

prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
²²The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?”^a So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,
 and two peoples from within
 you^b shall be divided;
 the one shall be stronger
 than the other,
 the older shall serve the younger.”

²⁴When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob.^c Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.^d) ³¹Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” ³²Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” ³³Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

^aOr *why do I live?* ^bOr *from birth* ^cJacob means *He takes by the heel*, or *He cheats* ^dEdom sounds like the Hebrew for *red* ^eHebrew may suggest an intimate relationship



GOD’S PROMISE TO ISAAC

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. ²And the LORD appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. ³Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, ⁵because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

ISAAC AND ABIMELECH

⁶So Isaac settled in Gerar. ⁷When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister,” for he feared to say, “My wife,” thinking, “lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,” because she was attractive in appearance. ⁸When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with^e Rebekah his wife. ⁹So Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, ‘She is my sister?’” Isaac said to him, “Because I thought, ‘Lest I die because of her.’” ¹⁰Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.” ¹¹So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, “Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”

¹²And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold.

25:22 [1 Sam. 9:9] **25:23** ch. 17:16; 24:60; [2 Sam. 8:14]; See Obad. 18-21; ch. 27:29, 40; Cited Rom. 9:12 **25:25** ch. 27:11, 16, 23 **25:26** Hos. 12:3; ch. 27:36 **25:27** ch. 27:3, 5; Heb. 11:9 **25:28** ch. 27:4, 7, 9 **25:33** Heb. 12:16 **26:1** ch. 12:10; ch. 20:2; ch. 21:34 **26:2** ch. 12:1 **26:3** ch. 20:1; Heb. 11:9; ch. 28:15; See ch. 13:15; [Mic. 7:20]; See ch. 22:16-18 **26:4** Cited Ex. 32:13; See ch. 15:5; See ch. 12:3 **26:5** ch. 22:18 **26:7** ch. 12:13; 20:2, 13; [Prov. 29:25]; ch. 24:16 **26:10** ch. 20:9 **26:12** ver. 3; ch. 24:1, 35

everything on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall be unclean. Everything also on which she sits shall be unclean. ²¹And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. ²²And whoever touches anything on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. ²³Whether it is the bed or anything on which she sits, when he touches it he shall be unclean until the evening. ²⁴And if any man lies with her and her menstrual impurity comes upon him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

²⁵“If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean. ²⁶Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. ²⁷And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. ²⁸But if she is cleansed of her discharge, she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. ²⁹And on the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting. ³⁰And the priest shall use one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her before the LORD for her unclean discharge.

³¹“Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest

^aThe meaning of *Azazel* is uncertain; possibly the name of a place or a demon, traditionally a scapegoat; also verses 10, 26

they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst.”

³²This is the law for him who has a discharge and for him who has an emission of semen, becoming unclean thereby; ³³also for her who is unwell with her menstrual impurity, that is, for anyone, male or female, who has a discharge, and for the man who lies with a woman who is unclean.

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THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died, ²and the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. ³But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. ⁴He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. ⁵And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

⁶“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁸And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel.^a ⁹And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, ¹⁰but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel

15:24 ch. 18:19; [ch. 20:18] 15:25 Matt. 9:20; Mark 5:25; Luke 8:43 15:28 For ver. 28-30, see ver. 13-15 15:29 See ch. 12:8

15:31 Num. 5:3; 19:13, 20; Ezek. 5:11; 23:38 15:32 ver. 2; ver. 16 15:33 ver. 19; [See ver. 32 above]; ver. 25; ver. 24

16:1 ch. 10:1, 2 16:2 [Ex. 30:10; Heb. 9:7, 12, 24, 25; 10:19-22]; Ex. 25:22; 40:34, 35; [1 Kgs. 8:10-12]

16:3 ch. 4:3; ch. 1:10; 8:18 16:4 ch. 6:10; 8:7; Ezek. 44:17, 18; See Ex. 28:39-43; ch. 8:6, 7; Ex. 30:20

16:5 ch. 4:14; Num. 29:11; 2 Chr. 29:21; Ezra 6:17 16:6 Ezek. 45:22; ver. 17, 24;

ch. 9:7; Heb. 7:27, 28; 9:7 16:8 ver. 26 16:10 [See ver. 8 above]

you back from honor.”¹² And Balaam said to Balak, “Did I not tell your messengers whom you sent to me,¹³ ‘If Balak should give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not be able to go beyond the word of the LORD, to do either good or bad of my own will. What the LORD speaks, that will I speak?’¹⁴ And now, behold, I am going to my people. Come, I will let you know what this people will do to your people in the latter days.”

BALAAAM’S FINAL ORACLE

¹⁵ And he took up his discourse and said,

“The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,
the oracle of the man
whose eye is opened,
¹⁶ the oracle of him who hears
the words of God,
and knows the knowledge
of the Most High,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down with his eyes uncovered:
¹⁷ I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:
a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead^a of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.
¹⁸ Edom shall be dispossessed;
Seir also, his enemies,
shall be dispossessed.
Israel is doing valiantly.
¹⁹ And one from Jacob shall
exercise dominion
and destroy the survivors of cities!”

²⁰ Then he looked on Amalek and took up his discourse and said,

“Amalek was the first
among the nations,
but its end is utter destruction.”

²¹ And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his discourse and said,

“Enduring is your dwelling place,
and your nest is set in the rock.
²² Nevertheless, Kain shall be burned
when Asshur takes you
away captive.”

²³ And he took up his discourse and said,

“Alas, who shall live when
God does this?
²⁴ But ships shall come from Kittim
and shall afflict Asshur and Eber;
and he too shall come to
utter destruction.”

²⁵ Then Balaam rose and went back to his place. And Balak also went his way.



BAAL WORSHIP AT PEOR



While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.² These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.³ So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.⁴ And the LORD said to Moses, “Take all the chiefs of the people and hang^b them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.”⁵ And Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor.”

⁶ And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting.⁷ When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the

^aHebrew *corners* [of the head] ^bOr *impale*

24:13 ch. 22:18; See ch. 16:28 **24:14** [Mic. 6:5; Rev. 2:14]; See Gen. 49:1 **24:15** [ch. 21:27]; See ch. 23:7 **24:16** Acts 7:48; See ver. 4 **24:17** [ch. 23:9]; Matt. 2:2; Rev. 22:16; Gen. 49:10; Jer. 48:45; [2 Sam. 8:2] **24:18** [2 Sam. 8:14; Ps. 60:8, 9; Amos 9:12]; Gen. 32:3; 36:8 **24:20** See ch. 23:7; [Ex. 17:14; 1 Sam. 15:3, 8] **24:24** Gen. 10:4; Dan. 11:30; Gen. 10:21, 25; ver. 20 **24:25** [ch. 31:8] **25:1** ch. 33:49; Josh. 2:1; 3:1; Mic. 6:5; [ch. 31:16] **25:2** Ex. 34:15, 16; Josh. 22:17; Ps. 106:28; Hos. 9:10; [1 Cor. 10:20] **25:4** See Deut. 4:3; [Deut. 21:23; 2 Sam. 21:6; Gal. 3:13]; ver. 11; Deut. 13:17 **25:5** [ch. 11:16; Ex. 18:21, 25]; [Ex. 32:27] **25:6** Joel 2:17 **25:7** Ps. 106:30; Ex. 6:25



JOB REPLIES: MY REDEEMER LIVES



hen Job answered and said:

- ²“How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?
³ These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me?
⁴ And even if it be true that I have erred, my error remains with myself.
⁵ If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and make my disgrace an argument against me,
⁶ know then that God has put me in the wrong and closed his net about me.
⁷ Behold, I cry out, ‘Violence!’ but I am not answered; I call for help, but there is no justice.
⁸ He has walled up my way, so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.
⁹ He has stripped from me my glory and taken the crown from my head.
¹⁰ He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree.
¹¹ He has kindled his wrath against me and counts me as his adversary.
¹² His troops come on together; they have cast up their siege ramp^a against me and encamp around my tent.
¹³ “He has put my brothers far from me, and those who knew me are wholly estranged from me.
¹⁴ My relatives have failed me, my close friends have forgotten me.
- ¹⁵ The guests in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger; I have become a foreigner in their eyes.
¹⁶ I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer; I must plead with him with my mouth for mercy.
¹⁷ My breath is strange to my wife, and I am a stench to the children of my own mother.
¹⁸ Even young children despise me; when I rise they talk against me.
¹⁹ All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me.
²⁰ My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.
²¹ Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me!
²² Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?
²³ “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.^b
²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in^c my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

^aHebrew *their way* ^bHebrew *dust* ^cOr *without*

19:3 Gen. 31:7 **19:5** Ps. 35:26; 38:16; 55:12 **19:6** [ch. 8:3; 34:12; Lam. 3:36] **19:7** ch. 24:12; Hab. 1:2; [Lam. 3:8]
19:8 Lam. 3:7, 9; Hos. 2:6; [ch. 3:23; 13:27] **19:9** Ps. 89:44; Ps. 89:39; Lam. 5:16; [ch. 29:14] **19:10** ch. 27:21; [ch. 10:21; 14:20]
19:11 See ch. 13:24 **19:12** [ch. 10:17; 25:2]; ch. 30:12 **19:13** Ps. 69:8; [ch. 6:15]; [Ps. 31:11; 88:8, 18] **19:14** Ps. 38:11; Ps. 55:13
19:15 [Gen. 17:27; Matt. 10:36] **19:17** ch. 2:9; ch. 3:10 **19:18** [2 Kgs. 2:23] **19:19** [Ps. 41:9; 55:13, 14] **19:20** Ps. 102:5;
[Lam. 4:8] **19:21** ch. 1:11; Isa. 53:4 **19:22** [Ps. 69:26] **19:23** Isa. 30:8 **19:24** Jer. 17:1 **19:25** ch. 30:23;
Isa. 43:14; 44:6, 24; 49:7; [Gen. 48:16; Ps. 19:14; 103:4; 1 Thess. 1:10]; ch. 41:33
19:26 Ps. 17:15; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 3:2 **19:27** [Prov. 27:2]; [Ps. 73:26]


34


TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.^a

- L**ord will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually
be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁴ I sought the LORD,
and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor man cried,
and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
- ⁸ Oh, taste and see that
the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who
takes refuge in him!
- ⁹ Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
- ¹⁰ The young lions suffer
want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD
lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- ¹² What man is there who desires life
and loves many days,
that he may see good?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.

- ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are
toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against
those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of
them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help,
the LORD hears
and delivers them out of
all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions
of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him
out of them all.
- ²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
- ²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous
will be condemned.
- ²² The LORD redeems the life
of his servants;
none of those who take refuge
in him will be condemned.


35


GREAT IS THE LORD

Of David.

- F**ortend, O LORD,
with those who
contend with me;
fight against those who
fight against me!

^aThis psalm is an acrostic poem, each verse beginning with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet

34:1 [Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18] **34:2** Ps. 44:8; 1 Sam. 2:1; Jer. 9:24; Ps. 119:74 **34:3** Ps. 35:27; 40:16; 69:30; 70:4; Luke 1:46
34:4 2 Chr. 15:2; [Matt. 7:7] **34:5** Isa. 60:5; [Ps. 4:6] **34:6** ver. 15, 17; ver. 17, 19; 2 Sam. 22:1 **34:7** Dan. 6:22; Heb. 1:14;
[Gen. 32:1, 2; 2 Kgs. 6:17] **34:8** Heb. 6:5; 1 Pet. 2:3; Ps. 100:5; See Ps. 2:12 **34:10** Job 4:10, 11; [Ps. 84:11] **34:11** Ps. 66:16;
[Ps. 32:8] **34:12** Cited 1 Pet. 3:10-12; Eccles. 3:13; 6:6 **34:13** Ps. 15:3; 39:1; 141:3; Prov. 13:3; 21:23; James 1:26; 3:2;
1 Pet. 2:1, 22; John 1:47; Rev. 14:5 **34:14** Ps. 37:27; Isa. 1:16, 17; [Job 28:28]; Rom. 14:19; Heb. 12:14; [Rom. 12:18]
34:15 See Ps. 33:18; ver. 6, 8; Ps. 145:18; [John 9:31] **34:16** Jer. 44:11; Amos 9:4; See Ps. 21:10
34:17 [See ver. 15 above] **34:18** Ps. 51:17; 147:3; Isa. 61:1; Isa. 57:15; 66:2; See Luke 15:17-24
34:19 2 Tim. 3:11, 12; ver. 6, 17, 22; [Acts 12:11] **34:20** John 19:36 **34:21** Ps. 94:23;
Prov. 24:16; [Ps. 7:15, 16] **34:22** See Ps. 25:22; [Rom. 8:33, 34]
35:1 Isa. 49:25; [Ex. 14:25; Isa. 42:13]

neck irons. ²⁷Now why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth who is prophesying to you? ²⁸For he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, “Your exile will be long; build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their produce.””

²⁹Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet. ³⁰Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ³¹“Send to all the exiles, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD concerning Shemaiah of Nehelam: Because Shemaiah had prophesied to you when I did not send him, and has made you trust in a lie, ³²therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah of Nehelam and his descendants. He shall not have anyone living among this people, and he shall not see the good that I will do to my people, declares the LORD, for he has spoken rebellion against the LORD.’”



RESTORATION FOR ISRAEL AND JUDAH

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. ³For behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it.”

⁴These are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah:

- ⁵ “Thus says the LORD:
We have heard a cry of panic,
of terror, and no peace.
⁶ Ask now, and see,
can a man bear a child?

^aOr *serve him*

Why then do I see every man
with his hands on his stomach
like a woman in labor?
Why has every face turned pale?

- ⁷ Alas! That day is so great
there is none like it;
it is a time of distress for Jacob;
yet he shall be saved out of it.

⁸“And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him.^a ⁹But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

- ¹⁰ “Then fear not, O Jacob my servant,
declares the LORD,
nor be dismayed, O Israel;
for behold, I will save you
from far away,
and your offspring from the land
of their captivity.
Jacob shall return and
have quiet and ease,
and none shall make him afraid.
¹¹ For I am with you to save you,
declares the LORD;
I will make a full end of all the nations
among whom I scattered you,
but of you I will not make a full end.
I will discipline you in just measure,
and I will by no means leave
you unpunished.

- ¹² “For thus says the LORD:
Your hurt is incurable,
and your wound is grievous.
¹³ There is none to uphold your cause,
no medicine for your wound,
no healing for you.
¹⁴ All your lovers have forgotten you;
they care nothing for you;

^{29:27} ch. 1:1; 32:7 ^{29:28} ver. 5 ^{29:29} [See ver. 25 above] ^{29:30} ver. 1, 20 ^{29:31} ver. 24; ver. 9; See ch. 5:31
^{29:32} [See ver. 31 above]; See ch. 17:6; ch. 28:16 ^{30:2} ch. 36:2; Hab. 2:2 ^{30:3} Hab. 2:3; ver. 18; ch. 29:14; 31:23; 32:44;
33:7, 11, 26; Job 42:10; Lam. 2:14; Ezra 2:1; Isa. 11:12, 13; Hos. 1:11; ch. 12:15; Ezek. 20:42; See ch. 16:15; 23:3
^{30:4} [See ver. 3 above] ^{30:6} See Isa. 13:8; Nah. 2:10; [Joel 2:6] ^{30:7} Joel 2:11; Zeph. 1:14; Dan. 12:1 ^{30:8} ch. 2:20;
Nah. 1:13; See ch. 27:2; Ezek. 34:27 ^{30:9} Isa. 55:3, 4; Ezek. 34:23; 37:24; Hos. 3:5; [Luke 1:69, 70; Acts 13:22, 23];
See ch. 23:5 ^{30:10} ch. 42:11; 46:27, 28; See Isa. 43:5; Isa. 41:8; See ch. 3:18 ^{30:11} ch. 46:28; ch. 46:28;
See ch. 10:24 ^{30:12} See ch. 15:18; ch. 10:19; 14:17 ^{30:13} ch. 46:11 ^{30:14} Lam. 1:2; [ch. 4:30];
Job 13:24; 19:11; Isa. 63:10; Lam. 2:4; Job 30:21; [ch. 6:23]; ch. 5:6



NEBUCHADNEZZAR PRAISES GOD



ing Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you!^a ² It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

³ How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an
everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion endures from
generation to generation.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SECOND DREAM

^{4b} I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace. ⁵ I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me. ⁶ So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. ⁷ Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretation. ⁸ At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods^c—and I told him the dream, saying, ⁹ “O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation. ¹⁰ The visions of my head as I lay in bed were these: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great. ¹¹ The tree grew and became strong, and its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole

earth. ¹² Its leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.

¹³ “I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. ¹⁴ He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵ But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. ¹⁶ Let his mind be changed from a man’s, and let a beast’s mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him. ¹⁷ The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.’ ¹⁸ This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”

DANIEL INTERPRETS THE SECOND DREAM

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, “Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you.” Belteshazzar answered and said, “My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies! ²⁰ The tree you saw,

^aCh 3:31 in Aramaic ^bCh 4:1 in Aramaic ^cOr *Spirit of the holy God*; also verses 9, 18

4:1 See ch. 3:4; ch. 6:25; 1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:2 **4:2** ch. 6:27; [John 4:48]; ch. 3:26 **4:3** [See ver. 2 above]; See ch. 2:44 **4:5** ch. 2:28; 7:15 **4:6** See ch. 3:10; ch. 2:12 **4:7** See ch. 2:2; [ver. 18; ch. 2:27; 5:8, 15] **4:8** See ch. 1:7; ver. 18; ch. 2:11; 5:11; Gen. 41:38; [Isa. 63:14] **4:9** ch. 5:11; [ch. 2:48]; [See ver. 8 above]; ch. 2:18; [See ver. 5 above] **4:10** [See ver. 5 above]; [Ezek. 31:3] **4:11** [Ps. 37:35] **4:12** Ezek. 31:7; Ezek. 31:6 **4:13** [See ver. 5 above]; ver. 23; [Deut. 33:2; Zech. 14:5; Jude 14] **4:14** See ch. 3:4; ver. 23; [Matt. 3:10; Luke 3:9]; [Ezek. 31:12] **4:16** [ver. 23, 25]; [1 Chr. 29:30] **4:17** [See ver. 13 above]; [See ver. 13 above]; ver. 25, 32; ch. 5:21; Jer. 27:5; See 1 Sam. 2:8 **4:18** See ch. 1:7; [ver. 7; ch. 5:8, 15; Gen. 41:8]; See ver. 8 **4:19** [See ver. 18 above]; ch. 3:24; ch. 5:6; [1 Sam. 25:26; 2 Sam. 18:32] **4:20** [ver. 10, 11]



GIVING TO THE NEEDY

“**B**eware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.^a
¹⁰Your kingdom come,
 your will be done,^b
 on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,^c
¹²and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.^d

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

FASTING

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

LAY UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust^e destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.^f

^aOr *Let your name be kept holy*, or *Let your name be treated with reverence* ^bOr *Let your kingdom come, let your will be done* ^cOr *our bread for tomorrow* ^dOr *the evil one*; some manuscripts add *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen* ^eOr *worm*; also verse 20 ^fGreek *mammon*, a Semitic word for money or possessions

6:1 1 John 2:29; ver. 16; ch. 23:5 **6:2** [1 Cor. 13:3]; John 5:44; Luke 6:24 **6:4** ver. 6, 18 **6:5** Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11; ver. 2, 16 **6:6** 2 Kgs. 4:33; Isa. 26:20; ver. 4, 18 **6:7** ver. 32; ch. 5:47; 1 Kgs. 18:26; Prov. 10:19; Eccles. 5:2 **6:8** ver. 32 **6:9** For ver. 9-13, [Luke 11:2-4]; ver. 1; Isa. 29:23; [Luke 1:49; 1 Pet. 3:15]; John 17:6 **6:10** [ch. 3:2; 4:17]; ch. 26:42; Luke 22:42; Acts 21:14; [ch. 12:50; Heb. 13:21]; Ps. 103:20, 21; Dan. 4:35 **6:11** Prov. 30:8; [ver. 34] **6:13** ch. 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:40, 46; [1 Cor. 10:13]; John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; [2 Tim. 4:18]; See ch. 13:19 **6:14** Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13 **6:15** ch. 18:35; See James 2:13 **6:16** Isa. 58:5; ver. 2, 5 **6:17** Ruth 3:3; 2 Sam. 12:20 **6:18** ver. 4, 6 **6:19** ch. 19:21; Luke 12:21, 33, 34; 18:22; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17-19; Heb. 13:5; James 5:2, 3; ch. 24:43 **6:20** [See ver. 19 above] **6:22** Luke 11:34, 35 **6:23** [See ver. 22 above]; ch. 20:15; Deut. 15:9; Prov. 28:22 **6:24** Luke 16:13; [Rom. 6:16; James 4:4]; Luke 16:9, 11, 13

JOHN



THE WORD BECAME FLESH



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life,^a and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own,^b and his own people^c did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory

^aOr was not any thing made. That which has been made was life in him ^bGreek to his own things; that is, to his own domain, or to his own people ^cPeople is implied in Greek ^dOr only One, or unique One ^eOr grace in place of grace ^fOr seen God; the only God who; some manuscripts seen God; the only Son, who (see verse 14) ^gGreek in the bosom of the Father ^hOr crying out, 'In the wilderness make straight

as of the only Son^d from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.^e ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who^f is at the Father's side,^g he has made him known.

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight^h the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things

1:1 Gen. 1:1; [Col. 1:17; 1 John 1:1; Rev. 1:4, 8, 17; 3:14; 21:6; 22:13]; Rev. 19:13; [Heb. 4:12; 1 John 1:1]; 1 John 1:2; [ch. 17:5]; Phil. 2:6
1:3 ver. 10; Ps. 33:6; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2 **1:4** ch. 5:26; 11:25; 1 John 1:2; 5:11; ch. 8:12; 9:5; 12:46 **1:5** [ch. 3:19]
1:6 ver. 33; ch. 3:28; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 3:1; Mark 1:4; Luke 3:2 **1:7** ch. 3:26; 5:33; Acts 19:4 **1:8** ver. 20 **1:9** Isa. 49:6; 1 John 2:8
1:10 [ch. 16:3; 1 John 3:1] **1:11** Matt. 21:38; ch. 13:1; ch. 5:43; [ch. 3:11, 32] **1:12** See 1 John 5:13; 1 John 5:1; 1 John 3:1; [Matt. 5:45]; [Gal. 3:26]; See ch. 11:52 **1:13** James 1:18; [ch. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:3]; 1 Pet. 1:23; ch. 3:6 **1:14** ver. 1; Rom. 1:3; 8:3; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:7, 8; Col. 1:22; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 4:2; 2 John 7; [ch. 6:51]; Rev. 7:15; 21:3; ch. 2:11; Luke 9:32; 2 Pet. 1:16, 17; 1 John 1:1; 4:14; See ver. 7; [ch. 14:6] **1:15** See ver. 7; ver. 27, 30; See Matt. 3:11 **1:16** Eph. 1:23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19; 2:9; [Matt. 25:29] **1:17** ch. 7:19; Ex. 20:1; ver. 14; [Rom. 5:21] **1:18** ch. 5:37; 6:46; Ex. 33:20; Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:12, 20; [ch. 12:45]; ver. 14; See ch. 3:16; [Matt. 11:27]; See ch. 3:32 **1:19** ch. 3:26; [ch. 8:25] **1:20** ver. 8; ch. 3:28; Acts 13:25; [Luke 3:15] **1:21** [Matt. 11:14; 16:14]; See Deut. 18:15, 18 **1:23** Cited from Isa. 40:3; See Matt. 3:3 **1:25** Matt. 3:6; Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3, 7
1:26 Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:7, 8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; 13:25 **1:27** ver. 15, 30

much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹⁴More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

DEATH IN ADAM, LIFE IN CHRIST

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men^a because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass^b led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness^c leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin

increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD



hat shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self^d was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free^e from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

^aThe Greek word *anthropoi* refers here to both men and women; also twice in verse 18 ^bOr *the trespass of one* ^cOr *the act of righteousness of one* ^dGreek *man* ^eGreek *has been justified*

5:11 ch. 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18, 19 **5:12** Gen. 2:17; 3:6; 1 Cor. 15:21, 22; [ver. 15-17; ch. 6:9; Ps. 51:5]; ch. 6:23; James 1:15; [ver. 14, 21; 1 Cor. 15:22]; Eph. 2:3 **5:13** See ch. 3:20 **5:14** Hos. 6:7; 1 Cor. 15:45; [Matt. 11:3] **5:15** ver. 19; Isa. 53:11 **5:16** 1 Cor. 11:32; ver. 18 **5:17** Rev. 22:5 **5:18** See John 12:32 **5:19** [2 Cor. 10:6]; Heb. 5:8; [Phil. 2:8] **5:20** Gal. 3:19; See ch. 3:20; 1 Tim. 1:14 **5:21** [ver. 12, 14]; See John 1:17 **6:1** ver. 15; [ch. 3:8] **6:2** ver. 11; ch. 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24 **6:3** Gal. 3:27; See Matt. 28:19 **6:4** Col. 2:12; ver. 9; ch. 8:11; See Acts 2:24; [John 11:40; 2 Cor. 13:4]; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:23, 24; Col. 3:10; [ch. 7:6] **6:5** [2 Cor. 4:10]; Phil. 3:10, 11; [Col. 2:12; 3:1] **6:6** Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14; [ch. 7:24] **6:7** 1 Pet. 4:1; [ver. 18] **6:8** 2 Tim. 2:11; [2 Cor. 4:10; 13:4] **6:9** Acts 13:34; Rev. 1:18; [ch. 5:14, 17] **6:10** See Heb. 7:27 **6:11** See ver. 2 **6:12** ver. 14; Ps. 19:13; 119:133; Mic. 7:19; [2 Cor. 5:17] **6:13** ch. 7:5; Col. 3:5; ch. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:24; 4:2 **6:14** [ch. 8:2, 12]; See ver. 12



JESUS GREATER THAN MOSES

Therefore, holy brothers,^a you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's^b house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.^c

A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

- “Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts
 as in the rebellion,
 on the day of testing
 in the wilderness,
⁹ where your fathers put
 me to the test
 and saw my works for forty years.
¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked
 with that generation,
 and said, ‘They always go
 astray in their heart;
 they have not known my ways.’
¹¹ As I swore in my wrath,
 ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it

is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
 do not harden your hearts
 as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.



Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to 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 they were not united by faith with those who listened.^d ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“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: “And God rested on the seventh

^aOr *brothers and sisters*; also verse 12 ^bGreek *his*; also verses 5, 6 ^cSome manuscripts insert *firm to the end* ^dSome manuscripts *it did not meet with faith in the hearers*

3:1 Eph. 4:1; Phil. 3:14; [John 20:21; Rom. 15:8] **3:2** ver. 5 **3:4** Eph. 2:10; 3:9 **3:5** ver. 2; Cited from Num. 12:7; Ex. 14:31; Deut. 34:5; Josh. 1:2; 8:31; Ps. 105:26; Rev. 15:3; Deut. 18:15, 18, 19 **3:6** See ch. 1:2; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21; 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 2:5; ver. 14; ch. 6:11; Ps. 119:33, 112; Matt. 10:22; Rev. 2:26 **3:7** ver. 15; ch. 4:7; Cited from Ps. 95:7-11 **3:9** See Acts 7:36 **3:11** ch. 4:3, 5 **3:12** See Matt. 16:16 **3:13** [ch. 10:24, 25]; [Isa. 44:20; Rom. 7:11; Eph. 4:22] **3:14** ver. 6; ch. 10:23; 1 Cor. 15:2 **3:15** [See ver. 7 above] **3:16** Num. 14:2; Deut. 1:34, 35; [Num. 14:24, 30; Deut. 1:36, 38] **3:17** Num. 14:29; See Jude 5 **3:18** Deut. 1:34, 35; [ch. 4:2] **3:19** ch. 4:6; Ps. 78:22; 106:24 **4:1** ch. 12:15 **4:2** Rom. 3:3 **4:3** ch. 3:11; Cited from Ps. 95:11 **4:4** Cited from Gen. 2:2; [Ex. 20:11; 31:17]

⁹And the angel said^a to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

THE RIDER ON A WHITE HORSE

¹¹Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in^b blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.¹⁴And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule^c them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁷Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God,¹⁸ to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave,^d both small and great.”¹⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.²⁰And the beast was captured, and with it the false

prophet who in its presence^e had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.²¹And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

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THE THOUSAND YEARS

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit^f and a great chain.²And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.⁶Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the

^aGreek *he said* ^bSome manuscripts *sprinkled with*
^cGreek *shepherd* ^dFor the contextual rendering of the Greek word *doulos*, see Preface ^eOr on its behalf
^fGreek *the abyss*; also verse 3

19:9 Luke 14:15; See ver. 7; [ch. 21:5; 22:6] **19:10** ch. 22:8; ch. 22:9; See Acts 10:26; ch. 1:2; 6:9; 12:17 **19:11** See Ezek. 1:1; See ch. 6:2; See ch. 3:7, 14; [Ps. 96:13; Isa. 11:4] **19:12** ch. 1:14; 2:18; [ch. 12:3]; ver. 16; ch. 2:17; [Prov. 30:4] **19:13** Isa. 63:2, 3; See John 1:1 **19:14** ch. 3:4; 7:9; [ch. 14:20] **19:15** ver. 21; See ch. 1:16; [Isa. 11:4; 2 Thess. 2:8]; ch. 2:27; 12:5; ch. 14:20; Isa. 63:3 **19:16** ver. 12; See ch. 17:14 **19:17** ver. 21; Jer. 12:9; Ezek. 39:17; [Isa. 34:6; Jer. 46:10; Ezek. 39:19] **19:18** Ezek. 39:18, 20 **19:19** ch. 11:7; 13:1; ch. 16:16 **19:20** ch. 16:13; 20:10; ch. 13:11-14; See ch. 13:15; ch. 20:10, 14, 15; [Dan. 7:11]; ch. 14:10; 21:8; See 2 Thess. 1:8 **19:21** ver. 15; ver. 17 **20:1** See ch. 1:18; See ch. 9:1 **20:2** See ch. 12:9; [2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6] **20:3** [See ver. 1 above]; Dan. 6:17; [Matt. 27:66]; ver. 8, 10 **20:4** Dan. 7:9; Matt. 19:28; ch. 3:21; Dan. 7:22; ch. 6:9; ch. 13:12, 14-16; [John 14:19; 2 Tim. 2:11]; ver. 6; ch. 5:10; 22:5; Dan. 7:18; Matt. 20:21, 27; 2 Tim. 2:12; [Ps. 45:16] **20:6** ch. 14:13; ver. 14; ch. 2:11; 21:8; See ch. 1:6; ver. 4