

REVELATION

BIBLE READING JOURNAL



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The Bible stands apart from any other literary work—it consists of an entire collection of books, each written by a diverse group of people, spanning centuries. What makes the Bible truly extraordinary is that its varied human writers found inspiration from a singular divine author—God himself. When referring to the scriptures, the apostle Paul uses the term “inspired by God,” which translates to “God-breathed” in Greek. That means the words of the Bible possess the potential to effect profound change and transformation in our lives. Paul goes on to help us understand that all of Scripture is “inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.”

In our attempt to understand who God is, discern His purposes, and grasp His truths for our lives, neglecting the Bible is not an option. In a very real sense, the Bible serves as the “instruction manual” for life. The Creator of our existence has outlined standards, plans, and purposes for us within its pages. Without studying the contents of this “instruction manual”, we remain oblivious to His intentions and lack the guidance to live according to His design.

Unfortunately, many individuals don't give much effort in exploring the depths of the Bible. Sometimes, this stems from laziness or misplaced priorities, or just struggling to understand the text they are reading. Its true, the Bible can prove challenging to understand at times. And while its foundational teachings can be understood by children, numerous aspects within its pages demand additional effort and guidance.

If you want to get the most out of the Bible, you need to learn how to read and interpret it for yourself.

We hope this journal will help you do just that. This journal was created to help you get the most out of your biblical reading and study as you tap into the eternal truths God reveals to us throughout Scripture. And to help you create a plan and habit of reading the Bible on a regular basis.

KEYS FOR YOUR READING

Using the acronym **TAP**, we have created key sections in this journal to help you tap into God's truth.

Truth

In our exploration of the Bible, it's crucial to stay attuned to the main themes and essential teachings, while avoiding getting too sidetracked by secondary matters. It's like peering through a telescope to see the big picture before delving into the details with a microscope. The Bible isn't a riddle book or a coded message, so there's no need to search for intricate symbols and hidden meanings. Instead, focus on what it meant to the original readers and how those insights apply to your life today. In doing so, you unveil the timeless truths that God desires for us to grasp.

As you write in this section each day, write down the eternal truth(s) that the Holy Spirit is revealing to you from your reading.

Application

The ultimate goal of reading and studying the Bible is not to showcase theological expertise or engage in intellectual debates, but rather to apply its teachings to our everyday lives. Bible study is not about impressing others; it's about allowing God's Word to bring about a transformative impact. So, as you read the Bible, listen to the Holy Spirit attentively—and then respond with obedience. With that in mind, as we read the Scriptures, we should do it with humility and an open heart, prepared to be both challenged and changed by God's truths. An open-minded attitude is key. Let go of preconceptions, assumptions, and prior knowledge. Embrace the potential for fresh revelations each time you engage with the Bible. Its pages are a wellspring of inexhaustible truths.

As you write in this section, write down how you will obey God's eternal truth(s) and apply His word to your life.

Prayer

The Bible is a book filled with spiritual wisdom and diving into it requires a spiritual mindset. You engage in studying the Bible spiritually when your reading is partnered with prayer. This approach allows the Holy Spirit to shed light on the understanding and application of its truths in your life. So, let your reading and study be wrapped in prayer. This will let the Holy Spirit guide your exploration of the profound insights within the pages of the Bible.

And as you write in this section, write a prayer asking God to help you to live out the eternal truth you have read about.

Sabbath Days

The Sabbath is a weekly oasis in the hustle and bustle of life. It's a day set apart for rest, reflection, and connection—with both God and others. Imagine it as a divine reset button, reminding us to pause, recharge, and recalibrate our focus on what truly matters. In the rhythm of our fast-paced lives, the Sabbath acts as a steady heartbeat, offering a space for spiritual rejuvenation. It's not just a break from work but a sacred invitation to experience the richness of God's presence and delve into the truths embedded in His Word. Observing the Sabbath isn't a legalistic duty; it's a relational embrace, an intentional choice to honor God's design for our well-being and find a sanctuary of peace amidst life's demands. Embracing the Sabbath means recognizing that we're not just called to be doers but also to be dwellers in the rest God provides, ensuring our souls are nourished, inspired, and ready to obey Him in the week ahead.

On these days, reflect on the past week and write down what God has taught you and how thankful you are for it.



OVERVIEW

The book of Revelation, the final book of the New Testament, is a vision given to the Apostle John while he was exiled on the Isle of Patmos. It opens with messages from Jesus to seven churches in Asia Minor, urging them to remain faithful despite their flaws. The vision then unfolds in dramatic and symbolic imagery, depicting seven seals, trumpets, and bowls, each revealing divine judgments and catastrophic events that will unfold at the end of time. The narrative includes celestial battles, fearsome beasts, and the rise of figures like the dragon and the Lamb, symbolizing Christ. Despite the chaos and suffering, Revelation emphasizes that God is in control, and the faithful will be ultimately rewarded.

At its core, Revelation points to the triumph of Christ, the Lamb who conquers sin and death, and through His sacrifice, brings redemption. The book culminates with a vision of the New Jerusalem, a place of peace and divine presence where suffering is no more. Revelation offers not just a picture of judgment, but a promise of restoration, where God's people will experience eternal communion with Him. It is a message of unshakable hope that, in the end, God will make all things new.

DAY 1

REVELATION 1

Context

Revelation chapter 1 begins with a greeting from the Apostle John, who shares a vision he received from Jesus Christ while in exile on the island of Patmos. John writes that the message he is about to record is from Christ, who is revealed to him through an angel and is meant to be sent to seven churches in Asia. John describes Christ's magnificent appearance, His eyes like flames of fire, His voice like rushing waters, and His face shining like the sun. Christ is seen holding seven stars in His right hand and standing among seven golden lampstands, which represent the churches. Jesus identifies Himself as the Alpha and the Omega and instructs John to write down everything he sees.

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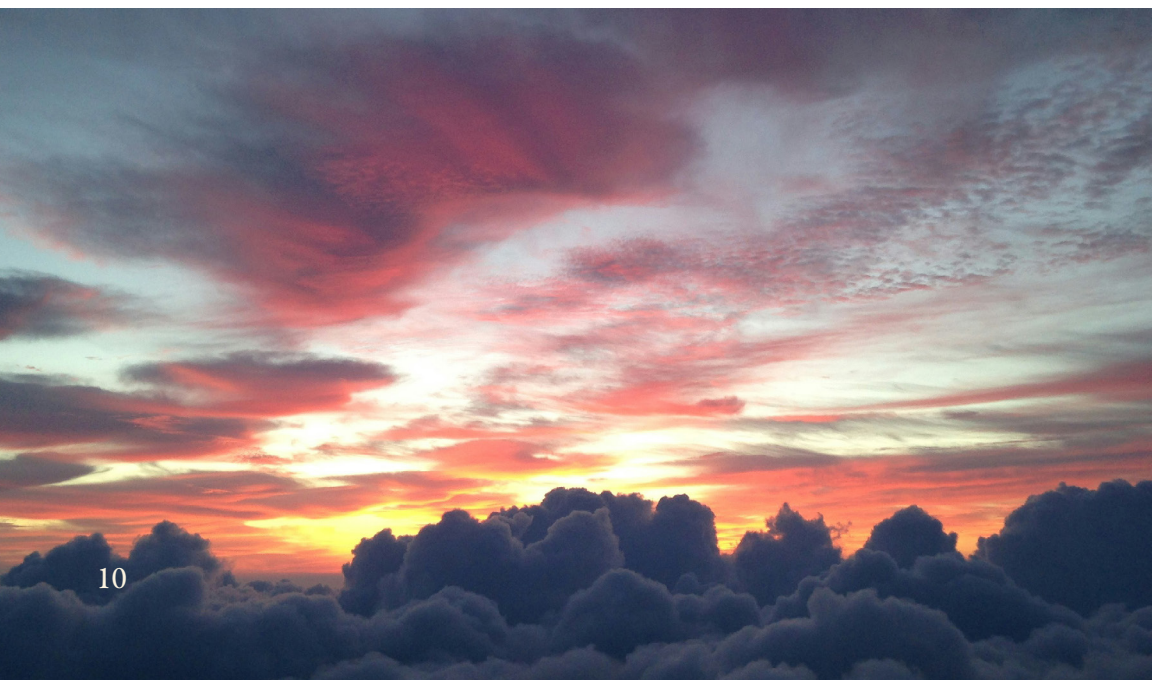
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Context

Four churches of the seven are addressed in this chapter. Ephesus is commended for hard work, perseverance, and rejection of false apostles. Their rebuke is that they have “forsaken their first love” and they are urged to repent and return to Christ. Smyrna is recognized for enduring affliction and poverty yet being spiritually rich. They are encouraged to continue being faithful even to the point of death during their foreseen persecution. Pergamum is commended for remaining true to Christ’s name even in the face of martyrdom. Their rebuke is due to some among them taking hold to false teachings, including idolatry and immorality. They are told to repent to avoid judgment. Finally, Thyatira is commended for its love, faith, service, and perseverance. Their rebuke is that they are tolerating false prophets who are leading them into immorality and idolatry. They are told to resist these teachings and hold fast till Christ returns.



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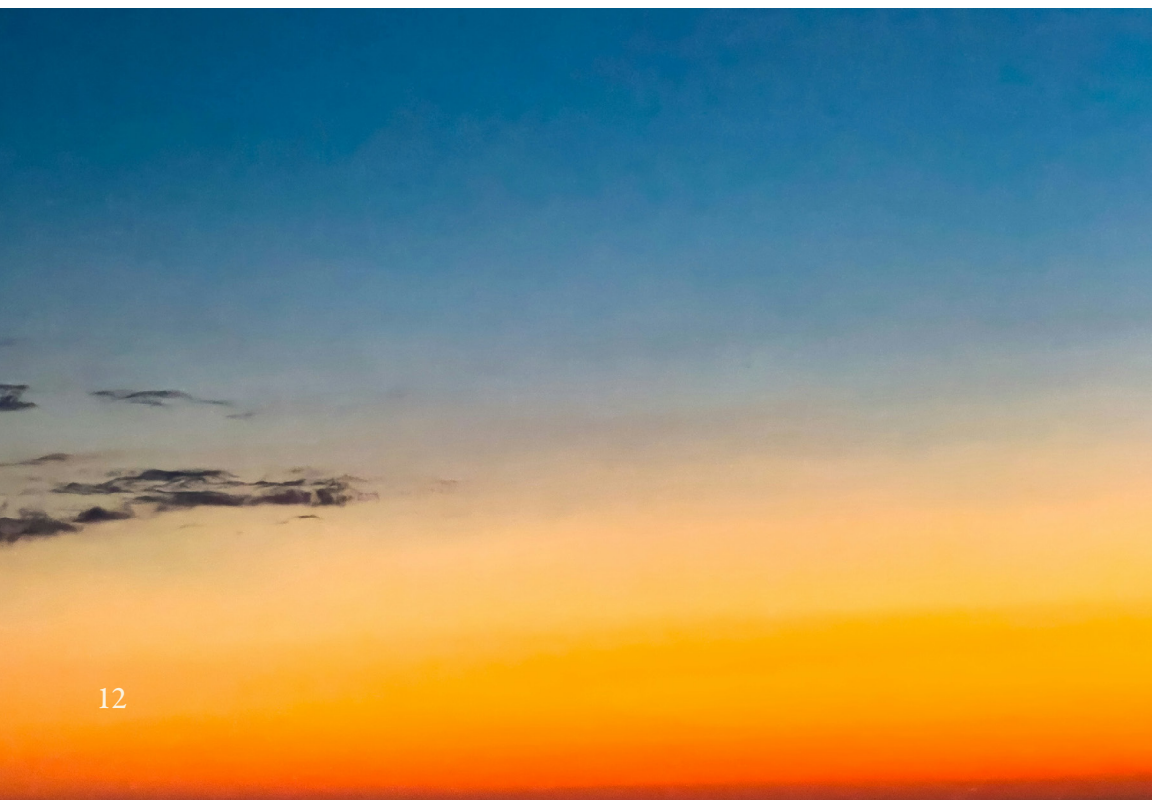
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Context

Chapter 3 continues Jesus' messages to the three final churches in Asia Minor which are Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Sardis is warned for having a reputation of being alive but actually being spiritually dead. They are urged to wake up, repent, and strengthen what remains. The Church in Philadelphia receives praise for its faithfulness despite limited strength. Jesus promises to protect them from the coming trials and honors their endurance. Lastly, Laodicea is rebuked for being lukewarm because of their complacency and self-sufficiency. They are neither hot nor cold, but tepid and self-satisfied. He urges repentance and fellowship, promising that those who overcome will share His throne.



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This chapter describes a vision of the heavenly throne room. John sees a door standing open in heaven and is invited to enter, where he witnesses God's throne. Around the throne are twenty-four elders, clothed in white and crowned with gold. Lightning flashes, thunder rolls, and seven blazing lamps burn, the Spirit of God present in His fullness. Beneath the throne, a sea of glass stretches out, like crystal. Four living creatures, full of eyes and each with a different form—a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle, encircle the throne, singing unceasing praise. Their worship ignites the elders, who cast their crowns before the throne.

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REVELATION 5

Context

In chapter 5, John's gaze is drawn to a scroll sealed with seven seals, held in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. Yet no one in heaven or on earth is found worthy to break its seals. John weeps bitterly and is interrupted by a voice declaring, "Weep no more!" The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed." When John turns, he sees a Lamb standing as though slain. The Lamb approaches the throne and takes the scroll, and heaven erupts in worship. The song of the elders and living creatures proclaims the Lamb's worthiness. He was slain and purchased a people for God from every tribe and nation.

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Context

In Revelation chapter 6, John continues his account on the sealed scroll. The Lamb is holding the scroll and begins to break the seals one by one. As the first four seals are broken four horsemen appear, who bring conquest, war, famine, and death upon the earth. At the fifth seal, the scene shifts to heaven's altar, where the souls of martyrs cry out for justice. Finally, the sixth seal brings cosmic upheaval, earthquakes, a darkened sun, a blood-red moon, and falling stars. The heavens are shaken, and people cower, seeking refuge from the wrath of the Lamb.



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DAY 8

REVELATION 7

Context

First, John sees four angels standing at the corners of the earth, holding back the winds of destruction. They are commanded to wait for the sealing of God's servants, a mark of divine protection upon 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, John's vision expands to a multitude that no one can count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and the Lamb. They are clothed in white robes and holding palm branches. When asked who these are, the answer comes: they are those who have come out of the great tribulation, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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DAY 9

REVELATION 8

Context

The chapter begins with the Lamb opening the final seal and for a brief time, there is silence. Then seven angels are given trumpets, and another angel approaches the heavenly altar, carrying a golden censer filled with incense mingled with the prayers of the saints. The angel hurls fire from the altar to the earth, and there is thunder, lightning flashes, and an earthquake. As the trumpets begin to sound, the first brings hail and fire mixed with blood, consuming a third of the earth's vegetation. The second trumpet casts a burning mountain into the sea, devastating marine life and ships. The third trumpet releases a blazing star which poisons a third of the waters, bringing bitter death. The fourth trumpet dims a third of the sun, moon, and stars. Then an eagle appears, crying out with a woe about the remaining trumpets that are about to blow.

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DAY 10

REVELATION 9

Context

In chapter 9, the fifth and sixth trumpets sound. The fifth trumpet unleashes a key to the abyss, and from its depths arises a smoke that darkens the sky. Out of this smoke come locusts, strange and terrifying creatures with the power to torment, but not kill, those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. For five months, they inflict suffering so intense that people long for death but cannot find it. The sixth trumpet releases four angels bound at the river Euphrates, unleashing a vast army that destroys a third of humanity. Those who remained did not repent of their sins, continuing in idolatry, murder, and immorality.

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DAY 11

REVELATION 10

Context

In chapter 10 of Revelation, we see a mighty angel descending, radiant and immense. He holds a little open scroll in his hand and sets his right foot on the sea and his left on the land. This angel cries out with a voice like a roaring lion, and seven thunders respond. John is commanded to seal up what the thunders have said. The angel then raises his hand and swears by the eternal Creator that there will be no more delay, the fulfillment of God's plan is imminent. John is then instructed to take the little scroll and eat it. The scroll is sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach.



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DAY 12

REVELATION 11

Context

In chapter 11, John is given a measuring rod and instructed to measure the temple of God, while the outer court is given to the nations to trample for 42 months. Two witnesses are introduced, who will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth, likened to olive trees and lampstands. These witnesses have the power to shut the heavens, turn waters to blood, and strike the earth with plagues. When their testimony is complete, they are struck down by the beast that rises from the abyss. After three and a half days, the breath of life from God enters them, and they rise, ascending to heaven. As the seventh trumpet sounds, heaven erupts in praise, declaring the reign of Christ. John then experiences the Temple of God opening before him, revealing the Ark of the Covenant following a terrible storm.



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Context

In Revelation 12, a woman appears, radiant and clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She is found pregnant and crying out in anguish because of her labor pains. Then emerges a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns. His tail sweeps a third of the stars from the sky. The dragon positions himself to devour the child as soon as it is born, but he is stopped. The child, a male destined to rule with an iron scepter, is caught up to God and His throne, and the woman flees into the wilderness, where she is nourished and protected for a time. The scene shifts to a war in heaven. Michael and his angels rise to fight the dragon, and Satan is cast down to earth. A loud voice declares the triumph of God's kingdom and the Lamb, for the accuser of the saints has been cast down. The dragon turns his fury toward the woman and seeks to destroy her. The woman is given wings to escape, and in his wrath, the dragon declares war on the rest of her offspring.

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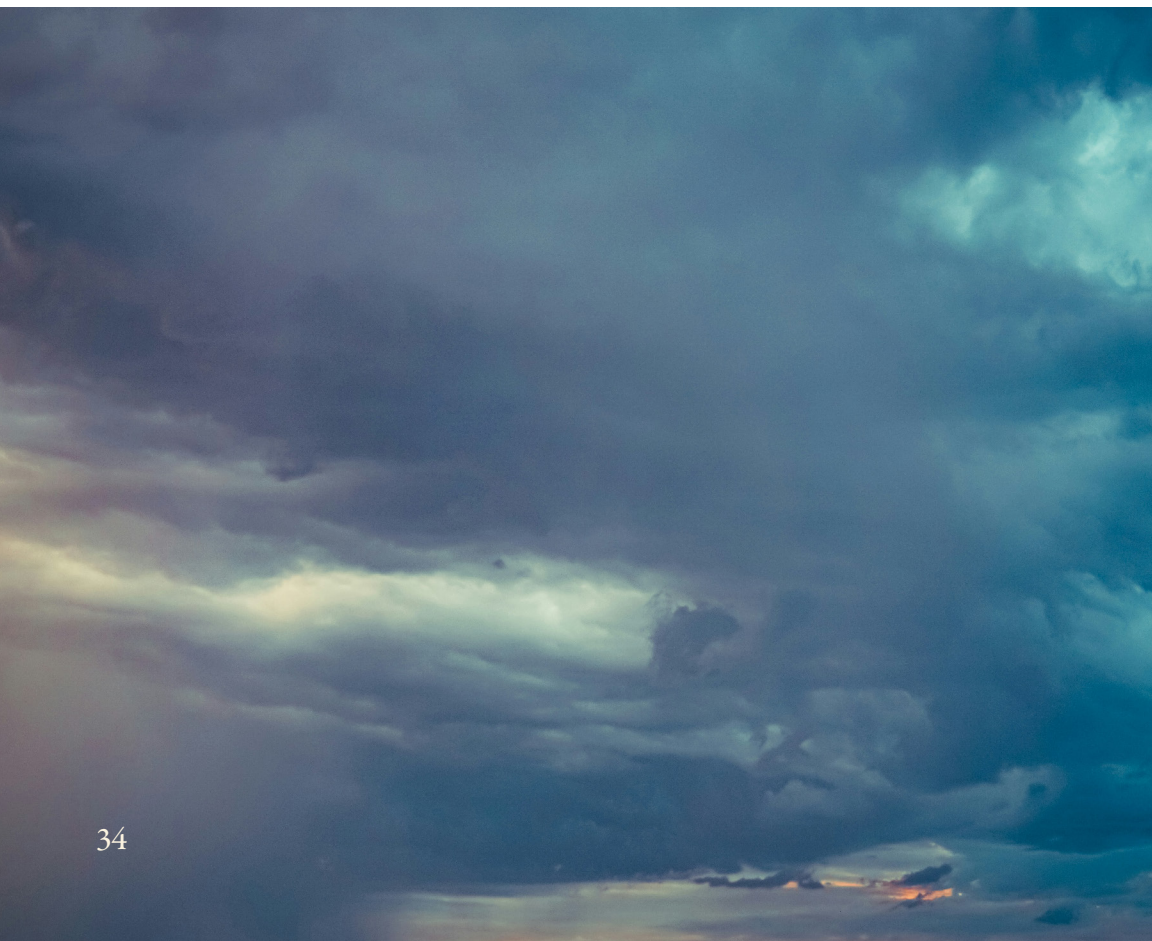
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Context

Revelation 13 introduces two beasts, one from the sea and one from the earth, who are in allegiance with the dragon. The first beast rises from the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and is given authority by the dragon. This beast's reign is marked by blasphemy, persecution of the saints, and worship by the people of the earth for forty-two months. Then, a second beast emerges from the earth, having two horns like a lamb and a voice like a dragon. It deceives humanity with signs and wonders, compelling them to worship the first beast. This second beast also enforces the mark of the beast, which people must receive on their right hand or forehead. At this point, John gives a call to wisdom and understanding.

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DAY 16

REVELATION 14

Context

John begins with a vision of the Lamb on Mount Zion, surrounded by 144,000 redeemed followers. They stand before the throne, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders, singing a new song only they can learn. They are a special offering to God and the Lamb, described as pure and blameless. Then three angelic proclamations are delivered. The first angel announces the eternal gospel, calling all nations to worship the Creator. The second declares the fall of Babylon and the third warns of the dire consequences for those who worship the beast and receive its mark. There is a call for the saints to endure and a blessing noted for those who die in the Lord. The chapter concludes with John seeing one like a Son of Man, appearing on a cloud with a sickle in hand, and the earth is harvested.

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REVELATION 15

Context

In chapter 15, John witnesses a marvelous sign in heaven: seven angels preparing to unleash the final plagues which will complete God's wrath. He also sees those who have conquered the beast, its image, and refused its mark, standing on a sea of glass mixed with fire, holding harps of God. They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, exalting God's justice, faithfulness, and sovereign reign over all nations. After this, the temple in heaven is opened. The angels came forth bearing the seven plagues and dressed in pure white with golden sashes. One of the four living beings handed each angel a golden bowl bearing God's wrath. Smoke fills the temple, and no one can enter until the plagues are completed.



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Context

In Revelation 16, John witnesses the pouring out of the seven bowls of God's wrath. The chapter begins as the angels, bearing the bowls of wrath, pour them out upon the earth. The first brings painful sores upon those who worshipped the beast. The second and third turn seas and rivers to blood, killing every living creature within it. The fourth bowl intensifies the sun's heat, allowing it to scorch people. In response, they cursed God and did not repent. The fifth plunges the beast's kingdom into darkness causing the people to raise their anger at God but refusing to repent. The sixth bowl dries up the Euphrates, preparing the way for the kings from the east. In this moment, the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet unleash demonic spirits that perform signs and rally the nations for war. The seventh and final bowl is poured out following a great cry saying, "It is finished". There is lightning and thunder, and a great earthquake erupts. The great city splits, cities collapse, massive hailstones rain down, and humanity persists in cursing God.

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REVELATION 17

Context

In chapter 17, John is carried in spirit to a wilderness where he sees a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, with seven heads and ten horns. She is adorned with luxury and described as “drunk with the blood of the saints.” John stands amazed at the sight of this woman, but the angel explains the mystery of what he sees. The seven heads represent seven hills and seven kings. The ten horns represent ten kings, who align themselves with the beast, sharing power for a brief time. They will wage war against the Lamb and be conquered. Finally, the angel reveals who the woman represents which is the great city ruling over kingdoms. The very rulers she once seduced will then turn against her, bringing about her downfall.

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REVELATION 18

Context

The chapter begins with the proclamation of an angel announcing Babylon's great fall. The city is now a dwelling for demons and unclean spirits, and its once magnificent towers are reduced to ruins. All because her sins have reached heaven, and she has led nations astray through her intoxicating immorality and greed. A second voice then calls God's people to separate themselves from Babylon, urging them to flee her corruption, or they will share in her fate. Kings, merchants, and sailors now mourn her destruction. They stand at a distance, watching the smoke of her burning, lamenting the loss of her wealth and splendor. Finally, a mighty angel casts a large stone into the sea. The chapter ends with a declaration of her guilt, she is judged for her arrogance, idolatry, and bloodshed, especially of the saints.

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REVELATION 19

Context

The chapter begins with a thunderous chorus from heaven celebrating the fall of Babylon. The great multitude rejoices for the Lord God Almighty reigns, and the marriage supper of the Lamb is announced. Then heaven opens, and the one called Faithful and True is seen riding a white horse. His eyes blaze with fire, His robe is dipped in blood, and His name is The Word of God. A sharp sword comes out of his mouth with which to strike down the nations, and He is followed by the armies of heaven. The chapter concludes with the defeat of the beast, the false prophet, and their followers.

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REVELATION 20

Context

Revelation 20 opens with a vision of the chaining of the great adversary, Satan. An angel descends from heaven, holding the key to the Abyss and a great chain to bind the ancient serpent for a thousand years. After this period, Satan is released briefly to deceive the nations once more, gathering them for a final rebellion. The armies of evil surround the beloved city of God's people, but fire from heaven consumes them, and Satan is cast into the lake of fire, joining the beast and the false prophet in eternal torment. John then sees a great white throne, and all the dead, great and small, stand before God for judgment, and books are opened. All the dead were judged according to all that they had done in life. Finally, Death and Hades are destroyed and cast into the lake of fire for the second death, along with all those whose name was not found written in the Book of Life.

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REVELATION 21

Context

At the opening of the chapter, John sees the holy city, the New Jerusalem, descending from heaven like a bride adorned for her husband. The voice of God declares that His dwelling place is now among His people. Death, mourning, crying, and pain exist no more, making all things new once more. The one who is the Alpha and Omega has come to declare that everything is as it should have been. There is no place for the corrupt, whose fate is the lake of fire. One of the seven angels who contained one of the plagues takes John to a great, high mountain to witness this magnificent city descending from heaven. Its brilliance is like a rare jewel, a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Its wall is massive, and the city has twelve gates, each guarded by an angel and bearing the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Its foundations are adorned with precious stones, each bearing the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. This city is vast, measured in perfect symmetry, and its construction is of gold, so pure it is transparent. The city has no need for the sun or moon because the glory of God illuminates it.

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Context

John is shown the river of the water of life, coming forth from the throne of God and the Lamb. This river nourishes the Tree of Life, which stands bearing fruit in every season and offering leaves for the healing of nations. In this vision, the servants of God worship Him, and His name is written on their foreheads. There is no need for the sun or the moon because the glory of God provides unending brilliance. John receives a final reminder of the trustworthiness and urgency of the visions he has witnessed. The angel instructs John not to seal the words of the prophecy, for the time is near. Jesus' final words affirm His imminent return, declaring Himself the Alpha and Omega and offering eternal life to all who wash their robes in His righteousness. The chapter closes with a solemn warning against adding to or taking away from this revelation.

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