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(Note. The Structures in the Notes are taken from Dr. E.W. Bullinger's comprehensive work, *The Apocalypse*, but as not all in that volume are here given, the lettering is not consecutive throughout. This, however, does not interfere with the study of the Structures presented.)

### INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

- 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:
  - "The word of God" (1:2), in the sense in which the term occurs in the Old Testament (Cp. 1 Chron. 17:3. Jer. 1:4, 13. Ezek. 1:3. Joel 1:1; &c.);
  - "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:
  - "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); probably both.
- AUTHORSHIP.** The testimony of *Melito*, bishop of Sardis (c. 170), quoted by *Eusebius*; *Irenaeus* (c. 180); the *Muratorian 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).
- 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".
- 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.)

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† Salvation.

# THE REVELATION. †

**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 *partaker 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 ...

**1.1 The ... Christ.** The Divine title of the Book. †  
**The Revelation** = Revelation. Gr. *apokalupsis*, whence our "Apocalypse". Ap. 106. II. 1 and Ap. 197.  
**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 throughout O. T., and in this Book is used (fourteen times) as the proper title of those who are its subjects. Contrast "servants" and "sons", Rom. 8. 14-17. Gal. 4. 1-7. 1 John 3. 1. **things, &c.** = what things must needs come to pass. See Dan. 2. 29 (Sept.). **shortly** = with (Gr. *en*) speed. **sent** = having sent. Ap. 174. 1.  
**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. 9; 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.  
**all things that** = whatsoever things. **saw.** Ap. 133. I. 1.  
**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. **those** = the. **therein** = in (Gr. *en*) it. **time.** Gr. *kairos*. Cp. Ap. 195.  
**4 seven.** See App. 10 and 197. 6.  
**churches.** Gr. *ekklesia*. App. 120. I and 186.  
**Asia.** Not Europe, and consequently not Christendom.  
**Grace.** Ap. 184. I. 1.  
**Him ... come.** Gr. paraphrase of "Jehovah". See Ap. 4. II.  
**Which** = Who, and so throughout Rev. **Spirits.** Ap. 101. II. 11.  
**5 faithful.** Ap. 150; III; 175. 4. Cp. Isa. 55. 4.  
**Witness.** Gr. *martus*. See 3. 14 and p. 1511.  
**First Begotten.** See Rom. 8. 29. Heb. 1. 6. Cp. Ps. 2. 7. Acts. 13. 33. 1 Cor. 15. 20. Col. 1. 18.  
**of the dead.** Ap. 139. 1. The texts omit *ek*.  
**Prince** = Ruler. See John 12. 31. **kings, &c.** See 6. 16 and Ps. 89. 27, 37. **earth.** Ap. 129. 4.  
**loved.** The texts read "loveth". Ap. 135. I. 1.  
**washed.** The texts read "loosed". Ap. 95. I. 1; note 2, p. 138.  
**from.** Gr. *ek*. Ap. 104. vii. **sins.** Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. Elsewhere in Rev. 18. 4. 5. **in** = by. Gr. *en*. Ap. 104. viii.  
**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").

**Father.** See Ap. 98. III. **glory** = the glory. See p. 1511.  
**for ever, &c.** Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 9. a. First of fourteen occ. (including 14. 11).  
**7 Behold.** Ap. 133. I. 2. **with.** Ap. 104. xi. 1. **clouds** = the clouds.  
**see.** Ap. 133. I. 8 (a). **they, &c.** Allusion to Zech. 12. 10.  
**kindreds** = tribes, as Matt. 19. 28; 24. 30; &c. Gr. *phule*. **because of.** Gr. *epi*. Ap. 104. ix. 3. See Zech. 12. 10.  
**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. **9 who also am.** Omit.  
**tribulation** = the tribulation. Here; 2. 9, 10, 22; 7. 14. **in the.** The texts omit.  
"tribulation" is specially connected. Fig. *Hendiatriis* (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.

**dominion** = the dominion. Ap. 172. 2.  
**Amen** = even (the) Amen: see 3. 14.  
**eye.** Fig. *Synecdoche* (Ap. 6), for person.  
**pierced.** Cp. John 19. 34.  
**Even so** = Yea.  
**LORD.** The texts read **Almighty** Ap. 98. IV. The Gr. word occ. nine (Ap. 10) times in Rev.  
**companion** = partaker, as Rom. 11. 17. Phil. 1. 7; &c.  
**kingdom and patience.** With this "kingdom" the **patience.** Occ. seven times in Rev. Cp. Luke 21. 19. 2 Thess. 3. 5.  
**Christ.** The texts omit. **was** = came to be.  
**for.** Ap. 104. v. 2. Nothing to indicate that John had been "banished".

**10** I <sup>o</sup>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 <sup>o</sup>trumpet,

**11** Saying, ... "What thou <sup>o</sup>seest, write in a *scroll*, and <sup>o</sup>send it <sup>to</sup> the <sup>4</sup>seven <sup>4</sup>churches ... ; <sup>to</sup> Ephesus, and <sup>to</sup> Smyrna, and <sup>to</sup> Pergamos, and <sup>to</sup> Thyatira, and <sup>to</sup> Sardis, and <sup>to</sup> Philadelphia, and <sup>to</sup> Laodicea.

**12** And I turned to <sup>11</sup>see the *Speaker* that *was speaking* with me. And *having* turned, I <sup>2</sup>saw <sup>4</sup>seven golden *lampstands*;

**13** And in the midst of the <sup>4</sup>seven <sup>12</sup>*lampstands* one like <sup>1</sup>to ~~the~~ <sup>o</sup>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 wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

**15** And *His feet* like <sup>1</sup>unto <sup>o</sup>fine brass, as *glowing* in a <sup>o</sup>furnace; and his <sup>o</sup>voice as the sound of many waters.

**16** And *having* in *His* right hand <sup>4</sup>seven <sup>o</sup>stars: and <sup>o</sup>out of *His* mouth went a sharp <sup>o</sup>twoedged <sup>o</sup>sword: and *His* <sup>o</sup>countenance was as the sun <sup>o</sup>shineth in his <sup>o</sup>strength.

**17** And when I <sup>2</sup>saw *Him*, I <sup>o</sup>fell at *His* feet as *one dead*. And *He* laid *His* right hand upon me, saying ..., "Fear not; <sup>o</sup>I am the First and the Last:

**18** And the Living One, and yet became <sup>o</sup>dead; and, <sup>7</sup>See !, Living am I <sup>o</sup>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 <sup>o</sup>stars which thou <sup>2</sup>sawest in *My* <sup>16</sup>right hand, and the seven golden <sup>12</sup>*lampstands*. The seven <sup>o</sup>stars represent ... <sup>o</sup>angels of the seven <sup>4</sup>churches: and the seven <sup>12</sup>*lampstands* ... are ... seven <sup>4</sup>churches.

**2** To the <sup>o</sup>angel of the <sup>o</sup>church of <sup>o</sup>Ephesus write; "These things saith *He* That <sup>o</sup>holdeth the <sup>o</sup>seven stars in *His* right hand,

**10 Spirit.** Ap. 10I. 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 kuriake hemera*, the Lord's day. Occ. 1 Thess. 5. 2. 2 Thess. 2. 2 (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.

**11 I am . . . last: and.** The texts omit. **seest.** Ap. 133. I. 6. in. Gr. eis. **book** = roll, or scroll, as 6. 14. **send.** Ap. 174. 4. **which . . . Asia.** The texts omit. **unto.** Gr. eis, as above.

**12 voice.** The Speaker (Figs. *Metonymy of Effect*, and *Catachresis*. Ap. 6). See v. 10. **spake** = was speaking. **being** = having. **candlesticks** = lampstands. Occ. seven times in Rev.

**13 the.** Omit. **Son of Man.** App. 98. XVI and 99. **about.** Gr. pros. **paps** = breasts.

**14 His head.** Read "And His head". **like.** The texts read "as". Cp. this and the following vv. with Ezek. 1. 7. Dan. 7. 9; 10. 6.

**15 fine brass.** Only here and 2. 18. **as . . . burned** = as glowing. **furnace.** Only here; 9. 2. Matt. 13. 42, 50.

**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. *pipto*. See 7. 16 (light). **at.** Gr. pros. Ap. 104. xv. 3. **dead** = one dead. Ap. 139. 2. **unto me.** The texts omit. **I am . . . Last.** Cp. Isa. 41. 4; 43. 10; 44. 6; 48. 11, 12.

**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 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.

**20 mystery** = secret symbol. See Ap. 193. **stars.** Gr. *aster*. Occ. fourteen (Ap. 10) times in Rev. **in.** Gr. *epi*. **are** = represent, or signify. **the.** Omit. **angels.** Ap. 120. I. 1. 2. **which . . . sawest.** The texts omit. **the.** Omit.

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

*Correspondent to Israel in the Wilderness.*

- 1. EPHEBUS. Israel's espousals.
- 2. † SMYRNA. Israel's testing.
- 3. PERGAMOS. Israel's failure.

*In the Land.*

† Churches that Jesus found no fault with.

- 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.

**2. 1 Unto** = To. **angel.** See 1. 20. **church.** Ap. 186. bestowed by grace. Here blessing is promised to overcomers only. **seven stars.** See 1. 16, 20.

**Ephesus.** Not for those addressed in *Ephesians*, on whom all blessing is **holdeth.** Occ. eight times in Rev. Cp Ap. 172. 2. See Col. 2. 19. Heb. 4. 14; &c.

Who walketh in the midst of the seven golden *lampstands*;  
**2** I know thy <sup>o</sup>works, and ... *toil*, and thy patience, and how thou canst not <sup>o</sup>bear them which are <sup>o</sup>evil: and thou *didst try* them which *call themselves* apostles, and are not, and *didst find* them <sup>o</sup>liars:

**3** And *hast patient endurance and didst bear, for My* <sup>o</sup>name's sake hast laboured, and hast not *wearied*.

**4** Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou *didst leave* <sup>o</sup>thy first <sup>o</sup>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 <sup>o</sup>repent.

**6** But this thou hast, that thou hatest the *works* of the <sup>o</sup>Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

**7.** <sup>o</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what *THE Holy Spirit is saying* unto the <sup>1</sup>churches; To him that <sup>o</sup>overcometh will I give to eat of <sup>o</sup>the <sup>o</sup>tree of <sup>o</sup>life, which is in the midst of the <sup>o</sup>Paradise of God.'

**8** And unto the <sup>1</sup>angel of the <sup>1</sup>church in <sup>o</sup>Smyrna write; 'These things saith the <sup>o</sup>First and the Last, Which *became* <sup>o</sup>dead, and *lived again*;

**9** I know thy ... tribulation, and <sup>o</sup>poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are <sup>o</sup>Jews, and are not, but *are a* <sup>o</sup>synagogue of <sup>o</sup>Satan.

**10** Fear *not* those things which thou *art about to* suffer: <sup>o</sup>behold, the <sup>o</sup>devil *is about to* cast *some* of you into prison, *in order that* ye may be *tested*; and ye shall have tribulation ten <sup>o</sup>days: *Become* thou <sup>o</sup>faithful *until* <sup>o</sup>death, and I will give thee *the* <sup>o</sup>crown of <sup>7</sup>life.

**11** <sup>7</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the <sup>7</sup>*THE Holy Spirit is saying* unto the <sup>1</sup>churches; He that <sup>7</sup>overcometh shall not be <sup>o</sup>hurt of the <sup>o</sup>second death.'

**12** And to the <sup>1</sup>angel of the <sup>1</sup>church in <sup>o</sup>Pergamos write; 'These things saith <sup>o</sup>He *Who* hath the sharp sword with two edges;

**13** I know ... where thou <sup>o</sup>dwestest, *even* where <sup>9</sup>Satan's *throne is*: and thou <sup>o</sup>holdest fast *My* name, and *didst not deny My* <sup>o</sup>faith, even in those days ... <sup>o</sup>Antipas was *My* <sup>o</sup>faithful *witness*, who was slain among you, where <sup>9</sup>Satan <sup>o</sup>dwesteth.

**14** But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that <sup>1</sup>hold the doctrine

**candlesticks.** See 1. 12, 13, and cp. Lev. 26. 12. 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 1. 9. See Rom. 2. 7.

**bear.** Gr. *bastazo*. In Rev. here, v.3; 17. 7 (carrieth).

**evil.** Ap. 128. III. 2. **hast tried** = didst try.

**say they.** The texts read "call themselves". **apostles.** Ap. 189.

**hast found** = didst find. **liars.** Gr. *pseudes*. Only here; 21. 8. Acts 6. 13.

**3 hast, &c.** The texts read "and hast patient endurance and didst bear (v. 2) for", &c. **for ... sake.** Ap. 104. v. 2. **name's.** See Acts 6. 41. **fainted** = wearied. Gr. *kanno*. Only here; Heb. 12. 3. Jas. 5. 15 (sick).

**4 hast left** = didst leave. **thy, &c.** Cp. Deut. 7. 7-9. Jer. 2. 1, 2. Ezek. 16. 6-10. **love.** Ap. 135. II. 1. Only here and v. 19 in Rev.

**5 from.** Omit. **art fallen** = hast fallen.

**repent.** Cp. Lev. 26. 40-42. Deut. 30. 1-3. Dan. 9. 3, 4. Matt. 4. 17. Acts 2. 38; &c. Contrast Eph. 1. 3. Ap. 111. I. 1. **else** = if (Ap. 118. 2.

a) not (Ap. 105. II.).

**will.** Omit.

**quickly.** The texts omit.

**remove** = move, as 6. 14.

**except.** If (Ap. 118. 1. b) not (Ap. 105. II.)

**6 deeds** = works, as v. 5.

**Nicolaitanes.** History has no record of these. Tradition says much. They will appear "in that day". All we do know is that they are hateful to God.

**7 He, &c.** A formula used by the Lord alone. See Ap. 142.

**Spirit** Ap. 101. II. 3.

**saith** = is saying.

**overcometh.** See John 16. 33. The verb *nikao*, to conquer or overcome, occ. seventeen times in Rev.

**the tree, &c.** *the tree of the life.* Promise fulfilled 22. 14, where also the articles differentiate from Ezek. 47. 12.

**tree.** Lit. wood. Gr. *xulon*, as used frequently in Sept., e.g. Exod. 7. 25.

**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.

**God.** Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

**8 Smyrna.** About fifty miles north-west of Ephesus. A great centre now of Levantine trade.

**First ... Last.** See 1. 17.

**was** = became. **dead.** Ap. 139. 2.

**is alive** = lived (again). See Ap. 170. 1.

**9 works, and.** The texts omit.

**poverty.** See Ap. 127. 1.

**Jews.** Only here, and 3. 9 in Rev.

**the** = a.

**synagogue.** Ap. 120. I.

**Satan.** See Ap. 19.

**10 none of** = not. Ap. 105. II.

**shalt** = art about to.

**behold.** Ap. 133. I. 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.

**days.** Not "periods". Cp. Gen. 7. 4, 10. Num. 14. 33; &c.

**be** = become.

**faithful.** Ap. 150. III.

**unto** = until. Gr. *achri*.

**death.** See 12. 11.

**a** = the.

**crown.** Gr. *Stephanos*. See 1 Pet. 5. 4.

**11 hurt** See 22. 11.

**second death.** See 20. 6, 14; 21. 8.

**12 Pergamos.** A city of Mysia 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.

**13 thy works, and.** The texts omit.

**seat** = throne. Cp. 13. 2; 16. 10.

**denied.** Gr. *arneomai*. First occ. Matt. 10. 33.

**wherein.** Most texts omit.

**faithful.** Ap. 150. III

**dwestest, dwelleth.** Gr. *katoikeo*, to take up

**holdest fast.** Same as hold, v. 1.

**My faith.** See 14. 12.

**Antipas.** A witness in future who will be faithful unto death.

**martyr** = witness. See 1. 5.

**among.** Gr. *para*. Ap. 104. xii. 2.

of °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 <sup>1</sup>hold the doctrine of the °Nicolaitans, *in like manner*.

**16** <sup>5</sup>Repent; or <sup>5</sup>*if not I ...* come *to* thee quickly, and will *make war* against them with the sword of My mouth.

**17** <sup>7</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the *THE Holy Spirit is saying* unto the <sup>1</sup>churches; To him that <sup>7</sup>overcometh will I give ... the °hidden °manna, and will give him a white [victory] °stone, and in the °stone a °new name written, which *no one* °knoweth °saving he that °receiveth *it*.'

**18** And unto the <sup>1</sup>angel of the <sup>1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>works, °and *love*, and °service, and °faith, and thy <sup>2</sup>patience, and thy <sup>2</sup>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 <sup>14</sup>fornication, and to eat <sup>14</sup>things sacrificed unto idols.

**21** And I gave her *time in order that she might repent* <sup>7</sup>of her fornication; *and she is not willing to repent of her fornication*.

**22** <sup>10</sup>Behold, I *do* cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great °tribulation, <sup>5</sup>*if not* they <sup>5</sup>repent of *her* deeds.

**23** And I will kill her °children with °death [pestilence]; and all the <sup>1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>works.

**24** 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*.

**26** And he that <sup>7</sup>overcometh, and °keepeth My <sup>2</sup>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** <sup>7</sup>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

**14 Balaam.** See Num. 22-25. Josh. 13. 22.

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

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

**children.** Ap. 108. iii. **things ... idols.** Gr. *eidolothuton*.

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

**16 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.

**against.** Gr. *meta*. Ap. 104. xi. 1. **with.** Gr. *en*. Ap. 104. viii.

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

**manna.** See John 6. 58. Cp. Ex. 16. 14, 32-34. Ps. 78. 24, 25.

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

**new name.** Cp. 3. 12. See Isa. 62. 2; 65 15, and cp. Acts 10. 17.

**new.** See Matt. 9. 17.

**no man** = no one. Gr. *oudeis*.

**knoweth.** Ap. 132. I. i, as the texts.

**Saving.** Same as else, v. 5.

**receiveth.** As in John 3. 27.

**18 Thyatira.** A town lying between Pergamos and Sardis. See Acts 16. 14. Another centre of Apollo and Artemis worship.

**Son of God.** Ap. 98. XV.

**feet ... brass.** Prepared for treading down in judgment. See 1. 15. Mal. 4. 3. and fulfillment in 19. 13-15.

**19 and.** These "ands" form the Fig. *Polysyndeton*. Ap. 6.

**charity** = love, as v. 4.

**service.** Ap. 190. II. 1.

**faith.** Ap. 150. II. 1.

**20 a few things.** Omit.

**that** = the.

**Jezebel.** See 1 Kings 16. 30-34; 21. 25. This patroness of Baal-worship will have her sinister antitype in the future.

**prophetess.** Only here and Luke 2. 36 (Anna) in NT.

**to teach, &c.** The texts read "and she teacheth and seduceth".

**seduce.** Ap. 128. viii. 1.

**servants.** Ap. 190. I. 2.

**21 space** = time. Gr. *chronos*. See 6. 11; 20. 3, and Ap. 195. I. 1.

**to repent** = in order that (Gr. *hina*) she might repent.

and she, &c. The texts read, "and she is not willing to repent of her fornication".

**22 will** = do.

**tribulation.** Cp. Rom. 2. 8, 9, 16.

**their** = her, according to some texts.

**23 children.** Ap. 108. i.

**death.** I. e. pestilence, as 6. 8; 18. 8.

**know.** Ap. 132. I. ii.

**searcheth, &c.** Cp. 1 Kings 8. 39. Jer. 11. 20; 17. 10; 20. 12.

**every** = each.

**according to.** Ap. 104. x. 2.

**24 and.** Omit.

**rest.** Ap. 124. 3.

**depths.** Cp. 2 Cor. 2. 11.

**I will put ... none.** Read "I lay not" (Ap. 105. 1).

**other.** See Ap. 124. 1.

**25 already.** Omit.

**come** = shall have come.

**26 keepeth.** See 1. 3.

**end.** See Matt. 24. 13. Cp. Ap. 125. 1.

**power.** Ap. 172. 5.

**over.** Ap. 104. ix. 1.

**nations.** Gr. *ethnos*. Gen. transl. Gentiles.

**27 rule.** Lit. "shepherd", as Matt. 2. 6. See Ps. 2. 7-9.

**rod** = sceptre, as Heb. 1. 8. Gr. *rhabdos*.

**as the, &c.** See Ps. 2. 9.

**even as I** = as I also.

**received** = have received.

**of.** Gr. *para*. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

**Father.** Ap. 98. III.

**28 morning star.** Fulfilled 22. 16. See Num. 24. 17, connecting the "star" with Israel and the day of the Lord's judgment.

**3. 1 unto** = to. **angel ... church.** See 1. 20.

**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.

**seven Spirits.** See 1. 4.

**God.** Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

seven 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 before 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;

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

seven, &c. 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.

livest. See Ap. 170. 1.

dead. Ap. 139. 2.

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.

as, &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 not.

defiled. Gr. *moluno*. Only here; 14. 4.

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

garments. Gr. *himation*. First of seven occ. (see Ap. 197) in Rev.

worthy. See Ap. 197. 6.

5 overcometh. See 2. 7.

the same. The texts read "thus".

blot out. OCC. 7. 17; 21. 4 (wipe away). Acts 3. 19. Col. 2. 14.

book, &c. See Phil. 4. 3.

life. Ap. 170. 1.

but = and.

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

Father. Ap. 98. III.

6 He, &c. See 2. 7.

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.

Holy = The Holy One. See 4. 8. Cp. Hos. 11. 9, &c. The Gr. *hagios* occ. twenty-six times in Rev. See Ap. 197. 6.

True. Ap. 175. 2.

key of David. See Isa. 22. 22.

no man = no one. Gr. *oudeis*.

8 behold. Ap. 133. I. 2.

set = given.

strength App. 172. 1; 176. 1.

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.

synagogue, &c. See 2. 9.

Satan. Ap. 19, and see 2. 9.

Jews. See 2. 9.

make. i.e. compel.

worship. Gr. *proskuneo*. Ap. 137. 1. Occ. twenty-four times (Ap. 10) in Rev. Twelve times connected with worship of God, eleven times with worship of Satan and the beast, and here.

have. Omit.

loved. Ap. 135. I. 1.

10 temptation = trial. Gr. *peirasmos*. Only occurrence in Rev.

shall = is about to.

world. Ap. 129. 3.

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

earth. Ap. 129. 4. Cp. Zeph. 1. 14-18.

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 nran = no one. Gr. *medeis*.

These words do not relate to such as through grace are perfect "in Him".

See Rom. 8. 38, 39.

12 Temple = sanctuary. Gr. *naos*. See Matt. 23. 16 and Ap. 88. 1.

upon. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

new Jerusalem. See 21. 2, 3, 10.

Cp. Ps. 48.1, 2, 8, 9. Ezek. 48. 35. See Ap. 88 and Ap. 197. 4.

new, new. Gr. *kainos*. See Matt. 9.17.

heaven. See Matt. 6. 9. Occ. fifty-two times in Rev., always in sing, save

12. 12.

new name. See 14. 1; 22. 4. Isa. 62. 2; 65. 15. Contrast

the name branded on the worshippers of the beast, 13. 16; 14. 11; 19. 20;

20. 4.

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.

Witness. See p. 1511.

beginning. Ap. 172. 6. Cp. Prov. 8. 22-

31. Col 1. 15-19.

**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, <sup>11</sup>**in order that** thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, <sup>11</sup>**in order that** thou mayest **clothe thyself**, and **that** the shame of thy nakedness **be not made manifest**; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, <sup>11</sup>**in order that** thou mayest see.

**19** As many as I °love, I °convict and chasten: be zealous therefore, and <sup>3</sup>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. **spue.** Gr. *emeo*. Only here. Occ. Isa. 19. 14 (Sept.).

**17 nothing.** Gr. *oudeis*.

**knowest.** Ap. 132. I. i.

**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. **fire.** Cp. Hag. 2. 8.

Zech. 13. 9. Mal. 3. 3.

**be clothed** = clothe thyself.

**do not appear** = be not (Ap. 105. II) made manifest (Ap. 106.1. v). Cp. 16. 15.

**see.** Ap. 133. I. 5.

**19 love.** Ap. 135. I. 2. This is preceded by Gr. *ean* (Ap. 118. 1. a). Cp. Isa. 43. 4; &c.

**rebuke** = convict. Gr. *elencho*. See John 16. 8.

**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.

**any man.** Ap. 123. 3.

**sup, &c.** A gracious promise to His servants (see 1. 1)... See Luke 12. 37.

**21 am set down** = sat down. See Acts 2. 33, 34. 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--5: 14. THE FIRST VISION IN HEAVEN.

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The throne, the elders, and the *zoa*.

4: -8-11.

The utterances of the *zoa* and the elders. Theme: *creation*.

5: 1-7.

The throne and the book: the Lion and the Lamb.

5: 8-14.

The new Song of the *zoe* and the elders. Other heavenly utterances. Theme: *redemption*.

**4. 1 After.** Ap. 104. xi. 2.

**this** = these things, as 1. 19.

**looked.** Ap. 133. I. 1.

**behold.** Ap. 133. I. 2.

**was opened.** I. e. already opened.

**heaven.** 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.

**2 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.

**Spirit.** Ap. 101. II. 3.

**sat** = sitting.

**3 look upon.** Cp. Ap. 133. I. 8.

**jasper** = jasper stone. According to

Pliny, this stone was translucent.

**sardine stone** = 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.).

**4 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*.

These are evidently heavenly beings, "a pattern" after which David arranged his twenty-four courses of the sons of Aaron (1 Chron. 24. 3-5).

**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".

**5 proceeded** = proceed. **seven.** See Ap. 197.

**lamps.** Ap. 130. 6. See John 18. 3.

**burning.** Gr. *kaio*. See John 5. 55.

**Spirits.** Ap. 101. II. 11.

**6 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.