REVELATION CHAPTER 1

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

The Three Sections of the Apocalypse – Rev. 1:19
- The things which thou has seen – Chapter 1
- The things which are – Chapters 2 and 3
- The things which shall be hereafter – Chapters 4 to 22

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia:
- Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which 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. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and...

Chapter 1 – The Multitudinous Man Amid the Lampstands

“The things which thou hast seen” V.19

The Title and Introduction
- Apokalupsis – to uncover, unveil, to bring to light that which was hidden. (No def. art.). 19 times N.T. “lighten” – Luke 2:23. See Rom.16:25.
- I.e. shortly after John received it. Historic interpretation is correct.

6 I.e. his messenger. Several angels used – one presiding (Rev.19:9-10).
8 John chosen to witness the “coming” of Christ (John 21:22-23) and also receive his final message unfolding Divine purpose relating to Ecclesia. Roth. - “Who bare witness (martureo) as to the word of God and the witness (marturia) of Jesus Christ.” Martureo occurs. 33 times and marturia 14 times in John’s Gospel – characteristic of John’s writings. He is witnessing to the secret of God manifestation (1 Tim.3:16) present and future.
12 Akouo – (transitively) sig. the meaning or message of what is heard. Implies not merely hearing but giving heed to what is heard.

Salutation to the Seven Ecclesias

“Yahweh is Gracious”.
2 Reps. complete ecclesia all ages.
5 Eirene – Tr. to be at one – Eph 2:14-17.
6 Yahweh in manifestation – in Christ; in bush; in multitudinous Christ.
8 Verb singular & noun plural “which is”. Singular motivation – various manifestations.
10 Lit. “The chief born from among dead ones”. Refers to law of firstborn – Col 1:15.

Christ Coming with Clouds
3 Fig. - all will know by report.

The Alpha and the Omega
2 Omitted by better texts.
3 Pantokrator – from pas – all and krated - to hold or have strength. Used Lxx equiv. to Tzvaoth. See Jer. 5:14; Amos 4:13. Kurios pantokrator used for Yahweh Tzvaoth. Found in NT 2 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:2; 16:7,14; 19:15; 21:22 and 19:6 rend. ‘omnipotent’.

John’s Introduction

1 Omitted by better texts.
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.

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

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

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

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, girt about the paps 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 unto fine brass, as if they were 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 shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not: I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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

REVELATION CHAPTER 2

1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write:

1 Iohn represents all his brethren - apprenticeship for kingdom - Rom 5:3-5.


3 John was banished to Patmos AD95 during persecution of Domitian. Patmos one of Sporades Islands 45 kms SW of island of Samos and approx. same distance from the coast of Asia Minor. 13 kms long, 10 kms greatest width. Approx 35 square kms area. Rocky, barren and desolate. Place of exile for Roman prisoners. Used as mine labours.

4 Dia (accus. case) = on account of.

The Initial Vision – The Multitudinous Christ

1 No def. art. To be seized, covered or held by spirit for purpose of vision and revelation. Cp. Ezek. 2:2, 3:14.

2 The day of the LORD – Mal. 4:1-2; Isa. 2:12; Acts 17:31; 1 Thess. 5:2.

3 All John was to see would be behind when the day of Yahweh came.


5 Best texts omit (RV and Diag).

6 Rep. ecclesias of all ages.

7 First visited from Patmos – Truth first spread from Ephesus.

1 Should be rendered "Lampstands". Reps. 7 Ecclesias v.20. Symbol of light of truth – Saints in dark world – Matt. 5:15-16. Made of gold (tried faith) and sustained by oil (Word) supplied by saints.

2 Title of Christ. Not Christ alone but multitudinous Christ of which he is head, Eph.4:13; cp Dan. 10:16.

3 Nakedness = sin, Rev 16:15. Christ garment fully covers sin, Gal. 3:26-28, Isa. 61:10; Gen. 3:21. ‘ponderes’ - root pous (foot); arco (to fasten); i.e. a garment that fully covers the body.


5 Righteousness (Isa 1:18) in thinking motivates whole body - Phil 2:5.

6 Reps. flesh purified, Ps. 51:7.

7 Intelligence and investigation – saints execute judgment.


12 opsis – aspect. The whole appearance.

13 Symbol of Yahweh, Ps. 84:11; Christ, Mal. 4:2; 2 Sam. 23:4; and of the saints in glory, Matt. 13:43 - to destroy darkness.


15 Indicates divine approval, Dan. 10:19.


17 Yahweh once manifested in a body of humiliation, Phil. 3:21.

18 Vit. "for the ages of the ages".

19 Power to unlock grave and bonds of mortality – 2 Tim. 1:10; Matt. 16:19; 1 Cor. 15:54-55.

20 Mysteron - that which is known to mustes or the initiated. Therefore the secret, cp. v.1.


23 Rep. of Ecclesia in all ages.

Chapter 2 and 3 “The Things Which Are” – Warning Messages

To The Ecclesias – Exhortations From Heaven

Ephesus – The Hard Ecclesia

1 The Spirit-appointed eldership.

2 Lit. “the ecclesia in Ephesus”. Names signifies “the desired one”. A city
These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hast kept my works, and hast not denied my name, even in the days of Antipas, my witness, who was slain among you, where I have my faithful and true witness; which thou hast, keep thou: but make thou remember the prophecies of the Lord Jesus, which he spake unto my servant Daniel, upon these matters.

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith he which is first and last, who is dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and thine tribulation, and thy poverty (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith he which hath the sharp

devoted to worship of Diana. Metropolis and commercial centre of Asia Minor. One of Asia’s eyes – Smyrna the other. A glorious city but noted today only for its ruins of temples, palaces and amphitheatres. Paul introduced truth - Acts 18:19. Apollos assisted v.24-26. Paul laboured 3 years (Acts 19), and made it his headquarters. Left Timothy in charge (1 Tim. 1:3) and on last journey called elders to Miletus to warn of apostasy (Acts 20:17-32). The Truth flourished in Ephesus.

6 The status and function of Christ. ‘holdeth’ is krateo – to hold firmly. Power exercised by Christ in ecclesias – Matt. 28:18. He is the master of their destinies.

7 Indicates activity – Christ active in ecclesias of 1st century through Spirit.

9 Christ interested in ecclesial development. It is his work.

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12 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Repeated at 2 Thessalonians 3:18.


14 R.V. “Thou hast patience and did bear for my sake”. They always kept Christ in view.

15 Labour without love is unacceptable. Original enthusiasm i.e. recover first love - Col 3:14.

16 Emphasises seriousness of their state. Motivation is critical. Without love, labour is empty.

17 Love and hate must find a place in life. Nicolaitanes are formed of 2 words - nicos – victory & laitos – people = vanquishers of the people. Errorists who introduced gentile philosophy – 1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16-18; 1Cor. 15:12.

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13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is; and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which I hate.(italicised words not in best texts)

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

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Seven Epochs of Ecclesial History

Bro. Thomas aligns the state of the seven ecclesias to the seven historical epochs covered by the seven seals.

A Long-range Prophecy (Suggested by Bro. HP Mansfield)

Ephesian Epoch – first love lost – at close of the apostolic era. From AD96 to about AD 110.

Smyrnan Epoch – persecution of ecclesia and manifestation of synagogue of Satan. From AD 110 to 312 when growing antagonism between the liberals and conservatives among believers led to division.

Pergamum Epoch – when Antipas was slain and Balaamites and Nicolaitanes flourished – the development of the papacy. AD 312 to 606.

Thyatiran Epoch – Jezebel in the ascendance. The full manifestation of the papal system in power. From AD 606 to 1572 when true witnessing came to an end.

Sardian Epoch – a name of repute but spiritually dead – the period of protestant reformation. From 1572 to 1847.

Philadelphia Epoch – the period of a little strength and an open door – the revival of the Truth in its purity. From 1847 to 1947.

Laodicean Epoch – a time of ecclesial complacency and general apathy to the Truth because of materialism. From about 1947 to the present.

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Thyatira – The Compromising Ecclesia

1 Truth started by the work of Lydia (Acts 16:14) and Paul while at Ephesus (Acts 19:8-10). 77 kms east of Pergamos. Noted for its trade guilds (e.g. Dyers). All workers members of unions. Pagan festivals famous. Paganism flourished.


3 Symbolises immoral judge.

4 Diakonian – the service of an attendant or a deacon.

5 Hupomene – an abiding under, endurance. The ecclesia noted for work and labour under trial.

6 R.V. “And that thy last works are more than the first”. They had increased their labour despite growth of apostasy. Works do not justify tolerance of error.

7 Texts omit ‘a few things’. Their problems were not trivial.

8 Eao - to let, permit, not to hinder. Woman symbol of ecclesiastical system. The activities of this group finally developed the great apostasy of Catholicism. The elders had not learnt the lesson of Jehu and the destruction of Ahab’s house - 2 Kings 9:10

9 Jezebel supervised false prophets of Baal who taught people – error was actively taught here.

10 Education was accompanied by inducement – planao = to cause to wonder, to lead astray.

11 Spiritual fornication – unfaithfulness to Christ and his truth.
27 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
28 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and she that commit adultery with her shall be given unto one of you according to your works.
29 And I will kill her children with death, and will not search her anymore; for her foundations are unrepentant.

REVELATION CHAPTER 3
1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and keep, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

7 To him that overcometh will I give the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

8 I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write him a new name in the temple of my God.

9 And I will write upon him that behoveth a new name: and I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him a new name.

10 He that is faithful and true: he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth:

11 To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars:

12 Behold, I come to open her sepulchre: and there shall be no more night; and they shall see the face of my Father which siteth on the throne.

13 Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write; These things saith he that is the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 If thouwert cold or hot, I would have been glad. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

19 The latter part of thy sins thou hast not amended, neither didst repent of thy doings; and I hate thy works.

20 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and keep, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

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### Philadelphia – On plain of Hermus. About 43 k.ms S.E. of Sardis. Destroyed by earthquake AD 17. Soon rebuilt. Today known as Alashheir – the city of God. Founded by Attalus 11 who was given the name Philadephus because of his loyalty to his elder brother Eumenes 11, King of Lydia. Significant in light of v.9. Ecclesia loyal to Christ their elder brother – heirs to a more enduring city v.12. A centre to spread Hellenism throughout Asia Minor. This letter begins and ends with reference to Christ being made consubstantial with Deity; i.e. Yahweh manifested immortally. |

### Philadelphia – The Beloved Ecclesia

1. **Brotherly love**. See box above.
3. no alethinos – the true one; i.e. the real, ideal, or genuine. Contrast to typical or shadowy.
5. All commendation.
6. Parenthesis in R.V. See use of term 1 Cor 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3. No need for fear in earnest contention for faith.
7. Some omit article (but not Bro. Thomas) – “Thou hast little strength; i.e. numerically. Each member active and vigorous.
8. See John 17:6-8.
9. Maintained principles of divine name.
10. didomi – give up (Diag.). 2 Thess. 2:10.
13. i.e. pay respect to a superior.
17. The Roman Empire - Rev 16:14.
18. tachu – swiftly, unexpectedly, quickly (not immediately).
19. The love of Christ v.9 (Col. 2:19).
21. Ecclesia commended as a whole, but salvation an individual matter.
22. Temple was God’s abode in Israel (1 Kings 8:11; 1 Cor. 6:19-20). Pillars – Jachin = He shall establish; Boaz = Strength ‘He shall establish by strong ones’. Represents royal priesthood of Israel - immortal (brass).
24. Thus constituted a member of body politic of new Jerusalem, the Lamb’s Bride Rev. 21:9-1: 2 Cor. 6:16.
25. True saints begotten from above – John 3:3; Jas. 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:2-4; Gal. 4:6. Manifestations of God
26. A name associated with his authority as King of Kings – Phil. 2:9; Eph. 1:21.

### Laodicea - south of Philadelphia on the way returning to Ephesus. A very large city situated in a volcanic region built on 7 hills. Three theatres and circus (one 30,000 capacity). In apostasy this ecclesia became mother church of 16 bishopricks. Thus foreshadowed Rome as Mother of Harlots. Often damaged by earthquakes but soon rebuilt through its wealth and the help of Emperors. Named in honour of Laodice, wife of Antiochus II (BC 261-246) who rebuilt the city. A famous banking and financial centre. Noted for soft black woolen cloth and eye and ear ointment. Also a famous medical school and a centre of pagan worship.

### Laodicea – The Complacent Ecclesia

1. See Mgn. – “in Laodicea”. Name sig. “justice of the people”.
4. They did not! (v.17). Spirit assesses the motive and source of all actions.
6. Suggests both are virtues to Christ.
neither cold nor hot, 8 I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 9  
Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; 10 and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 11 I counsel thee to buy from me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and 12 white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that 13 the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and 14 anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

17 18 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be 18 zealous therefore, and 19 repent. 19

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and 20 knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and 21 will sup with him, and he with me.

21 22 To him that overcometh will I grant 23 to sit with me in my throne, 2 even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

REVELATION CHAPTER 4

1 After this I looked, and behold, 2 a door was opened in 3 heaven: and 4 the first voice which I heard was as it were of a 5 trumpet talking with me: which said, 6 Come up hither, and 7 I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was 7 in the spirit: and, behold, 8 a throne was set in heaven, and 9 one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a 10 jasper and a 11 sardine stone: and there was a 12 rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an 13 emerald.

4 And 14 round about the throne were 15 four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw 16 four and twenty elders sitting, 17 clothed in white raiment, and they had on their heads 18 crowns of gold.
And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts.

Four Living Creatures

Four is number of perfect administration as exhibited in Israel - foursquare encampment; four leading tribes each with a standard – one of the faces of the Cherubim - Lion = Judah; Man = Reuben; Ox = Ephraim; Eagle = Dan (Num 2:3,10,18,25). Foreshadowed New Jerusalem (21:9-10). Represents perfect government of Christ manifested through saints. 24 elders portray saints in peaceful and priestly ministrations while 4 living creatures represent saints in warlike and governing activity.

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

An eye is the symbol of intelligence; and when a multitude of eyes are aggregated together, each eye indicates a particular or individual intelligence.” Bro. Thomas, Eureka vol.2 pg.54.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

REVELATION CHAPTER 5

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

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

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: Righteousness and immortality.

And I heard one of the elders saying to me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

And I beheld, and lo, 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 eyes on his head and ten horns.

Chapter 5 - The Seven Sealed Scroll – The Prevailing Lamb

Hand of privilege and strength. Christ as God manifest on throne. Cp. Rev 4:2. Biblion - scroll or a small book. Both sides – concerns events both within (Ecclesiastical) and without (Secular) Ecclesia – 2 Cor. 7:5.

Rolls of papyrus parchment were sealed progressively when rolled up by sealing certain turns of the roll together or by tying and appending a seal.


Opened and read at end of Jewish times – history unfolded progressively to end of gentile times.

Required sacrifice, resurrection and glorification of Christ. The purpose of God depended upon his victory.

John lived for future. Keen anxiety to understand God’s will and purpose – Hab. 1:2; Dan. 12:10; 1 Pet. 1:10. Such will receive a blessing – Matt. 7:7; James 1:5; Rev 1:3.

Revelation Chapter 6

Chapter 6 and 7 – The Seven Seals

REVELATION CHAPTER 6

First Seal – depicts a time of peace for Empire (white horse) during reigns of Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, the two Antonines and the first 3 years of Commodus. “The spirit of heaven” (the rider of the white horse), working through spirit agencies (the Christian community) aimed for victory over paganism of Roman Empire. This was to be accomplished by rapid growth of Christianity through evangelism (bow) despite continuing persecution. Finally accomplished when Constantine established pseudo-Christianity as state religion AD 312.

1 And 1 I saw 2 when the Lamb opened one of the

Cp. Gen. 49:8-10 (Judah = “praise”).

5 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood:

6 And I beheld, and, lo, 12 in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood 13 a Lamb as it had been slain, having 7 seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, 5 the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them 6 harps, and 7 golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood:

10 And hast made us unto our God 14 kings and priests: and 15 we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was 17 thousands of thousands, and thousands of thousands:

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

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Chapter 6 – The Four Horsemen Of The Apocalypse

1st Seal – Progress of Christianity – Empire at peace – AD 96-183

1 The true spirit of prophecy. Prophets called seers - 1 Sam. 9:9.

2 Scroll previously closed to human understanding v.4. Christ had prevailed to
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<th>Second Seal – Period of Commodus (183-193) who was strangled to death – Pertinax (193) who being virtuous was assassinated by the Praetorian Guard – Didius Julianus who gained power by paying 25,000 sesterces to each of the 15,000 Praetorian Guards. Was beheaded by them 63 days later – Septimius Severus (193-211) whose firm rule brought some relief to the empire, turned red by the Praetorian Guard.</th>
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| 3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.  
4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. |

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<th>2nd Seal - The Red Horse - Peace taken from the Earth - AD 183-211</th>
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| 1 Sin, bloodshed, war – Isa 1:18, 63:2  
2 Spirit agencies here the Praetorian Guard – 15,000 who tyrannised Rome by murder. Privileged class of soldiers who installed and assassinated Emperors.  
3 2000 died each day through murder, famine, pestilence. No effective government.  
4 Intercine strife and bloodshed.  
5 Machaira – short sword, dagger. An assassins weapon – worn by the Praetorian Guard. |

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<th>Third Seal – Period of Caracalla (211-217) who slew his brother Geta to seize the throne. By vicious misrule (slew 20,000 after Geta) and oppressive taxation of wealthy and farmers, brought about widespread famine and suffering. Assassinated by Macrinus (217) who was murdered by Egalabalus (217-222), a licentious tyrant who brought the empire very low by lust, waste and oppression. Famine, injustice and distress continued until reign of Alexander Severus (222-235) who ruled well guided by his mother until he also suffered the same fate as his predecessors. Like Egalabalus, Alexander was murdered by the army because he dared to reform their ranks. The whole empire suffered famine, privation, oppression and bloodshed.</th>
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| 5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.  
6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. |

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<th>3rd Seal - Black Horse - Famine and Distress - AD 212-235</th>
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| 1 Distress, intense depression of mind - Job 30:25-31. Mourning – Lam. 4:8  
2 Symbol of Emperors as administrators of law and justice. They and officials of Empire were riders of horse.  
3 Imperial decrees of Emperors.  
4 Christianity now widespread throughout the empire.  
6 Alleviation of distress under Alexander Severus – AD 222-235. |

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<th>Fourth Seal – Period of murder of Alexander Severus (235) to 18th year of Diocletian (303). Rapacious Thracian Maximinus appointed emperor by army was first of many Emperors and pretenders who became a class of agents known as “Death”. In 50 years violence and bloodshed in Italy, and famine and pestilence throughout empire, and wars with barbarians accounted for the death of half the human race. In 50 years from 235, 39 men who had gained or sought the throne died violent deaths. The empire began to fall apart for lack of leadership as men vied for power and because those who gained it used it to destroy and corrupt. Famine, raging inflation and plague were the result of the corruption and confusion in Rome. Only Diocletian (284) managed to restore a semblance of political stability to the empire.</th>
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| 7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.  
8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. |

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<th>4th Seal - Pale Horse - Widespread Violence and Death - AD 235-303</th>
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| 1 Chlorus - pale green. Colour of death.  
2 During 50 yrs 39 men claiming throne died violent deaths.  
3 Hades – the grave.  
4 Exouxia – authority (see margin).  
5 Previous seals affected whole Empire which was divided into 4 praefectures. This seal would be judgment upon Italian division, though still affecting whole empire.  
6 Thruphousia – long (Thracian) sword. Used by Maximin (235).  
7 Famine, pestilence and murder destroyed ½ empire’s population. |
Fifth Seal – From 284 to 303 Christians enjoyed relative tranquility. Resulted in decline and division between Novatians (or puritans) and the followers of Cornelius (the Catholics). Empire had four rulers – Diocletian and Maximian (Augusti), and Constantius (west) and Galerius (east). The latter began severe persecution in 303. Diocletian and Maximian abdicated 305. Rivalry resulted in empire having 6 rulers. Constantine succeeded his father in west and influenced Galerius and Licinius to tolerate Christians. Galerius and Maximin died 311 and Maximin assumed power in east and Italy, and began severest persecution of Christians until his death in 313. So terrible was the persecution that even hardened pagans recoiled in horror, and Maximin himself died in frantic torment at the horrors of his own violent persecution.

5th Seal - Ecclesial Tribulation - AD 303-311

1 No voice of Living Creatures here. Christianity now disunited and apostate.
3 Life = blood (Lev. 17:11). Poured out on Christ altar in sacrifice.
5 Martyred for sake of truth because of witness for Christ.
8 Despotes - owner, ruler, master, lord or king. Denotes absolute power to grant petitions.
9 i.e. Roman Empire 13:11-14.
11 Cp. context Ps. 94.
12 10 yr period of persecution under Diocletian soon to end in total change in Empire’s constitution.
13 Represents nominal Christians - the apostate Catholics – in majority.
14 Faithful class – Novatians in minority.
15 R.V. (Mgn.) - “have fulfilled their course”.

Sixth Seal – Began with Empire ruled by four emperors under paganism in 312, and ended with Constantine as sole emperor and apostate Christianity as the state religion in 324. Victories over Maxentius at Milvian Bridge, and over Licinius at Adrianople in 324 assured rise of papal system. Constantine’s edict of tolerance was gained by abandonment of true Christianity.

6th Seal - National Upheaval - Pagan Rome becomes Christian - AD 312-324

1 Represents political upheaval of “earth” – cp. Rev. 8:5; 11:13; 16:18.
2 Represents ruler of political heavens. Pagan sun subjected to eclipse.
3 Symbol of mourning – i.e. by Pagans.
4 Reflects light of sun = state religion - overthrown by war.
5 Prominent statesmen – Dan. 12:3. Pagan rulers ejected from power.
6 Denotes winter figs or such as grow under leaves - do not ripen. Fall easily in spring. Cp. fall of pagan system - sudden and violent.
7 Symbol of movement of armies – Jer. 4:11-13; Dan. 7:2. Refers to wars of Constantine.
8 Drawn from Isa. 34:4. The entire pagan system to be overthrown.
9 Symbolises isolated places normally immune from disturbances. Earthquake would affect all Empire - all levelled under Constantine.
10 Drawn from Isa. 2:10. See fall of paganism - 2 Thess. 2:6-8.
11 Constantine – 1st Christian Emperor.
12 i.e. as Pagans saw it. Regarded Constantine’s christians as Christ’s true representatives.
13 Again, as both pagans and apostate Christians viewed the victory.

Chapter 7 – Sealing The Servants of God

The Sealing of the 144,000

1 Touteo (sing.) - “after this”; i.e. triumph of church to political power AD 324.
standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

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,

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees. Till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands:

And cried with a loud voice, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and


Wind = armies and war - Jer. 4:11-12; Dan. 7:2. These held in restraint by God to allow peace for growth of Christianity. Lasted 324-396.


The 5th (Grace). Represents true ecclesia as divine agency on mission of grace – preaching truth.

Bro. Thomas - “having ascended” (Gr. in past tense). Work of spreading Christianity well advanced by Constantine’s time AD 324.


Symbolises urgency of mission.

Ecclesia prays for peace to advance Truth - 1 Tim. 2:1-2.

Derived from Ezek. 9:4; cp. Ex. 28:36-39. Represents mental and moral likeness with God through influence of truth. Sealing continues until end. i.e. of all ages. AD 324-396 just one period of divine sealing, therefore a representative period.

144,000 represent whole number of redeemed (14:3 & 7:9). 12 = perfect government. 12x12 = fixedness (of organisation) and full completion. 12 represents tribes of Israel. 144 represents families of Israel. Hebrew alphabet serves for 1 and 1000 – denoting the head of the family and the family derived from him – note use Josh. 22:14; 1 Sam. 10:19; Mic. 5:2; Jud. 6:15. Hence 144,000 symbolises the true families of Israel joined in perfect civil organisation for the purpose of government - Christ’s government in Millennium comprising Jew and Gentile as the true Israel of God.

Jew and Gentile incorporated into one Israelitish hope – Acts 28:20; Eph. 2:10-13. The true Israel of God = Gal. 6:16; Rom. 2:28-29; 9:6-7; Phil. 3:3.

Praise. Listed first, cp. Rev. 5:5; Gen. 49:8-10.

“See a son”.

“Company”.

“Blessed”.

“Wrestling”.

“Forgetting”.

“Hearing”.

“Joined”. Had no inheritance under Law. Now replaced by Melchizedek priesthood – Ezek. 44:15; Rev. 5:9-10.

“Reward”.

“Dwelling”.


“Son of the right hand”.


The Rejoicing Redeemed

At return of Christ - sealing completed.


Cp. Rev. 5:6 - the glorified redeemed.


So all humanity might hear.


Two aspects of manifestation in Christ – as God the source of salvation, and Lamb the means of salvation.

R.V. - “were standing”. Scene of great celebration - Christ's public coronation. Angels present – Heb. 1:6; Ps. 2:6; Ps. 45.

The redeemed. See Rev. 4:4-6.

Angels form outer circle around elders and living creatures indicating their
worshipped God.
12 Saying, 3 Amén: 4 Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amén.
13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, 5 What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they 10 before the throne of God, and 11 serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne 12 shall dwell among them.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither shalt any man any more hunger upon them, nor any heat.
17 For 18 the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and 18 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**REVELATION CHAPTER 8**

1 And when he had 1 opened the seventh seal, there was 2 silence in heaven 3 about the space of 4 half an hour.

2 And I saw 5 the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven 6 trumpets.

3 And 7 another angel came and stood at 6 the altar, having 8 a golden censer; and there was given unto him 10 much incense, 11 that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon 12 the golden altar which was before the 13 throne.

4 And the 14 smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, 15 ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.
5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it 16 with 17 fire of the altar, and 18 cast it into the earth: 19 and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an 20 earthquake.
6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 

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

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

9 The third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters:

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

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood:

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night.
REVELATION CHAPTER 9

1And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2And 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 by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5And to them it was given that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a fire; but they had not power to kill any man.

6And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and they shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

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

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

9And 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.

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

Chapter 9 – The Sounding of the First Two Woe Trumpets

1Against Eastern Empire – Constantinople.
2In past tense. A star from heaven fallen. Mahomet (star) fled from Mecca to Medina 622 – began his movement.
3Rejected by rulers, he turned to the people (earth) for support.
5phrear abussos – the pit of the abyss. Pit refers to the shaft or way to abyss or sea – Rom. 10:7, Lk. 8:31. Hence nations where Harlot ruled - 17:15. That way was through Arabia, Palestine and Syria to Europe. Mahomet ruled them but not Europe.
6Represents wrath and war – Deut. 29:20, Ps. 74:1. Conquest of Arabia by Mahomet’s successor Abubeker warned eastern empire of fire to come as Saracens advanced.
7phrear – shaft. i.e. the way into Europe.
8Byzantine authority eclipsed. Damascus taken 634 and Jerusalem in 637.
9Symbol of desolating and destroying army – Jud. 6:3-6; Joel 1 = Arabs/Saracens.

10exousia – delegated authority, ability. Arabs united and inspired by Mahomet.
11Sting painful but not fatal. Induces extreme inflammation and raging temperature - effect of Arab attacks on Empire.
12Contrary to habit of locusts. Tried to overthrow systems and nations not destroy people (grass) – Isa. 40:6-8. Abubeker thus instructed his troops.
13Saracens destroyed men of religious orders but not the common people.
14Saracens not to overthrow Eastern Empire – twice besieged Constantinople – 668-675 and 715-718 but not taken.
15Incapacitated and terrified Empire but did not produce political death.
16Rulers sought relief from Saracen attacks by every means except becoming Mohammedans – no other way of escape.
17True of a scorpion’s bite – great distress.
18See Joel 2:4. Head of locust like horse. Arab skilful horseman – cavalry and horse drawn artillery used in war.
19Yellow turbans of Saracens looked like crowns of gold.
20Bearded Arabs contrasted with shaven Romans.
21The long flowing uncut hair of Arabs of those times (Pliny – Nat. History Volume 6, page 28)
22See Joel 1:6. Represents strength and ferocity of Saracens in war.
23Locusts had firm and hard cuticle on forepart of breast. Symbol of breastplates worn by ancient warriors.
24See Joel 2:5. Suggests innumerable Arabian cavalry.
25Dragged artillery into battle and swung horses around to face the cannon towards enemy. Arabs introduced “Saracen Fire” into war – precursor to artillery.
26Normal period of locust activity – May to September in Arabia. 2 periods of 5 months are used – see v.5. To conform to this phenomena, 10 months or 300
11 And they had 6 a king over them, which is 7 the angel of the 8 bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is 9 Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name 10 Apollyon.

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

Sixth Trumpet – The Turks or Tartars originated in the far east and migrated to Euphratean area. The Seljuk Turks under Togrel Beg established power from Bosphorus to China and in 1058 deposed Saracen Caliph relegating him to spiritual head of Mahomedans. He and his successors made war on the remnants of the Eastern Empire provoking the crusades. The Mongols under Genghis Khan and successors ravaged all Asia and eastern Europe during 12th and 13th centuries thus causing the demise of the Seljuks and allowing rise of Ottoman Turks in Asia Minor. The Mongols of India drove Ottomans westward and they finally took Constantinople in 1453 after attacks in 1397 and 1422 which were repulsed. Thus four invasions from beyond Euphrates brought an end to Byzantine Empire. The Ottoman Empire continued to expand throughout Europe and Asia.

13 And the 1 sixh angel sounded, and I heard 2 a voice from the four horns of 3 the golden altar which is before God,
14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, 4 Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
15 And 5 the four angels were loosed, which were prepared 6 for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay 8 the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were 9 two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.
17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, 10 having breastplates of fire, and of 11 jacinth, and 12 brimstone: and 13 the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions: 14 and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
15 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
16 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: 1 for their tails were like unto serpents, 2 and had heads, and with them do hurt.
17 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet 4 repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not 5 worship devils, and 6 idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: - see Ps.115:4-7
21 Neither 7 repented they of their 6 murders, nor of their 8 sorceries, nor of their 9 fornication, nor of their 10 thefts, nor of their 11 covetousness, nor of their 12 vanities.

6th Trumpet and 2nd Woe – Rise of the Turkish Empire – AD 1062

1 Cp. 16:12 – Turks dried up by sixth vial.
2 Answer to prayers of persecuted saints made on Christ-Alter – 8:3.
3 Incense altar – prayer = Rev. 5:8.
4 Four divisions of Turks who invaded Eastern Empire in four waves – Seljukins, Moguls, Tartars and Ottomans. Angels = sent by Yahweh.
5 epi – at or by. Marauding Turks settled area at source of Euphrates – source of Turkish Empire – 16:12.
6 Bro. Thomas – “And the 4 angels having been prepared were loosed ...”. Attacked Eastern Roman Empire.
7 Computed on Lunar year. Represents period of 391 days and 1 hour. Thus, day for a year = 391 years and 1 month. From 27 April 1062 when Togrol Beg established himself in Islamic authority by marrying the Caliph’s daughter to the overthrow of Constantinople by Mahomet II on 28 May 1453.
8 “Year” – eniantor – that which goes or returns upon itself. Refers to solar year. Thus period of 396 years, 121 days. From January 1057 when Togrol Beg left Baghdad to commence his career of conquest to May 1453.
9 Europe in 3 parts. West (Holy Roman Empire), Papacy (Image of Beast), East (Byzantine or Dragon Power). With fall of Constantinople in 1453, the eastern third was destroyed.
10 Unusual appearance due to new weapon – cannon. Suggestive of breastwork of cannon faced into battle upon which muzzle mounted.
11 Hyacinthine – a colour of deep purple or reddish blue = bluish smoke of gunpowder used in cannon.
12 Sulphur. Gives off bluish smoke.
13 Roar of cannon like lion. Alp Aslan signifies “the valiant lion”.
14 Cannon dragged into battle, horses then swung around to fire – muzzle became the mouth.
15 Constantinople which had resisted the Saracens fell to the Turks because of gunpowder and the cannon. Thus in 1453 the Eastern Third of Roman Empire died politically.
16 Cannon dragged was tall but turned facing battle became the mouth or head.
17 Serpent coils tail to launch attack. Descriptive of breech-loaded cannon. Ball blasted from base of cannon.
18 Muzzle was head from which belched fire, smoke and brimstone. Bro. Thomas “bullets”.
19 The Papacy and western Catholic institutions remained intact.
20 West did not see fall of east as a warning to repent of idolatry.
21 Demons = to the Greeks an inferior race of divine beings who ministered between the chief gods and man. Catholics worshipped departed spirits in similar way – 1 Tim. 4:1.
22 Idol worship of Catholic Church.
23 See 2:5. The opportunity to repent is limited by time – Rev. 10:6; 11:1,3,14. Hatred and persecution of God’s true servants.
1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon 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 upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth.

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: 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 unto me, Seal up those words which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by that which is open in the hand of the angel, and that he should prophesy no more.

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

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

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

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again.
REVELATION CHAPTER 11

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore 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 any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

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

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

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

And again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.
And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

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

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

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were 1 great voices in heaven, saying, 2 The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, 6 which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple 1 the ark of his testament; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman 4 clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Cp. v.3. Political and religious opposition to Catholicism directed against its adherents ("earth").
Revival of political and religious witnessing - revolution/protestantism.
Spirit of American Revolution came to France – pressure for democracy and liberty resulted in elections for the Estates-General in 1788.
Catholic aristocracy feared growth of democratic forces – Louis XVI invited commoners into parliament in equal numbers to nobles and clergy.
French government invited people to air their grievances.
The Estates-General consisting of all classes convened 5 May 1789.
Allowed commoners to ascend to positions of government in France.
610 deputies elected by people. Their influence was resisted, but they refused to be intimidated and proclaimed a national assembly and began to wield real power.
Church and state authorities were alarmed and urged the king to restrict their growth.
Refer Eureka vol. 5 pg. 34. Refers to a month of 30 days = 30 years (day for year principle). French Revolution lasted 30 years (1789-1819).
France one of the ten 'toes' of Rome.
Gk. onoma anthropo - "names of men". 7 = complete. Revolution abolished all clerical and civil titles – aristocracy completely overthrown.
Hereditary nobility slain - all men leveled as "citizens" of the state.
Within a few months of Sep. 1793, 40,000 slain in a reign of terror, ordered by revolutionary authorities. Churches were plundered and closed - enemies of the people were exterminated by mass killings.

Proclamation inaugurating the millennial reign of Christ from seat of his government.
Singular in Gk. RV – “kingdom” – one kingdom of men (Dan. 4:17).
Lit. "the ages of the ages" – the Millennium.
See notes Rev. 4:4, 10-11.
Yahwe Elohim Sabaoth – “He who shall be mighty ones of armies”. Kingdom is established through armies manifesting Yahweh’s power.
3rd phrase not in Gk. – cp. Rev. 1:4. In the kingdom Yahweh will have been manifested.
See 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Cor. 15:2-3; 1 Thess. 4:16; Rom. 2:5,16.
diaphtheiro - utter corruption. From dia – through, and phtheiro – to destroy by corrupting. See use 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 4:22. Noun phthora used of physical dissolution - Rom. 8:21; 1 Cor. 15:42,50, hence, corruption of earth morally and physically leading to destruction.
The Nave or Most Holy – Yahweh’s throne in Israel - Ex. 25:22. Christ and saints the temple (Most Holy) in Millennium (2 Cor. 6:16).
Lit. “in the heaven”. See Rev. 4:1.
Roth. – "covenant". Represents the redeemed Christ community – Rom. 3:25.

CHAPTERS 12-14 - THE DEVELOPMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF THE BEAST, HIS IMAGE AND ORGANISATION

Chapter 12 - Development of the Roman Apostasy
Birth of the Man-child
1 semeion – sign, token, indication.
2 Political heaven – Roman Empire.
3 Ecclesiastical system – cp. 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:23. Ecclesia once virgin, now
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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 upon 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 which was ready to be delivered, for 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 unto God, and to his throne.

6 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and判断 surrounded with judgment: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast or his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands;

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

8 But they prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast into the Bottomless Pit, and his angels were cast out with him;

10 And I heard a loud voice saying, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of judgment is come: and worshipped him that sat on the throne, and the Lamb; and be ye faithful unto death.

11 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and判断 surrounded with judgment: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast or his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands;

12 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, blessing and honour and glory and power be unto our God for ever and ever. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped him that sat on the throne, saying, Amen. And one of the elders saith unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence come they?

13 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation; and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

14 Wherefore are ye standing here this day in the way of the house of Israel? say unto them, The prophet said, Say ye unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye also of the house of Israel? Fear not what ye have seen in the hallowed place.

15 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation; and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

16 And they said unto me, Wherefore doth he call their names Holiest of Holies?

17 And he answered and said, Because they are holiness and are made holy by me, saith the Lord God.

18 And it came to pass after this, that I looked, and, lo, a great multitude which had no rod: and behold a great white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow. And he stood as if ready to take battle.

19 And he stood as if ready to take battle;

20 And he stood as if ready to take battle;}
angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

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

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

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

This demands a change in the character of the serpent power for it was to persecute the woman for 1260 years. The dragon is the symbol of the civil and military power of Rome which up to 312-324 AD had been pagan. When Constantine came to power the empire became “Christian” but in fact this was only a paganised Christianity. The state Catholic Church persecuted its remnants who protested against its pagan ways. Hence, the dragon came in time to represent the “Christian” civil and military authorities under Constantine and his successors.

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

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.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

REVELATION CHAPTER 13

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw
a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his head the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto 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.

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.

1260 Years of Papal Rule
529-533 to 1789-1793 – from decrees of Justinian in support of Papacy to French Revolution.
549-554 to 1809 – from Justinian’s Pragmatic Sanction giving Pope control of Municipal and Provincial governments to Napoleon’s annexation of Papal States.
608-610 to 1868-1870 – Decree of Phocas proclaiming Pope head of all churches to loss of Papal Temporal power.

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

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies: and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth: and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

And doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

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

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

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

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or his number.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

The Development of the Beast of the Earth and Its Image

The Holy Roman Empire – another stage of Papal ascendancy in Europe.

Rose out of central Europe based on the empire of Charlemagne – not confined to Mediterranean countries.

Religious power (Pope) and military power (Emperor).

Claimed to be Christian ("Holy" Roman Empire).

Symbol of paganised military imperialism. HRE was founded on the military ambitions of Charlemagne; succeeded Constantinople as military power behind papal system (pagan).

Bro. Thomas and Diag. – "in his presence". 1st beast (v.1) was not destroyed – what remained was papacy and catholicised 10 horns out of which arose HRE.

The papal alliance with Charlemagne resulted in whole of Europe submitting to papal political power (Beast of the Sea - v.5).

i.e. give political and religious allegiance to the papal organisation.

Suggests possibility of deception and misunderstanding.

Name and number provided for identification of system depicted by beast.

Suggests possibility of deception and misunderstanding.

Papal decrees were pressed upon the empire with full support of Charlemagne and his successors (2 Thess. 2:4).

Denotes wonders or signs – Catholic theological deceptions which captivated its adherents – 2 Thess. 2:9.

HRE established in sight of the other horns (Europe) – from their midst.

An authoritative mandate directed to all apart from those in "heavenlies" – the true ecclesia – v.6.
REVELATION CHAPTER 14

1And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.

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

3And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders:

4These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

5And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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

7Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

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

9And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast, and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day and night.

12And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is come to men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God shall be with them, and be their God.

13And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

14And he that was dead came to life, and the tomb was opened: and, lo, his body which was put to the tomb was not there; for it was rolled away.

15And many nations were gathered together against him; and they were not able to stand before him, neither was any sword found in their hand.

16And he that sat on the cloud spake unto them, saying, Go forth into the four winds of the heaven, and gather together all the nations unto the great day of my judgment; for so shall it be, as ye heard that I have declared.

17Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, Gather yourselves together, all ye nations, and arise against Babylon, for there is granted unto her a reward from the Lord God of hosts.

18For thus saith the Lord God of hosts: Behold, I will smite with a stroke that is death, and with none other stroke: and they shall walk in the error of Babylon, and make iniquity in the midst thereof; and Babylon shall fall, and shall not rise, neither shall any rise out of her, and any more shall be found that gather together the tabernacles of her that dwell therein.

19Then came out the angel that spake unto the women, and presented Jesus the Nazarene, crucified.

20And they that had been with him from Galilee followed him, and did minister unto him.

21And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and, behold, a great dragon, having ten horns, and seven heads, full of sores; and his tail succesively to the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

22And the dragon was angry against the woman, and went to war with the woman, and with her seed, who is the bruised serpent.

23And he took his sharp sword, and his sharp stone, and smote the dragon, and smote it not to death.

24And the dragon was angry against the woman, and went to war with the woman, and with her seed, who is the bruised serpent.

25And he took his sharp sword, and his sharp stone, and smote the dragon, and smote it not to death.
14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, saying, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

17 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.

18 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

REVELATION CHAPTER 15

1 And I saw another sign in heaven. Great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had obtained the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of...
God, and \(^{14}\) the song of the Lamb, saying, \(^{14}\) Great and marvellous are thy works, \(^{15}\) Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

\(^{4}\) Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for \(^{17}\) all nations shall come and worship before thee; \(^{18}\) for thy judgments are made manifest.

\(^{5}\) And \(^{1}\) after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

\(^{6}\) And \(^{5}\) the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in \(^{6}\) pure and white linen, and having their breasts \(^{7}\) girded with golden girdles.

\(^{7}\) And one of the \(^{8}\) four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

\(^{8}\) And \(^{10}\) the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his presence; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

### REVELATION CHAPTER 16

\(^{1}\) And I heard \(^{1}\) a great voice out of \(^{2}\) the temple saying to the seven angels, \(^{3}\) Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

\(^{2}\) And the first went, and poured out his vial upon \(^{4}\) the earth: and \(^{5}\) there fell \(^{6}\) a noisy and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of \(^{7}\) the beast, and upon them which worshipped \(^{9}\) his image.

\(^{3}\) And the second angel poured out his vial upon \(^{1}\) the sea: and it became as \(^{2}\) the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

\(^{4}\) And the third angel poured out his vial upon \(^{1}\) the rivers and fountains of waters; and \(^{2}\) they became blood.

\(^{5}\) And I heard the angel of the waters say, \(^{3}\) Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, \(^{4}\) and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

\(^{6}\) For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and \(^{7}\) thou hast given them blood to drink: for they are worthy.

\(^{7}\) And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, \(^{7}\) Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are

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### The Temple Opened in Heaven

1. Details now given of how God’s judgements lead to consummation seen in V. 14.
2. Gr. Nave = The Most Holy. The realm of immortality set before the saints - now occupied by angels.
4. Refers to establishment of Millennial government.
5. The saints are the 7th angel (16:17). The angels who minister to them (Heb. 1:14) represent them during the first 6 vials.
8. Represent military/kingly role of saints (4:6). Last seen 6:7 in era when ecclesia succumbed to apostasy. Reintroduced to complete judgements on the Apostasy.
9. Gr. phialis = bowls.

### The Seven Vials of Divine Wrath Poured Out

#### 1st Vial – The French Revolution AD 1789

2. This is where the 7 angels came from – 15:6. Represents the final consolation set before the saints.
3. The decisive events of history are not left to chance. See Dan. 4:17.
4. The territory of the Roman Empire (8:7).
5. ginomai = Lit. “there came to pass”.
6. kakos = evil.
7. poneros = hurtful. Lit. “an evil, malignant ulcer”. The French Revolution was a local ulcer that soon infected the whole of Europe through the career of Napoleon.
8. The Holy Roman Empire – 13:11.

#### 2nd Vial – Britain Rules the Sea – 1793

1. Britain dominated the sea from 1793. Napoleon’s successes were restricted to Catholic Europe as God intended.
2. The British blockade of Europe cut off the circulation of trade by sea.

#### 3rd Vial – Napoleon’s Victories in the Alpine District - 1796

1. Refers to northern Italy, Switzerland and adjoining mountainous area, the scene of 3rd Trumpet (8:10).
2. The lakes region became the battleground for Napoleon’s campaigns against Austrian power in Italy between 1796 and 1800. He won 26 battles in 1796 and 1797.
3. Because the judgements were against the Catholic heartland where many of God’s servants had been persecuted and killed.
4. Bro. Thomas retains this translation. Some texts have ho hosios – “thou holy one”.
5. Napoleon’s campaigns were divine vengeance on the Catholic system and prefurred the judgements to come by Christ and saints.
6. Harks back to the prayer of 6:9 many centuries before. Shows the power of prayer.
thy judgments.
8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon
the sun; and 3power was given unto him 3to
scorch men with fire. 9 And men were 3scorched with great heat, and
5blasphemed the name of God, which hath power
over these plagues: and 3they repented not to give
him glory.
10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon
the seat of the beast; and 3his kingdom was full
of darkness; and 3they gnawed their tongues for
pain.
11 4And blasphemed the God of heaven because
of their pains and their sores, and repented not of
their deeds.
12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon
the great river Euphrates; and 3the water thereof
was dried up, that 3the way of the 3kings of the
east might be prepared.
13 And I saw three 1unclean spirits like 3frogs
out of the 3mouth of the dragon, and out of the
mouth of 3the beast, and out of the mouth of
10 the false prophet.

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<td>3. To be awake to prevent entry of unclean &amp; forbidden.</td>
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| 14 For they are 11the spirits of 12devils, working
13 miracles, which go forth unto 4the kings of the
earth and of the whole world, to gather them to
the 18battle of that great day of God Almighty. |
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| 15 Behold, I come as a 17thief. Blessed is he that
18 watcheth, and 19keepest his garments, lest he walk 20 naked, and they see his shame. |
| 16 And 21 he gathered them together into a place
called in the Hebrew tongue 22Armageddon. |

| 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into
the 3air; and there came a great voice out of 2the
temple of heaven, from 4 the throne, saying, 9It is
done. |
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| 18 And there were voices, and 3thunders, and
lightnings; and there was 7a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. |
| 19 And 4 the great city was divided into 9three
parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great
Babylon came in remembrance before God, to

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<td>2 Not in Gr. text – should be “it” (Bro. Thomas).</td>
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<td>3 “with” is en – in, within. Fire = war (Isa. 42:24-25). Napoleon drew men into wars that scorched them.</td>
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<td>4 Napoleon’s victories over Austrian, Russian and Prussian armies in 1805 and 1806 brought disaster for the allied powers.</td>
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<td>2 Holy Roman Empire was abolished in 1806 and Pope taken captive and exiled in 1809.</td>
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REVELATION CHAPTER 17

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither: I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon 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.

3 And I saw a woman 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:

4 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

5 And I saw a 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.

6 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

7 And the beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and yet is, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

The Harlot System of Rome Described

1 The Angel of the 7th Vial. A work of judgement to be performed in which John personally involved.

2 Deuro - "come along". i.e. to accompany angel in work of judgement (18:6,20).

3 Final result of apostasy of 1st Century Ecclesia (2 Cor. 11:1-3; Rev. 12:1-2).

4 Drawn from Jer. 51:13. (Cp. v.15)

5 Paramour of world rulers - fusion of church and state. Cp. Jer. 2; Ezek. 16; Hos. 2.


7 Magogian Europe - the Holy Roman Empire. A wilderness of the people (Ezek. 20:35). Not part of the Empire in AD96.

8 A harlot ecclesiastical system (2 Cor. 11:1-2; Eph. 5:31-32) - the Catholic Church (v.18).


10 Blasphemous claims (2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:1).

11 See v.7,9,12.

12 Colours of the Pope & cardinals - rep. royalty & sacrifice. The camouflage of a harlot.

13 Baubles designed to deceive.


16 A practice of ancient harlots.

17 Once engraved on Papal tiara.

18 Rome calls herself "Mother & mistress of all the churches".

19 Protestant churches who borrowed Catholic doctrine & practice.

20 The Spirit's view of all denominations linked by doctrine to Rome.

21 Intoxicated with success of its suppression of opposition.

22 Roth. "And I was astonished....with great astonishment."

The Secret Revealed to John

1 Angel of the 7th Vial - John was part of this angel.

2 Roth. "the secret".

3 Roth. "wild beast".

4 Beast of the sea but in its final manifestation - i.e. last 30 years of its existence before destruction by Christ (v.12-14). Roth. "The wild beast" (Dan. 7:3).

5 Roth. "and is about to come up out of the abyss". (Rev. 13:1).


7 Roth. "will be astonished". The adherents of Catholicism will be astonished like John.


9 I.e. all saints from all ages are part of Angel of 7th Vial.

10 Papal political power was established 529-610 AD then overthrown (v.16) 1789-1870.

11 Roth. "and shall be present". i.e. is yet to be revealed in another period of power (v.17).
And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

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

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

REVELATION CHAPTER 18

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

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

The System Destroyed

After events of 17:16 (1789-1870) and before events of 17:11-14.

The Rainbowed Angel - Rev. 10:1.

Present participle - descent in stages - right hand, Sinai, Zion, Babylon. exousia - authority.

Sun - Mal. 4:2; Matt. 13:43; Rev. 16:12; 2 Thess. 2:8.

Bro. Thomas - “he shouted in power”.

Christ and Saints Destroy Harlot

During the 40 years “3rd Angel” judgements of Rev. 14:17-20.


Like Abraham - called (Isa. 51:2); chosen (Neh. 9:7); & faithful (Rom. 4:13).

History of Beast and Whore

1 Change of subject - describes an earlier phase of the relationship between the Church and horn kingdoms.

2 I.e. to exercise control over.


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Babylon’s Violent Overthrow

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Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God which judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, and she shall be utterly burned with fire.

And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were sold unto her, and whose price is waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.


The Papal institution survives the destruction foretold in this chapter, for the Pope is found at the head of the armies that oppose Christ in the subsequent war (Rev. 19:19-20). R.R. 13 Lect. Pg 155
made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing.

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!

For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as were on sea, cried, and cried, and cried, what city is like unto this great city!

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all in the earth; for by thy merchants are made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets: for God hath avenged you on her.

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

REVELATION CHAPTER 19

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia: Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

pentheo - to grieve, mourn.

Cp. v.12-13 - the articles of trade listed are here worn by the harlot = the reward of whoredom.

Rome itself, and all its environs, will be engulfed in the fiery abyss that underlies the site on which it is built and of which Vesuvius may be considered the chimney. 13 Lectures Pg.153

Roth. - "pilot, and every passenger & mariners". Represents clergy (once called "sky-pilots") & their ‘flocks’ and accomplices.

Spiritual merchants who sell among ‘nations’ (17:15).

Survivors continue rebellion (16:21; 17:14).


Drawn from Ezek. 27:30 (cp. context).

timiotes - expensiveness, i.e. magnificence.

The Rejoicing of the Redeemed

The new heavens = Christ’s government (4:1).

Post-Resurrectional - cp.17:1.

Not O.T. prophets but leaders of ecclesiias who opposed the growing apostasy and were persecuted.

Rome’s Violent Overthrow

Cp. v.1. The multitudinous Christ.


Peoples & nations who will feel impact of Rome’s judgements.

See Jer. 25:10 - Symbol of joy. Rome’s pageantry and self adulation will cease. Music employed to deceive.

The work of artisans no longer devoted to Rome.

The humblest occupation ceases because Rome is utterly destroyed.

There is no such collection of precious articles and art treasures in the whole world as there is in Rome. The interior walls of St. Peters are enriched with a mighty collection of precious articles and art treasures. “Candle” = lamp. Total darkness = oblivion.

Rome’s control of every aspect of life will cease (Jer. 25:10).

Commercialised religion developed out of 1st Century ecclesia (2 Pet. 2:3). Refers to clergy of Roman Catholicism.

pharmakeia - drugs. Used Gal.5:20 translated “witchcraft”.

hagios - sacred, set apart.

The Marriage of the Lamb and the Conquest of the Nations

The Marriage Come

I.e. the destruction of Rome (Chp.18).

Christ’s new government (4:1).

“Praise ye Yah”, 11th time by Saints after Rome destroyed. Cp. Ps. 111 to 117 & 146 to 150. Bro. Thomas refers to Ps.95 to 100 as being fulfilled at this era.

In the Greek there is a definite article before the words "Salvation", “glory”, “honor”, and “power”.

Rome identified - Rev. 17:1,18.


See 2 Kings 9:7.

deuteros - a second time. First the city is destroyed (18:2,16,18), then 30 years later the system.
4 And 9 the four and twenty elders and 10 the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, 11 Amen; Alleluia.

5 And 12 a voice came out of 13 the throne, saying, 14 Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and 7 as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the wrath of Almighty God.

7 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

8 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto 1 the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true savings of God.

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11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 And his eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man 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 upon 12 white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his 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 fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and 18 the great voice of God.
gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that 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 him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

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

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

there, temporarily victorious over the dragon. Now the multitudinous Christ occupies the place of authority to destroy that system.

3 Cp. 14:6-7; Ps. 2:10-12.
4 Symbol of nations including Israel - Dan. 4:12; Matt. 13:32; Jer. 12:9; Ezek. 39:17; Isa. 46:11; Num. 23:24.
5 i.e. having political independence from the Catholic system.
6 Invited to endorse divine judgement.
7 Sacrificial feast to establish covenant - Jer. 34:18-19.
8 Nations ruled by beast. Cp. 17:12.
9 All symbols of war (Ps. 46:9).
10 i.e. statesmen (6:2).
11 Revival of Catholic power in Europe after destruction of Rome. Cp. 17:12-14; Ps. 2.

Flesh" is used 6 times between vv.18-21, and only 1 in the rest of the book. The beast and the false prophet are the surviving political and religious manifestation of flesh (6 is the number of flesh).

12 This is the revived beast of the earth - Destroyed at the end of 40 years of judgement.
13 The Papacy is revived after Rome is destroyed (Rev.18). This is the 4th beast of Dan.7 totally destroyed.
14 Europe as the cauldron of divine judgement. Cp. Dan. 7:11.
15 i.e. these subject nations assist in and endorse the judgements on Catholic Europe and adherents.

REVELATION 20-22
CULMINATION OF THE 3 GREAT COVENANTS
The last three chapters of the Bible contain visions of the glory to come in the Kingdom Age and beyond that reveal God’s 3 great covenants finally fulfilled in their entirety in the earth.

Rev.20 - Final fulfilment of Gen.3:15
- The Old Serpent bound and destroyed – based on Gen. 3:15 and Josh. 11
- Sin and rebellion eradicated
- The last enemy - Death – abolished – 1 Cor. 15:24-28

Rev.21 - Abrahamic Covenant fulfilled
- The Holy City (Abrahamic) completed – Heb. 11:10, 16; 12:22-23
- One nation - Israel - embraces all – Fulfillment of Jer. 30:11; 46:28
- Mortality and suffering abolished – No more death
- Eternal inheritance experienced by all

Rev.22 - The Promises to David fulfilled
- Divine authority over all the earth
- David’s throne established forever – 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Luke 1:31-33
- The Spirit victorious and all pervasive
- The house of David complete – The perfected Ecclesia – 2 Sam. 7:11, 19, 29

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

The Old Serpent Bound and then Destroyed
Satan Bound for a Thousand Years
1 Same Angel as 18:1. Represents Christ and his armies (19:11-17).
2 Descend from political heavens opened 19:11 (see also 19:1).
4 abussion - abyss or the deep. Lxx. for Isa. 44:27. Represents nations occupying Dragon territory.
6 Implies use of force.
7 Sin manifested politically. See 12:3.
And he 4laid hold on 1the dragon, that 6old serpent, which is 7the Devil, and Satan, 10and bound him a thousand years. 2And 11cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and 12set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 3And I saw 13thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the 4testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received 6his mark upon their 7foreheads, or in their 6hands; and they 5lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5[But the 1rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.] This 1is the first 7resurrection. 6Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the 7first resurrection: on such 7the second death hath no power, but they shall be 7priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. 7And when the thousand years were 1expired, 2Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8And shall go out to 2deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, 4Gog and 7Magog, to gather them together to 5battle: the number of whom is as 6the sand of the sea. 9And they 7went up on 6the breadth of the earth, and 10compassed the 11camp of the saints about, and the 17beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and 12devoured them. 10And 1the devil that deceived them was 2cast into 1the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet 4are, and shall be 5tormented day and night for 6ever and ever.

And I saw a 1great white throne, and 3him that sat on it, from whose face 1the earth and the heaven fled away: and there was found no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, 4small and great, stand before 5God; and the 6books were opened: and another book was opened, which is 1the book 7of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13And the 8sea gave up the dead which were in it;

Origin of sin - Gen. 3:1-5,15. 9False accuser” and “Adversary”. Flesh manifested politically as accuser and persecutor of the saints - 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 6:11-12. 10“Thousand” occurs 6 times in context. This millennium is the 7th. The final “day” for flesh on earth. 11Human rulers dispersed into the nations and relieved of power. 12Political aspirations suppressed.

### The Saints as King-Priests
1Thrones of judgement (Dan. 7:9; Ps. 122:5; Rev. 4:4). Occupied by the saints. 2Same as “testimony” 19:10.

3Represents thinking. 4Represents works. 5Represents immortality. Contrast “lived again” v.5. See John 6:51,58. 6Those who die during Millennium. 7Used in sense of resurrection to life as in Phil.3:11; Lk. 20:36; Heb. 11:35. 8makarios - perpetually happy. See John 13:17. This is the 5th blessing of the Apoc. 9Cp. Firstfruits 14:4; James 1:1; 1 Cor. 15:23. 10The death from which there is no recovery. 11These are Melchizedek king-priests.

### The Final Rebellion Crushed
1teleo - complete. 2See V.2 - sin in political manifestation. 3planao - roam. Int. Bib. “mislead”. 4Not the Gog and Magog of Ezek. 38 but the revival of the political antagonism which motivated them - “Liberty, equality and fraternity”. 5polemos - warfare. Used by Lxx. in Ex. 17. 6This context is based on language drawn from Josh. 11 (cp. v.4) 7anabaino - to go up; ascend. 8platos - width; r. Platus = ‘Broad’ (only occs. Matt. 7:13). 9kukloo - encircle; compass about. 10parembole - battle array, camp, barracks. Cp. Num. 8:24-26; Ezek. 44:8-16. 11of the, e. of God - Ps. 78:68; 132:13, but not now beloved of men. 12Cp. Josh. 11:6-9.

### Satan Destroyed at the “End”
1diabolos (v.2). The serpent power (the spirit of rebellion in human nature) is finally to be destroyed. 2Final violent overthrow of serpent fulfills Gen. 3:15. 3Symbol for the second death (v.14). 4The grammar here should be rendered “were cast”. 5basanizo - to torture. Rt. To put to the test; a touchstone, i.e. tested and destroyed by judgement. 6Lit. “for the ages of the ages”. 7Satan Destroyed at “End”.

### The Second Resurrection & Judgement
1White = righteousness. Throne of judgement. Cp. 2Chron. 9:17-19. 2Cp. 4:2-3. Yahweh manifested in Christ. 3Complete change in political constitution of the world - 1 Cor. 15:24-28. Cp. 21:1. 4All of the mortals who lived during Millennium. 5i.e. Christ as judge. 6Of the individual life - Mal. 3:16. 7See Ex. 32:32; Lk. 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5.

8Symbol for nations (17:15).
and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

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

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

**REVELATION CHAPTER 21**

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

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 shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

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

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he carried me away in the spirit to show me the tabernacle of God: the tabernacle of God was with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

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

8 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.

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

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

11 Universal resurrection because all will be responsible.

12 Final destruction of the wicked sees the abolition of death.

13 Death from which there is no recovery.

**The New Heavens and New Earth - The New Jerusalem**

The Character and Constitution of the New Jerusalem

1 A new order of things beyond the Millennium (1 Cor. 15:28).

2 Diag. “former”; i.e. Millennial.

3 Cp. Rev. 20:11.


5 Cp. 11:2. Refers to company of the Redeemed - Spiritual Jerusalem.

6 kainos - newness in form or quality.

7 See use Ps. 87:5; Gal. 4:26. Refers to Eclesia (Heb. 12:22-23).

8 All begotten from above (John 3:3) and born of the Spirit (2 Cor. 5:1-5).

9 Cp. 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7; 21:9.

10 Perfected character and nature (Eph. 5:26-27; Ps. 45:13-14).


12 Iaoi - peoples. Fulfills Gen. 12:2-3; 17:5. Only one nation - Israel (Jer. 30:11).


14 Last enemy (1 Cor. 15:26).

“city” occurs 12 times in the context of this final vision (Rev. 21:1-22:19). This city is the Abrahamic “city” of Heb.11:10,16; 12:22-23. The Abrahamic Covenant is portrayed as fulfilled. Now there is a “great nation” - Israel.

15 Christ as Yahweh manifest - 4:2.

16 All immortal - Christ’s work complete (1 Cor. 15:24-28).


18 Cp. context Isa. 44:6; 41:4.

19 “It is done” memorialises the completion of God’s purpose. Rev. 21:1-8 presents the period beyond the Millennium when God is “all and in all”, while vv.9-27 shows how this state is attained.

20 Based on Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-9; Heb. 2:6-10.


22 delios - cowards.

23 apostos - faithless (Heb. 11:1,6).

24 bdelussomai - to stink; disgusting.


28 Eureka Vol.5, pg. 315-318.

**The Relationship of Jerusalem to the Lamb**

1 6 Angel (16:12-16). Final vision reverts to the formation of Bride at Resurrection and Judgement and establishment of Kingdom.


3 Cp. Ezek. 40:2. The spiritual based on the literal.


5 Yahweh’s character (John 1:14; 17:22).

6 i.e. luminary, light-giver.

7 Represents Christ (Zech. 3:9; Gen. 49:24).

8 Cp. 4:3. Bro. Thomas says, “A beautiful cerulean gem clear as crystal, is the symbol of Deity’s spirit condensed into substance” (Eureka vol.2 pg.36).

9 kristallizo - to shine like crystal. Represents Christ as light-giver (4:3).
12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

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

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

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

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

18 And the building of the wall of it was jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

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

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

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several 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 therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

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The Wall of the City

1 Note v.17. 144 cu. high. Separates holy from profane (Ezek. 40:5; 42:20).

2 pulonos - a porch or vestibule, then the gateway, or gate tower.


4 Cp. Yahweh Shammah - Ezek. 48:31-34. See Rev. 7:4-8.

The Foundations of the Wall


6 The Angel of 6th Vial = principles of the Judgement Seat.


8 Cp. breastplate, altar, Israel's camp, Ezekiel's Temple, Yahweh Shammah.

9 1,500 miles (2,400 km). Represents whole family (1000) of Israel (12).


11 Separates Saints from rest of mankind (22:14-15).

12 Perfect government of Multitudinous Christ.

13 pechus - the forearm = power, authority, work - to govern (Isa. 40:10; 51:9; 52:10; 30:30).


15 endomesis - built in; i.e. the material of the wall.


The Gates of the New Jerusalem


2 Lit. "broadspace". A large quadrangle or broad space inside walls to accommodate worshippers.


The Glory of the New Jerusalem

1 Nave or Most Holy. Saints now immortal - beyond the veil (Heb. 10:19-20).


3 Political and ecclesiastical powers not needed because Saints will be only government and ecclesiastical system (Isa. 24:23; 60:19-20).

4 Subject nations in Millennium (Isa. 60:3,12; Dan. 7:11-12).

5 Divine government (Isa. 2:2-4).

6 The Saints as kings (Rev. 5:9-10; 20:4,6).
25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

REVELATION CHAPTER 22

1 And he shewed 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 the street thereof, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it: and his servants shall serve him:
4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this prophecy.
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 which shewed me these things.
9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, and that watch over, preserve, keep, guard from loss. Cp. Eph. 6:19; 1 Th. 5:16.
15 These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
16 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this prophecy.
18 Cp. v.23. Christ present as the light of the world (John 9:4-5).
19 The Saints v.24.
22 False teaching (Ezek. 16:6,9,22; Zech. 13:2-3; 1 Tim. 4:1-2).
23 Occurs 7 times in Apocalypse - work of the Spirit (7).

REVELATION 22 - THE FINAL MESSAGE

The River of Life
2 Disseminated by the Saints from the throne of David (Rev. 4:2; Luke 1:32); related to eternal life (2 Sam. 7:12-16).
3 Plateia - broadspace. See 21:16.
4 Xulon - wood or forest. Cp. Ezek. 47:12. Trees = Saints (Ps. 1:3; Jer. 17:7-8; Ps. 92:12).
5 Speaks of the Hope of Israel.
6 See Gal. 5:22; Prov. 3:13-18.
7 Continual ministry of Saints in Kingdom.
8 Individual Saints who breathe out the Spirit purifying the spiritual atmosphere.
10 I.e. for the Saints (Rom. 8:20-23).

11 Yahweh manifested in Christ - Isa. 33:17; Matt. 5:8; John 14:9; 1 Tim. 6:15; 1 John 3:2; Ps. 17:15.
12 Luchnos - hand lamp fed by oil (John 5:35). Symbol of truth shining in mortality.
13 The Spirit (Zech. 4:1-2).
14 Lit. “the ages of the ages”.
15 Exhortation for Laodicean times (cp. 3:14). Challenge to final generation - note “shortly be done”.
16 Lit. “the Lord God of the spirits of the prophets” (Neh. 9:20,30).

Christ’s Last Message
1 Tachu - swiftly, speedily, shortly, soon or (by surprise), suddenly. Cognate with “shortly” v.6. This phrase occurs 7 times in book.
3 Int. Bible - “was seeing these things and hearing”.

5 The Saints as “angels” (Luke 20:36) will administer the Kingdom in Millennium (1 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 2:5). John is being asked to project himself forward.
6 Contrast Dan. 12:4,9. Apocalypse to be understood, especially in latter days.
7 Int. Bible - “unrighteous”.
9 RV - “let him be made filthy”. Judgement is impending - if the Apocalypse cannot change us or keep us separate then nothing will.
10 Cp. 1:8. Match with “root” and “offspring” v.16.
11 Drawn from Isa. 44:6; 41:4.
12 Diag. “wash their robes”. Roth, “who are washing their robes”.

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that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 

Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall 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.

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Quotations from the Pioneers for marginal spaces in Rev. 20.

"The blessed and only Potentate upon the white horse, with the hosts of the heaven, marching at the head of his army, from his capital against the kings of the earth and their forces, is the Apocalyptic Angel, descending with key and chain to arrest, imprison and destroy the powers of the world." Eureka vol.5 pg.320

"To have the key of the abyss is to possess the power of developing political organisations….or suppressing them." Eureka vol.5 pg.321

"When potentates leave their capitals on warlike expeditions, they are said to descend upon the countries they invade: so it is with this Angel. He descends from the heaven of his habitation and government upon the territories of the Devil and Satan." Eureka vol.5 pg.321

"Sin’s flesh is to be turned out of office, and to exist only in absolute subjection to Spirit, as manifested in Jesus and his brethren." Eureka vol.5 pg.321

"The dragon…..is the heraldic symbol of human hostility to God, officially incorporate in the kings and governments in which it is headed up." Thirteen Lectures pg.174

Quotations from Eureka on Rev.21

Concerning the holy city and its wall - “It is the Yahweh-elohistic municipality, symbolised by 144 cubits. Each cubit representing one thousand of the numerical symbol of this holy nation, the Israel of the Deity.” (Rev. 7:4; 14:1; 1 Pet. 2:9; Gal. 6:16) Eureka vol.1 pg.115
Concerning the engraved stones of the holy city - “The principle.....consists in writing, stamping, impressing, or engraving of the thing designed, upon the subject, or material, to be engraved, stamped, or impressed. The writer, or engraver, is the seven-horned and seven-eyed Spirit (4:5; 5:6) who ‘engraves the graving thereof’ (Zech. 3:9).....the precious stone had come out of the earth, whence all precious stones also come; but it had to be cut, polished, embroidered, and adorned, to bring out all the beauties of which it was susceptible. This the Spirit effected in the operation of raising the risen body to consubstantiality with the Deity.” Eureka vol.5 pg.343

ABBREVIATIONS

Int. Bib. = Interlinear Bible
Roth. = J. B. Rotherham’s Translation
RV = Revised Version
Diag. = The Diaglott
Lit. = literally
i.e. = that is
Cp. = compare with
Def. Art. = definite article
Heb. = Hebrew
Gr. = Greek

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