

Daniel

and the

Revelation

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Preface

"That in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Thus said our Lord to His disciples, teaching them how to approach again a brother who would have sinned against them and wouldn't have heeded the words of a first rebuke addressed one to one. That brother represents humanity. By sin, it erred towards God, and since there is a nation, it rejected the Holy Spirit's plea to reconcile with its Creator through His appointed way; that is, through the holy covenant. As a result, it crucified the Divine Messenger who came in the flesh and personally communed with it both the blessings and the conditions stipulated in the covenant.

He took human nature—a fallen nature, degraded 4000 years since Adam's sin—with the objective of giving us the method by which we may obtain the victory over sinful desires, appetites and inclinations, and this way, that we may have the possibility of being restored to the state Adam had before his fall. Keeping the divine law to such an extent that He never sinned, and having faith in His ability to save us amply and fully, our Pattern showed us, in a practical way, how to overcome: through faith in the shed blood of Jesus to wash us from our sins—those sins confessed in prayer directly to Him—and by obedience to the law of the Eternal One. These were shown us with the intent that we may be *"perfect, even as your Father, who is in heaven, is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48), and *"a church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing"* (Ephesians 5:27).

The sacrifice of Jesus at Golgotha as a substitute for us satisfied the demand of the law to punish the sinner, and also fulfilled the will of the Father to have them purified and acquitted from punishment; that is, those who would clothe themselves with the righteousness of Christ by faith. This is the holy covenant agreed to between the Father and the Son from the foundation of the world, revealed to Adam, renewed to Abraham, codified by Moses, kept through the Lord's prophets, ratified by Jesus and heralded into the whole world by the apostles. This is, dear reader, the everlasting covenant, the plan of salvation, the mystery of God—the key without which the most important subjects contained in this book cannot be fully comprehended.

In spite of this strikingly generous offer made by God to humanity, it didn't want to hear, choosing rather to walk 2000 years in the way of Cain—the way of death. But, in His mercy, God prepared for these last days of earth's history some witnesses who would warn it about the imminent cataclysm which is soon to break loose, and to persuade as many as would accept it, to enter into the everlasting covenant while it's not too late. Among these witnesses there is Daniel and John, our brothers.

Daniel was an adolescent of princely birth, taken by force (about the year 606 b.C.) from among the Jews who were enslaved by the emperor Nebuchadnezzar and translated to the Babylonian Empire, where he served as a statesman up to the famous fall of Babylon by the hand of the Medes and Persians. Moreover, since Babylon's fall, he worked under Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel's writings in the first part of this book are themselves separated into two books. The first six chapters, being chronicles, tell us some events that took place during the first and last kings of Babylon and also

during the brief reign of Darius the Mede. Among these chapters there is a letter of Nebuchadnezzar. At the transition from the sixth to the seventh chapters the chronology is interrupted. This marks the end of the Chronicles and the beginning of the "Closed Book"—the last chapters. The Closed Book has a strongly prophetic content. God conceived it so that some portions would be fully understood only at the time of the end. Both the Chronicles of Daniel and the Closed Book contain information that concern the state of the nations throughout the history, but the Closed Book specially speaks about the political situation of these last days.

I merged together the chapters 10, 11 and 12 of the Book of Daniel into a single chapter, the tenth. The reason for this is because these three chapters are part of the same apparition that the prophet sees. Although here there is seen a new structuring of the Book of Daniel and of the Book of Revelation, the traditional versification is preserved so that one can refer to them by usual chapter and verse.

About six centuries since Daniel's death, it was commanded to the apostle John to write the Book of Revelation while he was in exile for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. On the Lord's Day, Jesus unveiled to him the things which will happen soon, and gave us an instruction to prepare for them.

The Book of Revelation—which is the second part of this pamphlet—was a letter written to the Churches of seven cities of Asia Minor. These Churches represent the people of God today, who are dispersed throughout the various religious movements and denominations. Through the messages to the seven Churches, Jesus speaks directly to us. The Revelation was sent to the seven churches of those cities which were contemporaneous with John for their comfort. The

reader would acknowledge, though, that the scope of the Revelation is broader than that, pointing to its far future, which has become our present.

The Revelation brings to our view a series of thematic scenes, starting with the preparatory instructions of war for the Churches, and reaching all the way through the end of the Great War between Jesus and Satan. To these it is added another scene—a foretaste of the reality which will be experienced by whosoever overcomes in the coming crisis.

The author of the book “Daniel and the Revelation” is the Holy Spirit. He planned that the last book from the great prophets section of the Old Testament should be put in these last days together with the last book of the New Testament to give the last warning messages to the world. God’s signature is to be found wherever we look in them; the employment of the number 7 is this signature. Daniel gives us seven prophecies primarily, while John shows us seven instances of collective and physical worship before the heavenly throne. Some key words appear exactly seven times. There are seven Churches, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven last plagues. John even received the Revelation on the seventh day. The number 7 appears as a symbol since the beginning of the creation and we find it as a divine motive all along the Scriptures.

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

(Genesis 2:1-3)

Thus, it is useful for the reader to remember that the number 7 represents completion, culmination, perfection.

There is some space for me to mention here something about the main theme, which is the theme that connects the books of these two prophets: the judgment. Throughout the book we find seven heavenly judgments, all distinct, where the objects subject to investigation or execution are people, nations or institutions. From the executive judgment on Belshazzar's fallen Babylon to the executive judgment on Satan, this variety of judgments lets us behold the workings of God. In this manner, examining these judgment samples, we ourselves may be enabled to judge whether God is just or not in His dealings, and take an informed decision to stand on God's side, if this is what we would choose.

The option to adopt a neutral stance regarding the troublous times in which we're entering in doesn't exist. The enforcement of false worship in the nations is prophesied by Daniel and John, and moreover, chapters 3 and 6 of the Prophecy of Daniel provides us some examples in which, back then, some religious laws enforced by the state constrained the people to commit deeds contrary to their consciences, with death penalty for dissenters. All these were given us to know what the people of God did in the hour of their trial, and thus, be filled with courage for "*the hour of temptation, which will come to all the world*" (Revelation 3:10).

My prayer is that the blessings received from God by the study of these matters should be poured also on the one who reads and keeps the things written here. I invite the reader to discover by himself which blessings I'm speaking of. Letting the Divine Spirit to teach him, comparing fragment with fragment and allowing Daniel and John to explain each other, the one who is thirsty—who makes an effort to understand them—will be

rewarded with the assimilation of a vital teaching, with an entrusting of a sacred task and with the love of God in him—a love which will endure as long as that blazing throne of God would last.

Next, I let Ellen Gould White make a presentation for the opening and the ending of this treasure-book. Since she was God's messenger and knew by experience what it means to be inspired by the Holy Ghost, I considered that the reader will be best exposed to the following content by a suitable and concise selection of quotes from her writings.

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Opening

[...] (Daniel 10): hear this. Take notice of verses 20, 21. Here are the heavenly powers in connection with the earthly.

"Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your Prince."

There are heavenly agencies communing with the earthly to reveal that which shall take place.

Manuscript 129, 1908, par. 16b

A wonderful connection is here seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully perused. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?

"And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. ... But go thou thy way until the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

[Daniel 12:8-10,13]

It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days. Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony, which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel's message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of infinite importance in these last days, but while *"many shall be purified, and made white, and tried," "the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand."* [Verse 10.] How true this is. Sin is the transgression of the law of God, and those in the denominational churches who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God, will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's history.

Letter 59, November 22, 1896, par. 5,6

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. [...]

To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. He records the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction. Subjects of vast importance were revealed to him, especially for the last church, that those who should turn from error to truth might be instructed concerning the perils and conflicts before them. None need be in darkness in regard to what is coming upon the earth. [...]

This revelation was given for the guidance and comfort of the church throughout the Christian dispensation. Yet religious teachers have declared that it

is a sealed book and its secrets cannot be explained. Therefore many have turned from the prophetic record, refusing to devote time and study to its mysteries. But God does not wish His people to regard the book thus. It is *"the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass."* *"Blessed is he that readeth," the Lord declares, "and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."* Verses 1, 3. [also cites Revelation 22:18-20]

*Christ's Object Lessons, pag. 133,
Great Controversy, pag. 341,
Acts of the Apostles, pag. 583*

In the Revelation are portrayed the deep things of God. The very name given to its inspired pages, "the Revelation," contradicts the statement that this is a sealed book. A revelation is something revealed. The Lord Himself revealed to His servant the mysteries contained in this book, and He designs that they shall be open to the study of all. Its truths are addressed to those living in the last days of this earth's history, as well as to those living in the days of John. Some of the scenes depicted in this prophecy are in the past, some are now taking place; some bring to view the close of the great conflict between the powers of darkness and the Prince of heaven, and some reveal the triumphs and joys of the redeemed in the earth made new.

Let none think, because they cannot explain the meaning of every symbol in the Revelation, that it is useless for them to search this book in an effort to know the meaning of the truth it contains. The One who revealed these mysteries to John will give to the diligent searcher for truth a foretaste of heavenly things. Those whose hearts are open to the reception of truth will be enabled to understand its teachings, and will be granted

the blessing promised to those who "*hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.*"

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, "*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.*" Daniel 12:4.

[...] The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

*Acts of the Apostles, pag. 584,
Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, pag. 11*

Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel, for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel. The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, will appear the truths of ancient prophecy; we shall be assured that men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit's utterances through the prophets. [...]

Manuscript 32, December 6, 1896, par. 38

The great truths revealed by the world's Redeemer are for those who search for truth as for hid treasures. Daniel was an aged man. His life had been passed amid the fascinations of a heathen court, his mind cumbered with the affairs of a great empire. Yet he turns aside from all these to afflict his soul before God, and seek a knowledge of the purposes of the Most High. And in response to his supplications, light from the heavenly courts was communicated for those who should live in the latter days. With what earnestness, then, should we seek God, that He may open our understanding to comprehend the truths brought to us from heaven..

Sanctified Life, pag. 50

A careful study of the working out of God's purpose in the history of nations and in the revelation of things to come, will help us to estimate at their true value things seen and things unseen, and to learn what is the true aim of life. Thus, viewing the things of time in the light of eternity, we may, like Daniel and his fellows, live for that which is true and noble and enduring. And learning in this life the principles of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, that blessed kingdom which is to endure for ever and ever, we may be prepared at His coming to enter with Him into its possession.

Prophets and Kings, pag. 548

First Part: The Prophecy of Daniel

Chronicles

1. Daniel's Lifestyle

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar, to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spoke to Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, that he may bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank, so nourishing them three years, that at the end of them they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

7 To whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names, because he gave to Daniel the name "Belteshazzar," and to Hananiah, "Shadrach," and to Mishael, "Meshach," and to Azariah, "Abed-nego."

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he wouldn't defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor

with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested from the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel: I fear my lord, the king, who has appointed your meat and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse liking than the children who are of your sort? Then you would make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah:

12 Prove your servants, I beseech you, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before you, and the countenance of the children who eat of the portion of the king's meat, and as you see, deal with your servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children who did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah; therefore they stood before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even to the first year of king Cyrus.

2. Metals, Clay and... a Stone?

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, with which his spirit was troubled, and his sleep broke from him.

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them: I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in Aramaic¹: [O king, live for ever; tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans: The thing is gone from me. If you won't make known to me the dream with its interpretation, you will be cut in pieces, and your houses will be made a dunghill.

6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you will receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream, and its interpretation.

7 They answered again and said: Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it.

¹ What is inside the square brackets (from Daniel 2:4 to Daniel 7:28), was recorded by Daniel in Aramaic. What is outside, he wrote it in Hebrew.

8 The king answered and said: I know of certainty that you would gain the time, because you see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if you won't make known to me the dream, there is but one decree for you, because you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the time be changed; therefore tell me the dream, and I would know that you can show me its interpretation.

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said: There isn't anyone on the earth that can show the king's matter; therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And that, which the king requires, is a rare thing, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling isn't with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

15 He answered and said to Arioch, the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows may not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said: Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.

21 And he changes the times and the seasons: he removes kings, and sets up kings: he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who know understanding.

22 He reveals the deep and secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

23 I thank you, and praise you, O you, God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom and might, and have made known to me now what we desired of you; because you have now made known to us the king's matter.

24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him: Don't destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar: Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said: The wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, cannot show to the king the secret which the king has demanded.

28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these;

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29 As for you, O king, your thoughts on what should come to pass hereafter came into your mind on your bed. And the one who reveals secrets makes known to you what will come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret isn't revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for the sakes of those who will make known the interpretation to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

31 O king, you saw, and behold, a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its form was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image on his feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, was together broken to pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell its interpretation before the king.

37 O king, you are a king of kings: for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wherever the children of men dwell, he has given into your hand the beasts of the field and the birds of heaven, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold.

39 And after you will arise another kingdom, inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which will bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom will be strong as iron, given that iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron, which breaks all these, it will break in pieces and bruise.

41 And considering that you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom will be divided; but there will be in it of the strength of the iron, given that you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And considering that you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they will mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they won't cleave one to another, even as iron isn't mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed; and the kingdom won't be left to other people, but it will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand for ever.

45 In view of the fact that you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.

46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours to him.

47 The king answered to Daniel, and said: Of a truth it is that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing you could reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

3. Conflict in the Plain of Dura

1 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, and whose breadth six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then king Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then a herald cried aloud: To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 That at the time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that king Nebuchadnezzar has set up;

6 And whosoever doesn't fall down and worship will be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and

all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

8 For this reason at that time certain Chaldeans came near and accused the Jews.

9 They spoke and said to king Nebuchadnezzar: O king, live for ever.

10 O king, you have made a decree, that every man who would hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, must fall down and worship the golden image;

11 And whosoever doesn't fall down and worship, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men haven't regarded you, O king; they neither serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them: Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that you neither serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if you be ready that at the time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the image which I have made, well; but if you don't worship, you will be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God who would deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king: O Nebuchadnezzar, we aren't careful to answer you in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will neither serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded the mightiest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hose, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then king Nebuchadnezzar was dazed, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said to his counsellors: Didn't we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king: True, O king.

25 He answered and said: Behold, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, you servants of the most high God, come forth, and come here. Then

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, on whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them.

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said: Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has sent his Angel, and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speaks any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, should be cut in pieces, and their houses should be made a dunghill, because there isn't any other God who can deliver in such a way.

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

4. Nebuchadnezzar's Epistle

1 King Nebuchadnezzar to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

2 I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God has wrought toward me.

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

Prophecy No. 2

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

6 Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers, and I told the dream before them; but they didn't make known to me its interpretation.

8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and before him I told the dream, saying,

9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream, which I have seen, and its interpretation.

10 Thus were the visions of my head in my bed: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth. And its height was great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to heaven, and its sight to the end of all the earth:

12 Its leaves were fair, and its fruit much, and in it was meat for all; the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of heaven dwelt in its boughs, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven.

14 He cried aloud, and said thus: Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the birds from his branches;

15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let him be given a beast's heart; and let seven times pass over him.

17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will, and sets up over it the basest of men.

18 I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen this dream. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, considering that all the wise men of my kingdom aren't able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dazed for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said: Belteshazzar, let not the dream or its interpretation trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said: My lord, the dream be to those who hate you, and its interpretation to thy enemies.

20 The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to heaven, and its sight to all the earth,

21 Whose leaves were fair, and its fruit much, and in it was meat for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and on whose branches the birds of heaven had their habitation,

22 It is you, O king, who are grown and have become strong; because your greatness is grown, and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 And considering that the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it, leave the stump of its

roots in the earth though, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, until seven times pass over him,

24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which has come on my lord, the king:

25 That they would drive you from men, and your dwelling would be with the beasts of the field, and they would make you eat grass as oxen, and they would wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times would pass over you, until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will.

26 And considering that they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots, your kingdom will be sure to you after you will have known that the heavens do rule.

27 For this reason, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and thy iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, if it may be a lengthening of your tranquility.

28 All this came upon king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king spoke, and said: Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice from heaven fell, saying: O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom is departed from you.

32 And they will drive you from men, and your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field: they will make you eat grass as oxen, and seven times will pass over you, until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him, who lives for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation;

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and no one can stay his hand, or say to him: What are you doing?

36 At the same time my reason returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and brightness returned to me; and my counsellors and my lords sought me; and I was established in my kingdom, and an excellent majesty was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment; and he is able to abase those who walk in pride.

5. Belshazzar's Orgy

1 King Belshazzar made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink in them.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God, which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

Judgment No. 1

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick, on the plaister of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spoke, and said to the wise men of Babylon: Whosoever would read this writing, and show me its interpretation, should be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and will be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise men; but they couldn't read the writing, nor make known to the king its interpretation.

9 Then king Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were dazed.

10 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house; and the queen spoke and said: O king, live for ever. Let not your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance be changed.

11 There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your grandfather was found in him light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods; (whom king Nebuchadnezzar, your grandfather, the king, I say, your

grandfather, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers,

12 Considering that in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, was found an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts;) now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.

13 Then Daniel wa brought in before the king. And the king spoke and said to Daniel: Are you that Daniel, who are of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom my grandfather, the king, brought out of Jewry?

14 I have even heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that is found in you light and understanding and excellent wisdom.

15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they may read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation; but they couldn't show the interpretation of the thing.

16 And I have heard of you, that you can make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you will be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and will be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king: Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another; I will read the writing to the king though, and make known to him the interpretation.

Prophecy No. 3

18 O you king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar, your grandfather, a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; he slew whom he wanted, and he kept alive whom he

wanted; and he set up whom he wanted; and he put down whom he wanted.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him;

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appoints over it whomsoever he wills.

22 And you, his son, O Belshazzar, you haven't humbled your heart, though you knew all this,

23 But have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you, and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine in them; and you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which neither do they see, nor hear, nor know; and you haven't glorified the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways.

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 And this is the writing that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL: You are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.

28 PERES: Your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night was Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, slain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

6. Conspiracy Against Daniel

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes, who should be over the whole kingdom,

2 And three presidents over these, of whom Daniel was the first, that the princes might give them accounts, and the king shouldn't have damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, given that he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then these men said: We won't find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus to him: King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever would ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, other than of you, O king, he must be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter.

9 King Darius signed the writing and the decree for this reason.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he formerly did.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree: Haven't you signed a decree, that every man who would ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, must be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said: The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter.

13 Then answered they and said before the king: That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, doesn't regard you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was very displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he laboured until the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled to the king, and said to the king: O king, know that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel: Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you.

17 And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; no instruments of music were brought before him, and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice to Daniel, and the king spoke and said to Daniel: O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel to the king: O king, live for ever.

22 My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, so that they haven't hurt me, in view of the fact that before him innocency was found in me; and also, O king, before you I haven't done any hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found on him, because he believed in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions: them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they came at the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

26 I make a decree, that in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, because he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which won't be destroyed, and his dominion will be even to the end.

27 The one who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions delivers and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

The Closed Book

7. The Dream Pointing to the Mediterranean Sea

1 In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head on his bed; then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

2a Daniel spoke and said:

Prophecy No. 4

2b I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven strove on the Mediterranean Sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, different one from another.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings; I beheld until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand on the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold, another beast, a second, like a bear. And it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth, between its teeth; and they said thus to it: Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and behold, another like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast had also four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong. And it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the remains with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, another little horn came up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Judgment No. 2

9 I beheld until the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and whose head's hair like pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him. Thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I beheld even until the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had taken away their dominion; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near, before him.

14 And he was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which won't pass away, and his kingdom that which won't be destroyed.

15 I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things:

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings who will arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the most High will take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I wanted to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass, which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the remains with his feet,

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other one, which came up, and before whom three fell, even of that horn who had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was bolder than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them,

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and the judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came, that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 He said thus: The fourth beast will be the fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different from all kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings who will arise. And another one will rise after them; and he will be different from the first ones, and he will subdue three kings.

25 And he will speak great words against the most High, and will wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they will be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they will take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, will be given to

the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.

28 This is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my cogitations troubled me much, and my countenance changed in me, but I kept the matter in my heart.

8. The Vision by the River Ulai

1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel, after that one, which appeared to me before.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at the palace in Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river Ulai.

3a Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and, behold:

Prophecy No. 5

3b A ram which had two horns stood before the river. And the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward, so that no beasts might stand before him; there wasn't anything that could deliver out of his hand, so he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and didn't touch the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran to him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and broke his two horns; and there wasn't any power in the ram to stand before him, so he cast him down to the

ground, and stamped on him; and there wasn't anything that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he-goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped on them.

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sequence was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And a host was given him against the daily sequence by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said to that certain saint who spoke: How long will be the vision concerning the daily sequence, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said to me: To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, when I, even I, Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said: Gabriel, make this man understand the apparition.

17 So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was afraid, and fell on my face; but he said to me:

Understand, O son of man, because the vision will be at the time of the end.

18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

19 And he said: Behold, I will make you know what will be in the last end of the indignation, because the end will be at the appointed time.

20 The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the rough goat is the king of Javan; and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 Now the fact that it was broken, and that four stood up for it, means that four kingdoms will stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, will stand up.

24 And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power; and he will destroy wonderfully, and will prosper, and practice, and will destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his policy also he will cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he will magnify himself in his heart, and by peace he will destroy many; he will also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without hand.

26 And the apparition of the evening and the morning, which was told, is true; for this reason shut up the vision, because it will stay unintelligible for many days.

27 And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I did rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

9. Daniel's Prayer and the 70x7 Years

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 In the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by books the number of the years, regarding which the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah the prophet: that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 And I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed to my God Jehovah, and made my confession, and said: O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love him, and to those who keep his commandments;

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from your precepts and from your judgments.

6 We haven't listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them to, because of their violations which they have violated against you.

8 O Jehovah, the confusion of face belongs to us, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.

10 We haven't obeyed the voice of our God Jehovah, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants, the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have violated your law, even by departing, that they might not obey your voice; therefore the curse and the oath that is written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, is poured on us, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; because under the whole heaven it hasn't been done as has been done on Jerusalem.

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us, yet we didn't do our prayer before our God Jehovah, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand your truth.

14 Therefore Jehovah has watched on the evil, and brought it on us, because our God Jehovah is righteous in all his works which he does, and because we didn't obey his voice.

15 And now, O Lord, our God, who have brought forth your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten you renown, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all your righteousness, I beseech you, let your anger and your fury be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all those who are about us.

17 Therefore, O our God, hear now the prayer of your servant, and his supplications, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by your name; because we don't present our

supplications before you for our righteousnesses, but for your great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and do; defer not, for your own sake, O my God; because your city and your people are called by your name.

20 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before my God Jehovah for the holy mountain of my God,

21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me around the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said: O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth, and I have come to show you, because you are greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the apparition.

Prophecy No. 6

24 Seventy weeks are determined on your people and on your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place.

25 Therefore know and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah, the Prince, will be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks; the street and the wall will be built again, even in troublous times.

26 And after sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary; and its

end will be with a flood; and to the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he will confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and because of the overspreading of abominations he will make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that which is determined will be poured on that which will have been desolate.

10. The Apparition by the River Hiddekel

1 In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time span was long; and he understood the thing; and had understanding of the apparition.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.

3 I didn't eat any pleasant bread, neither came flesh or juice in my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel,

5a Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and...

Prophecy No. 7

5b Behold, there was a certain Man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz;

6 Also his body was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like the colour of polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I, Daniel alone, saw the apparition, because the men who were with me didn't see the apparition, but a great quaking fell on them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great apparition, and no strength remained in me, because my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 I heard, nevertheless, the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then I was in a deep sleep on my face, and with my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold. A hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me: O Daniel, greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, because I am now sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me: Don't fear, Daniel. Because your words were heard from the first day that you did set your heart to understand, and to chasten yourself before your God, and I have come for your words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But, behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me. And I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I have come to make you understand what should befall your people in the latter days; because the vision is still for those days.

15 And when he had spoken such words to me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said to the one who stood before me: O my lord, by the apparition my sorrows are turned on me, and I have retained no strength.

17 Because how can the servant of this, my lord, talk with this, my lord? Because as for me, straightway it happened that no strength remained in me, and there is no breath left in me.

18 Then one like the appearance of a man came again and touched me, and he strengthened me,

19 And said: O greatly beloved man, don't fear. Peace be to you. Be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened, and said: Let my lord speak, because you have strengthened me.

20 Then he said: Do you know why I come to you? And at the time ahead I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. And when I am gone forth, behold, the prince of Javan will come.

21 But I will show you that which is noted in the scripture of truth; and there is none who holds with me in these things, but Michael your Prince.

(Ch.11) Also in the first year of Darius the Mede I, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now I will show you the truth. Behold, there will stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth will be far richer than they all; and by his strength, through his riches, he will stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a mighty king will stand up, who will rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he will stand up, his kingdom will be broken, and will be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled, because his kingdom will be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 And the king of the south will be strong; and one of his princes also; and he will be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion will be a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they will join themselves together, because the daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make an agreement; but she won't retain the power of the arm; neither he nor his arm will stand; but she, and those who brought her, and the one whom she begat, and the one who strengthened her in these times, will be given up.

7 But one out of a branch of her roots will stand up in his estate, who will come with an army, and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and will deal against them, and will prevail;

8 And will also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he will continue more years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south will come into his kingdom, and will return into his own land.

10 But his sons will be stirred up, and will assemble a multitude of great forces; and one will certainly come, and overflow, and pass through; then he will return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south will be moved with choler, and will come forth and fight with the king of the north; and he will set forth a great multitude; but the multitude will be given into his hand.

12 And when he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down many ten thousands, but he won't be strengthened by it,

13 Because the king of the north will return, and will set forth a multitude greater than the former, and will certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times many will stand up against the king of the south; also the robbers of your people will exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they will fall.

15 So the king of the north will come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities; and neither the arms of the south nor his chosen people will withstand, and there will be no strength to withstand.

16 But the one who comes against him will do according to his own will, and none will stand before him;

and he will stand in the Glorious Land, which will be consumed by his hand.

17 He will also set his face to enter in with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with those who are upright with him, and he will do it; and he will give him the daughter of women, corrupting her; but she will neither stand on his side, nor be for him.

18 After this he will turn his face to the coasts, and will take many, but a prince will without his own reproach cause in his own behalf to cease the reproach offered by him; he will cause it to turn on him.

19 Then he will turn his face toward the fort of his own land, but he will stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then a raiser of taxes will stand up in his estate, in the glory of the kingdom; but within few days he will be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate there will stand up a vile person, to whom they won't give the honor of the kingdom; but he will come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood they will be overflowed from before him, and will be broken; yea, also the Prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league made with him he will work deceitfully, because he will come up, and will become strong with a small people.

24 He will enter peaceably even on the fattest places of the province; and he will do that which neither his fathers, nor his fathers' fathers have done; he will scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches; yea, and he will contrive his schemes against the strongholds, even for a time.

25 And he will stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south will be stirred up to battle with a very great

and mighty army; but he won't stand, because they will contrive schemes against him.

26 Yea, those who feed themselves of the portion of his meat will destroy him, and his army will overflow, and many will fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts will be to do mischief, and they will speak lies at one table; but it won't prosper, because yet the end will be at the appointed time.

28 Then he will return into his land with great riches; and his heart will be against the holy covenant; and he will do exploits, and return to his own land.

29 At the appointed time he will return, and come toward the south; but it won't be as the former, or as the latter,

30 Because the ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant; so he will do it; he will even return, and have intelligence with those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms will stand on his part, and they will pollute the sanctuary of strength, and will take away the daily sequence, and they will place the abomination that makes desolate.

32 And by flatteries he will corrupt such ones as do wickedly against the covenant, but the people who do know their God will be strong, and do exploits.

33 And those who understand among the people will instruct many; yet they will fall by weapons, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

34 Now when they will fall, they will be helped with a little help, but many will cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of those who understand will fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

36 And the king will do according to his will; and he will exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and will speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and will prosper until the indignation will be accomplished, because that which is determined will be done.

37 He will neither regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god, because he will magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate he will honor the God of forces; and he will honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things, a god whom his fathers didn't know.

39 He will do thus in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he will acknowledge and increase with glory; and he will cause them to rule over many, and will divide the land for gain.

40 And at the time of the end the king of the south will push at him; and the king of the north will come against him like a whirlwind, with vehicles, and with riders, and with many ships; and he will enter into the countries, and will overflow and pass over.

41 He will enter also into the Glorious Land, and many countries will be overthrown; but these will escape out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He will stretch forth his hand also on the countries; and the land of Egypt won't escape.

43 But he will have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Ethiopians will be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north will trouble him; therefore he will go forth with great fury to destroy, and to utterly make away many.

45 And he will plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he will come to his end, and none will help him.

(Ch.12) And at that time the great Prince Michael, who stands for the children of your people will stand up; and there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time your people will be delivered, every one who will be found written in the book.

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And the wise ones will shine as the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many will observe and think upon the time, and knowledge will be increased.

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And Daniel said to the Man clothed in linen, who was on the waters of the river: How long will it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the Man clothed in linen, who was on the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him, who lives for ever, that it will be for a time, times, and a half; and when he will have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things will be finished.

8 And I heard, but I didn't understand. Then I said: O my Lord, what will be the end of these things?

9 And he said: Go your way, Daniel. Because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.

10 Many will be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked will do wickedly: and none of the wicked will understand; but the wise will understand.

11 And from the time the daily sequence will be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there will be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is the one who waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 But go you your way until the end be, because you will rest, and stand in your lot at the end of the days.

Second Part: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Title, Subtitle and Introduction for the Revelation

(ch.1) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John,

2 Who bore record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it, because the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be to you, and peace, from the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before his throne,

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To the one who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And has made us kings and priests to God and his Father, to him be the glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he comes with clouds. And every eye will see him, included those who pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth will wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I Am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, says the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1. Messages to the 7 Churches

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying: I Am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and write in a book that which you see, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamon, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks,

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the nipples with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters;

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp, twoedged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shines in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand on me, saying to me: Don't fear. I Am the first and the last;

18 I Am the one who lives, and was dead, and, behold, I Am alive for evermore. Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will be afterward,

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which you saw are the seven churches.

Church No. 1

(Ch.2) Write to the angel of the Ephesian Church: The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, says these things:

2 I know your works, and your labour, and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil; and you have tried those who say they are apostles, and are not, and you have found them liars;

3 And you have borne, and have patience, and for my name's sake have laboured, and haven't fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have something against you, because you have left your first love.

5 Therefore remember where you are fallen from, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, if you don't repent.

6 But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches: I will give to the one who overcomes to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Church No. 2

8 And write to the angel of the church in Smyrna: The first and the last, who was dead, and is alive, says these things:

9 I know your works, and tribulation, and poverty, but you are rich, and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Don't fear any of those things which you will suffer. Behold, the devil will cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you a crown of life.

11 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches: The one who overcomes won't be hurt by the second death.

Church No. 3

12 And write to the angel of the church in Pergamon: The one who has the sharp sword with two edges says these things:

13 I know your works, and where you dwell, even where Satan's seat is; and you hold fast my name, and haven't denied my faith, even in those days when Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells.

14 But I have a few things against you, because there you have those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to practice impurity.

15 So you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come to you quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches: I will give to the one who overcomes to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no one knows except the one who receives it.

Church No. 4

18 And write to the angel of the church in Thyatira: The Son of God, who has his eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like fine brass says these things:

19 I know your works, and love, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your works, and that the last are more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against you, because you suffer that woman Jezebel, who calls herself "prophetess," to teach and to seduce my

servants to practice impurity, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 And I gave her time to repent of her fornication; and she didn't repent.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches will know that I Am the one who searches the reins and the hearts; and I will give to every one of you according to your works.

24 But I say to you, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as they have not this doctrine, and who haven't known the depths of Satan, as they speak: I won't put on you any other burden.

25 But that which you already have hold fast until I come.

26 And to the one who overcomes, and keeps my works to the end, I will give power over the nations,

27 (And he will rule them with a rod of iron; they will be broken to shivers as the vessels of a potter;) even as I received of my Father,

28 And I will give him the Morning Star.

29 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Church No. 5

(ch.3) And write to the angel of the church in Sardis: The one who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, says these things: I know your works, that you have a name, that you live, and you are dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, which are ready to die, because I haven't found your works perfect before God.

3 Therefore remember how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. Therefore if you won't

watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you won't know at what hour I will come on you.

4 You have a few names even in Sardis who haven't defiled their garments; and they will walk with me in white, because they are worthy.

5 The one who overcomes, the same one will be clothed in white raiment; and I won't blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Church No. 6

7 And write to the angel of the church in Philadelphia: The one who is holy, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens, and no one shuts, and shuts, and no one opens:

8 I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it, because you have quite a little strength, and have kept my word, and have not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie, behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

10 Because you have kept the word of my patience, I will also keep you from the hour of temptation, which will come to all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast that which you have, so that no one will take your crown.

12 I will make the one who overcomes to be a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will no more go out; and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven, from my God, and I will write on him my new name.

13 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Church No. 7

14 And write to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans: The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God says these things:

15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish you would be cold or hot.

16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth,

17 Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and you don't know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

18 I counsel you to buy from me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness would not appear; and anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may see.

19 I rebuke and educate as many as I love; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If someone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and I will sup with him, and he with me.

21 I will grant to the one who overcomes to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and I Am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

2. Throne Scene

(Ch.4) After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me, which said: Come up here, and I will show you things which must be afterward.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And the appearance of the one who sat was like a jasper and a sard stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like an emerald

4 And round about the throne there were twenty-four seats; and I saw twenty-four elders sitting on the seats, clothed with white clothes; and on their heads they had crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunders and voices; and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, who are the seven Spirits of God.

6a And before the throne there was a sea of glass like crystal.

Worship No. 1

6b And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, there were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first living creature was like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature had a face, as a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

8 And each one of the four living creatures had six wings around him; and they were full of eyes within; and they don't rest day and night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord GOD ALMIGHTY, who was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who sat on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,

10 The twenty-four elders fall down before the one who sat on the throne, and worship the one who lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 O Lord, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and they are and were created for your pleasure.

3. The 7 Seals and the Decided Ones

(ch.5) And I saw in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice: Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose its seals?

3 And no one in heaven, nor on earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look on it.

4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look on it.

5 And one of the elders says to me: Don't weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose its seven seals.

6a And I beheld, and...

Worship No. 2

6b Behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth to all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of the one who sat on the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden bowls full of perfumes, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the book, and to open its seals, because you were slain, and you have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and language, and people, and nation,

10 And you have made us kings and priests to our God; and we will reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders, (and their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;)

12 Saying with a loud voice: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such ones as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be to him, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four living creatures said: Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped the one who lives for ever and ever.

Seal No. 1

(Ch.6) And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures, as it were the noise of thunder, saying: Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse. And the one who sat on him had a bow; and he was given a crown; and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Seal No. 2

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say: Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red; and the one who sat on him was given power to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another, and he was given a great weapon.

Seal No. 3

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say: Come and see. And I beheld, and behold, a black horse. And the one who sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures say: A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see that you don't hurt the oil and the juice.

Seal No. 4

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say: Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse; and the name of the one who sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And they were given power over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with weapons, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Seal No. 5

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying: How long, O Lord, holy and true, don't you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?

11 And each one of them was given white robes; and they were told that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, would be fulfilled.

Seal No. 6

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as a sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casts its untimely figs, when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and 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,

17 Because the great day of his wrath is come; and who will be able to stand?

(Ch.7) And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that the wind wouldn't blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying: Don't hurt the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed; and there were sealed a hundred and forty-four thousand from all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 From the tribe of Asher were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Naphtali were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Manasseh were sealed twelve thousand.

7 From the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 From the tribe of Zebulun were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. From the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9a After this I beheld, and...

Worship No. 3

9b Behold, a great multitude, which no one could number, from all nations, and kindreds, and people, and languages, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying: Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying: Amen. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me: What are these who are arrayed in white robes? And where did they come from?

14 And I said to him: Sir, you know. And he said to me: These are those who came out of the great tribulation,

and they have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and the one who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

16 They will hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither will the sun light on them, nor any heat,

17 Because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will feed them, and will lead them to the living fountains of waters; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Seal No. 7

(ch.8) And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

4. The 7 Trumpets, Jesus and the Two Witnesses

2 And I saw the seven angels who stood before God; and they were given seven trumpets.

3 And another Angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and he was given much incense, to offer it with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the Angel's hand.

5 And the Angel took the censer, and filled it with the altar's fire, and cast it to the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Trumpet No. 1

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast on the earth; and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Trumpet No. 2

8 And the second angel sounded, and something as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

Trumpet No. 3

10 And the third angel sounded, and a great star from heaven fell, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell on the third part of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters;

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died due to the waters, because they were made bitter.

Trumpet No. 4

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars was smitten, so as the third part of them was darkened; and the day didn't shine for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice: Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Trumpet No. 5

(Ch.9) And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven to the earth; and he was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

3 And locusts came out from the smoke on the earth; and they were given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they shouldn't hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men who have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And they were given to not kill them, but so that they would be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man.

6 And in those days men will seek death, and won't find it; and will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared to battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails, and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, who is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon, but in the Greek language has his name Apollyon.

12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two more woes afterward.

Trumpet No. 6

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet: Loose the four angels who are bound in the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, who were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred million; and I heard their number.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and sulfur; and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and sulfur.

18 The third part of men was killed by these three: by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the sulfur, which issued out of their mouths,

19 Because their power is in their mouth, and in their tails, because their tails were like serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men who weren't killed by these plagues not even they did repent of the works of their hands, to not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood, which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk,

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their administration of poisons, nor of their impurity, nor of their thefts.

(Ch.10) And I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was on his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire;

2 And he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write, and I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and don't write them.

5 And the Angel whom I saw stand on the sea and on the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And swore by the one who lives for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that are in it, and the earth, and the things that are in it, and the sea, and the things which are in it, that there will be no more time,

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he will begin to sound, the mystery of God will be finished, as he has declared to his servants, the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again, and said: Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the Angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.

9 And I went to the Angel, and said to him: Give me the little book. And he said to me: Take it, and eat it up; and it will make your belly bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.

10 And I took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and ate it up; and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he said to me: You must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and languages, and kings.

(Ch.11) And I was given a reed like a rod; and the Angel stood, saying: Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.

2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and don't measure it, because it is given to the Gentiles; and they will tread the holy city under foot forty-two months.

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if anyone will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies; and if anyone will hurt them, he must be killed in this manner.

6 These ones have power to shut heaven, so that it wouldn't rain in the days of their prophecy; and have power over the waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they want to.

7 And when they will have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, and will overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And those individuals from the people and kindreds and languages and nations will see their dead bodies three days and a half, and won't suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, and make merry, and will send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet; and a great fear fell on those who saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying to them: Come up here. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain seven thousand men; and the remnant were terrified, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe comes quickly.

Trumpet No. 7, Worship No. 4

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying: The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he will reign for ever and ever.

16 And the twenty-four elders, who sat before God on their seats, fell on their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying: We give you thanks, O Lord GOD ALMIGHTY, who are, and were, and are to come, because you have taken to you your great power, and you have reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and your wrath is come, and the time of the dead, to be judged, and so that you would give reward to your servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and those who fear your name, small and great, and so that you would destroy those who destroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of his testament was seen in his temple; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

5. The Great War

(ch.12) And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

2 And she being with Child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns on his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a Man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her Child was caught up to God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that they would feed her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

8 And they didn't prevail, and their place wasn't any more found in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven: Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ, has come, because the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, is cast down.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they didn't love their lives to the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having

great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time!

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man child.

14 And the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, so that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was angry at the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her Seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

6. Humanity's Decisive Crisis

(Ch.13) And I stood on the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon who gave power to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying: Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and he was given power to continue forty-two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 And he was given to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and he was given power over all kindreds, and languages, and nations.

8 And all who dwell on the earth, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, will worship him.

9 If someone has an ear, let him hear.

10 The one who leads into captivity will go into captivity: the one who kills with weapons must be killed with weapons. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and those who dwell in her to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceives those who dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, who had the wound by a weapon, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads,

17 And that no man might buy or sell, except the one who had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let the one who has understanding count the number of the beast, because it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred sixty-six.

7. The Good and Everlasting Message

(Ch.14) And I looked, and, behold, a Lamb stood on mount Sion; and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Worship No. 5

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps;

3 And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are those who were not defiled with women, because they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These ones were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile, because they are faultless before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice: Fear God, and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come; and worship the one who made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And another angel followed, saying: Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice: If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same one will drink of the juice of the wrath of God, which is poured out unmixed into the cup of his indignation; and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb;

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever; and those who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name, they have no rest day or night;

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yea, says the Spirit, so that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

14 And I looked, and behold, a white cloud; and one like the Son of man sat on the cloud, having a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud: Thrust in your sickle, and reap, because your time to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And the one who sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel, also having a sharp sickle, came out of the temple which is in heaven.

18 And another angel, who had power over the fire, came out from the altar; and he cried with a loud cry to the one who had the sharp sickle, saying: Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even to the horse bridles, over a distance of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

8. The 7 Last Plagues and the Armageddon

(Ch.15) And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues, because the wrath of God is filled up in them.

Worship No. 6

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: Your works are great

and marvelous, Lord GOD ALMIGHTY; your ways are just and true, you King of saints.

4 Who won't fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? Because you only are holy, because all nations will come and worship before you, because your judgments are made manifest.

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened;

6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no one was able to enter into the temple, until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Judgment No. 3

(Ch.16) And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels: Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.

Plague No. 1

2 And the first went, and poured out his bowl on the earth; and a noisome and grievous sore fell on the men who had the mark of the beast, and on those who worshipped his image.

Plague No. 2

3 And the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.

Plague No. 3

4 And the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say: You are righteous, O Lord, who are, and were, and will be, because you have judged thus,

6 Because they have shed the blood of the saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink, because they are worthy.

7 And I heard another one out of the altar say: Even so, Lord GOD ALMIGHTY, your judgments are true and righteous.

Plague No. 4

8 And the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun; and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, who has power over these plagues; and they didn't repent to give him glory.

Plague No. 5

10 And the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and didn't repent of their deeds.

Plague No. 6

12 And the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet,

14 Because they are spirits of devils, working miracles, who go forth to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of GOD ALMIGHTY.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is the one who watches, and keeps his garments, so that he won't walk naked, and they won't see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew language Armageddon.

Plague No. 7

17 And the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air; and a great voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying: It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as it wasn't since men were on the earth; an earthquake so mighty, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell; and the great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give her the cup of the juice of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And a great hail out of heaven fell on men, every stone weighting about a talent; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was exceedingly great.

9. Whore Scene

(Ch.17) And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came, and talked with me, saying to me: Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great whore who sits on many waters,

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Judgment No. 4

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit on a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And on her forehead was a name written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF SLUTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said to me: Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast who carries her, who has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not; and will ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go to perdition; and those who dwell on the earth, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short time.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and he is one of the seven, and goes to perdition.

12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and will give their power and strength to the beast.

14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and those who are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he says to me: The waters which you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and languages.

16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the whore, and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh, and burn her with fire,

17 Because God has put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.

18 And the woman whom you saw is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

10. Last Call for God's People

(Ch.18) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying: Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird,

3 Because all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the businessmen of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying: Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues,

5 Because her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and pay her double according to her works; fill to her double in the cup which she has filled.

7 As much as she has glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her, because she says in her heart: I sit as queen, and I am no widow, and I won't see any sorrow.

8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day: death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be utterly burned with fire, because the Lord God who judges her is strong.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, will bewail her, and lament for her, when they will see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing far off because of the fear of her torment, saying: Alas, alas, that great city, Babylon, that mighty city, because your judgment has come in one hour!

11 And the businessmen of the earth will weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner of vessels of ivory, and all manner of vessels of the most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and perfumes, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and animals, and sheep, and horses, and vehicles, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits which your soul lusted after are departed from you, and all things which were choice things and excellent are departed from you, and you won't find them any more.

15 The businessmen of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying: Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls,

17 Because so great riches have come to nought in one hour! And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood far off,

18 And they cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying: What city is like this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying: Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her expensive stuff, because in one hour she is made desolate!

20 Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, because God has avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying: Thus, with violence, that great city Babylon will be thrown down, and won't be found anymore.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, won't be heard anymore in you; and no craftsman, of whatever craft may he be, will be found in you anymore; and the sound of a millstone won't be heard anymore in you;

23 And the light of a candle won't shine anymore in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride won't be heard in you anymore, because your businessmen were the great men of the earth, because all nations were deceived by your administration of poisons.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.

11. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Worship No. 7

(ch.19) And after these things I heard a great voice of many people in heaven, saying: Alleluia! Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, to the Lord, our God,

2 Because his judgments are true and righteous, because he has judged the great whore, who did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said: Alleluia! And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who sat on the throne, saying: Amen. Alleluia!

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying: Praise our God, all of you his servants, and you, who fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying: Alleluia, because the Lord GOD OMNIPOTENT reigns!

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give him honor, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.

8 And she was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, because the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he says to me: Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he says to me: These are the true words of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me: See you don't it; I am your fellowservant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus; worship

God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Judgment No. 5

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse; and the one who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and he does judge and make war in righteousness.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and many crowns were on his head; and he had a name written that no one knew but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And a sharp sword goes out of his mouth, to smite the nations with it; and he will rule them with a rod of iron; and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of ALMIGHTY GOD.

16 And he has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven: Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God,

18 That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against the one who sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast, and those who worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with sulfur.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of the one who sat on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

12. The End of the Great War

(ch.20) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he would no more deceive the nations, until the thousand years will be fulfilled and after that he must be loosed a little time.

Judgment No. 6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and they were given the judgment; and I saw the souls of those who were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and who hadn't worshipped the beast, nor his image, neither had they received his mark on their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead didn't live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has his part in the first resurrection; on such ones the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan will be loosed out of his prison,

8 And will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to

gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9a And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints, and the beloved city;

Judgment No. 7

9b And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil who deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are, and will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and the one who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead who were in them; and they were judged everyone according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

13. New Jerusalem

(Ch.21) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and the sea was no more.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, neither will there be any more pain, because the former things are passed away.

5 And the one who sat on the throne said: Behold, I make all things new. And he said to me: Write, because these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said to me: It is done. I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give from the fountain of the water of life to the one who is thirsty.

7 The one who overcomes will inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

8 But the cowards, and infidels, and the abominable ones, and murderers, and whoremongers, and poisoners, and idolaters, and all liars, will have their part in the lake which burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues came to me, and talked with me, saying: Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God; and her light was like a most precious stone, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel;

13 Three gates on the east; three gates on the north; three gates on the south; and three gates on the west.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And the one who talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall.

16 And the city lies foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and its breadth and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, a hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the material of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all kinds of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sard; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each particular gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple in her, because the Lord GOD ALMIGHTY and the Lamb are its temple.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it, because the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is its light.

24 And the nations of those who are saved will walk in its light; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

25 And its gates won't be shut at all by day, because there will be no night there.

26 And they will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

27 And there is no way any thing that defiles, or that works abomination, or makes a lie, will enter into it, but those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

(Ch.22) And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of its street, and on either side of the river, there was the tree of life, which bore twelve kinds of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there will be no more a curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it; and his servants will serve him:

4 And they will see his face; and his name will be in their foreheads.

5 And there will be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, because the Lord God gives them light; and they will reign for ever and ever.

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6 And he said to me: These words are faithful and true; and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show to his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly; blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I, John, saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he says to me: See you don't do it, because I am your fellowservant, and one of your brethren, the

prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book; worship God.

10 And he says to me: Don't seal the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is at hand.

11 The one who is unjust, let him be unjust still; and the one who is filthy, let him be filthy still; and the one who is righteous, let him be righteous still; and the one who is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every one according as his work will be.

13 I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city,

15 Because outside there are dogs, and poisoners, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie.

16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I Am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say: Come. And let the one who hears say: Come. And let the one who is thirsty come. And whosoever wants, let him take the water of life freely,

18 Because I testify to every one who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If any one will add to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

19 And if any one will take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 The one who testifies these things says: Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Final Instructions

In the book of Revelation we read of a special work that God desires to have His people do in these last days. He has revealed His law and shown us the truth for this time. This truth is constantly unfolding, and God designs that we shall be intelligent in regard to it, that we may be able to distinguish between right and wrong, between righteousness and unrighteousness.

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, pag. 127

To John the Lord opened the subjects that He saw would be needed by His people in the last days. The instruction that He gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in this book. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal.

[...] The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention.

[...] The Lord is soon coming. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are called upon to awake to their God-given responsibilities. God calls for watchmen who, in the power of the Spirit, will give to the world the last warning message; who will proclaim the time of night. He calls for watchmen who will arouse men and women from their lethargy, lest they sleep the sleep of death.

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, pag. 301, 302, 304

Those who profess to believe the truth are not to separate themselves from the commandment-keeping people of God, as altogether more righteous than those God has appointed to preach His Word, to explain the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation, to give the warnings regarding the law of God and the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, the seal of the living God. The Lord declares that the Sabbath is the sign between Him and His people.

Letter 18, February 6, 1900, par. 7

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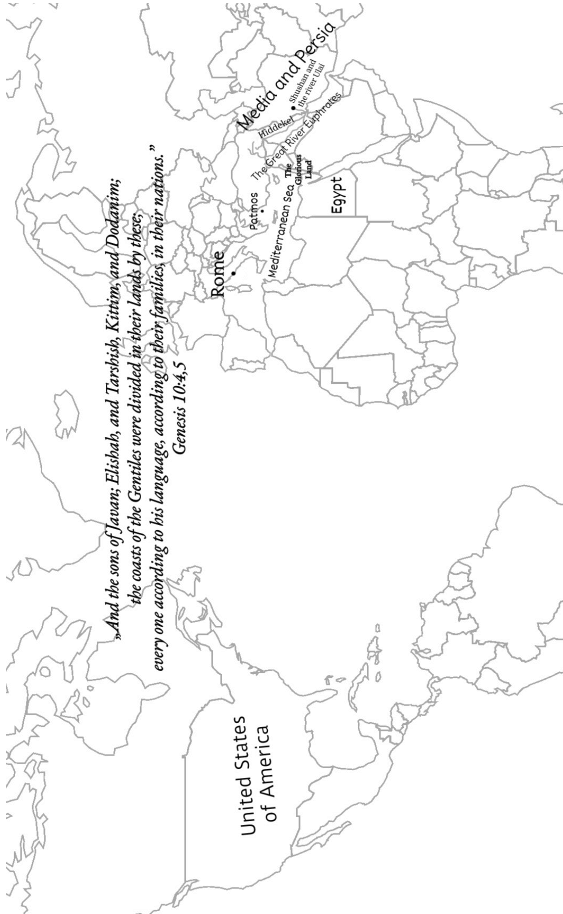


Fig.1 Javan



Fig.2 The Glorious Land

Counsel

Although the dead know not any thing (Ecclesiastes 9:5), it is nonetheless true that the the writings of those who died spoke to us about what is soon to come. The Holy Spirit is the one who should tell you what to do with this information. Those who accept the calling of the Holy Spirit in these last days, receive the most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals. Each one of us would do well in keeping at least a physical copy of this book, because difficult times await the world. It may be copied and shared in pamphlet form, cheap and saddle stapled. Those who have a special calling for this, may also translate and publish it in other laguages, under this format. God is the One who takes care of its copyright.

Besides these two witnesses, the Lord wants that those among God's Church would show the people, by their way of living, the power of the Holy Ghost to purify the character. Thus, humanity will be left without speech at the judgment, and the people of God shall overcome the prince of this world *„by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony“* (Rev. 12:11).

The promises of the Faithful and True One are there to be fulfilled through the faith of His sons. In this war, God Himself will watch over those who take the correct decision.

*„Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And don't forget all his benefits;
Who forgives all your iniquities;
Who heals all your diseases.“*

Psalms 103:2,3

*„You won't be afraid of the terror by night;
Nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness;
Nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday.
A thousand will fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it won't come near you.”*

Psalm 91:5,6,7

Let us now continue the words started at the beginning of this pamphlet:

„And if he would neglect to hear them, tell it to the church; but if he neglects to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen man and a publican. Truly I say to you: Whatsoever you will bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you will loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning something that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father, who is in heaven, because where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I Am in the midst of them.

Then Peter came to him, and said:

—Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?

Jesus says to him:

—I don't say to you, "Until seven times," but, "Until seventy times seven.”

Matthew 18:17-22

The year of release is fast approaching. The heavenly sanctuary is to be cleansed. The opportunity is passing by. And you, what are you doing?