INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

1. TITLE OF THE BOOK. Man calls it “The Revelation of St. John the Divine”. But its God-given title is in the first verse, “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”, that is, the Unveiling, Revealing, and Presentation to earth and heaven of the Lord Jesus Christ (Messiah) as “KING of Kings and LORD of Lords”.

   It is spoken of as:
   (b) “This prophecy” (1:3): therefore a prophetic message. The “blessing” here promised makes it clear that from this verse (and not 4:1, as many suppose) to the end the Book concerns things yet future:
   (c) “The testimony of Jesus Christ” (1:2, 9). Either as testimony to Him as the Coming One (Genitive of the Object): or, the testimony He bore on earth (Gen. of the Subject; Ap.17); &c.

2. AUTHORSHIP. The testimony of Melito, bishop of Sardis (c. 170), quoted by Eusebius; Irenaeus (c. 180); the Mutatorian Cannon fragment (c. 200); Clement of Alexandria (c. 200); Tertullian (c. 200); Origen (c. 233); Hippolytus, bishop of Pontus (c. 240); &c., may fairly be accepted as to the writer being John the “beloved disciple” and apostle, as against the claims of a supposed John, “an Elder (cp. Peter’s eldership, 1 Pet. 5:1) resident in Asia”, who is hailed by “the majority of modern critics” as being the author of the Johannine letters (see Introductory Notes to 1 John) and the Revelation (Ap.197).

3. DATE WRITTEN. This by almost unanimous consent if the early Church writers is ascribed to the close of the reign of the Emperor Domitian, about A.D. 96. At the time of the so-called Second General Persecution” of the “Christians”.

4. To Whom it was originally sent is unknown. We have no clue, and therefore all speculations on the subject are valueless.

   (For Characteristics, Scope, Symbolism, &c., of Revelation, see Ap.197.)
1 **The Revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, to point out to His servants what things must needs with speed come to pass; and He having sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John:

2 Who bare witness of the word of God, and of the witness of Jesus Christ, and of whatsoever things he saw.

3 Happy is he that readeth, and they that hear the 'words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written in it: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who 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 born of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him That loveth us, and loosed us out from our sins by His own blood,

6 And ... made us to be a Kingdom and to be priests to The revealed God and His Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. even the Amen.

7 See! He cometh with the clouds; and every eye [person] shall see [truly comprehend] Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all tribes of the earth shall wail because of Him. Yea, even the Amen.

8 "I Am The Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending" saith the Lord God, "Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty."

9 I John, your brother, and partner in the tribulation, and ... kingdom and patience in Jesus, came to be in the isle that is called Patmos, for the 'word of God, and ... the testimony of Jesus ... .

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**Father.** See Ap. 98. III. glory = the glory. See p. 1511.


**see.** Ap. 133. l, 8 (a).

**kindreds** = tribes, as Matt. 19. 28; 24. 30; &c. Gr. phyle. because of. Gr. epi. 8 Alpha and Omega = The Alpha and the Omega. See v. 17; 22. 13.

"LORD God" (see Ap. 4. I, II, X). **LORD.** Ap. 98. VI, i, b, 1, b, b. Only once elsewhere (2 Cor. 6. 18) in N. T.

**tribration** = the tribulation. Here; 2. 9, 10, 22; 7. 14. in the. The texts omit.

"tribulation" is specially connected. Fig. Henvdiatris (Ap. 6). See Acts 14. 22.

of. The texts read "in" (Gr. en.). Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

**Patmos.** An island (mod. Patino) about thirty miles south-west of Samos.

**for.** The texts omit.

**Christ.** The texts omit.

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1.1 The . . . Christ. The Divine title of the Book.


**Jesus Christ.** Ap. 98. XI. unto = to. shew = point out. First occ. Matt. 4. 8. Cp. 22. 6. servants, servant. Ap. 190. I, 2. The word is peculiarly appropriated to Israel through O. T., and in this Book is used (fourteen times) as the proper title of those who are its subjects.


2 record = witness. See p. 1511. The verb occ. only here and 22. 16, 20 in Rev.

**the word of God.** Thus a direct prophetic communication, as 1 Sam. 9. 27. 1 Kings 12. 22. 1 Chron. 17. 3. Yet cp. v. 6; 6; 9; 19; 13; 20, 4.

**word.** Ap. 121. 10. testimony = witness. See John 1. 7 and p. 1511.

and, &c. Not merely "heard" but saw in vision.


**3 Blessed** = Happy. Gr. makarios, by which the Sept. renders the Heb. 'ashrey. See Ap. 63. VI. First of seven occ. in Rev. (fifty in N. T.)

this = the. prophecy. Occ. seven times (Ap. 10) in Rev.

**keep.** See Luke 2. 19. 51. Occ. eleven times in Rev. these = the. therein = in (Gr. en) it.


4 seven. See Ap. 10 and 197. 6.

**churches.** Gr. ekklesia. Ap. 120. I and 186.

Asia. Not Europe, and consequently not Christendom.


5 **faithful** = Gr. martyrus. See 2. 14 and p. 1511.

**Witmess.** Gr. martius. See 3. 14 and p. 1511.


**Prince = Ruler.** See John 12. 31. kings, &c. See 6, 16 and Ps. 89. 27, 37. earth. Ap. 129. 4.

**loved.** The texts read "loved". Ap. 135. 1, 1.

**washed.** The texts read "loosed". Ap. 95. 1, 1; note 2, p 138.


6 **hath.** Omit.

**kings and priests = (to be) a kingdom (so all texts) and (to be) priests.** See 5. 10; 20. 6. Ex. 19. 6. (Sept. "a royal priesthood").

**dominion = the dominion.** Ap. 172. 2.

**Amen = even (the) Amen.** see 3, 14.

**eye.** Fig. Synedoche (Ap. 6), for person.

**pierced.** Cp. John 19. 34.

**the ... ending.** The texts omit.

**LORD.** The texts read.


Omit. companion = partner, as Rom. 11. 17. Phil. 1. 7; &c.


**Christ.** The texts omit. was = came to be.

for. Ap. 104. v, 2. Nothing to indicate that John had been "banished".
10 I came to be in the power of THE Holy Spirit in the day of the Lord, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11 Saying, ... "What thou seest, write in a scroll, and send it to the seven churches ... ; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the Speaker that was speaking with me. And having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands;
13 And in the midst of the seven lampstands one like to the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the breasts with a golden girdle.

14 And His head and His hairs were white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire;
15 And His feet like unto fine brass, as glowing in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters.
16 And having 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 one dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, ... "Fear not; I am the First and the Last:
18 And the Living One, and yet became dead; and, See !, Living am I for evermore, ...; and have the keys of death and the grave.
19 Write [therefore] the things which thou sawest, and what they signify, even the things which are about to happen after these things;
20 The secret symbols of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars represent ... angels of the seven churches: and the seven lampstands ... are ... seven churches.

2 To the angel of the church of Ephesus write; ... These things saith He That seven stars in His right hand,

ch. 2 and 3. STRUCTURE OF THE SEVEN EPHESIANS TO THE CHURCHES, AS A WHOLE.

1. EPHESUS. Israel's espousals.
2. ‡ SMYRNA. Israel's testing.
3. ‡ PERGAMOS. Israel's failure.
4. ‡ THYATIRA. The day of Israel's kings.
5. ‡ SARDIS. Israel's removal.
6. ‡ PHILADELPHIA. The day of Judah's kings.
7. ‡ LAODICEA. Judah's removal.

Correspondent to Israel in the Wilderness.


10 Spirit. Ap. 101. II. 3. See 4. 2; 17. 3; 21. 10. on = in (Gr. en).
the Lord's day = the day of the Lord (Isa. 2. 12, &c), the Heb. terms for which are equivalent to the Greek he kuriakē hemera, the Lord's Day. Occ. 1 Thess. 5. 2. 2 Thess. 2. 3 (with texts). 2 Pet. 3. 16. Not our Sunday trumpet. In O. T. connected with war and the day of the Lord. See Zeph. 1. 14-16; &c.

This verse (10) is the key to understanding the book of Revelation: John was taken "in the power of The Holy Spirit", from (A.D. 96) on to a time past this present time, to the future ("the day of the Lord"), and shown things both past and that are future.

12 voice. The Speaker (Figs. Metonymy of Effect, and Catabasis). Ap. 61. See v. 10. spake = was speaking. being = having.
candlesticks = lampstands. Occ. seven times in Rev.
about. Gr. pros. paps = breasts.
14 His head. Read "And His head". like. The texts read "as".
Cp. this and the following vs. with Ezek. 1. 7. Dan. 7. 9; 10. 6.
15 fine brass. Only here and v. 18. as ... burned = as glowing.
voice ... waters. See v. 10. 14, 2; 19. 6. Ezek. 1. 24; 43. 2.
voice. Same word as "sound". Gr. phone.
16 He had = having. stars. See v. 20.
out ... sword. For the Figure cp. Ps. 55. 21; 57. 4; 59. 7. The significance is seen in Isa. 11. 4; 49. 2. 2 Thess. 2. 8. See also 2, 12, 16; 19, 15, 21, Luke 19. 27, twoedged. Cp. Heb. 4. 12.
sword. Gr. rhomphaia. Occ. only in Rev. (six times) and Luke 2. 35.
countenance. Gr. opsis. Only here; John 7. 24; 11. 44.
strength. App. 172. 1; 176. 1.
17 fell. Gr. pippo. See v. 2, 16 (light). at. Gr. pros. v. 3.
18 I ... liveth = And the Living One. liveth, alive. Ap. 170. 1.
and. Read "and yet". was = became. dead. See Ap. 139. 2.
I am alive = Living (emph.) am I. Amen. Omit.
hell ... death. The texts read "death and of hell".
hell = grave. Ap. 131. II. See v. 20, 13 (marg.). 1 Cor. 15. 55. R. V. transliterates the Gr. word hades.
19 Write. The texts add "therefore". hast seen = sawest, as v. 2.
the ... are = what they are, i.e. what they signify. and = even.
shall be = are about to happen. hereafter. Lit. after (Gr. meta.) these things (Gr. tauta). Heb. idiom; cp. Gen. 22. 1. First of ten occ. in Rev.
in. Gr. epi. are = represent, or signify. the. Omit. angels.
Ap. 120. I. 1, 2. which ... sawest. The texts omit. the. Omit.

2. 1.  

Who walketh in the midst of the seven golden lampstands;  
2 I know thy works, and ... till, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou didst try them which call themselves apostles, and are not, and didst find them liars:  
3 And hast patient endurance and didst bear, for My name's sake hast laboured, and hast not wearied.  
4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou didst leave thy first love.  
5 Remember therefore ... whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or if not I ... come unto thee, and will move thy lampstand out of his place, if not thou repent.  
6 But this thou hast, that thou hastest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.  
7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE Holy Spirit is saying unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.'  
8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the First and the Last, Which became dead, and lived again;  
9 I know thy tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are apostles, and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.  
10 Fear not those things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, in order that ye may be tested; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: Become thou faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown of life.  
11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE Holy Spirit is saying unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.  
12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith He Who hath the sharp sword with two edges;  
13 I know where thou dwellst, even where Satan's throne is: and thou holdest fast My name, and didst not deny My faith, even in those days ... Antipas was My faithful witness, 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.

Candlesticks. See 1.12, 13, and cp. Lev. 26. 22. Deut. 23. 14, &c. 2 Cor. 6. 16.  
2 works. The Lord deals according to works in "the day of the Lord". See Is. 66. 18. thy. Omit. labour = toil. The verb in v. 3 and Matt. 6. 28. patience. As in v. 3 and I. 9. See Rom. 2. 7.  
3 bear. Gr. bastazo. In Rev. v. 3; 17. 7 (carrieth).  
7 hast, &c. The texts read "and hast patient endurance and didst bear (v. 2) for", &c. Ap. 104. v. 2. name's. See Acts 6. 41.  
10 from. Omit. art fallen = hast fallen.  
13 deeds = works, as v. 5. Nicolaitanes. History has no record of these. They will appear "in that day". All we do know is that they are hateful to God.  
15 the, &c. the tree of the life. Promise fulfilled 22. 14, where also the articles differentiate from Ezek. 47. 12.  
16 tree. Lit. wood. Gr. xulon, as used frequently in Sept., e.g. Exod. 7. 25.  
17 life. Ap. 170. 1. Paradise of God. See ref. in Ap. 173. Paradise is always used in Scripture for a definite place; is described in Gen. 2; lost in Gen. 3; its restoration spoken of by the Lord in Luke 23. 43; seen in vision by Paul, 2 Cor. 12. 2, 4; promised here, Rev. 2. 7; restored. Rev. 22. 1-5. 14-17.  
18 Smyrna. About fifty miles north-west of Ephesus. A great centre now of Levantine trade. First ... Last. See 1. 17.  
19 was = became. dead. Ap. 139. 2. is alive = lived again. See Ap. 170. 1.  
22 behold. Ap. 133. 1. 2. devil. See 12. 9. shall = is about to. that = in order that. Gr. hina. tried = tested. Cp. Matt. 10. 22; 24. 9, 10; &c.  
24 hurt = see 22. 11. 
26 Pergamos. A city of My西亚 famous for the worship of Aesculapius, to whom the title of soter (saviour) was given and whose emblem was the serpent. Identified with Apollo; cp. Acts 16. 16. Some trace the Babylonian pagan priesthood as removing to Pergamos.  

He Which hath, &c. See 1. 16. abode. See Acts 2. 5. hast ... denied = didst ... deny. faith. See Ap. 150. 11. 1. Mentioned proleptically.  

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2. 14.

of the Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the sons 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, in like manner. Repent; or if not I ... come to thee quickly, and will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. 

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

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 are like fine brass, prepared for treading down in judgment;

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 the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess, and she teacheth and seduceth My servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her time in order that she might repent; and she is not willing to repent of her fornication; and she is not willing to repent of her fornication.

22 Behold, I do cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, if not they repent of her deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am He Who searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I lay not none other burden.

25 But that which ye have hold fast till I shall have come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth, My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And He shall shepherd them with a scepter of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: As I also have received of My Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Holy Spirit is saying unto the churches.

3 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He That hath the seven Spirits of God, and the


15 cast. &c. See Num. 25. 1, &c.; 31. 16, &c. 2 Pet. 2. 15. Jude 11.

16 stumblingblock. Gr. skandalon. See Num. 25 (Sept.).

17 which ... hate. The texts omit, and read "in like manner".

18 will. Omit. fight = make war. Gr. polemeo. Occ only in Rev. and James. A threat which is not addressed to the Church of this age.


20 to eat of. The texts omit. hidden. Gr. krupto, as in Col. 3. 3.


22 stone. Gr. psuchos. See Acts 26. 10. A white stone was known to the ancients as a "victory" stone. in. Gr. epi. Ap. 104. ix. 3.


24 new. See Matt. 9. 17. no man = no one. Gr. oudeis.


26 Saving. Same as else, v. 5, reception. As in John 3. 27.


Son of God. Ap. 98. XV.


23 their = her, according to some texts.


26 every = each. according to. Ap. 104. x. 2.

27 will. = do. tribulation. Cp. Rom. 2. 8, 9, 16.

28 I will put. = as I also. 


31 unto. angel ... church. See 1. 20.

3 Sardis. The ancient capital of Lydia. Its commercial activity attracted merchants from all parts of Asia. The remains of a vast temple to Cybele (the "mother of the gods") still exist.

3. 1 unto. seven Spirits. See 1. 4.

7 seven, &c. stars. I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Become watchful, and strengthen the remaining things, that were ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

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

4 But thou hast a few names ... in Sardis who defiled not their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy.

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

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE Holy Spirit is saying unto the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith He That is the Holy One, He That is True, He That hath the key of David, He That openeth, and no one shutteth; and shutteth, and no one openeth.

8 I know thy works. Behold, I have given to thee an open door, and no one can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and didst keep My word, and didst not deny My name.

9 Behold, I give them of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make [compel] them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I ... loved thee.

10 Because thou didst keep the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, which is about to come upon all the world, to test them that dwell upon the earth.

11 ..., I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, in order that no one take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Sanctuary of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE Holy Spirit is saying unto the churches.'

14 And unto the angel of the church in Laodicea write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Chief Ruler of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

seven, &c. stars. See 1. 20. stars. See 1. 16.

a name, &c. Not suited for this dispensation of grace, for Christ's people now live "in Him". We who were dead are now alive in Christ.


2 Be = Become. watchful. See Matt. 24. 42.

the ... remain = the remaining (things). Ap. 124. 3.

are = were, with the texts. perfect. Ap. 125. 7.

3 hold fast. Gr. tereo. Same as "keep" in 1. 3.

repent. See 2. 5. on thee. The texts omit. &c. See 16. 15.

1 Thess. 5. 2. 2 Pet. 3. 10. know. Ap. 132. I. ii. These words are not addressed to the members of the "church which is His body" (Eph. 1. 22, 23). See 2 Thess. 2. 1. 1 Tim. 3. 16. We do not "watch" for the "thief", but "wait" for the Lord.

4 Thou. The texts read "But thou". even. The texts omit.

have, &c. = defiled. Gr. moluno. Only here; 14. 4.

1 Cor. 8. 7. The noun occ. only in 2 Cor. 7. 1.


5 overcometh. See 2. 7. the same. The texts read "thus".


confess, &c. See Matt. 10. 32.

Father. Ap. 98. III.

6 He, &c. See 2. 27.

7 Philadelphia. About thirty miles south-east of Sardis. Very little known of it beyond a few references in Pliny, but the Greek name indicates a Macedonian population.


key of David. See Isa. 22. 22.

no man = no one. Gr. oúdeis.

8 behold. Ap. 133. 1, 2. set = given.


hast kept = didst keep. Same word as "hold fast", v. 3.

word. Ap. 121. 10. hast not denied = didst not deny.

My name. In opposition to confessing (see 2. 13) the name of the beast, 13. 17; 14. 9, 11, 12.

9 will make = give. synagoga, &c. See 2. 9.


Jews. See 2. 9.

make. i.e. compel.


10 temptation = trial. Gr. peiramos. Only occurrence in Rev.

shall = is about to. world. Ap. 129. 3.

try = test. Gr. peirazo. Here, and 2. 2, 10.


11 Behold. Omit. hold ... fast. Same Gr. word as 2. 1, 13, 14, 15, 25, not as v. 3.

that = in order that. Gr. hina. no man = no one. Gr. medeis.

These words do not relate to such as through grace are perfect "in Him". See Rom. 8, 38, 39.


new, new. Gr. kainos. See Matt. 9. 17.


14 of, &c. = in (Gr. en) Laodicea (an important city of Phrygia, a few miles west of Colosse. Rebuilt by Antiochus II, and named after his wife, Laodice). the Amen. A Hebrew word transliterated. See 2 Cor. 1. 20 and p. 1511. faithful. Ap. 150. III.


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16 So then because thou art "lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to "spue 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 the wretched one, and miserable, and "poor, and blind, and naked:
18 I counsel thee to "buy of Me gold tried in … "fire, 11 in order that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, 11 in order that thou mayest see.
19 As many as I "love, I "convict and chaste: be zealous therefore, and "repent.
20 Behold, I have taken My station at the door, and "knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will "sup with him, and he with Me.
21 To him that "overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also "overcame, and "sat down with My Father in His throne.
22 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE Holy Spirit is saying unto the churches."  

4 °After these things I seen and understood, and, behold, a door already opened in heaven: and the former voice which I heard was as … of a trumpet talking with me; which said, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee what things … must come to pass after these things."
2 And immediately I came to be in the power of THE Holy Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One setting on the throne.
3 And He that sat was to "look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and there was a "rainbow round about the throne, to "look upon like to an "emerald.
4 And round about the throne were "four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones … four and twenty "elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and on their heads … "crowns of gold.
5 And out of the throne proceed lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were "seven "lamps of fire "burning before the throne, which are the seven "Spirits of God.
6 And before the throne as it were a glassy sea like to crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and "round about the throne, … four "living creatures full of "eyes before and behind.

16 lukewarm. Gr. chliaros. Only here. will = am about to.
wretched = the wretched one. See Rom. 7. 24, and cp. Hos. 2. 11; 5. 15.
poor. Ap. 127. 1. 18 buy. The members of the church of this dispensation have nothing to buy and nothing to pay with; our salvation is the free-grace gift of God.
the. Omit.
Zech. 13. 9. Mal. 3. 3. be clothed = clothe thyself.
Cp. 16. 15. see. Ap. 133. 1. 5.
20 stand. Lit. have taken my station.
knock. The call to the wedding feast (19. 9), to which the parables pointed, e.g. Luke 12. 35-38—"when He cometh and knocketh". The popular belief that the Lord is ever knocking at the hearts of sinners is a distortion of Scripture akin to blasphemy.
sup, &c. A gracious promise to His servants (see 1. 1)… See Luke 12. 37.
21 am set down = sat down. See Acts 2. 34, 33. Eph. 1. 20. 21. Heb. 1. 8; 8. 1. The Lord now stands (ch. 1), and is about to come down in judgment.

4: 1-8. The throne, the elders, and the zoa.
4: 8-11. The utterances of the zoa and the elders. Theme: creation.

4. 1 After. Ap. 104. xi. 2 this = these things, as 1. 19
was opened. I.e. already opened. heavenly. See 3. 12
first. Or "former". See 1. 10 it were. Omit. things = what things.
which. Omit. be = come to pass.
hereafter = after (Gr. meta, above) these things.
was = became, came to be. See 1. 9, 10.
in the Spirit. I. e. in or by the power of the Spirit, as 1. 10.
look upon. Cp. Ap. 133. I. 8 jasper = jasper stone. According to Pliny, this stone was translucent.
sardine = sardius stone. A precious stone from Sardis, red in color. rainbow. Gr. iris. Only here and 10. 1. In Gen. 9. 13; Ezek. 1. 28, &c, the Sept. uses toxon, bow, for the Heb. kesheth.
insight. Same words as "to look upon", above.
unto = to. emerald. Only here. A kindred word in 21. 19, and in Exod. 28. 18 and 39. 8 (Sept.).
four and twenty. See Ap. 10 and Ap. 197. 6 seats = thrones, as v. 2. See 1. 4 saw. The texts omit.
elders. Gr. presbuteros.
they had. The texts omit. crowns of gold. The only other wearer is the Son of Man (14. 14), a fact which proves the exalted station of these "elders." proceed = proceed.
seven. See Ap. 197.
Spirits. Ap. 101. II. 11. there was = glass. The texts read "as it were a glassy sea". unto = to. round about. Gr. kuklo. In Rev. only here and 7. 11. Occ. Mark 3. 34. were. Omit.
beasts. living ones, or living creatures (as Heb. 13. 11, first occ). Gr. zoon. Occ. twenty times (Ap. 10). Not the word in chs. 13 and 17. These zoa are the cherubim of Gen. 3. 24. Ezek. 1. 5-14. Cp. Ezek. 10. 20. They are distinguished from angels (5. 8, 11). These zoa speak of creation and of redemption also.
eyes. See Ezek. 1. 8; 10. 12.
7 And the first  living creature was like a lion, and the second  living creature like a calf, and the third  living creature had a face as of a  man, and the fourth  living creature was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four  living creatures had each of them six wings about him; and they are full of glory; and they rest not day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come."

9 And when the  living creatures shall give glory and honour and thanks to Him sitting on the throne, Who liveth  forever and ever,

10 The four and twenty  elders shall fall down before Him  sitting on the throne, and shall worship Him That liveth  forever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 "Thou art worthy, Our Lord and our God, to receive [the] glory and [the] honour and [the] power: for Thou didst create all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

5 And I  saw upon the right hand of Him That was sitting on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, having been sealed up with  seven seals.

2 And I  saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a great voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to loose the seals thereof?"

3 And no one in the heaven, nor in  earth, neither  under the earth, was able to open the scroll, neither to look thereon.

4 And I was weeping much, because no one was found worthy to open … the scroll, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the  elders saith to me, "Weep not: behold, the  Lion which is of the kindred of Juda, the Root of David, … overcome to open the  scroll, and … the  seven seals thereof."

6 And I saw, …, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the  elders, a little Lamb standing as having been slain, having  seven horns and  seven eyes, which are the  seven Spirits of  God  sent forth into all the  earth.

7 And He came and  hath taken it out of the right hand of Him That was sitting upon the throne.

8 And when He took the  scroll, the four  living creatures and four and twenty  elders fell down before the  Lamb, having each one of them a  harp, and golden  bowls full of incense, which are the  prayers of the saints.

9 And they sung a  new song, saying, "Thou art  worthy to take the  scroll, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase them to God by Thy blood out of every  kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And madest them  to our God
a kingdom and 7priests: and they shall reign on the earth.”

11 And I saw, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the 3living creatures and the 4elders: and the number of them was countless numbers, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a great voice, “Worthy is the 1Lamb That was slain to receive the power, 3and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and 9glory, and blessing,”

13 And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, on the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, 5“Blessing, and honour, and 12glory, and 6power, be 7to Him That sitteth upon the throne, and 5to the 1Lamb 9for ever and ever.”

14 And the four 3living creatures said, “Amen.” And the 4elders fell down and worshipped . . .

6 And I saw when the 1Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard, one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come . . .”

2 And I saw, and 2behold a white horse: and 3he that sat thereon had a bow; and a 5crown was given to him: and he 2came forth 9conquering, and to overcome.

3 And when He . . . opened the second seal, I heard the second 3living creature saying, “Come . . .”

4 And there came forth another horse that was red: and it was given to him that sat on him to take the peace from the 6earth, and in order that they should kill one another: and there was given 2to him a great sword.

5 And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third 3living creature saying, “Come . . .” And I saw, and 2behold a 5black horse [famished]; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand.

6 And I 2heard [as it were] a 5voice in the midst of the four 3living creatures 3saying, “A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and 2thou hast not the 8oil and the wine.”

7 And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the 3voice of the fourth 3living creature 3saying, “Come . . .”

8 And I saw, and 2behold a 5livid horse: 3his name and that which sat on him was 9Death, and 9Hell followed with him. And 8power was given 2to them over the 9fourth part of the 6earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the wild beasts of the 6earth.

king = a kingdom, with all the texts.

priests. L. c. a priestly kingdom. See 1.6 and Heb. 12. 28.

we. All texts read “they”.

11 ten . . . thousand = myriads of myriads. Hebraism for countless numbers. See Dan. 7. 10.


and. The repeated “ands” in vv. 12, 13 form a remarkable Polysyndeton (Ap. 6). In v. 12 the seventeighth (Ap. 10) ascription is noticed. Cp. 4. 11.


13 creature = created thing. Gr. ktisma. Only here; 8. 9. 1 Tim. 4. 4. Jas. 1. 18. as such are. Omit. In. The texts read “on”

Blessing, &c. The fourfold (Ap. 10) ascription by the whole creation. Prefix the def. art, to each term.


for . . . ever. As 1. 6.

14 four and twenty. The texts omit. worshipped. See 3. 9.

Him . . . ever. The texts omit.


The Six Seals and the Sealing.

6: 1. 2. The false Christ going forth to make war on the saints. (1st seal.) Matt. 24: 4, 5.


9 And when He ... opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls [men as individuals] of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
10 And they cried with a great voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, the Holy and the True, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"
11 And a white robe was given to each one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet a little time, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that are about to be killed even as they also had been, should be fulfilled.
12 And I saw when He had opened the sixth seal, and, ..., there came to be a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became red as blood;
13 And the stars [starry host] of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a great wind.
14 And the heaven parted asunder as a scroll when it is rolling itself up; and every mountain and island were removed out of their places.
15 And the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the rich ones, and the chief captains, and the mighty ones, and every bondman, and ..., free one, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
16 And they say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the presence of Him That sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
17 For the great day of His wrath is come; and who is able to stand?"

7 And after this I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding fast the four winds of the earth, in order that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having a seal of the living God: and he cried with a voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
Saying, 24“Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

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

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

Of the tribe of Aser twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses twelve thousand.

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

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

After this I saw, and, lo, a great multitude, which no one man could number, of all nations, and tribes, and tongues, were standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And they cry with a great voice, saying, “Salvation to our God Which sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb.”

And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, “Amen: the Blessing, and the glory, and the wisdom, and the thanksgiving, and the honour, and the power, and the might, be to our God for ever and ever. even the Amen.”

And one of the elders asked, saying, “Who are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?”

And I said to him, “My lord, thou knowest.” And he said to me, “These are they who come out of the great tribulation, and were washed their own robes, and made them white by the blood of the Lamb.

On this account are they before the throne of God, and serve Him continually in His Temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell over them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun shineth upon them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb Which is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and will lead them unto fountains of waters of life: and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

3 neither. Same as nor, v. 1. have = shall have, sealed.

7: 9-12. The heavenly voices and utterances.

7: 13. The great multitude. Whence they came.

7: 15-17. The great multitude. Where they are.

8: 1-6. The heavenly silence and activities (seventh seal).


multitude. These are converts during the great tribulation.

no man = no one. Gr. oudeis.

kindreds. As v. 4 (tribes). people = peoples.

stood = were standing.

palms. Gr. phoinix. Only here and John 12. 13. Cp. the "great hosanna" of the Jews on the last day of "Tabernacles".


stood = were standing. worshipped. Ap. 137. 1.


Blessing, &c. A sevenfold (Ap. 10) ascription. Cp. 5: 12, where it is to the Lamb, while here it is to God. Prefix the def. art. to each term for . . . ever. See 1: 6.

13 answered = was masked. Fig. Idiom. Ap. 6. What = Who.

14 Sir. Most texts read "My lord".


have. Omit.

washed. Gr. pluno. Only here. Ap. 136. v. Sept. uses in Ps. 51. 2, 7 for Heb. kabus. These wash "their own robes"—the standing of works, not of grace. For latter see 1 Cor. 6. 11.

in = by. i.e. by virtue of, the one being here the efficient cause.

15 Therefore = For this cause, or On this account. Gr. dia touto.


day and night. Hebraism for "continually".


16 neither, neither, nor. Gr. oude. the second occ. followed by me.


Only here and 16. 9.

shall = wilt. feed = tend, or shepherd. See 2: 27. Mic. 5. 4.

living, &c. The texts read "fountains of waters of life" (Ap. 170. 1). See 21: 4. These two vv. refer to Isa. 49. 8-10; 25. 8. Jer. 31. 9, 10-25. Ezek. 47. 1, 12.
And when He ... opened the seventh seal, there came to be a silence in the heaven about ... half an hour.
And I saw the seven angels which stand before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
And another angel came and stood upon the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given to him much incense, in order that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the mountain burning with fire.
The first angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the smoke of the incense, which had been offered with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the mountain burning with fire.
The second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and there was an earthquake.
And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
and the third part of the sea became blood;
and there were slain of men, as many as were killed by the sword of a star falling, and trampled under foot by the beasts of the earth.
And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten (burning mountains, &c.), and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the sea became blood;
and death reigned over a third of the creatures which were in the sea, and in the fields, and in the rivers.
And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star falling, and I heard a voice from the throne, which said, "Come and take the scrolls of the tree of life."
11 And the name of the star is called "Wormwood": and the 7third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the 15waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the 7third part of the 8sun was smitten, and the 7third part of the 9moon, and the 7third part of the 3stars; in order that the 7third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for a 7third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I saw, and heard one eagle flying in the midst of heaven, saying with a great voice, “Woe, woe, woe, to them dwelling on the 9earth” by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are about to sound!”

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fallen from heaven unto the 9earth: and to him was given the key of the pit of the abyss.

2 And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great 14furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and to them was given power, as the 5scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them in order that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, neither any tree; but those men which have not the seal of God upon their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given in order that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall in no wise find it; and shall desire to die, and death flee from them.

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

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

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
10 And they have tails like serpents, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 ... They have a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is destroying angel, but in the Greek tongue hath a name destroyer.

12 ... One [the first] woe is past; ... behold, there come two woes yet hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard one voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, “Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.”

14 And the four angels had been loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, in order to slay the third part of men.

15 And the number of the armies of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: ... I heard the number of them.

16 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and ... the smoke, and ... the third brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 And they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

10 And saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And having in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, and cried with a great voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders ... uttered, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.”

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5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, and sware by him That he liveth for ever and ever, Who created heaven, and the things that are in it, and the earth, and the things that are in it, and the sea, and the things which are in it, that time shall be no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God shall have been finished [also], as He hath declared to His own servants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven I heard speaking with me again, saying, “Go and take the Book [biblion] 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, ... saying to him, “Give me the Book.” And he saith to me, “Take it, and eat it up [receive the knowledge]; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.”

10 And I took the 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 they say to me, “Thou must prophesy again concerning many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”

11 And there was given me a measuring reed like to a sceptre: ... [the giver] saying, “Rise, and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and record them that worship in it.

2 But the court which is outside the Temple cast out, and measure it not; for it was given to the Gentiles: and the holy city [Jerusalem] shall they tread under foot forty and two months [3 years and a half].

3 And I will give power to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days [3 years and a half], clothed in sackcloth.”

4 These represent the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks which stand before the Lord of the earth.

5 And if any one desires to 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, in order that it rain not ... the days of their prophecy: and have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they shall desire.
And when they shall have finished their testimony, the wild beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

And their corpse lie in the open square of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

And the third angel sounded; and there came to be great voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of this world is become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and His shall reign forever and ever.”

And the fourth and twenty elders, which sat before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, “We give Thee thanks, O Lord God the Almighty, Which art, and wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power, and reignedst.

And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath came, and the time of the dead,

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that they should be judged, and to give the reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that revere Thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them which come out of the dragon and his angels, the one deceiving and the false prophet (the 'small and the great').

19 And the Temple of God which is in heaven was opened, and there was seen the ark of God's testament, and there was lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

12 And a great sign was seen in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried out, travailing in birth, and pained.

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

4 And his tail draggeth the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth: and the dragon is standing before the woman which was ready to be delivered, in order to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a Male child, who is about to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught away unto God, and to His throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, in order that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there came to be war in the heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

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

9 And the great dragon was cast down, the serpent, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast down into the earth, and his angels were cast out from heaven.

10 And I heard a great voice saying in heaven, "Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren was cast out, which accuseth them before our God day and night.

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

REVELATION. 12. 11.


was . . . delivereth = is about to bring forth.

for = in order. Gr. hina. devour. Same word as 10. 9, 10 (eat up); 20. 9. From Gen. 3. 15 till now Satan stands ready to devour the promised "seed", child. Ap. 108. 1. 5 man child = a son (Ap. 108. iii) a male (as Luke 2. 23). was = is about. nations = the nations. Cp. Ps. 2. 9. rod. See 2. 27. up = away. unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3. God. Ap. 98. 1. 1. to. The texts add pros, as above.

An interval of years occ. after this verse.

6 Anticipatory, the flight being consequent on the war in heaven (v. 14).

into. Ap. 104. vi. wilderness. Cp. Ezek. 20. 33-38. that. Gr. hina, as v. 4. 7 was = came to be.


more. First occ. Matt. 5. 13 (thenceforth).


12. 12. 12 Therefore = For this cause. heavens. In Rev. only here in plural, while fifty-one occ. in sing. See 3. 12 and Matt. 6. 10.
woe. Third and most terrible of the three woes (8. 13).
the ... of. The texts omit. come = gone.
wrath. Gr. thomais. First of ten occ. in Rev.
because ... = knowing (Ap. 132. 1.) that.


13. 1-8. The effect as regards Israel.
13. 1-18. The effect as regards the earth.

east = east down, v. 9. man child = male. See v. 5.
14. two = the two. a = the. great eagle. Great is emph.
Cp. Deut. 32. 11. 12.
might = may.
from, &c. See Sept. of Judges 9. 21 for same Fig. Idiom (Ap. 6).
carried ... flood. Gr. potamophoretos. Only here.
16. opened, &c. See Num. 16. 30.
swallowed up. Gr. katapino. Occ. seven times in N. T. See 1 Cor. 15. 54.
17. went = went away, as in John 11. 46.
seed. Believers, Jew and Gentile, who are seen 7. 9.
and have = holding. Jesus. Ap. 98. X.
christ. The texts omit. They add here the first clause of 13. 1, altering to "he stood".

And ... sea. See 12. 17.
rise up = coming up, as 7. 2 (ascending). out of. Ap. 104. vii.
having, &c. The texts read "having ten horns and seven heads". Cp. 12. 3
and 17. 7-12. crowns. See 12. 3.
the name. Read "names". See 17. 3.
lion. See Dan. 7. 4. 5. 6. and esp. v. 7 and Note.
dragon. See 12. 3.
him. The being from the abyss (17. 8); the "another"
its source will not be recognized by the peoples at the outset.
3 I saw. Texts omit. one = of = one
wounded = slain. Same word in 6. 6. deadly wound = death-stroke.
after. Read, "(and followed) after".
4 worshipped. Ap. 137. 1. which. The texts read "because he".
power = the power. Ap. 172. 5; "authority" in v. 2.
who. The texts read "and who". make war. The same word in 17. 14.
This being will stop wars and be acclaimed by the peoples on that account.
continue. Lit. do, or act. 2 Thess. 2. 3 records the coming of "the man of sin (lawlessness)", who is this beast from the sea. In 2 Thess. 2. 8 "that wicked" = "the lawless one", who is the beast from the earth, vv. 11-18.
6 blasphemy. The texts read "blasphemies".
his name = His Name, i.e. the Christ of God. See Acts 2. 21 and cp. Ex.
23. 21.
tabernacling. Gr. skene. In Rev. here; 15. 5; 21. 3.
and. Omit, and supply ellipsis with "that is". them = those.
that dwell. Lit. tabernacling. heaven. See 3. 12.

12 For this cause rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to ... the earth and of the sea! for the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.
13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast down unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the Male child.
14 And to the woman were given the two wings of the great eagle, in order that she may fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time [1,260 days], from the face of the serpent.
15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a river after the woman, in order that he might cause her to be carried away from the flood.
16 And the land helped the woman, and the land opened her mouth, and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, holding the testimony of Jesus, and he stood upon the sand of the sea.
18 And I stood upon the sand of the sea and I saw a wild beast coming up ascending out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.
2 And the wild beast which I saw was like to 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 [the being from the abyss] his power, and his throne, and great authority.
3 And I saw one from among his heads as it were slain to death; and his deadly wound [death stroke] was healed: and all the world wondered and followed after the wild beast.
4 And they worshipped the dragon because he gave the power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, “Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to make war with him?”
5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue [to act] forty and two months [three and one half years].
6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme the Christ of God, and His tabernacle, that is those tabernacling in heaven.
And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over every tribe and people, and tongue, and nation.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose name hath not been written in the book of the life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man have an ear, let him hear.

If any one is for captivity, into captivity he goeth; if any one is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

And I saw another wild beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he was speaking as a dragon.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast in his sight, and causeth the earth and them which dwell in it in order that they may worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

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

And he deceiveth them that dwell upon the earth by the means of those miracles which it was given him 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 of a sword, and lived again.

And it was given him to give life unto the image of the beast, in order 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 [the second beast] causeth all, the little and great, and the rich and poor, and the free and bond, in order that they may be given a mark upon their right hand, or upon their forehead:

And in order that no man should be able to buy or sell, except he that hath the mark, ... the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

This is wisdom. He that hath understanding calculate the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

And I saw, and, lo, the Lamb standing on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His name and His Father's name written upon their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice out of heaven, as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of many harpers:
3 And they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song except the hundred and forty and four thousand, which had been purchased from the earth.
4 These are they which were not defiled among women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
5 And in their mouth was not found the lie: for they are without fault.
6 And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having an everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
7 Saying with a great 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 sea, and all fountains of waters.
8 And another, a second angel followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, which made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
9 And another, a third angel followed them, saying, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
10 He also shall drink of God's fury, which is poured out undiluted 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.
11 And the smoke of their torment ascended up unto ages of ages: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his hand.
12 Here is the patience of the saints: they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith which Jesus gives.
13 And I heard a voice out of heaven saying, “Write, ‘Happy are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith THE Holy Spirit, in order that they may rest from their toilsome labours; for their rewards do follow with them.’”

14 And I saw, and beheld a white cloud, and upon the cloud One sitting like to 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 great voice to The One sitting on the cloud, “Thrust in Thy sickle, and reap: for the hour is come to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

16 And He That sat on the cloud and cast His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

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

18 And another angel came out from the altar, the one having power over the altar fire; and he called with a great cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.”

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

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, as far as a thousand and six hundred furlongs [200 miles].

15 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 glassy sea mingled with fire: and them that had gotten 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 ... harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvellous are Thy works, O Lord God The Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of nations.”

4 Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy: for all the nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy righteous sentences were made manifest.”

5 And after that I saw, and ... the Temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
6 And the seven angels came out of the Temple, having the seven plagues, clothed with precious stone pure and bright, and girt about the breasts with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, Who liveth forever and ever.

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

16 And I heard a great voice out of the Temple saying to the seven angels, “Go forth, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God into the earth.”

2 And the first went forth, and poured out his vial into the earth; and there became a wicked and hurtful ulcer upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and those worshipping his image.

3 And the second poured out his vial into the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living creature died in the sea.

4 And the third poured out his vial into the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, “Thou art righteous, … Which art, and wast, Thou Holy One, because Thou hast judged thus.

6 For they shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; … they are worthy.”

7 And I heard … the angel of the altar say, “Even so, O Lord God Almighty, who art and wast, … judgments.”

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and it was given to him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, Which hath the power over these plagues: and they repented not to give Him glory.

10 And the fifth poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain.

11 And they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and because of their ulcers, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, in order that the way of the kings that come from the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits as it were frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings … of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God [the] Almighty.
And he gathered them together into the place called in Hebrew Armageddon. And there came a great voice out of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and they talked with me, saying, "Come hither; I will shew to thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many peoples: with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and they that inhabit the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication. And he carried me away in the Spirit into a great wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and having the unclean things of her fornication: and upon her forehead she had a name written, a secret symbol. Babylon the great, the mother of the harlots and abominations of the earth. And I saw a woman [that great city] 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 wonder. And the angel said unto me, "Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman [that great city], and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads [kings] and ten horns. The beast that thou savest was, and is not; and is about to ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder whose name hath not been written in the book of life from foundation of the world, when this verse forms a parenthesis. Come, &c. See 1 Thess. 6. 2. Blessed. See 1. 3. lest = in order that (Gr. hina) not (Ap. 105. II). see. Ap. 133. I, 6. shame. The Gr. word only here and Rom. 1. 27 (unseemly). a = the. the. Omit. tongue. Omit. Armageddon. Gr. armageddon, as most texts. The word = mount of Megiddo. Therefore in Palestine, not Europe. See Judges 5. 19, &c. In Isa. 10. 28 the Sept. reads "Maggedro", for Migron. into. Gr. eis as in v. 16; but the texts read epi (Ap. 104. iv. 3). out. Of. apo. The texts read ok (as v. 1). of heaven. The texts omit. from. Ap. 104. iv. were, was. Lit. came to be. voices, &c. The texts read "lightnings, and voices, and thunders". See 4. 5. earthquake. Occ. seven times in Rev. See 6. 12. and. Read "or". was divided. Lit. became. great Babylon. Cp. Dan. 4. 30. came, &c. Lit. was remembered. fierceness. Gr. thumos (wrath, in v. 1). wrath. Gr. orge. Fig. Pleonasm. Ap. 6. talent. See Ap. 61. II. 6. (2). was = is.

17. 1 seven angels . . . vials. See 15. 7. talked. Ap. 121. 7. unto me. The texts omit. unto = to. judgment. Ap. 177. 6. waters. See v. 15. 2 earth. Ap. 129. 4. have. Omit. the inhabitants, &c. The texts rend "they that inhabit the earth were made drunken", &c. So = And. Spirit. Ap. 101. 11. 3. See 1. 10. the. No art., but this is often omitted after a prep. saw. Ap. 133. I. 1. a woman. I. e. "that great city" of v. 18. sit = sitting; as supported by that being described in vv. 8-11. upon. Ap. 104. iv. 3. heads. These are the kings of v. 10. 4 decked. Lit. "gilded". stones = stone. golden cup. Cp. Jer. 51. 7. abominations. Gr. bdelugma, used in Sept. of an idol (2 Kings 23. 13, &c; j; in plural, of idolatry (Deut. 18. 9, &c). Called "abominations" because of the uncleanness practiced in the worship. and filthiness = and having the unclean things; as the texts. 5 MYSTERY. See Ap. 193. and I. 20. The verse should be read, "And upon her forehead (she had) a name written, a secret symbol (mysterion), BABYLON THE GREAT, the mother of the harlots and of the abominations of the earth". The name of the woman is therefore a secret sign or symbol of "that great city" which she personifies (v. 18). HARLOTS = the harlots. OF THE EARTH. Babylon is the fountain-head of all idolatry and systems of false worship. This is the "mystery of iniquity" (2 Thess. 2. 7) seen in all the great "religions" of the world. All alike substitute another god for the God of the Bible; a god made either with the hands or with the imagination, but equally made; a religion consisting of human merit and endeavor. The "Reunion of the Churches" of Christendom and the "League of Nations" are two of the most arresting signs of the times. 6 saints. See Acts 9. 13. martyrs. See p. 1511. Jesus. Ap. 98. X. admiration = wonder. In this phrase is the Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6. 7 marvel. As "wonder"; vv. 6, 8. 8 was, &c. Implying a time between chs. 12 and 13. shall = is about to. perdition. See John 17. 12. names. The texts read "name". were not = hath not been. book. &c. See Phil. 4. 3. life. Ap. 170. 1. foundation, &c. See Ap. 146.
they beheld the beast because it was, and is not, and shall be present.

9 ... Here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads [kings] represent seven mountains, on which the woman [that great city] sitteth.

10 And they represent seven kings: five fell, the one is [at this stage of the vision], ... the seventh is not yet come; and when he shall have come, he must abide a short space.

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

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

13 These have one mind, and they give [of their own free will] their power and strength to the beast.

14 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.”

15 And he saith to me, “The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, represent peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest and the beast, these will hate the whore, and will make her the city desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God put in their hearts to do His will, and to carry out one purpose, and give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

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

18 ... After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened from his glory.

2 And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become a habitation of demons, and the cage of every unclean spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all the nations have drunk of the furious wine of her fornication, and the kings


22. Babylon's judgment. Their silence. 23. God's people. Their blood "found in her".
of the 'earth ... committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the 'earth ... waxed rich by the "abundance of her luxury." 

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come forth out of her, My People, in order that ye be not partakers of her "sins, and in order that ye receive not of her "plagues."

5 For her "sins ... built together up to heaven, and God ... remembered her "iniquities.

6 Render her even as she rendered others, and "double ... double according to her works: in the cup which she mixed, mix to her double.

7 How much she ... glorified herself, 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.'

8 For this cause shall her "plagues "come [suddenly] in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for mighty is the Lord God Who judged her.

9 And the kings of the 'earth, who ... committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her, ... bewail her, and lament over her, when they ... see the smoke of her "burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her 'orment, saying, "Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, the "mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.'

11 And the merchants of the 'earth ... weep and mourn over her; for no man "buyeth their merchandise no longer:

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

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and "cattle, and sheep, and horses, and "four wheel vehicles, and "slaves, and men.

14 And the fruits of thy soul's desire are perished from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and men shall never more at all find them.

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her "torment, weeping and wailing,
16 ... Saying, 'Woe! woe! the great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stone, and pearls!
17 For in one hour so great riches is made desolate.' And every shipmaster, every one that saileth any whither, and sailors, and as many as work the sea for a living, stood afar off, and cried as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like ... the great city!'
18 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, 'Woe! woe!, the great city, in which were made rich all that had the ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour was she made desolate.'
20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints and apostles and prophets; for God hath fully avenged you on her.
21 And a mighty angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, 'Thus with furious rush shall the great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.
22 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 no more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;
23 And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of ... bridegroom and of ... bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorcery [witchcraft] were all the nations deceived.'
24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.
19 ... After these things I heard [as it were] a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, *Alleluia [praise ye THE LORD]; The salvation, and the glory, ... and the power, of our God*:
2 For true and righteous are His judgments: for He ... judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and ... avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.

16 And. Omit. Alas, alas, = Woe! woe! as vv. 10 and 19. that = the. stones = stone.
17 in one hour. See v. 19.
18 ships. The texts read "every one that saileth any whither", indicating travellers of all kinds.
all ... ships. Lit. work the sea, i.e. for a living.
18 when, &c. = as they looked upon (the texts read Ap. 133. i. 5).
unto. Omit. this = the.
19 that = the. whereof = in (Ap. 104. viii) which.
20 ships = the ships.
21 one hour. See v. 10 and cp. Isa. 47. 11; v. 17 and Jer. 50. 26; v. 19 and Jer. 51. 8. Ancient Babylon, after its capture by Cyrus, gradually diminished. is = was. made desolate. See "come to nought", v. 17.
20 over. Ap. 104. ix. 2. with texts. holy = saints (see Acts 9. 13) and.
23 hath avenged. Lit. judged your judgment (App. 122. 1.
21 like = as it were. into. Ap. 104. vi.
23 lamp = lamp. See Ap. 106. i. i.
shine. See Ap. 106. i. i.
24 sorceries = sorcery. See 9. 21.
the nations = the nations.
24 Cp. Isa. 47. 9.
24 saints. See v. 20 (holy).
19. 1-10 [For Structure see below].
19. 1 And. Omit. after, &c. See 4. 1.
2 heard. The texts add "as it were".
20 heaven. See 3. 12.
20 Alleluia. See Ps. 104. 35.
21 Salvation = The salvation.
21 glory = the glory. See p. 1511.
21 and honour. The texts omit.
21 unto, &c. The texts read "of our God".
21 Ark. 175. 2.
3 heaven. Omit.
3 And again they have said, "Amen, Alleluia." And her smoke goeth up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God the One sitting on the throne, saying, "Amen, Alleluia.

5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all ye His servants ..., ye that fear Him, ... small and great."

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, "Amen, Alleluia: for the Lord our God, The Omnificent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and be exceeding glad, and give the glory to Him: for the marriage-feast of the Lamb is come, and His "wife hath made herself ready."

8 And to her was granted in order that she should be arrayed in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

9 And he saith to me, "Write, "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage and supper of the Lamb,"" and he saith to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

10 And I fell before his feet to worship him. And he saith to me, "See thou do it not: I am thy "fellowservant, and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the "spirit of prophecy.""

11 And I saw the heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat thereon was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.

12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head were many crowns; and He hath a name written, that no man knew, if not He Himself.

13 And He was clothed with a vesture stained with blood: and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, bright and pure.

15 And "out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, in order that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall shepherd them with a scepter of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the Almighty.

16 And He hath on His vineyard and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
19. 17.

17 And I saw one angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God;

18 In order that ye may eat ... flesh of kings, and ... flesh of captains, and ... flesh of mighty ... , and ... flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and ... flesh of all ..., 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 the war with Him Who sitteth on the horse, and with His army.

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

21 And the rest were slain with the sword of Him Who sitteth on the horse, which sword came forth out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

20 And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain upon his hand.

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

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut it up, and sealed it over him, in order that he should not deceive the nations no longer, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: ... after that he must be loosed a little time.

4 And I saw thrones, and the Father and Christ, and the heavenly beings associated with them as assessors sat upon them, and judgment was given for them: even ... the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and whosoever had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their foreheads, and upon their hand; and they lived again and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 ... The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death.

19: 17–20: 15. THE SEVENTH (AND LAST) VISION "ON EARTH".


20: 4–6. Men. The judgment of the over-comers. The "rest of the dead" left for judgment.


gather ... together. The texts read "be gathered together". the supper ... God. The texts read "the great supper of God".


21 the remnant = the rest. Ap. 124. 3.


20 3  him. Gr. meta. set, &c. Lit. sealed it over him.

that = in order that. Gr. hina.

should, &c. = should not (Ap. 105. II) deceive (Ap. 128, VIII. 1).


20 and. Omit. after that. Gr. meta tauta, as 1. 19 (hereafter).


Satan is literal: the angel who binds him is literal; the abyss into which he is cast is literal; and the chain, whatever it may be composed of, is literal too.

4 they. I. e. the Father and Christ (3. 21), and the heavenly beings associated with them as assessors (1. 4; and cp. Matt. 25. 31. 1 Tim. 5. 21).


was given. I. e. not judging or ruling authority, but sentence, or pronouncement, or award in their favour.

unto = for. No prep. Dat. case. them. I. e. those who had been beheaded.

and = even. I saw. Omit.

souls. App. 110. II. Fig. Synecdoche (of Part). Ap. 6. were = had been.

witness = testimony. See 19. 10 and p. 1511.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

word. Ap. 121. 10.

which = whosoever. Gr. hotiines, as Matt. 39. 39, 41.

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hath no "power, but they shall be "priests of God and of "Christ, and shall reign with Him the "thousand years.

7 And when the "thousand years are "fulfilled, "Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

8 And shall go out to "deceive the nations which are in the four "corners of the "earth, "Gog and Magog, to gather them together to "the war predicted and determined: the "number of whom is "as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the "earth, and compassed the camp of the "saints about, and the "beloved city: and fire came down from God out of "heaven, and "devoured them.

10 And the "devil that "deceived them was cast into the "lake of fire and brimstone, "where also the "beast and the false "prophet "were cast, and "they shall be "tormented day and night "for ever and ever.

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

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

13 And the sea gave up "the dead which were in it; and death and the "grave "delivered up "the dead which were in them: and they were judged "each one according to their works.

14 And death and "the grave "were cast into the "lake of fire. This is the second "death, the "lake of fire.

15 And "if any one was not found written in the book of "life was cast into the "lake of fire.

21 And I "saw a "new "heaven and a "new "earth: for the "former "heaven and the "former "earth were passed away; and the "sea is no more.

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

3 And I heard a great voice out of "the throne saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will "tabernacle "with them, and they shall be His "Peoples, and God Himself shall be with them, and "be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears "from their eyes; and "death shall be no more, "neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be no more pain: ... the "former things are passed away."
5 And He That sitteth upon the throne saith, “Behold, I make all things ‘new.’” And He saith ..., “Write: for these ‘words are faithful and true.’

6 And He said to me, “They are come to pass. I am The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be His God, and he shall be My son.

8 But the faithless, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

9 And there came ... 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.”

10 And he carried me away in THE Holy Spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me the Holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

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

12 Having a wall great and high, and having twelve foundations, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons 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 [for a measure] in order that he might 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 [1,500 miles]. 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 [300 feet], ... the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

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

19 ... 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, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the #street [broad place] of the city was #pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no #Temple in it: 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, #in order to shine in it: for the #glory of God did #lighten it, and the Lamb is the #light thereof.

24 And the nations shall walk through the #light of her: and the kings of the #earth ... bring their #glory ... unto her.

25 And the gates of her 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 both the nations unto her.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into her anything unclean, or he that worketh or maketh an idol: only they which are written in the Lamb's book of #life.

22 And he shewed me a ... river of #water of #life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the #Temple of God and of the Lamb.

28 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the street, was there the #tree of #life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, #yielding her fruit according to each month: and the leaves of the #tree were for the #healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be #no longer an accursed thing: and the #thrones 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 upon their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night #there: and they need no #candle, and #light of ... sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they #shall reign [with God] for ever and ever.

6 And the #angel said to me, "These #words are #faithful and #true: and the Lord #the God of the spirits of the prophets #sent His angel to shew to His #servants the things which must #shortly [with speed] be done.

7 And #behold, I come #quickly: #blessed is he that #keepeth the "words of the prophecy of this book."
8 And I John, am he that heard and saw these things. And when I ... zeroth, prophecy of this book:  

9 And I said, See thou do it not: ... keep the words of this book:  

10 And he saith to me, Seal not the words of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. 

11 He that is unrighteous, let him act unrighteously still: and he which is morally defiled, let him be morally defiled still: and he that is righteous, let him work righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 

12 ... Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man ... as his work is. 

13 I am The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. 

14 Blessed are they that wash their robes, in order that they may have right over the tree of life, and may enter in the gates into the city. 

15 ... Without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 

16 ... I Jesus sent Mine angel to testify to you these things in the assemblies. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, ... the morning Star. 

17 And THE Holy Spirit and the bride say, Come. Let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. The one willing, let him take the water of life freely. 

18 ... I testify, to every one that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any one shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 

19 And if any one shall take away from the words of the book of the prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the tree of life, and out of the holy city, ... which are written in this book. 

20 He Which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. ... come, Lord Jesus. 

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. 

Amen. 

8 saw, &c. The texts read "am he that heard and saw these things". 

saw. Ap. 133. 1. 5. 

had. Omit. 

witness. Ap. 137. 3. 

9 Then = And. 


for. The texts omit. 


let ... unjust = let him act unrighteously. Aor. tense. 

filthy = morally defiled. Gr. rhupoo. Only here. Cp. James 1. 21 (rhuparia) and 1 Pet. 3. 21 (rhupos). The texts, however, read here rhuparos rhupantheto. 


be righteous. The texts read "do (or work) righteousness" (Ap. 191. 2). 

be holy. Gr. Hagiazos. Only occ. of the verb in Rev. In N.T. almost invariably "sanctify". Note Fig. Epistrophe (Ap. 6) in this verse. 

12 And. The texts omit. 


every man = each one. 

according. Omit. 

shall be. The texts read "is". 

13 Alpha, &c. See 1. 8. 

14 Blessed. Gr. makharios. Fiftieth (Ap. 10) and last occ. in N. T. Cp. the forty-two occs. of the Heb. equivalent, 'Ashrey, the first in Deut. 33. 29 (Happy). 

do His commandments. The texts read "wash their robes", but it is probable that the reading of the Received Text is correct. It is a question of reading in the original MSS. and not of translation. 

that = in order that. Gr. hina. 


to = over. Ap. 104. ix. 3. 

through = by. No prep. 


15 Fig. Synecdoche of Species (Ap. 6) in this verse. 

For. The texts omit. 

dogs. The word "dog" appears in Phoenician remains, as applied to a class of servants attached to a temple of Ashtoreth in Cyprus. 


lie. Cp. 21. 27. 

16 I. The Lord Himself speaks. 

Jesus. Ap. 98. X. 

have sent = sent. Ap. 174. 4. 

testify. See p. 1611. 

churches. See 1. 4 and Ap. 186. The "assemblies" of chs. 2 and 8 specifically, during the fulfillment of "the prophecy of this book". 

Offspring. Fig. Synecdoche (of Species). Ap. 6. See Acts 17. 28. 

David. See 3. 2; 4. 5. and, and, Omit. 

morning = the morning. Gr. orthinos, only here. The texts read ho proinos, as 2. 28. 


17 This verse illustrates the Fig. Polyysyndeton. Ap. 6. 


And. The texts omit. 

whosoever will. Lit. the one willing