

## FIRST JOHN

### *The Word Of Life*

**1** What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life—**2** and the Life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the Everlasting Life, which was with the Fäther and was manifested to us—**3** what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Fäther, and with his Sön Yēshua the Mēssiah. **4** And these things we write, so that our joy may be made full.

### *God Is Light*

**5** And this is the message we have heard from him and announce to you, that the Almīghty is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

**6** If we say that we have fellowship with him and still walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; **7** but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yēshua his Sön cleanses us from all sin. <sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> *blood*: The word “blood” is a metaphor for “life.” The life of Yeshua was sacrificed in death to pay the penalty for sin. The life of Yeshua was raised on the third day to cleanse us from the sin nature. John is emphasizing the cleansing here, and the word “cleanse” is in the present tense. Cleansing from the sin nature requires an infusion of the “life/blood” of Messiah. This partaking of his life does not completely eliminate the sin nature until He returns, but it progresses faster or slower according

**8** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** When we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>b</sup>

**10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### *Messiah Is Our Advocate*

**2** My little children, I am writing these things to you that you should not sin. And if anyone may sin, we have an advocate with the Fäther, Yēshua the Mēssiah the righteous; **2** and he himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. <sup>c</sup>

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to our repentance and obedience to his commandments from the heart.

<sup>b</sup> *righteous*: or, **just**. God’s justice includes his measure of mercy and compassion • *forgive ... cleanse*: The “forgive” part comes first, and the “cleansing” part follows over time. John wrote well after the destruction of the Temple. What he is saying is that Yeshua also forgives sins of ignorance when the Levitical Service is lacking, and not just transgressions and iniquities upon repentance. See Acts 13:38-39.

<sup>c</sup> *for*: John uses the word “for” to mean available “for.” He does not mean it is automatically effective. Yeshua’s payment is only effective on the condition of repentance. John makes the point that Yeshua is available for the whole world because the Gnostics, against whom he was writing, taught that the atonement was only for the predestined elect. Gnosticism evolved into Augustinian and Calvinistic theologies.

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3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>a</sup> 4 The one who says, "I have come to know him," and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him the love of the Almighty has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in him: 6 the one who says he remains in him ought himself to walk in the same manner as he walked.

7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. <sup>b</sup> 9 The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. 10 The one who loves his brother remains in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks

<sup>a</sup> *know him*: knowing God requires keeping his commands, and being assured that one is repentant and walking in his covenant requires keeping his commandments. And being in his covenant is necessary for hope of eternal life.

<sup>b</sup> *new commandment*: what seems to be contradictory in English here is the Hebrew sense of 'new', which is 'make to be anew,' and as a noun, 'something made to be anew.' Only the context can say whether the subject is a new instance of something already existing, or if it is brand new and never existed before. What John means is a new instance of an old commandment.

in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of the Almighty abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

### *Do Not Love the World*

15 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of the Almighty abides onward the time immemorial.

18 Children, it is an extreme hour; and just as you heard that anti-messiah is coming, even now many anti-messiahs have arisen; from this we know that it is an extreme hour. <sup>c</sup> 19 They went out from us, but they were not *really* from us; for if they were from us, they would have remained with us; but therein it may be shown that they all are not from us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you

<sup>c</sup> *extreme*: ἔσχατος. See LSJ. The word is used to indicate the *worst* or *utmost* extremity of the hour.

because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. **22** Who is the liar but the one who denies that Yēshua is the Mēssiah? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Fāther and the Sōn. <sup>a</sup> **23** whoever denies the Sōn does not have the Fāther; the one who confesses the Sōn has the Fāther also. **24** As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Sōn and in the Fāther.

### *The Promise Is Eternal Life*

**25** And this is the promise which he himself made to us: everlasting life.

**26** These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. **27** And as for you, the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in him.

**28** And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from him in shame at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of him.

<sup>a</sup> *denies ... Father ... Son:* the Gnostic heretics argued that the Messiah was only the Spirit of God that came to Yeshua at his baptism and left him before he died. They therefore denied that He was the Messiah by separating the divine nature from the human nature. Later this heresy was adopted by Nestorius, who said that the human personality and soul of Yeshua was not the Spirit of the Almighty.

### *Children of God Love One Another*

**3** See how great a love the Fāther has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of the Almighty; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know him. **2** Beloved, now we are children of the Almighty, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that, when he appears, we will be like him, because we will see him just as he is.

**3** And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on him purifies himself, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. **5** And you know that he appeared in order to take away sins; and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has seen him or knows him. <sup>b</sup>

**7** Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous; **8** the one who practices sin is of the Accuser; for the Accuser has sinned from the beginning. The Almighty Sōn appeared for this purpose, that he might destroy the works of the Accuser. **9** No one who is born of the Almighty practices sin, because his seed remains in him—so he cannot sin in that he is made to be born of the Almighty. <sup>c</sup> **10** By

<sup>b</sup> *sins:* John does not mean sinning in ignorance or circumstance here. The Law allows for that and provides atonement for it. John means serious *sin* called *transgression* and *iniquity* עֲוֹן and חַטָּאת. Sins of ignorance are called חַטָּאת (Psa 19:13). Transgressions and iniquities are only forgiven through Messiah after they are forsaken by the sinner. But the one who is sinning such sins does not know God.

<sup>c</sup> *seed:* the word of God. If his word remains in us, then we keep his

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this the children of the Almighty and the children of the Accuser are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of the Almighty, nor the one who does not love his brother.

**11** For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; **12** not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous. **13** Do not marvel, brothers, if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love abides in death. **15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has everlasting life remaining in him.

**16** We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. **17** But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of the Almighty abide in him? **18** Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

**19** We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before him, **20** in whatever our heart condemns us; for the Almighty is greater than our heart, and knows all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before the Almighty; **22** and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.

**23** And this is his commandment, that we should give

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commandments, and by abiding in His word we are born of the Almighty, which means changed into His image.

our support to the name of his Sōn Yēshua the Mēssiah, and love one another, just as he commanded us. <sup>a</sup> **24** And the one who keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in him.

And we know by this that he abides in us, by the Spīrit whom he has given us.

### Testing the Spirits

**4** Beloved, do not be giving support to every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from the Almighty; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spīrit of the Almighty: every spirit that confesses Yēshua Mēssiah in flesh has come, from the Almighty is; <sup>b</sup> **3** and every spirit that does not confess Yēshua is not from the Almighty; and this is the *spirit* of the anti-messiah, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. <sup>c</sup>

**4** You are from the Almighty, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world. **5** They are from the world; therefore they speak *as* from the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are from the Almighty; he who knows the Almighty listens to us; he who is not from the Almighty does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

### God Is Love

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from the Almighty; and everyone who loves is

<sup>a</sup> *support*: or, **loyalty, faithfulness**

• *name*: or, **reputation, fame, character**. By obeying Messiah we are upholding His name and defending His reputation.

<sup>b</sup> *Yeshua Messiah in flesh*: see Second John 1:7.

<sup>c</sup> See First John 2:22.

born of the Almighty and knows the Almighty. **8** The one who does not love does not know the Almighty, for the Almighty is love. **9** By this the love of the Almighty was manifested in us, that the Almighty has sent his only special Sōn into the world so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved the Almighty, but that he loved us and sent his Sōn *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**11** Beloved, if the Almighty so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has beheld the Almighty at any time; if we love one another, the Almighty abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spīrit. **14** And we have beheld and bear witness that the Fāther has sent the Sōn *to be* the Savior of the world. **15** whoever confesses that Yēshua is the Sōn of the Almighty, the Almighty abides in him, and he in the Almighty. **16** And we have come to know and have come to support the love which the Almighty has for us. The Almighty is love, and the one who abides in love abides in the Almighty, and the Almighty abides in him.

**17** By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as he is, so also are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

**19** We love, because he first loved us. **20** If someone says, "I love the Almighty," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love the Almighty whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from him, that the one who loves the Almighty should love

his brother also.

### Overcoming the World

**5** Whoever is giving *his* support, in that Yēshua is the Mēssiah, is born of the Almighty. And whoever loves the One who begets, also loves the one begotten from him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of the Almighty, when we love the Almighty and observe his commandments. **3** For this is the love of the Almighty, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of the Almighty overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faithfulness. **5** And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who is giving *his* support in that Yēshua is the Almighty Sōn?

**6** This is the one who came by water and blood, Yēshua the Mēssiah; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. **7** And it is the Spīrit who bears witness, because the Spīrit is the truth. **8** For there are three that bear witness, the Spīrit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of the Almighty is greater; for the witness of the Almighty is this, that he has borne witness concerning his Sōn. **10** The one who is giving *his* support to the Almighty Sōn has the witness in himself; the one who is not giving *his* support to the Almighty has made him a liar, because he has not given support to the witness that the Almighty has borne concerning his Sōn. **11** And the witness is this, that the Almighty gives us everlasting life, and this Life is in his Sōn. <sup>a</sup> **12** The one

<sup>a</sup> *gives us*: 'the' us is plural and the tense *gives* is a gnomic aorist (timeless truth). For some of the 'us' the

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holding fast to the Sōn is holding fast to Life; the one not holding fast to the Almighty Sōn is not holding fast to Life. <sup>a</sup>

### *This Is Written That You May Know*

**13** These things I write to you who are giving *your* support to the name of the Almighty Sōn, in order that you may know that you are holding fast to everlasting life.

**14** And this is the confidence which we have before him, that, if we ask anything according to his

promise is realized (cf. Mat. 27:53; Gen. 5:24), but for us who have not been transformed or received the resurrection body it is yet to come. This is a case where the tense-less theory of Greek is proved by correct theology.

<sup>a</sup> *holding fast*: ἔχω 3rd ed. BDAG, definition #3; immortality is always conditional and dependent upon loyalty to Messiah, and even if we die, it is temporary, and we hold fast to Life because we have the promise of resurrection to eternal life (cf. Dan. 12:2) • *Life*: ζωήν. See 1John 1:2, 5:20; Dan 12:7. The man in linen swore on He who is םלךעך יי, “the Everlasting Life.”

will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from him.

**16** If anyone shall see his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he will ask, and the Almighty will give him life (that is, for those sinning not to death). There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. **17** All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death.

**18** We know that no one who is born of the Almighty sins; but he who was born of the Almighty keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.

**19** We know that we are of the Almighty, and the whole world lies in *the power* of the evil one.

**20** And we know that the Almighty Sōn has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Sōn Yēshua the Mēssiah. This is the true Almighty and Everlasting Life.

**21** Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

## SECOND JOHN

### *Walk According to His Commandments*

**1** The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, **2** for the sake of the truth which dwells in us and will be with us onward the time immemorial: **3** loving-kindness, mercy and peace will be with us, from the Almighty the Fäther and from Yēshua the Mēssiah, the Sōn of the Fäther, in truth and love.

**4** I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment from the Fäther. **5** And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. **6** And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

**7** For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Yēshua the Mēssiah *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the anti-messiah. <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> *coming in the flesh*: the Gnostics separated the Messiah from the person or soul of Yeshua. The soul of Yeshua they said was merely human, and the “Messiah” spirit they claimed was divine and did not go through death on the tree. To deny that Messiah is come in the flesh is the same as to deny that the very soul or person of Yeshua is himself Yahweh in the form of flesh. The Nestorians tried to avoid John’s test by claiming that Yeshua had two natures, a purely human one that experienced death, and a divine one separate from the human “soul” or “person” that did not go through death on the tree. John’s test is specifically

**8** Watch yourselves, that you should not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. **9** Anyone who goes too far and does not remain in the teaching of Mēssiah, does not have the Almighty; the one who remains in the teaching, he has both the Fäther and the Sōn. **10** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting; **11** for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

**12** Having many things to write to you, I do not want to *do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to

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aimed at these Gnostics, and an understanding of the Gnostic belief is necessary to understand the test. To merely assert that Yeshua is a mere human in the flesh anointed by the Almighty is not what John meant. John and the Gnostics had a common understanding that “Messiah” was divine, but the Gnostics wanted to separate the “Messiah” part from the human person of Yeshua. Such separation is simply a clever way to deny that Yeshua himself was the Almighty in the flesh. And the Gnostics wanted to make sure that the divine Messiah did not die for the sins of the world.

There are no contradictions or paradoxes needed to explain the Almighty becoming a man. First, only part of the Almighty became Yeshua and limited his existence and experience to that of a man. Second, Yeshua experienced, and went through what is known as the first death, and even here his body did not see decay. Exactly how this works is all a mystery and beyond our understanding. But it is not a paradox or antinomy as so often thought or misrepresented.

**2 John 1:13**

you and speak face to face, that your joy may be made full.

**13** The children of your chosen sister greet you.

## THIRD JOHN

### *John Writes To Gaius*

**1** The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love truth. **2** Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. **3** For I was very glad when brothers came and bore witness to your truth, *that is*, how you are walking in truth. **4** I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

**5** Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever work you do for the brothers, and especially *when they are* strangers; **6** and they testify to your love before the assembly; and you will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of the Almighty. **7** For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the nations. **8** Therefore we ought to support such men, that we may be co-workers with the truth.

**9** I wrote something to the assembly; but Diotrefes, who loves to be first among them, does not

accept what we say. **10** For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself receive the brothers, and he forbids those who desire to do so, and casts them out of the assembly.

**11** Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is from the Almighty; the one who does evil has not seen the Almighty.

**12** Demetrius has received a confirming testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we also testify, and you know that our witness is true.

**13** I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write to you with pen and ink; **14** but I hope to see you immediately, and we will speak face to face.

Peace *be* to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.



## JUDE

### *The Warnings of History to the Ungodly*

**1** Jude, a servant of Yēshua the Mēssiah, and brother of Jacob, to those who are the called, beloved in the Almīghty Fāther, and kept for Yēshua, the Mēssiah: <sup>a</sup> **2** May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

**3** Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you, appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the holy-ones. <sup>b</sup> **4** For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the loving-kindness of our Almīghty into licentiousness and deny the only Master, even our Adōnai, Yēshua the Mēssiah.

**5** Now I desire to remind you, who have known everything, that Yāhweh, who once having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, the second time destroyed those who did not become trustingly faithful. **6** And messengers who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their own abode, he has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day— † **7** just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of enduring fire. †

**8** Yet in the same manner these dreamers, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile majesties. **9** But Michael, chief over messengers,

<sup>a</sup> *Jacob*: also called James, but really the same name as the Patriarch.

<sup>b</sup> *faith*: or covenant **faithfulness**.

when he disputed with Satan [*and argued about the body of Moses*] did not *dare* pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, YĀHWEH REBUKE YOU. † **10** But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

**11** Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. **12** These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; **13** wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness is reserved to time immemorial.

[**14** *And about these also Enoch, (the seventh from Adam,) prophesied, saying, "Behold, Yāhweh came with many thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*] †

**16** These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their *own* lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of *gaining an* advantage.

### **Keep Yourselves in the Love of God**

**17** But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the emissaries of our Adōnai Yēshua the Mēssiah,

**18** that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be

## Jude 1:19

mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” **19** These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Sp̄irit.

**20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up with your holiest faithfulness; praying in the Holy Sp̄irit; **21** keep yourselves in the love of the Almighty, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Adōnai Yēshua the Mēssiah for everlasting life.

**22** And have mercy on some, who are doubting; **23** save others,

snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh. † **24-25** But to the one who is able to guard you without fail, and confirm you in the presence of his glory blameless with great joy, to the only wise Almighty our Savior, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, even now and onward all the times most immemorial.

Amæn. †

## End Notes

**Jude 1:6.** *eternal*: αἰδιος; a strikingly non Hebrew word choice. We should expect αἰώνιος from the context or that the Greek word is being used with the force of עולם and does not mean eternal in the philosophical sense • *did not keep their own domain*: the fallen messengers were those sons of God in Genesis who took wives from among men, but God imprisoned them until the last judgment.

**Jude 1:7.** *enduring fire*: This proves that αἰώνιος does not always mean everlasting, but simply a continuous fire left to burn itself out. An “enduring fire” is one unusually large and with unusual fuel sources that is left to burn itself out since it cannot be put out. The fires of Sodom and Gomorrah burned out long ago.

**Jude 1:9.** *Michael*: Hebrew: מיכאל, = *who is as God*. The dispute is recorded in Zechariah 3:2, but it was not about the body of Moses. Michael is one of the titles of Messiah. In Dan. 12:1 “Michael” is not a proper name, but a title for Messiah, “who is as God alone, the Great Chief Prince” (Dan. 10:13; 12:1) • *[and argued about the body of Moses]*: These words are likely to be spurious. There is no such passage in the Law or prophets about a dispute over Moses’ body, and inclusion of this apocryphal tradition conflicts with the quotation from Zechariah 3:2 to which the original text referred. There was ample opportunity for scribes to add the words to the text undetected to explain away the apparent connection between the Angel of Yahweh and Messiah—an equation widely denied by Gnostic Christianity, and indeed these were the enemies of Jude with a motivation to change his words.

**Jude 1:14-15.** *Vs. 14-15*: The passage quoted from the apocryphal book of Enoch is likely to be spurious. Jude did not see a whole lot of circulation and ample opportunity existed for scribal alteration that could easily go undetected even by modern textual critics—a situation that does not apply so much to longer well circulated books. There was a time period in the early proto-catholic Church when the book of *Pseudo-Enoch* was considered almost canonical. Nowhere in the Law or Prophets is a book of Enoch mentioned.

*Pseudo-Enoch* contains the Essene calendar system, which is contradictory to the calendar of the Law. So it is clearly a sectarian or heretical work. There are enough examples of scribal tampering with other texts in the Scripture that have already been exposed to justify extreme suspicion this passage in Jude. If there ever was a legitimate book of Enoch, it is incredible to think that it survived when even

the Law itself was misplaced and rediscovered by Josiah.

There are teachers that consider the book of *Pseudo-Enoch* canonical, and even some that have canonized parts of it or the whole of it. These teachers have overstepped any authority that they might have and have led many immature persons into the study of books best left to scholars with a side interest. Their pronouncements also undermine the valid defense of what is legitimately called Scripture.

There is nothing in the book of Enoch necessary to sound teaching that is not already in the Law and the prophets.

**Jude 1:23.** Jude was dealing with a licentious form of Gnosticism. These false teachers said that it was possible to indulge in sin and still receive divine grace. There are multitudes of Christians today who believe this very same thing. They are unwilling to warn their fellow Christian that they will be lost forever if they do not repent of such sins as sexual immorality and idolatry. These Christians speak a different language than the faithful. But they use the same words and the same terms found in the Scripture with other meanings redefined to fit their world view. They will tell you that “Jesus died for all sin”, and what they mean is that he forgave all sin. Do not be deceived. Only the sins of the repentant are forgiven. They have simply twisted the meaning of the word “for.”

The garment polluted by the flesh are the clothes worn by the immoral that have become unclean. Jude is saying that our disgust with their behavior should even be applied to their clothing.

**Jude 1:25.** *Amæn:* or, ***let it be supported.***



## REVELATION

### *The Revelation of Yeshua the Messiah*

**1** The Revelation of Yēshua the Mēssiah, which the Almīghty gave him to show to his servants, the things which must quickly take place; and he sent and signified *it* by his messenger to his servant John, † **2** who bears witness to the word of the Almīghty and to the testimony of Yēshua the Mēssiah, *even* to all that he saw. **3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keeping the things which are written in it; for the set time is near. <sup>a</sup>

### *Message to the Seven Assemblies*

**4** John to the seven assemblies that are in Asia: loving-kindness to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spīrits who are before his throne; **5** and from Yēshua the Mēssiah, the faithful witness, the first-born, *raised* from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. <sup>b</sup>

To him who loves us, and who releases us from our sins by his blood, **6** and he has made us a kingdom, priests to his Almīghty and Fāther; to him be the glory and the dominion for the ages of the ages. Amæn.

**7** BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye WILL SEE HIM, even those who PIERCED HIM; and ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN OVER HIM. Even so. Amæn. <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Some of the events were near. Also, the “set time” may refer to prophetic recurrences of the scriptural holy days.

<sup>b</sup> *first-born*: a title of status concerning inheritance. It does not mean that Yeshua had a beginning in time.

<sup>c</sup> *earth*: or *land*. But the whole earth is meant since that is where the tribes

**8** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says Yāhweh Almīghty, “who is and who was and who is to come, the All-powerful.”

### *The Patmos Vision*

**9** I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Yēshua, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of the Almīghty and the testimony of Yēshua. **10** I was in the Spīrit on Yāhweh’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice as of a trumpet, † **11** saying, “Write in a scroll what you see, and send *it* to the seven assemblies: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” **12** And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden menorahs; <sup>d</sup> **13** and in the middle of the menorahs one LIKE A SŌN OF MAN, CLOTHED IN A ROBE REACHING TO THE FEET, AND GIRDED across his breast WITH A GOLDEN GIRDLE. **14** And his head and his hair were white like white wool, like snow; and HIS EYES WERE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE; **15** AND HIS FEET WERE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and HIS VOICE WAS LIKE THE SOUND OF MANY WATERS. <sup>e</sup> **16** And in his right hand he held seven stars; and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and his face was like the sun shining in its strength.

**17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as a dead man. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, “Do

were scattered. cf. Dan. 7:13; Zech. 12:10-14; Gen. 48:19.

<sup>d</sup> *menorahs*: lampstands.

<sup>e</sup> cf. Dan. 10:5-6; Eze. 1:24; 43:2.

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not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **18** and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for the ages of the ages, and I have the keys of death and of the grave. **19** Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. **20** As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden menorahs: the seven stars are the messengers of the seven assemblies, and the seven menorahs are the seven assemblies.”

### Message to Ephesus

**2** “For the messenger of the One who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden menorahs, says this: <sup>a</sup> **2** ‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves emissaries, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false; **3** and you have perseverance and have endured for my name’s sake, and have not grown weary. **4** But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. **5** Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you [quickly], and will remove your menorah out of its place—unless you repent. **6** Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>b</sup> **7** He who has an

<sup>a</sup> *messenger*: The word “messenger” here means the reader or leader of the congregation that is appointed to deliver the message. He is a delegate of the congregation appointed for a term or a rotation.

<sup>b</sup> *Nicolaitans*: **conquering the people**. Probably referring to the fact that false teachers were assuming and promoting

ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of the Almighty.’

### Message to Smyrna

**8** And for the messenger of the assembly in Smyrna write: the first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: **9** I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a congregation of Satan. <sup>c</sup> **10** Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Accuser is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. **11** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death. <sup>d</sup>

### Message to Pergamum

**12** And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamum write: the One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: **13** I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is, and you hold fast my name, and did not deny my faithfulness, even in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. **14** But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit *acts of immorality*. **15** Thus you also have some who in the same way hold

non-Levitical priest-craft combined with idolatry. It was a form of ba’alim.

<sup>c</sup>

<sup>d</sup> The second death destroys both the body and the soul in the lake of fire.

the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>a</sup> **16** Repent therefore, or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>b</sup> **17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.

#### Message to Thyatira

**18** And to the messenger of the assembly in Thyatira write: the Almighty Son, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like burnished bronze, says this: <sup>c</sup> **19** I know your deeds, and your love and faithfulness and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. **20** But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads my servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. **21** And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. **22** behold, I will cast her upon a deathbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. **23** And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the assemblies will know that I am he who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. **24** But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known

<sup>a</sup> The Catholic priesthood is the latest and most modern evolution of the Nicolaitans.

<sup>b</sup> *quickly*: or *soon*. This war began long ago, but will have a hastened phase at the end.

<sup>c</sup> *Almighty Son*: or *Son of the Almighty*.

the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. † **25** Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. **26** And he who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; **27** and HE WILL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from my Father; <sup>d</sup> **28** and I will give him the morning star. **29** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

#### Message to Sardis

**3** “And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write: he who has the seven Spirits of the Almighty, and the seven stars, says this: I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. **2** Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of my Almighty. **3** Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. **4** But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with me in white; for they are worthy. **5** He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the scroll of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his messengers. **6** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

#### Message to Philadelphia

**7** And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia write: he who is holy, who is true, who has THE KEY OF DAVID, WHO OPENS AND

<sup>d</sup> Psa. 2:8-9.

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NO ONE WILL SHUT, AND WHO SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS, says this: <sup>a</sup> **8** I know your deeds. behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept my word, and have not denied my name. **9** behold, I will cause *those* of the congregation of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you. † **10** because you have kept the word of my perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that *hour* which is about to come upon the whole inhabited earth, to test those who dwell upon the earth. **11** I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown. <sup>b</sup> **12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my Almighty, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of my Almighty, and the name of the city of my Almighty, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my Almighty, and my new name. **13** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

### Message to Laodicea

**14** And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodicea write: the Amæn, the faithful and true witness, the head of the Creation of the Almighty, says this: <sup>c</sup> **15** I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor

<sup>a</sup> Isa. 22:22.

<sup>b</sup> *coming quickly*: or, **with speed, swiftly**. The word may also mean “soon”, in which case it means soon after the hour of testing.

<sup>c</sup> *the Amæn*: or, **the supporter, confirmer**. The one who confirms the truth • *the head*: or, **beginning, first**. The word designates a rank and not a beginning in time.

hot; I would that you were cold or hot. **16** So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. **17** because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, **18** I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. **19** Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me. **21** He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Fäther on his throne. **22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.”

### Scene in Heaven

**4** After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” **2** immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. **3** And he who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. **4** And around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

**The Throne and Worship of the Creator**

5 And from the throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven menorahs<sup>a</sup> of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spīrits of the Almighty; 6 and before the throne *there was*, as it were, a sea of glass like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

7 And the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, *is* Yāhweh the Almighty of Hosts, who was and who is and who is to come."

9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives onward the times most immemorial, 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before him who sits on the throne, and will worship him who lives onward the times most immemorial of the times most immemorial, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 "Worthy are you, our Adōnai and our Almighty, to receive glory and honor and power; for you did create all things, and because of your will they existed, and were created."

**The Scroll with Seven Seals**

5 And I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong messenger proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to

open the scroll and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the scroll, or to look into it. 4 And I was weeping greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll, or to look into it; 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as one being slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spīrits of the Almighty, sent out into all the earth. 7 And he came, and he took *it* out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll, and to break its seals; for you were slain, and did purchase for the Almighty with your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. 10 And you have made them to *be* a kingdom and priests to our Almighty; and they will reign upon the earth."

**Messengers Exalt the Lamb**

11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten-thousand ten-thousands, even thousands of thousands,<sup>b</sup> 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and

<sup>b</sup> *ten-thousand ten-thousands*: one hundred million or more.

<sup>a</sup> *menorahs*: or, **lamps**.

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blessing.”

**13** And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion onward the times most immemorial of the times most immemorial.”

**14** And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amæn.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

### *The Scroll Opened; The First Seal—The False Messiah*

**6** And I saw when the Lamb broke 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 looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer. <sup>a</sup>

### *The Second Seal—War*

**3** And when he broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” **4** And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

### *The Third Seal—Famine*

**5** And when he broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” And I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. **6** And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the

<sup>a</sup> The anti-messiah; Year One of Daniel’s seventieth seven.

oil and the wine.” <sup>b</sup>

### *The Fourth Seal—Death*

**7** And when he broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” **8** And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and the grave was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

### *The Fifth Seal—Martyrs*

**9** And when he broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who were slain because of the word of the Almighty, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; **10** and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, Yāhweh, holy and true, will you refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” **11** And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brothers who were to be killed even as they were, should be completed also.

### *The Sixth Seal—Terror*

**12** And I looked when he broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; **13** and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. <sup>c</sup> **14**

<sup>b</sup> A denarius was about 3.5 grams of Silver or about 1/10th ounce. This was a days’ wages. Compared to what it will be, silver is very undervalued in AD 2011.

<sup>c</sup> *stars*: this word was also used for any wandering rock, satellite, or asteroid

And the heaven was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. <sup>a</sup> **15** And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; **16** AND THEY SAID TO THE MOUNTAINS AND TO THE ROCKS, "FALL ON US AND HIDE US from the presence of him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; **17** for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

### An Interlude

**7** After this I saw four messengers standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. **2** And I saw another messenger ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living Almighty; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four messengers to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, **3** saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our Almighty on their foreheads."

### 144,000 Chosen Out Of All Israel

**4** And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: **5** from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the

which could orbit and reflect sunlight.

<sup>a</sup> Heaven is stretched out like a tent, like a series of concentric tents. These layers will literally roll up. The wall like structures with voids between is revealed by astronomical surveys with earth near the center.

tribe of Gad twelve thousand, **6** from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, **7** from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, <sup>b</sup> **8** from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed. †

### A Multitude from the Tribulation

**9** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, even tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; **10** and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our Almighty who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

**11** And all the messengers were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped the Almighty, **12** saying, "Amæn, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our Almighty onward the times most immemorial of the times most immemorial. Amæn."

**13** And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?" **14** And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **15**

<sup>b</sup> Levi replaces the tribe of Dan, which lost its inheritance because it introduced idolatry to Israel.

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For this reason, they are before the throne of the Almighty; and they serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them.

**16** THEY WILL HUNGER NO MORE, NEITHER THIRST ANYMORE; NEITHER WILL THE SUN BEAT DOWN ON THEM, NOR ANY HEAT; **17** for the Lamb in the center of the throne WILL BE THEIR SHEPHERD, AND WILL GUIDE THEM TO SPRINGS OF THE WATER OF LIFE; AND THE ALMIGHTY WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES.”

### *The Seventh Seal—the Trumpets*

**8** And when he broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. **2** And I saw the seven messengers who stand before the Almighty; and seven trumpets were given to them. **3** And another messenger came and stood at the altar, holding a golden incense bowl; and much incense was given to him, that he might add it to the prayers of all the holy ones upon the golden altar which was before the throne. **4** And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the holy ones, went up before the Almighty out of the messenger’s hand. **5** And the messenger took the incense bowl; and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

**6** And the seven messengers who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

**7** And the first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

**8** And the second messenger sounded, and *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was

thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood; **9** and a third of the creatures, which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

**10** And the third messenger sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters; **11** and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

**12** And the fourth messenger sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were smitten, so that a third of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

**13** And I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three messengers who are about to sound!”

### *The Fifth Trumpet—the Bottomless Pit*

**9** And the fifth messenger sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the abyss was given to him. **2** And he opened the abyss; and smoke went up out of the well shaft, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the well shaft. **3** And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. **4** And they were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of the Almighty on their foreheads. **5** And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their

torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. **6** And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them.

**7** And the appearance of the locusts was like horses readied for battle; and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. **8** And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. **9** And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. **10** And they have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. **11** They have as king over them, the messenger of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon. <sup>a</sup>

**12** The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

#### **The Sixth Trumpet—Army from the East**

**13** And the sixth messenger sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before the Almighty, **14** one saying to the sixth messenger who had the trumpet, “Release the four messengers who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” **15** And the four messengers, who were readied for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. **16** And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two ten-thousand ten-thousands; I heard the number of them. <sup>b</sup>

**17** And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat

on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. **18** A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. **19** For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm.

**20** And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; **21** and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts. <sup>c</sup>

#### **The Messenger and the Little Scroll**

**10** And I saw another mighty messenger coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; **2** and he had in his hand a little scroll which was open. And he placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; **3** and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. **4** And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them.”

**5** And the messenger whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to

<sup>a</sup> *Abaddon*: meaning, Destroyer.

<sup>b</sup> Two hundred million.

<sup>c</sup> *sorceries*: drugs and magic spells.

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heaven, **6** and swore by him who lives onward the times most immemorial of the times most immemorial, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer, **7** but in the days of the voice of the seventh messenger, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of the Almighty is finished, as he proclaimed to his servants the prophets. <sup>a</sup>

**8** And the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the scroll which is open in the hand of the messenger who stands on the sea and on the land." **9** And I went to the messenger, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take it, and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." **10** And I took the little scroll out of the messenger's hand and ate it, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

**11** And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

### *The Two Witnesses*

**11** And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and the messenger stood saying, "Rise and measure the temple of the Almighty, and the altar, and those who worship in it. **2** And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for

<sup>a</sup> The same is the mystery of the kingdom in which Yahweh roars like a lion and his sons come trembling from the west. Hosea 11:10.

forty-two months. <sup>b</sup>

**3** "And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. <sup>c</sup> **4** These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs that stand before the Adōnai of the earth. <sup>d</sup> **5** And if anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone would desire to harm them, in this manner he must be killed. **6** These have the power to shut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

**7** "And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. **8** And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Adōnai was crucified. **9** And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. <sup>e</sup> **10** And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. <sup>f</sup>

**11** And after the three and a half days the breath of life from the Almighty came into them, and they

<sup>b</sup> *nations:* or, **peoples, ethnicities.**

<sup>c</sup> Evidently, the messenger speaking is Yeshua • Moses and Elijah. See Matthew 17.

<sup>d</sup> *menorahs:* or, **lampstands.**

<sup>e</sup> *three and a half days:* the sign of Jonah.

<sup>f</sup> *send gifts:* it will be Christmas to them.

stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were looking at them. **12** And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them. <sup>a</sup> **13** And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the Almighty in heaven.

**14** The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

**The Seventh Trumpet—Messiah's Reign Foreseen**

**15** And the seventh messenger sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Adōnai, and of his Mēssiah; and he will reign onward the times most immemorial of the times most immemorial."

**16** And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before the Almighty, fell on their faces and worshiped the Almighty, **17** saying, "We give you thanks, Yāhweh, the Almighty of Hosts, who are and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. **18** And the nations are enraged, and your wrath comes, and the time for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to your servants the prophets and to the holy ones and to those who fear your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."<sup>b</sup>

**19** And the temple of the Almighty which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of his covenant appeared in his temple, and there

<sup>a</sup> *the cloud*: think about the cloud on Mt. Sinai and in Matthew 17.

<sup>b</sup> *nations*: or, **peoples, ethnicities**.

were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

**The Woman, Israel, And Messiah's Birth**

**12** And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; † **2** and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

**The Red Dragon, Satan**

**3** And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven royal crowns. <sup>c</sup> **4** And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

**The Male Child, Messiah**

**5** And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to RULE ALL THE NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON; and her child was caught up to the Almighty and to his throne. <sup>d</sup> **6** And the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by the Almighty, so that there she might be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

**The Prince Of The Hosts Of Heaven**

**7** And there was war in heaven, *one* Who-is-as-G-d and His messengers waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his messengers waged war, † **8** and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was

<sup>c</sup> *crowns*: or, **diadems**.

<sup>d</sup> *gave birth*: it was September 11, 3 B.C., on the day of Trumpets (Yom Teruah), that this alignment occurred.

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thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the Accuser and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his messengers were thrown down with him.

**10** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our Almighty and the authority of his Mēssiah have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our Almighty day and night. **11** And they overcome him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they do not love their life even to death. **12** For this reason, rejoice, heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the Accuser has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time."

**13** And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. **14** And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was fed FOR A TIME AND TIMES AND HALF A TIME, from the presence of the serpent. **15** And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. **16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. **17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of the Almighty and hold to the testimony of Yēshua.

### *The Beast from the Sea*

**13** And he stood on the sand of the seashore. And I saw a

beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten royal crowns, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names. <sup>a</sup> **2** And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>b</sup> **3** And *I saw* one of his heads as if it was slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast; <sup>c</sup> **4** and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

**5** And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. **6** And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against the Almighty, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, *that is*, those who dwell in heaven. **7** And it was given to him to make war with the holy ones and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. **8** And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written in the scroll of life of the Lamb, who was appointed to be slain from the fall of the world. <sup>d</sup> **9** If anyone has an ear, let him hear. **10** IF ANYONE IS DESTINED FOR CAPTIVITY, TO CAPTIVITY HE GOES; IF ANYONE KILLS WITH THE SWORD, WITH THE SWORD HE MUST BE KILLED. Here is the perseverance

<sup>a</sup> *crowns*: or, *diadems*.

<sup>b</sup> The leopard is for Greece, the bear for Persia (Iran), and the lion for Babylon (Iraq).

<sup>c</sup> *one of his heads*: Babylon.

<sup>d</sup>

and the faithfulness of the holy ones.

### ***The Beast from the Earth***

**11** And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. **12** And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. **13** And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. **14** And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. **15** And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. **16** And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, **17** even so that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **18** Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

### ***The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion***

**14** And I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having his name, even the name of his Father written on their foreheads. <sup>a</sup> **2** And I heard a voice

<sup>a</sup> *written*: this participle is singular and

from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like harpists playing on their harps. **3** And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth. **4** These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These *are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to the Almighty and to the Lamb. **5** And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

### ***The Messenger with the Good News***

**6** And I saw another messenger flying in mid-heaven, having the everlasting good news to proclaim to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; **7** and he said with a loud voice, "Fear the Almighty, and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."<sup>b</sup>

**8** And another messenger, a second one, followed, saying, "FALLS, FALLS BABYLON THE GREAT, she who makes all the nations to be drunk with the wine of the passion of her immorality."

### ***Doom for Worshipers of the Beast***

**9** And another messenger, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, **10** he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of the Almighty,

can refer to only one name: Yahweh. So only one name is meant, which is the name of both the Father and the Son.

<sup>b</sup> *hour*: or, **time**.

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which is mixed in full strength in the cup of his anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy messengers and in the presence of the Lamb. †

**11** “And the smoke of their torment is rising into the greatest Age of *all* the ages. (Also, they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.) † **12** Here is the perseverance of the holy ones who guard the commandments of the Almighty and the faithfulness of Yēshua. <sup>a</sup>

**13** And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Write, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in Yāhweh from now on!’” “Yes,” says the Spīrit, “that they may rest from their labors, because their deeds follow after them.” †

### *The Reapers*

**14** And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. **15** And another messenger came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.” **16** And he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

**17** And another messenger came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. **18** And another messenger, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Put in your sharp

sickle, and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.” **19** And the messenger swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of the Almighty. **20** And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of one thousand six hundred stadia. <sup>b</sup>

### *A Scene of Heaven*

**15** And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven messengers who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of the Almighty is finished. **2** And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of the Almighty. **3** And they sang the song of Moses the servant of the Almighty and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous are your works, Yāhweh the Almighty of Hosts; righteous and true are your ways, thou King of the nations. **4** Who will not fear, Yāhweh, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

**5** After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, **6** and the seven messengers who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and girded around their breasts with golden girdles. **7** And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven messengers seven gol-

<sup>a</sup> *commentments*: the faithful will no longer be ignorant of the seventh day.

For the prophets will make it plain to them.

<sup>b</sup> cf. Isaiah 34. A *stadium* is 606.75 feet. Total distance: 184 mi or 296 km.

den bowls full of the wrath of the Almighty, who lives onward the times most immemorial of the times most immemorial. **8** And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of the Almighty and from his power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven messengers were finished.

### Six Bowls of Wrath

**16** And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven messengers, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of the Almighty into the earth."

**2** And the first went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

**3** And the second poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

**4** And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. **5** And I heard the messenger of the waters saying, "Righteous are you, who are and who was, Holy One, because you did judge these things; **6** for they poured out the blood of holy ones and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve it."

**7** And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Yāhweh the Almighty, the All-Powerful, true and righteous are your judgments."

**8** And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. **9** And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of the Almighty who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give him glory.

**10** And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast;

and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, **11** and they blasphemed the Almighty of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

**12** And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east.

### Armageddon

**13** And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; **14** for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of the Almighty, the All-Powerful. **15** ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.") **16** And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har Megiddo. <sup>a</sup>

### Seventh Bowl of Wrath

**17** And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." **18** And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. **19** And the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before the Almighty, to give her the cup of the wine of his fierce wrath. **20** And every island fled away, and the mountains were

<sup>a</sup> Armageddon.

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not found. **21** And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed the Almighty because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

### *The Doom of Babylon*

**17** And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, **2** with whom the kings of the earth committed *acts of* immorality, and those who dwell on the earth are made drunk with the wine of her immorality."

**3** And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. **4** And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, **5** and upon her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." **6** And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the holy ones, and with the blood of the witnesses of Yēshua.

And when I saw her, I wondered greatly. **7** And the messenger said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. **8** The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth will wonder, whose names have not been written in the scroll of life, since the fall of the world, seeing the

beast, in that he was and is not and will come. <sup>a</sup>

**9** Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, **10** and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. † **11** And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. <sup>b</sup> **12** And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. <sup>c</sup> **13** These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast.

### *Victory for the Lamb*

**14** These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because he is Adōnai of adonim and King of kings, and those who are with him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."

**15** And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. **16** And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. **17** For the Almighty has put it in their hearts to execute his purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of the Almighty should be fulfilled. **18** And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

<sup>a</sup> *as...world*: ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου cf. Rev. 13:8. Or the words may be translated 'since' or 'after the fall of the world.' See Rev. 3:5; Exo 32:33.

<sup>b</sup> *an eighth*: Babylon.

<sup>c</sup> *hour*: or, **time**.

**Babylon To Fall**

**18** After these things I saw another messenger coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. **2** And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Falls, falls Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. **3** For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed *acts of* immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

**4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues; **5** for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and the Almighty has remembered her iniquities. **6** Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back *to her* double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. **7** To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I sit *as a* queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.' **8** For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for Yāhweh Almighty who judges her is strong. <sup>a</sup>

**Lament for Babylon**

**9** "And the kings of the earth, who committed *acts of* immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, **10** standing at a distance because of the

fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

**11** "And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more; **12** cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind of* citron wood and every article of ivory and every article *made* from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, **13** and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargoes* of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. **14** And the fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them.

**15** "The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, **16** saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; **17** for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!'

"And every ship-master and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, **18** and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *city* is like the great city?' **19** And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' **20** Rejoice over her, heaven, and you holy ones and emissaries and prophets, because the Almighty has pronounced judgment

<sup>a</sup> *one day*: or, **at one time**.

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for you against her.”

**21** And a strong messenger took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. **22** And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; **23** and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. **24** And in her was found the blood of prophets and of holy ones and of all who have been slain on the earth.”

### Hallelu Yah

**19** After these things I heard, as it were, a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelu Yah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our Almighty; **2** because his judgments are true and righteous; for he has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants on her.”

**3** And a second time they said, “Hallelu Yah! Her smoke rises up into the greatest Age of *all* the ages.”

**4** And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped the Almighty who sits on the throne saying, “Amæn. Hallelu Yah!”

**5** And a voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our Almighty, all you his servants, you who fear him, the small and the great.”

**6** And I heard, as it were, the

voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelu Yah! For Yāhweh our Almighty, the Almighty, reigns.

### Marriage of the Lamb

**7** Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.” **8** And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the holy ones.

**9** And he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of the Almighty.” **10** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers who hold the testimony of Yēshua; worship the Almighty. For the testimony of Yēshua is the spirit of prophecy.”

### The Coming of the Messiah

**11** And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he who sat upon it *is* called Faithful and True; and with justice he judges and wages war. **12** And his eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon his head *are* many royal crowns; and he has a name written *upon him* which no one knows except himself. **13** And *he is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of the Almighty. **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following him on white horses. **15** And from his mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it he may smite the nations; and HE WILL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; and he treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of the Almighty, the Almighty. **16** And on his robe and on his thigh he has a

name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND ADONAI OF ADONIM."

**17** And I saw a messenger standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of the Almighty; **18** in order that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against him who sat upon the horse, and against his army.

#### **Doom of the Beast and False Prophet**

**20** And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of him who sat upon the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

#### **Satan Bound**

**20** And I saw a messenger coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the Accuser, (that is Satan) and bound him for a thousand years, **3** and threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

**4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those

who were beheaded because of the testimony of Yēshua and because of the word of the Almighty, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Mēssiah for a thousand years. **5** The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of the Almighty and of Mēssiah and will reign with him for a thousand years.

#### **Satan Freed, Doomed**

**7** And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, **8** and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. **9** And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. **10** And the Accuser who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night onward the times immemorial of the times immemorial. †

#### **Judgment at the Throne of the Almighty**

**11** And I saw a great white throne and him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. **12** And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened; and another scroll was opened, which is *the scroll* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were

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written in the scrolls, according to their deeds. **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. **14** And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. **15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the scroll of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

### *The New Heaven and Earth*

**21** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. <sup>a</sup> **2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from the Almighty, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of the Almighty is among men, and he will dwell among them, and they will be his people, and the Almighty himself will be among them, **4** and he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

**5** And he who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And he said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." **6** And he said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. **7** He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his Almighty and he will be my son. **8** But for the cowardly and unfaithful and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters

<sup>a</sup> *earth*: or, *land*.

and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

**9** And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

### *The New Jerusalem*

**10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from the Almighty, **11** having the glory of the Almighty. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. **12** It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers; and names *were* written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. **13** *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. **14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb.

**15** And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. **16** And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadia; its length and width and height are equal. <sup>b</sup>

**17** And he measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, *according to human measurements, which are also a messenger's measurements.* † **18** And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. **19**

<sup>b</sup> A stadium is 606.75 feet. The total distance is 1379 miles or 2220 km.

The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; **20** the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. **21** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

**22** And I saw no temple in it, for Yāhweh Almighty, the All-Powerful, even the Lamb, is its temple.<sup>a</sup> **23** And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of the Almighty has illumined it, even its lamp *is* the Lamb. **24** And the nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. **25** And in the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; **26** and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; **27** and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, will ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's scroll of life.

#### *The River and the Tree of Life*

**22** And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of the Almighty, even of the Lamb, **2** in the middle of its broad avenue. And on the near side and also the far side of the river, trees of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit according to each month. And the leaves of the trees *are* for the healing of the nations.<sup>b</sup> **3** And there will no longer be any curse; and the throne

of the Almighty, even of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him;<sup>c</sup> **4** and they will see his face, and his name *will be* on their foreheads. **5** And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp and the light of the sun, because Yāhweh the Almighty will shine upon them; and they will reign onward the times most immemorial of the times immemorial.<sup>d</sup>

**6** And he said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true and Yāhweh, the Almighty of the spirits of the prophets, sent his messenger to show to his servants what must happen quickly."

**7** "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this scroll."

**8** And I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the messenger who showed me these things. **9** And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets and of those who heed the words of this scroll; worship the Almighty." †

#### *The Final Message*

**10** And He said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, for the set time is near. †

**11** Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is just, still practice justice; and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.

**12** "Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward *is* with me, to render to every man according to what he has done. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the

<sup>a</sup> *is its temple*: the verb 'is' is singular.

<sup>b</sup> *trees*: collective singular.

<sup>c</sup> *the throne*: there is only one throne.

<sup>d</sup> They will have no need of the sun. It does not say there will not be one.

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beginning and the end.” † **14** Blessed are those keeping His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. † **15** Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

**16** “I, Yēshua, have sent my messenger to testify to you these things for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.” **17** And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life

without cost.

**18** I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: if anyone adds to them, the Almighty will add to him the plagues which are written in this scroll; **19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, the Almighty will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this scroll.

**20** He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amæn. Come, Adōnai Yēshua.

**21** The loving-kindness of Adōnai Yēshua be with all. Amæn.

## End Notes

**Revelation 1:1.** *quickly:* or *with speed; swiftly.* The word refers to the speed of events when they happen. They will be comparatively quick. But it also can mean “soon”, and indeed some of the events prophesied in this book did happen “soon.”

**Revelation 1:10.** The Sabbath was at first known as “The Lord’s Day” as a substitution in the Didache confirms, “The Lord’s of the Lords”, imitating the Yom Kippur phrase “Shabbat Shabbaton” (Lev. 23:32). The Sabbath was also known as the Lord’s day until the second century Church changed the resurrection day from Sabbath to Sunday. See Mt. 28:1. In Is. 58:13, Yahweh calls the Sabbath, “My holy day”. The Sabbath is also the logical day for a major revelation.

**Revelation 2:9.** He speaks of evolving Rabbinic Judaism later lead by Rabbi Akiba. He is not denying that they are physical Jews. But the word “Jew” means “Yah be praised” or “one who praises Yah.” They are not praising Yahweh. They are serving Satan because they deny that Yeshua is the Messiah. See John 8:44.

**Revelation 2:24.** *the deep things of Satan:* or, *the deep things of god.* Yeshua says that their god is Satan. The paternal depth theology of the Gnostics sought spirituality by rejecting any law connected with physical reality. Thus, the person who says they spiritually keep Sabbath every day, but who does not rest on the seventh day, is expressing this theology. Paternal depth theology is based on feeling united or connected with the Father, and spirituality is explained to be feeling this connection. The goal of the paternal depth theology is to unite the novice with the silent (non-material) rest so that they believe their salvation depends on this union. Any connection to the real physical rest of the Sabbath of Creation or observance of it is considered poisonous to paternal depth salvation. Most of Christianity, to one degree or another, has fallen prey to paternal depth theology. This is why the Scripture teaches that Sabbath observance is a sign between the true Almighty and His people.

**Revelation 3:9.** *congregation:* or, *synagogue;* meaning: gathering place • *who say that they are Jews:* “Jews” means “praisers of Yah”. Yeshua does not deny they are physical descendants, but he is denying their spiritual status as worshippers of Yahweh. He refers to Rabbinical Judaism, and calls them what they really are.

**Revelation 7:8.** Joseph stands in for Ephraim, the most numerous and chief of the ten tribes • The 144,000 is the military force that will retake the land of Israel from the anti-messiah. The rest of Israel remains in the wilderness while this is accomplished.

**Revelation 12:1.** The sun, moon, and stars are given for signs and set times. The woman represents Israel, Miryam, and the constellation of the Virgin. The moon is the new moon, and the sun is in the midst of the constellation. The twelve stars are the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Revelation 12:7.** *Who-is-as-G-d:* the convention is to use G-d for the singular Hebrew form *El*. “Mi cha *El*” is properly a title, “who is like G-d”. The term applies to Messiah (cf. Dan. 12:1). The connection was lost because the Gnostics (and much of the Church) denied that Yeshua and the Messenger of Yahweh were the same as Yahweh in the flesh.

**Revelation 13:8.** *appointed:* or, ***made to be slain, caused to be slain.*** The perfect corresponds to the Hebrew *Hiphil*. The cause of Messiah’s slaying is thus located at the fall • *fall:* or, ***foundation.*** Literally the word means “down cast”. While the term may be used for a broader “foundation”, the specific event meant, is the fall of man, when the decision to redeem man was made.

**Revelation 14:10.** Heaven is opened at the sixth seal. This torment takes place at the end of the forty two months when the beast worshipers are destroyed as Babylon is turned into a bituminous hell.

**Revelation 14:11.** *the greatest Age of all the ages:* meaning, the time is beyond the horizon, or as far as one can perceive. It could also be translated, “unto times immemorial of the times immemorial” or “time most immemorial of times immemorial.” The phrase only refers to absolute eternity if the nature of the object it is applied to in the context requires it. The time duration only applies to the rising smoke. For the plain of Shinar will become sulfurous hydrocarbon hell, and Babylon will be caught in it • The difference between worshipping God, and the beast, is that the latter are slaves to their worship and have no repose in doing it. The worship of Satan does not benefit his followers. It consumes them. The faithful have the true Sabbath of rest in worship, and are refreshed just as the Almighty was refreshed (cf. Ex. 31:17).

**Revelation 14:13.** The rest is the reward to be given at the resurrection of the righteous. The wicked get their restless reward now. The righteous in Yahweh receive theirs at the resurrection. The receiving of the divine rest at the resurrection is conditioned on our good deeds following. For the one who makes Messiah his support also gives Messiah his support.

**Revelation 17:10.** *five have fallen:* the five are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Greece. The one is Rome, and the other is Islam’s hegemony which lasted the longest, i.e. a “little while” from the divine perspective.

**Revelation 20:10.** The beast, the false prophet, and Satan will endure long torment, but the duration for humans is not here determined.

**Revelation 21:17.** *measurements:* from the fingertips to the elbow was 18 inches. The total height is 216 feet.

**Revelation 22:9.** The prophetic texts often switch persons in midstream. Sometimes it is not even clear to the prophet who is speaking, because the Messenger of Yahweh (Yeshua) and the created beings are speaking together and including the prophet in the conversation. The mere human is the handicapped participant. Heavenly beings have no difficulty. Further, John cannot see past the being in front of him. The created messenger backs out of the conversation at this point. Maybe he is embarrassed. Yeshua takes over.

## **Revelation End Notes**

**Revelation 22:10.** The speaker is Yeshua. See vs. 12.

**Revelation 22:13.** Yeshua speaks again.

**Revelation 22:14.** Yeshua speaks of his Father's commandments, but they are also really his commandments. He emphasizes that they are the Father's commandments because false teachers were denying that his commandments were the same as the Father's commandments • *keep his commandments*: Some manuscripts have "wash their robes", but the textual evidence is against it. The reading "keeping his commandments" is preserved in several ancient quotations including Tertullian and Cyprian.

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