:8; 6:1-3
Rev 14:14;
19:11-12

⁵When the Lamb broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, “Come!” I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, “A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day’s pay.* And don’t waste* the olive oil and wine.”

6:3
Rev 4:7

⁷When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, “Come!” ⁸I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave.* These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease* and wild animals.

6:4
Zech 1:8; 6:2
Matt 10:34

⁹When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for

6:5
Dan 5:27
Zech 6:2, 6-8
Rev 4:7

6:6-7
Rev 4:6-7

6:8
Jer 14:12; 15:2-3
Hos 13:14
Rev 1:18; 20:13

6:9
Exod 29:12
Lev 4:7
Rev 20:4

6:1 Or *book*. 6:6a Greek *A choenix* [1 quart or 1 liter] of wheat for a denarius, and 3 choenix of barley for a denarius. A denarius was equivalent to a laborer’s full day’s wage. 6:6b Or *harm*. 6:8a Greek *was Hades*. 6:8b Greek *death*.

6:10
Ps 79:10
Zech 1:12
Luke 18:7
Rev 3:7, 10; 19:2

6:11
Heb 11:40
Rev 3:4

6:12
Joel 2:10
Matt 24:29
Rev 16:18

6:13
Isa 34:4
Rev 8:10; 9:1

6:14
Ps 46:2
2 Pet 3:10
Rev 16:20;
20:11; 21:1

6:15
Isa 2:10, 19, 21
Jer 4:29

6:16
Hos 10:8
Luke 23:30

6:17
Joel 2:11
Zeph 1:14-15
Mal 3:2

7:1
Jer 49:36
Ezek 37:9
Dan 7:2
Zech 6:5
Matt 24:31

7:2
Rev 9:4

7:3
Ezek 9:4, 6
Rev 9:4; 14:1;
22:4

7:4
Rev 14:1, 3

being faithful in their testimony. ¹⁰They shouted to the Lord and said, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?” ¹¹Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters*—their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred—had joined them.

¹²I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. ¹³Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places.

¹⁵Then everyone—the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person—all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. ¹⁷For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to survive?”

God's People Will Be Preserved

7 Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds so they did not blow on the earth or the sea, or even on any tree. ²And I saw another angel coming up from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted to those four angels, who had been given power to harm land and sea, ³“Wait! Don’t harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.”

⁴And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God—144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel:

- ⁵ from Judah12,000
- from Reuben12,000
- from Gad12,000
- ⁶ from Asher12,000
- from Naphtali12,000
- from Manasseh12,000
- ⁷ from Simeon12,000
- from Levi12,000
- from Issachar12,000
- ⁸ from Zebulun12,000
- from Joseph12,000
- from Benjamin12,000

6:11 Greek *their brothers*.

Praise from the Great Crowd

⁹After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they were shouting with a great roar,

7:9
Rev 3:5; 5:9

“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne
and from the Lamb!”

7:10
Rev 5:13; 12:10;
19:1; 22:3

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. ¹²They sang,

7:11
Rev 4:4, 6, 10

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and strength belong to our God
forever and ever! Amen.”

7:12
Rev 5:12-14

¹³Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, “Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?”

7:13
Rev 6:11; 7:9

¹⁴And I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.”

7:14
Dan 12:1
Rev 6:11; 22:14

Then he said to me, “These are the ones who died in* the great tribulation.* They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

¹⁵ “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne
and serve him day and night in his Temple.
And he who sits on the throne
will give them shelter.

7:15
Rev 4:9; 11:19;
22:3

¹⁶ They will never again be hungry or thirsty;
they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.

7:16
Isa 49:10

¹⁷ For the Lamb on the throne*
will be their Shepherd.

7:17
Ps 23:1-5
Isa 25:8; 49:10
John 10:11, 14
Rev 21:4, 6;
22:1

He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.
And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

The Lamb Breaks the Seventh Seal

8:1
Rev 6:1-17

8 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll,* there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. ²I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets.

8:2
Rev 9:1, 13;
11:15

³Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix

8:3
Exod 30:1-3
Rev 9:13

7:14a Greek *who came out of*. 7:14b Or *the great suffering*. 7:17 Greek *on the center of the throne*. 8:1 Or *book*.

with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne.⁴The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out.⁵Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.

8:4

Ps 141:2
Rev 5:8; 8:3

8:5

Exod 19:16-19
Lev 16:12
Rev 4:5; 11:19;
16:18

The First Four Trumpets

⁶Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts.

8:7

Exod 9:23-25
Ezek 38:22

⁷The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth. One-third of the earth was set on fire, one-third of the trees were burned, and all the green grass was burned.

8:8

Jer 51:25
Rev 16:3

⁸Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. One-third of the water in the sea became blood,⁹one-third of all things living in the sea died, and one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed.

8:9

Exod 7:20-21

8:10

Isa 14:12
Rev 6:13; 9:1;
16:4

¹⁰Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch. It fell on one-third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star was Bitterness.* It made one-third of the water bitter, and many people died from drinking the bitter water.

8:11

Jer 9:15

8:12

Exod 10:21
Ezek 32:7-8
Rev 6:12-13

¹²Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night.

8:13

Rev 3:10; 9:12

¹³Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets."

The Fifth Trumpet Brings the First Terror

9:1

Isa 14:12
Luke 8:31; 10:18
Rev 17:8; 20:1

9 Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.* ²When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke.

9:2

Gen 19:28
Exod 19:18
Joel 2:2, 10

9:3

Exod 10:12-15
Rev 9:5, 10

³Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a

9:4

Ezek 9:4, 6
Rev 7:3

8:11 Greek *Wormwood*. 9:1 Or *the abyss, or the underworld*; also in 9:11.

scorpion sting. ⁶In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them!

⁷The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. ⁸They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. ⁹They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people. ¹¹Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is *Abaddon*, and in Greek, *Apollyon*—the Destroyer.

¹²The first terror is past, but look, two more terrors are coming!

The Sixth Trumpet Brings the Second Terror

¹³Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. ¹⁴And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River." ¹⁵Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. ¹⁶I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops.

¹⁷And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and dark blue and yellow. The horses had heads like lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths. ¹⁸One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues—by the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. ¹⁹Their power was in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.

²⁰But the people who did not die in these plagues still refused to repent of their evil deeds and turn to God. They continued to worship demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that can neither see nor hear nor walk! ²¹And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Angel and the Small Scroll

10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face shone like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire. ²And in his hand was a small scroll* that had been opened. He stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. ³And he gave a great shout like the roar of a lion. And when he shouted, the seven thunders answered.

10:2 Or *book*; also in 10:8, 9, 10.

9:6
Job 3:21
Rev 6:16

9:7
Joel 2:4-5

9:8
Joel 1:6

9:9
Joel 2:5

9:11
Job 26:6; 28:22
Prov 15:11
Rev 9:1

9:12
Rev 8:13

9:13
Exod 30:1-3
Rev 8:3

9:14
Gen 15:18
Rev 7:1; 16:12

9:15
Rev 8:7-12;
9:18; 20:7

9:17
Job 41:19-21

9:20
Deut 4:28;
32:17
Ps 115:4-7
Dan 5:23
Mic 5:13
Acts 7:41
1 Cor 10:19-20
Rev 2:21

9:21
Rev 16:9, 11, 21

10:1
Matt 17:2
Rev 1:15-16;
4:3; 5:2; 18:1

10:2
Rev 10:8

10:3
Ps 29:3-9
Rev 4:5

- 10:4**
Dan 8:26;
12:4, 9
Rev 22:10
- 10:5**
Deut 32:40
Dan 12:7
- 10:6**
Gen 14:19, 22
Exod 20:11
Neh 9:6
Ps 146:6
Rev 4:11; 14:7;
16:17
- 10:7**
Dan 9:6, 10
Amos 3:7
Rev 11:15
- 10:8**
Rev 10:2
- 10:9**
Jer 15:16
Ezek 2:8–3:3
- 10:11**
Jer 1:9–10;
25:30
Rev 5:9
- ⁴When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. But I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Keep secret* what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down.”
- ⁵Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven. ⁶He swore an oath in the name of the one who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and everything in them, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it. He said, “There will be no more delay. ⁷When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God’s mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets.”
- ⁸Then the voice from heaven spoke to me again: “Go and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”
- ⁹So I went to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll. “Yes, take it and eat it,” he said. “It will be sweet as honey in your mouth, but it will turn sour in your stomach!” ¹⁰So I took the small scroll from the hand of the angel, and I ate it! It was sweet in my mouth, but when I swallowed it, it turned sour in my stomach.
- ¹¹Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

The Two Witnesses

- 11:1**
Ezek 40:3
Rev 21:15
- 11:2**
Ezek 40:17–19
Luke 21:24
Rev 12:6; 13:5
- 11:3**
Rev 2:13
- 11:4**
Zech 4:3, 11, 14
- 11:5**
2 Sam 22:9
2 Kgs 1:10
Jer 5:14
- 11:6**
Exod 7:17–20
1 Kgs 17:1
- 11:7**
Dan 7:21
Rev 13:4, 7
- 11:8**
Isa 1:9–10
- 11:9**
Ps 79:2–3
- 11** Then I was given a measuring stick, and I was told, “Go and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshippers. ²But do not measure the outer courtyard, for it has been turned over to the nations. They will trample the holy city for 42 months. ³And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy during those 1,260 days.”
- ⁴These two prophets are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of all the earth. ⁵If anyone tries to harm them, fire flashes from their mouths and consumes their enemies. This is how anyone who tries to harm them must die. ⁶They have power to shut the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. And they have the power to turn the rivers and oceans into blood, and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish.
- ⁷When they complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit* will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. ⁸And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem,* the city that is figuratively called “Sodom” and “Egypt,” the city where their Lord was crucified. ⁹And for three and a half days, all peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will stare at their bodies. No one will be allowed to bury them. ¹⁰All the people
- 10:4 Greek *Seal up*. 11:7 Or *the abyss, or the underworld*. 11:8 Greek *the great city*.

who belong to this world will gloat over them and give presents to each other to celebrate the death of the two prophets who had tormented them.

¹¹But after three and a half days, God breathed life into them, and they stood up! Terror struck all who were staring at them. ¹²Then a loud voice from heaven called to the two prophets, "Come up here!" And they rose to heaven in a cloud as their enemies watched.

¹³At the same time there was a terrible earthquake that destroyed a tenth of the city. Seven thousand people died in that earthquake, and everyone else was terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second terror is past, but look, the third terror is coming quickly.

11:11
Ezek 37:5, 10

11:12
2 Kgs 2:11
Acts 1:9
Rev 4:1

11:13
Ezek 38:19-20
Rev 16:9, 11

11:14
Rev 8:13; 9:12

The Seventh Trumpet Brings the Third Terror

¹⁵Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven:

"The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,*
and he will reign forever and ever."

11:15
Ps 10:16
Dan 2:44;
7:14, 27
Rev 10:7; 12:10;
16:17

¹⁶The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones before God fell with their faces to the ground and worshiped him. ¹⁷And they said,

"We give thanks to you, Lord God, the Almighty,
the one who is and who always was,
for now you have assumed your great power
and have begun to reign.

¹⁸ The nations were filled with wrath,
but now the time of your wrath has come.
It is time to judge the dead
and reward your servants the prophets,
as well as your holy people,
and all who fear your name,
from the least to the greatest.
It is time to destroy
all who have caused destruction on the
earth."

11:16
Rev 4:4, 10

11:17
Amos 3:13; 4:13
Rev 1:8; 19:6

11:18
Ps 2:1
Rev 10:7; 19:5;
20:12

¹⁹Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and roared, and there was an earthquake and a terrible hailstorm.

11:15 Or *his Messiah*.

11:19
2 Chr 5:7
Rev 4:5; 15:5

The Woman and the Dragon

12 Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ²She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.

12:2
Isa 26:17;
66:6-9
Mic 4:10

³Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. ⁴His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.

12:3
Dan 7:7, 24
Rev 13:1; 17:3, 7,
12, 16

⁵She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.

12:5
Ps 2:9
Rev 2:27; 19:15

⁷Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. ⁸And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. ⁹This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

12:6
Rev 11:2; 13:5

12:7
Dan 10:13; 12:1
Jude 1:9
Rev 12:3

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens,

12:9
Gen 3:1
Zech 3:1-2
Matt 4:10
Luke 10:18
Rev 12:3;
20:2-10

“It has come at last—
salvation and power
and the Kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Christ.*

12:10
Job 1:9-11
Zech 3:1
Rev 7:10; 11:15

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters*
has been thrown down to earth—
the one who accuses them
before our God day and night.

12:11
Rev 2:10; 6:9;
7:14; 15:2

¹¹ And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb
and by their testimony.

And they did not love their lives so much
that they were afraid to die.

12:12
Rev 8:13; 18:20

¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens!

And you who live in the heavens, rejoice!
But terror will come on the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you in great anger,
knowing that he has little time.”

12:14
Exod 19:4
Dan 7:25; 12:7
Rev 17:3, 18

¹³When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

¹⁴But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could

12:10a Or *his Messiah*. 12:10b Greek *brothers*.

fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon* for a time, times, and half a time.

¹⁵Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. ¹⁶But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. ¹⁷And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God’s commands and maintain their testimony for Jesus.

¹⁸Then the dragon took his stand* on the shore beside the sea.

The Beast out of the Sea

13 Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. ²This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority.

³I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. ⁴They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast. “Who is as great as the beast?” they exclaimed. “Who is able to fight against him?”

⁵Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. ⁶And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his dwelling—that is, those who dwell in heaven.* ⁷And the beast was allowed to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation. ⁸And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made.*

⁹ Anyone with ears to hear
should listen and understand.

¹⁰ Anyone who is destined for prison
will be taken to prison.
Anyone destined to die by the sword
will die by the sword.

12:17
Rev 1:2; 11:7;
13:7

13:1
Dan 7:2-8
Rev 17:12

13:2
Dan 7:4-6
Rev 2:13; 12:3

13:3
2 Thes 2:9-12
Rev 17:8

13:4
Exod 15:11

13:5
Dan 7:8, 11, 20,
25; 11:36
2 Thes 2:4
Rev 11:2

13:6
Rev 12:12

13:7
Rev 5:9; 11:7

13:8
Dan 12:1

13:9
Rev 2:7

13:10
Jer 15:2; 43:11
Matt 26:52
Heb 6:12

12:14 Greek *the serpent*; also in 12:15. See 12:9. 12:18 Greek *Then he took his stand*; some manuscripts read *Then I took my stand*. Some translations put this entire sentence into 13:1. 13:6 Some manuscripts read *and his dwelling and all who dwell in heaven*. 13:8 Or *not written in the Book of Life before the world was made—the Book that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered*.

This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful.

The Beast out of the Earth

13:11
Rev 13:1, 4

13:12
Rev 14:9-10;
19:20

13:13
1 Kgs 18:24-39
Matt 24:24
2 Thes 2:9
Rev 19:20

13:14
2 Thes 2:9
Rev 12:9;
13:3, 12

13:15
Dan 3:3-6
Rev 20:4

13:16
Rev 14:9; 19:18

13:17
Rev 14:9, 11;
16:2; 19:20;
20:4

13:18
Rev 17:9

14:1
Rev 3:12; 7:4

14:2
Rev 1:15; 19:6

14:3
Rev 4:4, 6

14:4
2 Cor 11:2
Rev 5:9; 7:17

14:5
Ps 32:2
Isa 53:9
Zeph 3:13
1 Pet 2:22

14:6
Rev 5:9

14:7
Acts 4:24
Rev 15:4

¹¹Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon. ¹²He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching. ¹⁴And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. ¹⁵He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.

¹⁶He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. ¹⁷And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. ¹⁸Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.* His number is 666.*

The Lamb and the 144,000

14 Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together.

³This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. No one could learn this song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴They have kept themselves as pure as virgins,* following the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering* to God and to the Lamb. ⁵They have told no lies; they are without blame.

The Three Angels

⁶And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷"Fear God," he shouted. "Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge.

13:18a *Or of humanity.* 13:18b Some manuscripts read 616. 14:4a Greek *They are virgins who have not defiled themselves with women.* 14:4b Greek *as firstfruits.*

Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.”

⁸Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, “Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen—because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality.”

⁹Then a third angel followed them, shouting, “Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand ¹⁰must drink the wine of God’s anger. It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. ¹¹The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name.”

¹²This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.

¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!”

The Harvest of the Earth

¹⁴Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man.* He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

¹⁵Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, “Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe.” ¹⁶So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested.

¹⁷After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, “Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment.”

¹⁹So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God’s wrath. ²⁰The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles* long and as high as a horse’s bridle.

The Song of Moses and of the Lamb

15 Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues, which would bring God’s wrath to completion. ²I saw before me what

14:14 Or *like a son of man*. See Dan 7:13. “Son of Man” is a title Jesus used for himself.
14:20 Greek 1,600 stadia [300 kilometers].

14:8
Isa 21:9
Jer 51:8
Rev 16:19; 17:5;
18:2, 10

14:9
Rev 13:12-17

14:10
Ps 75:8
Isa 51:17, 22-23
Jer 25:15
Rev 16:19;
19:20; 20:10;
21:8

14:11
Isa 34:10
Rev 13:12-17

14:12
Rev 2:13; 12:17;
13:10

14:13
Heb 4:10

14:14
Dan 7:13
Rev 1:13

14:15
Joel 3:13
Matt 13:39-40
Mark 4:29

14:18
Joel 3:13
Rev 6:9; 14:15

14:19
Isa 63:2-6
Rev 19:15

14:20
Gen 49:11
Isa 63:3
Lam 1:15
Rev 19:15

15:1
Lev 26:21
Rev 15:6; 16:1;
21:9

15:2
Rev 4:6

seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. They were all holding harps that God had given them. ³And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

15:3
Exod 15:1
Deut 32:1-4
Ps 145:17
Jer 10:7
Amos 3:13; 4:13
Rev 1:8; 4:8

“Great and marvelous are your works,
O Lord God, the Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations.*

15:4
Ps 86:9
Jer 10:6-7
Mal 1:11

⁴ Who will not fear you, Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous deeds have been revealed.”

15:5
Rev 11:19

The Seven Bowls of the Seven Plagues

15:6
Lev 26:21
Rev 1:13

⁵Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God’s Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. ⁶The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen* with gold sashes across their chests. ⁷Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. ⁸The Temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.

15:7
Rev 4:6, 9

15:8
Exod 40:34
1 Kgs 8:10-11
2 Chr 5:13-14
Isa 6:4

16:1
Isa 66:6
Zeph 3:8
Rev 11:19; 15:1

16 Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, “Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God’s wrath.”

16:2
Exod 9:9-11
Rev 8:7;
13:15-17

²So the first angel left the Temple and poured out his bowl on the earth, and horrible, malignant sores broke out on everyone who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue.

16:3
Exod 7:17-21
Rev 8:8-9

³Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse. And everything in the sea died.

16:4
Exod 7:17-21
Ps 78:44
Rev 8:10

⁴Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood. ⁵And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying,

16:5
Rev 1:4, 8; 4:8;
11:17

“You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was,
because you have sent these judgments.

16:6
Ps 79:3
Isa 49:26
Matt 23:35

⁶ Since they shed the blood
of your holy people and your prophets,

15:3 Some manuscripts read *King of the ages*. 15:6 Other manuscripts read *white stone*; still others read *white [garments] made of linen*.

you have given them blood to drink.
It is their just reward.”

⁷And I heard a voice from the altar,* saying,

“Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty,
your judgments are true and just.”

⁸Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. ⁹Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory.

¹⁰Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth* in anguish, ¹¹and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.

¹²Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance. ¹³And I saw three evil* spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. ¹⁴They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty.

¹⁵“Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed.”

¹⁶And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name *Armageddon*.*

¹⁷Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, “It is finished!” ¹⁸Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. ¹⁹The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon’s sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. ²⁰And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled. ²¹There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds* fell from

16:7 Greek *I heard the altar*. 16:10 Greek *gnawed their tongues*. 16:13 Greek *unclean*. 16:16 Or *Harmagedon*. 16:21 Greek *1 talent* [34 kilograms].

16:7
Rev 1:8; 6:9;
14:18; 15:3; 19:2

16:8
Rev 6:12; 8:12

16:9
Rev 11:13

16:10
Exod 10:21
Isa 8:22
Rev 8:12; 9:2;
13:2

16:11
Rev 9:20-21

16:12
Isa 11:15-16;
44:27
Jer 50:38; 51:36
Rev 9:14

16:13
Rev 12:3; 13:1,
11-17

16:14
Rev 6:17; 17:14;
19:19

16:15
1 Thes 5:2
Rev 3:3, 18

16:16
Judg 5:19
2 Kgs 9:27;
23:29
Zech 12:11

16:17
Isa 66:6
Rev 11:15; 21:6

16:18
Dan 12:1
Matt 24:21
Rev 4:5; 6:12

16:19
Rev 14:8, 10

16:20
Rev 6:14; 20:11

16:21
Exod 9:23-25
Rev 11:19;
16:9, 11