

Genesis

THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

- 1** In the ^abeginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
2 The earth was ^bwithout form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.
5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
6 And God said, ^d“Let there be an expanse¹ in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”
7 And God made² the expanse and ^eseparated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were ^fabove the expanse. And it was so.
8 And God called the expanse Heaven.³ And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
9 And God said, ^g“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.
10 God called the dry land Earth,⁴ and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
11 And God said, ^h“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants⁵ yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.
12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.
14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for ⁱsigns and for ^jseasons,⁶ and for days and years,
15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.
16 And God ^kmade the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.
17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,
18 to ^lrule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.
19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

^{1:1}Job 38:4-7; Ps. 33:6; 136:5; Isa. 42:5; 45:18; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:15; 17:24; Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:10; 11:3; Rev. 4:11 **1:2**Jer. 4:23 **1:3**2 Cor. 4:6
1:6Job 37:18; Ps. 136:5; Jer. 10:12; 51:15 **1:7**Prov. 8:27-29 ^jPs. 148:4
1:9Job 38:8-11; Ps. 33:7; 136:6; Jer. 5:22; 2 Pet. 3:5 **1:11**Ps. 104:14
1:14Jer. 10:2; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; 3:15; Matt. 24:29;
Luke 21:25 ^jPs. 104:19 **1:16**Deut. 4:19;
Ps. 136:7-9 **1:18**Jer. 31:35

¹Or a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20
²Or fashioned; also verse 16 ³Or Sky; also
verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1
⁴Or Land; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26,
28, 30; 2:1 ⁵Or small plants; also verses
12, 29 ⁶Or appointed times

23 And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ^x“Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.””

24 And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people ^ybreak through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.”

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

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

20 ^zAnd ^aGod spoke all these words, saying,
2 ^b“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 ^c“You shall have no other gods before ¹ me.

4 ^d“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 ^eYou shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am ^fa jealous God, ^gvisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

6 but showing steadfast love to thousands² of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 ^h“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 ⁱ“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 ^jSix days you shall labor, and do all your work,

10 but the ^kseventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the ^lsojourner who is within your gates.

11 For ^min six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 ⁿ“Honor your father and your mother, ^othat your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 ^p“You shall not murder.³

14 ^q“You shall not commit adultery.

15 ^r“You shall not steal.

16 ^s“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 ^t“You shall not covet ^uyour neighbor’s house; ^vyou shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

18 Now when all the people saw ^wthe thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid⁴ and trembled, and they stood far off

19:23 ^{ver. 12}; [Josh. 3:4] **19:24** ² Sam. 6:8; 1 Chr. 13:11 **20:1** ^{For ver. 1-17, see Deut. 5:6-21} ⁴Deut. 5:22 **20:2** ^{Lev. 26:13; Ps. 81:10; Hos. 13:4} **20:3** ² Kgs. 17:35; Jer. 25:6; 35:15 **20:4** ⁴Lev. 26:1; Deut. 27:15; Ps. 97:7; [Acts 17:29] **20:5** ^{ch. 23:24; Josh. 23:7} ^{ch. 34:14; Deut. 4:24; 6:15; Josh. 24:19; Nah. 1:2} ⁹ch. 34:7; Num. 14:18; [Ps. 79:8; 109:14; Isa. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18] **20:7** ⁸Lev. 19:12; [Matt. 5:34, 35; James 5:12] **20:8** ⁸Lev. 19:3, 30; 26:2; See ch. 31:13-17 **20:9** ^{ch. 23:12; 34:21; 35:2; Lev. 23:3; Luke 13:14} **20:10** ^{ch. 16:26; 31:15; Gen. 2:2, 3; Ezek. 20:12; See Num. 15:32-36} ^{See Neh. 13:16-19} **20:11** ^{See Gen. 1:1-2:3} **20:12** ^{Lev. 19:3; Cited Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20; Eph. 6:2; [Jer. 35:18, 19]} ⁴Eph. 6:3 **20:13** ^{Cited Matt. 5:21; 19:18; Rom. 13:9; [Gen. 9:5, 6; 1 John 3:15]} **20:14** ^{Lev. 18:20; Deut. 22:22; Prov. 6:32; 1 Cor. 6:9; Heb. 13:4; Cited Matt. 5:27; Rom. 13:9} **20:15** ^{Lev. 19:11; Eph. 4:28; Cited Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9} **20:16** ^{ch. 23:1; Prov. 19:5, 9; 21:28; 24:28; 25:18; Cited Matt. 19:18; See Deut. 19:16-20} **20:17** ^{Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:3, 5; Cited Rom. 7:7; 13:9; [Col. 3:5; Heb. 13:5]} ⁴Mic. 2:2 ^{Jer. 5:8; Matt. 5:28} **20:18** ^{Heb. 12:18}

¹Or *besides* ²Or *to the thousandth generation*
³The Hebrew word also covers causing human death through carelessness or negligence ⁴Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate; Masoretic Text *the people saw*

⁵ And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley.

⁶ Then Saul said to ^gthe Kenites, “Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. ^hFor you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

⁷ And Saul defeated the Amalekites from ⁱHavilah as far as ^kShur, which is east of Egypt.

⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive ^land devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword.

⁹ ^mBut Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves ¹and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.

¹⁰ The word of the LORD came to Samuel:

¹¹ ⁿ“I regret ²that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and ^ohas not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night.

¹² And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, “Saul came to ^pCarmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal.”

¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, ^q“Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”

¹⁴ And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?”

¹⁵ Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, ^rfor the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.”

¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Speak.”

¹⁷ And Samuel said, ^s“Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

¹⁸ And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’

¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? ‘Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?’”

²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, ^u“I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction.

²¹ ^vBut the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”

²² And Samuel said,

^w“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, ^xto obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.

^{15:6}ch. 27:10; Judg. 1:16 ^g[Ex. 18:10, 19; Num. 10:29, 32] ^{15:7}ch. 14:48 ⁱGen. 2:11; 25:18 ^kch. 27:8; [Gen. 16:7; Ex. 15:22] ^{15:8}[ch. 27:8, 9; 30:1] ^{15:9}ver. 15, 21; [ch. 28:18] ^{15:11}See Gen. 6:6 ^over. 3, 9; [ch. 13:13] ^{15:12}osh. 15:55 ^{15:13}See Ruth 2:20 ^{15:15}ver. 9, 21 ^{15:17}[ch. 9:21] ^{15:19}ch. 14:32 ^{15:20}ver. 13 ^{15:21}ver. 15 ^{15:22}Ps. 40:6-8; 50:8, 9; Prov. 21:3; Isa. 1:11-13, 16, 17; Jer. 7:22, 23; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:6-9 ²Eccles. 5:1; Hos. 6:6; Matt. 9:13; 12:7; Mark 12:33

¹The meaning of the Hebrew term is uncertain ²See also verses 29, 35

- 22 ^dThe stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.¹
- 23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- 26 ^eBlessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We ^fbless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 The LORD is God,
and he has made ^ghis light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to ^hthe horns of the altar!
- 28 You are my God,
and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will ⁱextol you.
- 29 ^jOh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET

ALEPH

- 119** ^kBlessed are those whose
way is blameless,
who ^lwalk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Blessed are those who ^mkeep his ⁿtestimonies,
who ^oseek him with their whole heart,
- 3 who also ^pdo no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
- 4 You have commanded your ^qprecepts
to be kept diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ways may ^rbe steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- 6 ^sThen I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn ^tyour righteous rules.³
- 8 I will keep your statutes;
^udo not utterly forsake me!

BETH

- 9 How can ^va young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

¹Hebrew *the head of the corner* | **118:22**^dCited Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; [Isa. 28:16]; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:4–7 | **118:26**^eMatt. 21:9; 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38

²This psalm is an acrostic poem of twenty-two stanzas, following the letters of the Hebrew alphabet; within a stanza, each verse begins with the same Hebrew letter | **118:27**^fPs. 18:28; 97:11; [Esth. 8:16; 1 Pet. 2:9] ^gSee Ex. 27:2

³Or *your just and righteous decrees*; also verses 62, 106, 160, 164 | **118:28**^hSee Ps. 99:5 | **118:29**ⁱver. 1 | **119:1**^jProv. 11:20; 13:6; [Ps. 101:2, 6]

⁴Ps. 128:1; [Gen. 17:1] | **119:2**^m[ver. 22] ⁿ[Ps. 78:5] ^o[ver. 10; 2 Chr. 15:2] | **119:3**^p1 John 3:9; 5:18 | **119:4**^qPs. 19:8 | **119:5**^rPs. 37:23; [Prov. 16:9; Jer. 10:23] | **119:6**^sver. 80; [1 John 2:28] | **119:7**^tver. 62, 106; Ex. 24:3 | **119:8**^uPs. 38:21; 71:9, 18 | **119:9**^v[Ps. 25:7]

- 7 ⁿHow beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace,
^owho brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
- 8 The voice of ^pyour watchmen—
they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
^qfor eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
- 9 ^rBreak forth together into singing,
^syou waste places of Jerusalem,
for ^tthe LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 ^uThe LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
^vand all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.
- 11 ^wDepart, depart, go out from there;
touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,
^xyou who bear the vessels of the LORD.
- 12 For you shall not ^ygo out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight,
^zfor the LORD will go before you,
^aand the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS

- 13 Behold, ^bmy servant shall act wisely;¹
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
- 14 As many were astonished at you—
^chis appearance was so marred,
beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
- 15 so ^dshall he sprinkle² many nations.
^eKings shall shut their mouths because of him,
^ffor that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.
- 53** ^gWho has believed what he has heard from us?³
And to whom has ^hthe arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
ⁱand like a root out of dry ground;
^jhe had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

¹Or shall prosper ²Or startle
³Or Who has believed
what we have heard?

52:7ⁿNah. 1:15; Cited Rom. 10:15 ^och. 40:9 52:8^pSee ch. 62:6 ^q[ch. 33:17, 22; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 22:4] 52:9^rPs. 98:4 ^sch. 58:12 ^tch. 40:1; 51:3, 12 52:10^uSee ch. 51:9
^vPs. 98:3; [Luke 3:6] 52:11^wch. 48:20; Jer. 50:8; 51:6, 45; Zech. 2:6, 7; Cited 2 Cor. 6:17;
[Rev. 18:4] ^xSee Ezra 1:7-11 52:12^y[Ex. 12:11, 33, 39] ^zMic. 2:13; [Ex. 14:19] ^a[ch. 58:8]
52:13^bSee ch. 42:1 52:14^c[ch. 53:2, 3] 52:15^dLev. 4:6, 17 ^ech. 49:7, 23^fCited Rom. 15:21;
[Rom. 16:25] 53:1^gCited John 12:38; Rom. 10:16 ^hSee ch. 51:9
53:2ⁱch. 11:1-14 [ch. 52:14]

- ³³n If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”
- ³⁴ They answered him, ^o“You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they ^pcast him out.
- ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in ^qthe Son of Man?”¹
- ³⁶ He answered, ^r“And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”
- ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and ^sit is he who is speaking to you.”
- ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.
- ³⁹ Jesus said, ^t“For judgment I came into this world, ^uthat those who do not see may see, and ^vthose who see may become blind.”
- ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, ^w“Are we also blind?”
- ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, ^xyou would have no guilt;² but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- 10** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.
- ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
- ⁵^y A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”
- ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus ^zused with them, but they ^adid not understand what he was saying to them.
- ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^bI am the door of the sheep.
- ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
- ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, ^che will be saved and will go in and out and ^dfind pasture.
- ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and ^ekill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
- ¹¹^f I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd ^glays down his life for the sheep.
- ¹² He who is ^ha hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and ⁱleaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and ^jscatters them.
- ¹³ He flees because ^khe is a hired hand and ^lcares nothing for the sheep.
- ¹⁴^m I am the good shepherd. ⁿI know my own and ^omy own know me,
- ¹⁵^p just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and ^qI lay down my life for the sheep.

¹Some manuscripts the Son of God ²Greek you would not have sin

^{9:33}^over. 16; [ch. 1:21; 3:2] ^{9:34}^o[ver. 2] ^p[ver. 22] ^{9:35}^och. 10:36 ^{9:36}^o[Rom. 10:14] ^{9:37}^och. 4:26 ^{9:39}^oSee ch. 5:22 ^u[Matt. 11:25; Luke 4:18] ^v[Matt. 9:13; 13:13; Mark 4:12; 2 Cor. 2:16] ^{9:40}^oRom. 2:19 ^{9:41}^och. 15:22, 24; [ch. 19:11; 1 John 1:8] ^{10:5}^o[ver. 12, 13] ^{10:6}^och. 9:40 ^oSee Mark 9:32 ^{10:7}^over. 9; [ch. 14:6; Eph. 2:18] ^{10:9}^o[ch. 5:34] ^oPs. 23:2; Ezek. 34:14 ^{10:10}^o[Jer. 23:1; Ezek. 34:3] ^{10:11}^oIsa. 40:11; Ezek. 34:12, 23; 37:14; Zech. 13:7; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4; [ch. 21:15-17; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:17] ^over. 15, 17; ch. 15:13; 1 John 3:16; [Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45] ^{10:12}^o[Ezek. 34:2-6] ^oZech. 11:17; 13:7/[Jer. 23:1-3] ^{10:13}^o[1 Pet. 5:2] ^oZech. 11:16 ^{10:14}^oSee ver. 11 ^over. 27; Nah. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:19 ^over. 4 ^{10:15}^oSee Matt. 11:27 ^oSee ver. 11

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem ^ato have failed to reach it.

²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because ^othey were not united by faith with those who listened.¹

³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

^p“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: ^q“And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”

⁵And again in this passage he said,

^r“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news ^sfailed to enter because of disobedience,

⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

^t“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God² would not have spoken of another day later on.

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also ^urested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so ^vthat no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

¹²For ^wthe word of God is living and ^xactive, ^ysharper than any ^ztwo-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and ^adiscerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And ^bno creature is hidden from his sight, but all are ^cnaked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

JESUS THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST

¹⁴Since then we have ^da great high priest ^ewho has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, ^flet us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest ^gwho is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been ^dtempted as we are, ^hyet without sin.

¹⁶ⁱLet us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

¹Some manuscripts *it did not meet with faith in the hearers*
²Greek *he*

^{4:1}^ach. 12:15 ^{4:2}^oRom. 3:3 ^{4:3}^pch. 3:11; Cited from Ps. 95:11 ^{4:4}^qCited from Gen. 2:2; [Ex. 20:11; 31:17] ^{4:5}^rver. 3 ^{4:6}^sSee ch. 3:19 ^{4:7}^tSee ch. 3:7, 8 ^{4:10}^u[Rev. 14:13] ^{4:11}^v[ch. 3:12] ^{4:12}^w1 Pet. 1:23 ^x[Jer. 23:29; 1 Thess. 2:13] ^yIsa. 49:2; Eph. 6:17 ^zProv. 5:4; Rev. 1:16; 2:12 ^a[1 Cor. 14:24, 25] ^{4:13}^b2 Chr. 16:9; Job 34:21; Ps. 33:13-15 ⁱJob 26:6 ^{4:14}^cch. 2:17, 18; [ch. 10:21] ^eEph. 4:10 / ch. 10:23 ^{4:15}^d[ch. 5:2; Isa. 53:3] ^f[See ver. 14, above] ^hch. 9:28; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 John 3:5; [ch. 7:26; John 8:46; 14:30] ^{4:16}ⁱch. 10:19; Eph. 3:12; [ch. 7:19, 25]

¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, ^tdid not repent of ^uthe works of their hands nor give up worshipping ^vdemons ^wand idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk,

²¹ nor did they repent of their murders or their ^xsorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

THE ANGEL AND THE LITTLE SCROLL

10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with ^va rainbow over his head, and ^zhis face was like the sun, and ^ahis legs like pillars of fire.

^{2b} He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land,

³ and called out with a loud voice, ^clike a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded.

⁴ And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, ^d“Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.”

⁵ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land ^eraised his right hand to heaven

⁶ and swore by ^fhim who lives forever and ever, ^gwho created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay,

⁷ but that ^hin the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, ⁱjust as he announced to his servants the prophets.

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, ^j“Take and ^keat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”

¹⁰ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

¹¹ And I was told, ^l“You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

THE TWO WITNESSES

11 Then I was given ^ma measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there,

² but do not measure ⁿthe court outside the temple; leave that out, for ^oit is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for ^pforty-two months.

³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for ^p1,260 days, ^qclothed in sackcloth.”

^{9:20} See ch. 2:21 ^uDeut. 31:29; Jer. 1:16; 25:14 ^vSee 1 Cor. 10:20 ^wPs. 115:4-7; 135:15-17; Dan. 5:23 ^{x:21} ch. 21:8; 22:15; Gal. 5:20 ^{10:1} Ezek. 1:28 ² ch. 1:16; Matt. 17:2 ³ ch. 1:15 ⁴ ^{10:2} ver. 8-10 ⁵ ^{10:3} Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2 ⁶ ^{10:4} Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 9; [ch. 22:10] ⁷ ^{10:5} See Gen. 14:22 ⁸ ^{10:6} See ch. 4:9 ⁹ See ch. 4:11 ^{10:7} ch. 11:15 [Amos 3:7] ^{10:9} Ezek. 2:8; 3:1-3 ^{10:11} [Ezek. 37:4] ^{11:1} ch. 21:15, 16; Ezek. 40:3; Zech. 2:1 ^{11:2} Ezek. 40:17, 20 ² See Luke 21:24 ³ ch. 12:6; 13:5 ⁴ ^{11:3} [See ver. 2 above] ⁵ Isa. 20:2