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THE LITERAL TRANSLATION

THE FIRST SECTION

THE GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1:1-8

This introduction is general in character and is related to the whole book. It contains the Spirit-given title of the book (1:1) and has for its special theme Jesus Christ, who was, who is and who is to come (1:4,8). It is made up of explanations (1:1,7), exhortations (1:3), promises (1:7,8), ascriptions of praise (1:5,6) and benedictions (1:3,4).

1 An apocalypse [or, uncovering, revelation] of Jesus Christ, which (the) God gave to him to show to his bondmen what *things* must be done in speed; and he signified *it*, having sent *it* through his angel to his bondman, to John: 2 who testified the word of (the) God, and the witnessing of Jesus Christ, whatsoever *things* he saw. 3 Blessed the *one* reading, and the *ones* hearing the words of the prophecy, and guarding the *things* written in it; for the time *is* nigh.

4 John to the seven churches, which are in (the) Asia; Grace to you and peace from the *one* existing and the *one who* was and the *one* coming; and from the seven Spirits which are in the presence of his throne; 5 and from Jesus Christ, the witness, the faithful, the first born of the dead, and the chief of the kings of the earth; to the *one* loving us and having loosed us from our sins in his blood, 6 and he made us a kingdom, priests to (the) God and his Father; to him *be* the glory and the dominion to the aeons of the aeons; amen.

7 Behold, he comes with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those who pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth will wail over him; yea, amen. 8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, says *the* Lord (the) God, the *one* existing and the *one who* was and the *one* coming, the Almighty.

THE SECOND SECTION

THE SEVEN PERIODS

1:9 TO 3:22

PERIOD I - THE SEVEN LETTERS

1:9 TO 3:22

THE INTRODUCTION

1:9-20

This introduction is special in character and is related to the letter or church period. It is the divine foreview, as seen from the heavenly standpoint, of the church conditions on earth, particularly during the days of the Antichrist. It reveals Christ as the High Priest of His people, standing in the midst of the golden candlesticks, which are declared to be the seven churches. Its purpose is to warn, comfort and strengthen the saints by giving them to see the ascended and glorified Lord as the One who is in the presence of God for them and is all powerful in their behalf.

9 I John, your brother, and fellow-partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was in the island the *one* called Patmos, on account of the word of (the) God, and the witnessing of Jesus. 10 I was in *the* Spirit in the Lord's day; and heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying: What thou seest write in a small scroll and send to the seven churches; 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 which spoke with me; and having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in *the* midst of the lampstands *one* like to *the* Son of man, en clothed to the foot, and girded about the breasts with a golden girdle, 14 his head and hairs were white as white wool, as snow; and his eyes as a flame of fire; 15 and his feet like to burnished brass, as if *they* glowed in a furnace; and his voice as a voice of many waters; 16 and having in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth going forth a two-edged, sharp sword, and his appearance as the sun shines in his power. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet, as dead; and he placed his right hand upon me, saying; Do not thou fear; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living *one*; and I became dead, and behold, I am alive to the aeons of the aeons; and have the keys of (the) death and of (the) Hades. 19 Write thou then, the things thou sawest, and the *things which* are, and the *things* which are about to take place after these; 20 the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest on my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars, are *the* angels of the seven churches; and the seven lampstands are *the* seven churches.

THE SEVEN LETTERS

2:1 to 3:22

The seven letters to the seven churches present the divine foreview of the earthly history of the church in three different aspects: first, in the apostolic time, this foreview having been fulfilled; second, in the seven-year period of the Antichrist, this foreview not yet having been fulfilled; and third, in and through the one time and the other, in the sense of a progressive movement and development from the first church to the last. In this last aspect the letters reveal outwardly an increase of growth and prosperity, but inwardly a steady spiritual decline, from the truth and fidelity of the Ephesian time to the apostasy and faithlessness of the Laodicean.

THE FIRST LETTER - TO EPHESUS

2:1-7

II. To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These *things* say the *one* holding the seven stars in his right *hand*, the *one* walking in the midst of the seven golden lampstands; 2 I know thy works, and thy toil, and thy endurance, and that thou art not able to bear with evil *ones*; and thou hast tested those declaring themselves to be apostles, and they are not; and thou hast found them liars; 3 and thou hast endurance, and for the sake of his name thou hast labored and hast not wearied. 4 But I have against thee, that thou hast left thy first love. 5 Do thou remember therefore from whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and the first works do thou; but if not, I am coming to thee, and I will remove thy lampstand out of its place, if thou dost not repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 The *one* having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; To the *one* overcoming I will give to him to eat from the tree (or wood) of (the) life, which is in the paradise of (the) God.

THE SECOND LETTER - TO SMYRNA

2:8-11

8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These *things* says the first and the last, who became dead and is alive; 9 I know thy tribulation, and the poverty; but thou art rich; and the blasphemy from the *ones* declaring themselves to be Jews, and are not, but a synagogue of (the) Satan. 10 Do not fear at all the things *which* thou art about to suffer; behold, the Devil is about to cast *some* from among you into prison, so that you may be tested; and you will have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful till death, and I will give to thee the crown of (the) life. 11 The *one* having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches: The *one* overcoming may in no wise be injured by the death, the second.

THE THIRD LETTER - TO PERGAMUM

2:12-17

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These *things* says the *one* having the sword, the two-edged, the sharp; 13 I know where thou dwellest, where the throne of (the) Satan *is*; and thou holdest fast my name and thou didst not deny my faith even in the days in which Antipas was my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where (the) Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there *some* holding the teaching of Balaam, who taught (to the) Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat idol-sacrifices and to fornicate. 15 So thou also hast some holding the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner. 16 Repent, therefore; but if not, I am coming to thee speedily, and will war with them by the sword of my mouth. 17 The *one* having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches: To the *one* overcoming I will give of the hidden manna and will give to him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no *one* knows but the *one* receiving.

THE FOURTH LETTER - TO THYATIRA

2:18-29

18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These *things* says the Son of (the) God, the *one* having his eyes as a flame of fire, and his feet like to burnished brass; 19 I know thy works, and (the) love, and (the) faith, and (the) service, and thy endurance, and thy works, the last more than the first. 20 But I have *this* against thee that thou lettest alone the woman, Jezebel, the *one* calling herself a prophetess; and she teaches and seduces my bondmen to fornicate and to eat idol-sacrifices. 21 And I gave to her time, to the intent that she might repent, and she wills not to repent from her fornication; 22 Behold, I am casting her into a bed, and those committing adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent from her works; 23 and her children I will kill with death; and all the churches shall know that I am the *one* searching *the* reins and hearts; and I will give to you, to each *one* according to your works. 24 But to you I say, the remaining *ones*, the *ones* in Thyatira, as many as hold not this teaching, who know not, as they say, the depths of (the) Satan; I am not laying on you other burden; 25 but what you have hold fast till I come. 26 And the *one* overcoming and the *one* guarding my works till the end, I will give to him authority over the nations; 27 and he will shepherd them with *an* iron rod, as the vessels of the potter are broken in pieces, as I also received from my Father; 28 and I will give to him the morning star. 29 The one having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

THE FIFTH LETTER - TO SARDIS

3:1-6

III. And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These *things* says the *one* having the seven spirits of (the) God and the seven stars; I know thy works, that a name thou hast that thou livest, and dead thou art. 2 Become thou vigilant, and strengthen the *things* remaining which were about to die; for I have not found thy works completed in presence of my God. 3 Remember thou therefore how thou has received and didst hear, and observe and repent. If therefore thou wilt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou wilt in no wise know what hour I shall come upon thee. 4 But thou hast a few names also in Sardis which soiled not their garments; and they will walk with me in white, because they are worthy. 5 The *one* overcoming, this *one* will array himself in white garments; and I will not in any wise blot his name out of the scroll of (the) life, and I will confess his name in presence of my Father, and in presence of his angels. 6 The one having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

THE SIXTH LETTER - TO PHILADELPHIA

3:7-13

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These *things* says the holy, the true; the *one* having the key of David; the *one* opening, and no one shuts; and shuts, and no one opens; 8 I know thy works; behold, I have placed before thee *an* opened door which no one has power to shut; because thou hast a little power, and thou hast kept my word, and thou hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I give from out of the synagogue of (the) Satan, the *ones* saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but speak lies; behold, I will make them that they may come and worship before thy feet, and may know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast guarded the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from out of the hour of the trial the *one which* is about to come on the whole

habitable world, to test the *ones* dwelling upon the earth. 11 I come speedily; hold thou fast what thou hast, so that no one may take thy crown. 12 The *one* overcoming, I will make him a pillar in the inner temple of my God, and he will in no wise go out any more; and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, of the new Jerusalem that cometh down out of the heaven from my God, and my new name. 13 The *one* having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

THE SEVENTH LETTER - TO LAODICEA

3:14-22

14 And to the angel of the church of Laodicea write: These *things* says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that neither cold thou art, nor hot; I wish thou wert cold or hot. 16 Thus, because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spew thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have been enriched, and have not any need, and knowest not that thou art the wretched *one* and the pitiable *one*, and poor and blind and naked; 18 I counsel thee to buy from me gold refined by fire, so thou mayest become rich; and white garments, so that thou mayest array thyself, and the shame of thy nakedness may not appear; and eye-salve to anoint thine eyes, so that thou mayest see. 19 I, as many as I love, I rebuke and discipline; be thou zealous therefore and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hear my voice, and open the door, I will go in to him, and sup with him, and he with me. 21 The *one* overcoming, I will give to him to sit with me on my throne, as also I overcame, and am sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 The *one* having *an* ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

PERIOD II - THE SEVEN SEALS

4:1 to 6:17; 8:1

THE INTRODUCTION

4:1 to 5:14

This introduction has special relationship to the seal period, it lying within the first three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist. It is the divine vision, from a heavenly point of view, of Christ, as the occupant of God's throne, as the Lamb who has prevailed to open the book of judgment and as the One who is worthy to receive all worship and praise. It is given for the warning, inspiring and solacing of the saints in preparation for coming days of persecution, temptation and sorrow.

IV. After these *things* I saw, and behold a door opened in the heaven, and the first voice which I heard was as of a trumpet speaking with me, saying: Come thou up here, and I will show to thee what *things* must come to pass after these. 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was placed in the heaven, and on the throne was *one* sitting; 3 and the *one* sitting was like in appearance to

a stone, a jasper and a sardius; and a rainbow was round about the throne like in appearance to an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were twenty-four thrones; and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, arrayed with white garments, and on their heads golden crowns. 5 And from the throne go forth lightnings and voices and thunders; and seven lamps of fire were burning in presence of the throne, which are the seven spirits of (the) God; 6 and in presence of the throne was a glassy sea, like crystal; and in midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures, full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the living creature, the first, was like a lion; and the second living creature was like a young bullock; and the third living creature had the face as a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, each for itself, had severally six wings; round about and within they are full of eyes; and they have not rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord (the) God (the) Almighty, the *one who* was and the *one* existing and the *one* coming. 9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the *one* sitting on the throne, to the *one* living to the aeons of the aeons, 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down in presence of the *one* sitting on the throne, and they will do reverence to the *one* who lives to the aeons of the aeons, and they will cast their crowns in presence of the throne, saying: 11 Worthy thou art, our Lord and God to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because thou didst create (the) all *things*, and on account of thy will they were, and were created.

V. And I saw upon the right *hand* of the *one* sitting upon the throne a small scroll written within and on the back closely sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming in a great voice: Who is worthy to open the small scroll and to loose the seals of it? 3 And no one was able, in the heaven, nor on the earth, nor under the earth, to open the small scroll, nor to behold it. 4 And I was weeping much, because no one was found worthy to open the small scroll nor to behold it. 5 And one from the elders saith to me: Do not thou weep; behold the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the small scroll and its seven seals. 6 And I saw in midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of (the) God, sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the small scroll from out of the right *hand* of the *one* sitting on the throne.

8 And when he took the small scroll the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down in presence of the Lamb, having each a harp, and golden bowls, full of incenses, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: Worthy thou art to receive the small scroll and to open the seals of it; because thou wast slain, and didst redeem *us* to (the) God with thy blood, from out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 and thou didst make them to our God a kingdom and priests, and they will reign on the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels, in *the* circle of the throne and of the living creatures and of the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads [or, ten thousands of ten thousands], and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a great voice: Worthy is the Lamb, the *one* killed, to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and which is on the sea, and all the *things* in them, I heard saying, To the *one* sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the might to the aeons of the aeons. 14 And the four living creatures

said; Amen; and the elders fell down and did reverence.

THE SEAL PERIOD

6:1 to 6:17; 8:1

The seven seals present the divine portrayal of certain earthly events connected with the person of the Antichrist. All of these are located within the first three and half years of the reign of the Man of Sin, the first seal showing his rise at the beginning of the seven years, and the following seals portraying his continuance and development through the first half of this period. The first seal manifests Antichrist as a man of peace; the second seal, his development into a man of war; and the following seals, the famine, plague and death which result from his warlike activities. They also manifest the martyrdom of many saints in the midst of war and as a result of it; and following this, they reveal certain heavenly portents, which betoken impending judgments upon the wicked.

THE FIRST SEAL

6:1, 2

VI. And I saw when the Lamb opened one from out of the seven seals, and I heard one from out of the four living creatures saying, as a voice of thunder, Come. 2 And I saw and behold a white horse, and the *one* sitting on him having a bow; and to him was given a crown, and he went forth conquering, and in order that he might conquer.

THE SECOND SEAL

6:3, 4

3 And when he opened the seal, the second, I heard the second living creature saying, Come. 4 And *there* went forth another red horse; and to the *one* sitting on him it was given to him to take the peace from the earth, and in order that they might kill each other; and to him was given a great sword.

THE THIRD SEAL

6:5, 6

5 And when he opened the seal, the third, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw and behold a black horse, and the *one* sitting on him having a balance in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying; a choenix [or, measure] of wheat for a denarius [or, shilling] and three choenixes [or measures] of barley for a denarius [or, shilling]; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not.

THE FOURTH SEAL

6:7, 8

7 And when he opened the seal, the fourth, I heard *the* voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come. 8 And I saw and behold a pale horse, and the *one* sitting on him, a name to him (the) Death; and (the) Hades followed with him; and to them was given authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

THE FIFTH SEAL

6:9-11

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those killed on account of the word of (the) God, and on account of the witnessing which they held; 10 And they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, the Despot [or, ruler], the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge the blood of us from the *ones* dwelling on the earth? 11 And *there* was given to each a white robe, and it was said to them, that they should rest yet a little time, till also their fellow-bondmen and their brethren should be completed, the *ones* about to be killed as also they.

THE SIXTH SEAL

6:12-17

12 And I saw when he opened the seal, the sixth, and *there* was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair; and the whole moon became as blood; 13 and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig-tree casts her unripe figs, being shaken by a great wind; 14 and the heaven was rent apart, as a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island were removed from out of their places; 15 and the kings of the earth, and the great, and the commanders, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall upon us, and hide us from *the* face of the *one* sitting upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 because the day, the great, of his wrath has come; and who is able to stand?

NOTE: The seventh seal is found in the trumpet period, at 8:1.

PERIOD III - THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

7:1 to 9:21; 11:15

THE INTRODUCTION

7:1 to 8:6

This introduction has special relationship to the trumpet period, the

first six trumpets sounding in the latter part of the first three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist and the seventh trumpet at the beginning of the last three and a half years. The introduction reveals the gracious provision made by God in behalf of certain saints in preparation for persecution and suffering (7:1-8), the glorious prospect of heavenly rest and rewarding which is in store for such saints as suffer unto death (7:9-17) and the fact that the prayers of the saints on earth are the effective means in God's hands in bringing to pass His judgments upon wicked men (8:1-5).

After this I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that a wind might not blow upon the earth, nor upon the sea, nor upon any tree. 2 And I saw another angel rising up from *the* rising of *the* sun, having *the* seal of *the* living God; and he cried with a great voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to them to injure the earth and the sea, 3 saying, Do not injure the earth, or the sea, or the trees, until we have sealed the bondmen of our God upon their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand sealed, from out of every tribe of *the* sons of Israel; 5 from out of *the* tribe of Judah, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Gad, twelve thousand; 6 from out of *the* tribe of Aser, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Manassa, twelve thousand; 7 from out of *the* tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Levi, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand; 8 from out of *the* tribe of Zebulum, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand; from out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand, sealed.

9 After these *things* I saw and behold a great throng, which to number it no one was able, from out of every nation, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing in presence of the throne and in presence of the Lamb, arrayed *with* white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 and they cry, with a great voice, saying, The salvation *be* to our God, to the *one* sitting upon the throne, and to the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood in *the* circle of the throne and of the elders and of the four living creatures, and fell down in presence of the throne, upon their faces, and worshipped (the) God, 12 saying, Amen; the blessing, and the glory, and the wisdom, and the thanksgiving, and the honor, and the power, and the strength *be* to our God, to the aeons of the aeons; amen.

13 And answered one from the elders, saying to me, These the *ones* arrayed *with* the robes, the white, who are they, and whence came they? 14 And I said to him, O my lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are the *ones* coming out of the tribulation, the great, and they washed their robes, and whitened them in the blood of the Lamb. 15 On account of this they are in presence of the throne of (the) God, and minister to him day and night in his inner temple; and the *one* sitting upon the throne will tabernacle over them; 16 they will not hunger any more, neither will they thirst any more, nor will in any way the sun fall upon them, nor any heat; 17 because the Lamb, the *one* in midst of the throne, will shepherd them, and will lead them to fountains of waters of life; and (the) God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

VIII. And when he opened the seal, the seventh, silence was in the heaven about half *an* hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels, the *ones* who stand in presence of (the) God; and *there* was given to them seven trumpets. 3 And another angel came, and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and *there* was given to him many incenses, in order that he might give *them* for the prayers of all the saints upon

the golden altar, the *one which is* in presence of the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incenses went up for the prayers of the saints from out of *the* hand of the angel, in presence of (the) God. 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it from out of the fire of the altar, and cast *it* unto the earth; and *there* were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and *an* earthquake.

6 And the seven angels, the *ones* having the seven trumpets, prepared themselves so that they might sound.

THE TRUMPET PERIOD

8:7 to 9:21; 11:15-19

The first six trumpets, sounding toward the close of the first three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist, bring to pass the preliminary judgments which fall upon the Man of Sin and his followers, these--as implied by the foregoing introduction--involving, though not as judgments, the saints in suffering and death, and leading the wicked, not to divinely purposed repentance, but to further sin in blaspheming the God of heaven. The seventh trumpet sounds later (11:15-19), at the beginning of the second three and a half years, and ushers in the greater judgments which are then sent upon the Antichrist and his followers.

THE FIRST TRUMPET

8:7

And the first angel sounded, and *there* was hail, and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third of the earth was burnt up, and the third of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

THE SECOND TRUMPET

8,9

And the second angel sounded, and, as it were a great mountain, burning with fire, was cast into the sea; and the third of the sea became blood; 9 and the third of the creatures the *ones* in the sea died, the *ones* having souls; and the third of the ships was destroyed.

THE THIRD TRUMPET

8:10,11

And the third angel sounded, and a great star fell from the heaven, burning as a lamp, and it fell upon the third of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters. 11 And the name of the star is called, The Wormwood; and the third of the waters was turned into wormwood; and many of the men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET

8:12,13

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third of the sun was smitten, and the third of the moon, and the third of the stars, so that the third of them might be darkened, and the day might not shine, the third of itself, and the night likewise. 13 And I saw, and I heard one eagle flying in mid heaven, saying *with a great voice*, Woe, woe, woe to those dwelling upon the earth, from out of the remaining sounds of the trumpet of the three angels, the *ones* about to sound.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET

9:1-12

IX. And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from the heaven, fallen to the earth, and to him was given the key to the pit of the abyss; 2 and he opened the pit of the abyss, and a smoke went up from out of the pit as a smoke of a great furnace, and the sun was darkened, and the air, from the smoke of the pit. 3 And from out of the smoke went forth locusts into the earth, and authority was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have authority; 4 and it was said to them, that they should not injure the grass of the earth, nor any green *thing*, nor any tree, but only the men who have not the seal of (the) God upon their foreheads; 5 and it was given to them that they might not kill them, but that they might be tortured five months; and their torture *was* as a torture of a scorpion when it may strike a man. 6 And in those days the men will seek (the) death, and in no wise will find it; and they will desire to die, and (the) death will flee from them. 7 And the forms of the locusts *are* like to horses prepared for war; and upon the heads of them as crowns like to gold; and the faces of them as faces of men; 8 and they had hairs as hairs of women; and the teeth of them were as of lions; 9 and they had breastplates as breastplates of iron; and the sound of the wings of them as a sound of chariots of many horses, rushing into battle; 10 and they have tails like to scorpions; and stings; and in the tails of them *is* the authority of them to injure the men five months. 11 They have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; a name to him in Hebrew, Abaddon; and in the Greek he has a name, Apollyon. 12 The one woe is passed away; behold, two more woes come after these.

THE SIXTH TRUMPET

9:13-21

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard one voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which *is* in presence of (the) God, 14 saying to the sixth angel, the *one* having the trumpet: Loose the four angels, the *ones* bound by the great, the river, Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, the *ones* prepared for the hour and day, and month and year, so that they should kill the third of the men. 16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen *was* twice myriads of myriads, [or, ten thousands of ten thousands]; I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision and the *ones* sitting upon them, having breastplates, of fire, and of hyacinth, and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses *were* as heads of lions; and from out of the mouths of them go forth fire, and smoke, and brimstone. 18 Because of these three plagues were killed the third of the men; by

the fire, and the smoke, and the brimstone, that going forth from out of their mouths: 19 for the authority of the horses is in their mouth; and in their tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they injure. 20 And the remaining *ones* of the men, the *ones who* were not killed by these plagues did not repent from the works of their hands, so that they should not worship the demons, and the idols, the golden, and the silver, and the brazen, and the stone, and the wooden, which are neither able to see, nor to hear, nor to walk; 21 and *they* did not repent from their murders, nor from their sorceries, nor from their fornication, nor from their thefts.

NOTE; The seventh trumpet is found in the vial period, at 11:15.

PERIOD IV - THE SEVEN THUNDERS

10:1-11

THE INTRODUCTION

10:1-3

This introduction has special relationship to the thunder period, which is under the sixth trumpet and stands midway between the first and second three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist. It is the vision of an angel who has the appearance and authority of Christ, this being in sign of the glory and power of Him who is about to come. The purpose of the vision is to keep the hearts of the saints fixed and quieted even during judgment-days, as a result of their being assured that all authority has been given unto Christ both in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18).

X. And I saw another powerful angel, coming down from out of the heaven, arrayed with a cloud, and the rainbow upon his head, and his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; 2 and having in his hand a little scroll opened; and he placed his foot, the right, upon the sea, and the left, upon the land; 3 and he cried with a great voice, even as a lion roars. And when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices.

THE THUNDER PERIOD

10:4

The voices of the seven thunders are divinely sealed, so that no one may know what they portend. The most that may be surmised is that they betoken forthcoming and increasingly terrible judgments. Their sounding, being under the sixth trumpet, lies at the end of the first and at the beginning of the second three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist. They stand, therefore, at the middle of the prophetic "week" (Dan. 9:27), and look forward to the last three and a half years and thus to the consummation of the age. That the church is on earth during this period is evidenced by the wording of the conclusion (10:7; see the Analysis).

4 And when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from out the heaven saying, Seal thou up what the seven thunders uttered and write them not.

THE CONCLUSION

10:5-11

This conclusion has special application to the thunder period, which is midway between the close of the first and the commencement of the second three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist. It repeats the vision of the foregoing introduction, showing the angel who represents Christ. Its purpose is to make plain to the saints that the last period of earthly testing and suffering has now come, this being the second three and a half years of the Antichrist's reign, and that it is to be, as set forth by John's eating the little book, a time of wide witnessing under stress of much persecution.

5 And the angel, whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the land, lifted up his hand, the right, toward the heaven: 6 and he swore by the *one* living to the aeons of the aeons, who created the heaven and the *things* in it, and the earth and the *things* in it, and the sea and the *things* in it, that delay shall be no longer. 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of (the) God, as he gave good tidings to his bondmen, the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from out of the heaven, *was* again speaking with me, and saying, Go thou, take thou the little scroll, the *one* opened in the hand of the angel, the *one who* stands upon the sea and upon the land. 9 And I went to the angel, saying to him to give to me the little scroll. And he says to me, Take thou and eat thou it; and it will make bitter thy belly, but in thy mouth it will be sweet as honey. 10 And I took the little scroll from out of the hand of the angel and ate it; and it was in my mouth as sweet honey; and when I ate it, my belly was made bitter. 11 And they say to me, it is necessary for thee again to prophesy, over [or, against] many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

PERIOD V - THE SEVEN VIALS

11:1 to 16:21

THE INTRODUCTION

11:1 to 15:8

This introduction has application to the vial period, which lies within the second three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist. A part of it--from the fourteenth chapter onward--has additional application to the judgment period, its prophecies looking through the one period, both to and into the other. Its object, expressed through several heavenly visions, is to give the saints to know that it is through many tribulations that they must enter the kingdom (Acts 14:22, R.V.), but, additionally, that their enemies and

persecutors, however much freedom in sin is allowed to them, are all foredoomed unto judgment and punishment. It is to be noted that the fourteenth chapter is a foreview of the nineteenth, that is, of the coming of Christ for and with His saints.

XI. And a reed was given to me like unto a rod, *one* saying, Rise thou and measure the inner temple of (the) God, and the altar, and the *ones* worshipping in it; 2 and the court, the *one* outside of the inner temple, do thou cast out and measure it not, because it was given to the nations; and the city, the holy, will they tread forty-two months. 3 And I will give to my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand, two hundred, sixty days, arrayed *with* sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, the *ones* which stand in presence of the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone desires to injure them, fire goes forth from out of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; and if anyone desires to injure them, thus it is necessary for him to be killed.

6 These have the authority to shut the heaven so that rain may not fall *in* the days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they will. 7 And when they will have finished their testimony, the wild-beast, the *one that* riseth from out of the abyss will make war with them, and will conquer them, and will kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will be in the street of the city, the great, which is called spiritually Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 And *some* from out of the peoples, and tribes, and tongues, and nations, behold their dead bodies three days and a half; and they do not suffer their dead bodies to be put into a tomb.

10 And the *ones* dwelling upon the earth rejoice over them, and make merry, and they will send gifts to each other, because these two prophets tortured the *ones* dwelling upon the earth. 11 And after the three days and a half, *the* breath of life from out (the) God entered into them; and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon the *ones* beholding them. 12 And they heard a great voice from out the heaven, saying to them, Come up hither. And they went up into the heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them. 13 And in that hour was a great earthquake, and the tenth of the city fell, and in the earthquake were killed *the* names of men, seven thousand; and the remaining *ones* became affrighted, and they gave glory to the God of the heaven. 14 The woe, the second, is passed away; behold, the woe, the third, comes speedily.

15 And the seventh angel sounded, and great voices were in the heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world is become *that* of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign to the aeons of the aeons. 16 And the twenty-four elders, the *ones* sitting in presence of (the) God upon their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped (the) God, 17 saying, We give thanks to thee, O Lord, (the) God, (the) Almighty, the *one* existing, and the *one who* was, because thou hast taken thy great power and didst reign. 18 And the nations were angry, and came thy wrath, and the time of the dead to be judged and to give the reward to thy bondmen, the prophets, and to the saints and to those fearing thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those destroying the earth. 19 And the inner temple of (the) God was opened in the heaven, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his inner temple; and *there* were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and *an* earthquake, and great hail.

XII. And a great sign was seen in the heaven; a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and, being with child, she cries out travailing and being tortured to bring forth. 3

And *there* was seen another sign in the heaven, and behold, a dragon, great, fiery red, having seven heads, and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems; 4 and his tail draws the third of the stars of the heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stands in presence of the woman, the *one who* is about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth, he may devour her child. 5 And she brought forth a son, a male, who is about to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod, and her child was caught up to (the) God and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the desert, where she has there a place prepared by (the) God, in order that there they might nourish her a thousand, two hundred, sixty days.

7 And war was in the heaven; (the) Michael and his angels warring with the dragon; and the dragon made war and his angels; 8 and he prevailed not, neither was their place found longer in the heaven. 9 And the dragon, the great, the serpent, the old, the *one* being called Devil and (The) Satan, the *one* deceiving the whole inhabited earth, was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a great voice in the heaven, saying, now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; because the accuser of our brethren is cast out, the *one* accusing them in presence of our God day and night; 11 and they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their witness; and they loved not their life even unto death. 12 On account of this rejoice you heavens and the *ones* tabernacling in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the Devil is gone down to you having great wrath, knowing that he has a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast out into the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the male *child*. 14 And *there* was given to the woman the two wings of the eagle, the great, so that she might fly into the desert, into her place, where she is nourished there, a time and times and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out from his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might make her as *one* carried away by *the* river. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river, which the dragon cast out from his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged against the woman, and went away to make war with the remaining *ones* of her seed, the *ones* keeping the commandments of (the) God, and having the witness of Jesus.

XIII. And he stood upon the sand of the sea; and I saw a wild-beast coming up from out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. 2 And the wild-beast, the *one which* I saw, was like to a leopard, and his feet as of a bear, and his mouth as a mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave to him his power, and his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as if slain unto death; and the stroke of his death was healed. And the whole earth wondered after the wild-beast; 4 and they worshipped the dragon, because he had given the authority to the wild-beast, and they worshipped the wild-beast, saying, Who *is* like to the wild-beast? and who is able to make war with him? 5 And *there* was given to him a mouth speaking great *things* and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority to act forty-two months. 6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemy against (the) God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, the *ones* tabernacling in the heaven. 7 And it was given to him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and to him was given authority over every tribe, and people, and tongue and nation. 8 And all the *ones* dwelling on the earth will worship him, the name of whom is not written in the scroll of the life of the Lamb, the *one* slain from *the* founding of *the* world. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone be for captivity, into captivity he goeth; if anyone will kill with a sword, it is necessary for him to be killed with a sword. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.

11 And I saw another wild-beast coming up from out of the earth, and he had two horns, like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. 12 And all the authority of the first wild-beast he makes in presence of him; and he makes the earth and the *ones* dwelling in it that they should worship the wild-beast, the first, of whom the stroke of his death was healed; 13 and he makes great signs, that he should even make fire to come down from out the heaven into the earth, in presence of the men. 14 And he deceives the *ones* dwelling upon the earth, on account of the wonders which it was given to him to make in presence of the wild-beast, saying to the *ones* dwelling upon the earth, to make *an* image to the wild-beast, which has the stroke of the sword and lived. 15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the wild-beast, so that the image of the wild-beast should both speak, and should make as many as would not worship the image of the wild-beast that they should be killed. 16 And he makes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the bondmen, that they should give to them a mark upon their right hand or upon their forehead; 17 and that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the *one* having the mark, the name of the wild-beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is the wisdom; the *one* having a mind, let him compute the number of the wild-beast, for it is a number of a man; and the number of him *is* six hundred *and* sixty-six.

XIV. And I saw, and behold the Lamb, standing upon the mount Sion, and with him a hundred forty-four thousand, having his name and the name of his Father written upon their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from out of the heaven as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of great thunder; and the voice which I heard was as of harpers harping upon their harps. 3 And they sing a new song in presence of the throne, and in presence of the four living creatures, and of the elders; and no one was able to learn the song, except the hundred forty-four thousand, the *ones* redeemed from the earth. 4 These are the *ones* who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins; these *are* the *ones* following the Lamb wherever he may go; these were redeemed from the men, a first-fruit to (the) God and to the Lamb; 5 and falsehood was not found in their mouth; for they are without blemish.

6 And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having aeonian good-tidings to proclaim to the *ones* dwelling upon the earth, and to every nation, and tribe, and tongue, and people; 7 saying with a great voice, Fear you (the) God and give glory to him, because the hour of his judgment has come; and worship the *one* having made the heaven, and the earth, and *the* sea, and *the* fountains of waters.

8 And another, a second angel followed, saying, Fallen, fallen *is* Babylon, the great; the *one* which has given all the nations to drink from out of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If anyone worships the wild-beast and his image, and receives a mark upon his forehead, or upon his hand, 10 he also shall drink from out of the wine of the indignation of (the) God, the *one* which is mingled unmixed in the cup of his wrath, and he shall be tortured in fire and brimstone in presence of *the* holy angels and in presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torture rises up to aeons of aeons; and they have not rest day and night, the *ones* worshipping the wild-beast and his image, and if anyone receives the mark of his name. 12 Here is the endurance of the saints, the *ones* keeping the commandments of (the) God and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from out of the heaven saying, Write thou, Blessed the dead, the *ones* dying in *the* Lord, from henceforth; yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting upon the cloud *one* like a Son of man, having upon his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came forth from out of the inner temple crying with a great voice to the *one* sitting upon the cloud, Thrust thou in thy sickle, and reap, because the hour to reap is come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And the *one* sitting upon the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came forth from out of the inner temple, the *one* which is in the heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came forth from out of the altar, the *one* having authority over the fire; and he called *with* a great voice to the *one* having the sickle, the sharp, saying, Send thou thy sickle, the sharp, and gather thou the clusters of the vine of the earth, because her grapes are matured; 19 and the angel cast his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and cast it into the winepress of the wrath of (the) God, the great. 20 And the winepress was trodden outside of the city, and blood came from out of the winepress, even to the bridles of the horses, as far as a thousand, six hundred furlongs.

XV. And I saw another sign in the heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having seven plagues, the last *ones*, because in them is finished the wrath of (the) God. 2 And I saw as *it were* a glassy sea, mingled *with* fire, and the *ones* being overcomers of the wild-beast and of his image and of the number of his name, standing upon the sea, the glassy, having harps of (the) God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses, the bondman of (the) God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous *are* thy works, O Lord, (the) God, (the) Almighty, just and true *are* thy ways, the king of the nations; 4 who will not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? because *thou* alone *art* holy; because all the nations will come and worship in thy presence, because thy righteous deeds have been made manifest.

5 And after these *things* I saw, and the inner temple of the tabernacle of the witness was opened in the heaven. 6 And there came forth the seven angels, the *ones* having the seven plagues, from out of the inner temple, enclothed *with* linen, pure, bright, and girded about the breasts *with* golden girdles. 7 And one from out the four living-creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials, full of the wrath of (the) God, the *one* living to the aeons of the aeons. 8 And the inner temple was filled *with* smoke from out of the glory of (the) God and from out of his power; and no one was able to enter into the inner temple, until the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

XVI. And I heard a great voice from out of the inner temple, saying to the seven angels, Go you forth and pour out the seven vials of the wrath of (the) God into the earth.

THE VIAL PERIOD

16:2-21

The seven vials are poured out during the second three and a half years of the reign of the Antichrist, this being proven by the fact that the foregoing introduction makes it clear that this is the space of time, in connection with that person's activities, which will then remain to be fulfilled (11:2, 3; 12:6, 14). It is in this period that

Antichrist obtains his world-dominion, reaches the climax of his blasphemies and carries on his greatest persecutions (13:1-8; Matt. 24:21, 22). But the outpouring of the vials brings to him and his followers preliminary judgments and prepares the way for their final judgment and destruction. That the church is on earth during this period is manifested by the conclusion of the last period and the introduction of this one (10:7; 11:3; 12:6, 13-17; 13:7-10; 14:1-5, 14-16; 15:2-4).

THE FIRST VIAL

16:2

2 And the first *angel* departed, and he poured out his vial upon the earth; and *there* came an ulcer, evil and hurtful, upon the men, the *one* who had the mark of the wild-beast, and the *ones* who worshipped his image.

THE SECOND VIAL

16:3

3 And the second poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood, as of a dead *one*, and every soul of life died, the *ones* in the sea.

THE THIRD VIAL

16:4-7

4 And the third poured out his vial into the rivers, and the fountains of the waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, the *one* existing, and the *one* who was, the Holy *One*, because these *things* thou hast judged; 6 because they poured out *the* blood of *the* saints and of prophets; and blood thou hast given to them to drink; worthy they are. 7 And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord, (the) God, (the) Almighty, true and righteous *are* thy judgments.

THE FOURTH VIAL

16:8,9

8 And the fourth poured out his vial upon the sun; and *there* was given to him to burn the men in fire. 9 And the men were burned *with* great heat, and they blasphemed the name of (the) God, the *one* having the authority over these plagues; and they did not repent to give to him glory.

THE FIFTH VIAL

16:10,11

10 And the fifth poured out his vial upon the throne of the wild-beast. And his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain; 11 and

they blasphemed the God of the heaven because of their pains, and because of their ulcers; and they repented not from their works.

THE SIXTH VIAL

16:12-16

12 And the sixth poured out his vial upon the river, the great, *the* Euphrates; and the water of it was dried up, so that the way of the kings, the *ones* from *the* sun-rising, might be prepared. 13 And I saw, coming from out of the mouth of the dragon, and from out of the mouth of the wild-beast, and from out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits as frogs. 14 For they are spirits of demons working signs; which go forth to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them for the war of the day, the great, of (the) God, (the) Almighty. 15 Behold, I come as a thief; blessed the *one* watching, and keeping his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And they gathered them together into the place, the *one which* is called in Hebrew, Harmagedon.

THE SEVENTH VIAL

16:17-21

17 And the seventh poured out his vial upon the air; and a great voice came forth from out of the inner temple, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since a man was upon the earth, so vast *an* earthquake, so mighty. 19 And the city, the great, was *divided* into three parts; and the cities of the nations fell; and Babylon, the great, was remembered before (the) God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath; 20 and every island fled away, and *the* mountains were not found; 21 and great hail, as if weighing a talent, comes down from out of the heaven upon the men; and the men blasphemed (the) God on account of the plague of the hail, because great is the plague of it, exceedingly.

PERIOD VI - THE JUDGMENT PERIOD

17:1 to 20:15

There is no separate introduction to the judgment period, this being found in the one which is connected with the vial period, which see.

THE JUDGMENT PERIOD

17:1 to 20:15

The seven judgments are cumulative and final in character. They deal with men, first in classes, and then, as individuals, progressing from the general to the particular, from the extensive to the intensive. It is to be noted that the judgment of the nations, while it begins at the end of this present age, is carried through the whole of the

millennial age, Christ ruling throughout in righteousness and with a rod of iron and only finishing His judgments subsequent to the "little season" (20:3, 7-9). The church is seen as still on earth in this period, up to the beginning of the nineteenth chapter (17:5, 6; 18:4, 20, 24).

THE FIRST JUDGMENT

Babylon, mystical, representing Roman and all apostasy

17:1-18

XVII. And *one* from out of the seven angels, the *ones* having the seven vials, came and spoke with me, saying, Come hither, I will show to thee the judgment of the harlot, the great, the *one* sitting upon many waters; 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the *ones* inhabiting the earth were made drunk from the wine of her fornication. 3 And he carried me away in spirit into a desert; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet wild-beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads, and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed with purple and scarlet, and bedecked with gold and precious stone, and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations, and the uncleanness of her fornication; 5 and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon, the great, the mother of the harlots and of the abominations of the earth. 6 And I saw the women drunk from the blood of the saints and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And I wondered, having seen her with a great wonder.

7 And the angel said to me, Why didst thou wonder? I will tell to thee the mystery of the woman, and of the wild-beast, the *one* bearing her, the *one* having the seven heads and the ten horns: 8 The wild-beast which thou sawest, was, and is not, and is about to come up from out of the abyss, and is to go into destruction; and the *ones* dwelling upon the earth will wonder, the names of whom have not been written upon the scroll of (the) life from *the* founding of *the* world, when they see the wild-beast, that was, and is not, and will be present. 9 Here *is* the mind, the *one* having wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman sits upon them; 10 and *there* are seven kings; the five have fallen, the one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, it is necessary for him to continue a short time. 11 And the wild-beast, the *one* which was, and is not, he also is an eighth, and is from out of the seven, and he goes into destruction. 12 And the ten horns, the *ones* which thou sawest, are ten kings, who have received not yet a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings one hour with the wild-beast. 13 These have one purpose; and their power and authority they give to the wild-beast. 14 These will make war with the Lamb; and the Lamb will overcome them, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and the *ones* with him *are* called and called out and faithful. 15 And he says to me, The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sits, are peoples, and throngs, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest, and the wild-beast, these will hate the harlot, and will make her deserted and naked, and will eat her flesh, and will burn her up in fire. 17 For (the) God hath put it into their hearts to do his purpose and to do one purpose, and to give their kingdom to the wild-beast, till the words of (the) God will be finished. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is the city, the great, the *one* having kingship over the kings of the earth.

THE SECOND JUDGMENT

Babylon, literal, representing international and godless commercialism

18:1-24

XVIII. After these *things*, I saw another angel coming down from out of the heaven, having great authority; and the earth was brightened with his glory. 2 And he cried out in a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen *is* Babylon, the great, and is becoming a dwelling place of demons, and a hold of every impure spirit, and a hold of every unclean and detestable bird; 3 because from out of the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations have fallen, and the kings of the earth have fornicated with her, and the merchants of the earth waxed rich from the power of her wantonness.

4 And I heard another voice from out of the heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, in order that you may not have fellowship with her sins, and in order that you may not receive of her plagues; 5 because her sins have reached even to the heaven, and (the) God remembered her wrong doings. 6 Give you to her as she also gave, and double the double according to her works; in the cup which she mixed, do you mingle to her double; 7 as much as she glorified herself and lived voluptuously, so much give to her, torture and mourning. Because in her heart she says, I sit a queen, and am not a widow, and I shall in no wise see mourning; 8 on account of this in one day will come her plagues, death and mourning, and famine; and she will be burned up in fire, because strong *is* the Lord, (the) God, the *one* who judged her. 9 And the kings of the earth will weep and will wail over her, the *ones* having fornicated and having lived wantonly with her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance on account of the fear of her torture, saying, Woe, woe, the city, the great, Babylon, the city, the strong, because in one hour has come her judgment. 11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because their cargo no *one* buys any more; 12 cargo of gold, and of silver, and of precious stone, and of pearls, and of fine linen, and of purple, and of silk, and of scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel of most precious wood, and of brass, and of iron, and of marble; 13 and cinnamon, and amomum [or, spice], and odors, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil; and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and of horses, and of chariots, and of bodies, and souls of men. 14 And the ripe fruits of the longing of thy soul are departed from thee, and all the sumptuous *things*, and the bright [or, magnificent] *things* are perished from thee, and no longer in any wise will *men* find them. 15 The merchants of these *things*, the *ones* having waxed rich from her, will stand at a distance, because of the fear of her torture, weeping and mourning, 16 saying, Woe, woe, the city, the great, the *one* arrayed *with* fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and bedecked with gold and precious stones, and pearls; 17 because in *one* hour the so great wealth is laid waste. And every helmsman, and everyone to a place sailing, and seamen, and as many as work the sea, stood far off, 18 and cried out seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city* *is* like to the city, the great? 19 and they cast dust upon their heads, and cried out weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the city, the great, by which all the *ones*, having the ships upon the sea waxed rich from her costliness, because in *one* hour she was laid waste. 20 Rejoice thou over her, O heaven, and the saints, and the apostles, and the prophets, because (the) God has judged your judgment upon her. 21 And a strong angel took up a stone, as a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, Thus with violence will Babylon be cast down, the great city, and she will in no wise be found any more. 22 And a voice of harpers, and of musicians, and of flute-players, and of trumpeters will in no wise be heard in thee, any more; and every artisan of every art will in no

wise be found in thee any more; and a sound of a millstone will in no wise be heard in thee any more; 23 and a light of a lamp will in no wise shine in thee any more. And a voice of bridegroom and of bride will in no wise be heard in thee any more; because thy merchants were the great *ones* of the earth, because by thy sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24 And in her was found *the* blood of prophets and of saints, even of all the *ones* killed upon the earth.

THE THIRD JUDGMENT

The Saints

*The coming of Christ for His saints,
as foretold in 14:1-13, is here described.*

19:1-10

XIX. After these *things*, I heard as *it were* a great voice of a large throng in the heaven, saying, Alleluia, the salvation, and the glory, and the power of our God; 2 because true and righteous *are* his judgments, because he has judged the harlot, the great, which corrupted the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his bondmen from her hand. 3 And a second time they have said, Alleluia; and her smoke goeth up to the aeons of the aeons. 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell, and worshipped (the) God, the *one* sitting upon the throne, saying, Amen, Alleluia. 5 And a voice from the throne came out, saying, Praise you our God, all his bondmen, the *ones* fearing him, the small and the great.

6 And I heard as *it were* a voice of a great throng, and as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia, because reigneth *the* Lord, our God, the Almighty. 7 Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and give the glory to him, because is come the marriage of the Lamb, and his wife has prepared herself. 8 And it was given to her, so that she might enclothe herself with fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And he says to me, Write thou; blessed the *ones* called upon the supper of the marriage of the Lamb. And he says to me, These are the true words of (the) God. 10 And I fell before the feet of him to worship him; and he says to me, Take heed not; I am thy fellow-bondman, and of thy brethren, the *ones* having the witness of Jesus; to (the) God do thou give worship; for the witness of Jesus is the spirit of (the) prophecy.

THE FOURTH JUDGMENT

The Antichrist and False Prophet

*The coming of Christ with His saints,
as foretold in 14:14-20, is here described.*

19:11-20

11 And I saw the heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and the *one* sitting upon him called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he judges and makes war; 12 and his eyes *are as a* flame of fire; and upon his head *are many* diadems; having a name written, the *one which* no *one* knows except himself; 13 and arrayed with a

mantle dipped in blood; and his name is called, The Word of (the) God. 14 And the armies, the *ones* in the heaven, were following him upon white horses, clothed with fine linen, white, clean. 15 And from out his mouth goes forth a sharp sword, so that with it he may smite the nations; and he will shepherd them with an iron rod; and he treads the wine-press of the wine of the fury of the wrath of (the) God, of the Almighty. 16 And he has upon his mantle and upon his thigh a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 And I saw one angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a great voice, saying to all the birds, the *ones* flying in mid heaven, Come you, be you gathered together for the supper, the great, of (the) God, 18 in order that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of commanders, and *the* flesh of strong *ones*, and *the* flesh of horses, and of the *ones* sitting upon them, and *the* flesh of all, both freemen and bondmen, and small and great. 19 And I saw the wild-beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make (the) war with the *one* sitting upon the horse, and with his army. 20 And the wild-beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, the *one* having made the signs in his presence, by which he deceived the *ones* having received the mark of the wild-beast, and the *ones* worshipping his image; the two were cast living into the lake of the fire, the *one* burning with brimstone.

THE FIFTH JUDGMENT

The Nations

19:21 to 20:1-9

21 And the remaining *ones* were killed with the sword of the *one* sitting upon the horse, the *sword which* went forth from out of his mouth; and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

XX. And I saw an angel coming down from out of the heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain upon his hand. 2 And he laid hold upon the dragon, the serpent, the old, who is *the* Devil and (the) Satan; and he bound him a thousand years, 3 and he cast him into the abyss, and shut him up and sealed over him, in order that he might not deceive longer the nations, till the thousand years should be finished; after these *things* it is necessary for him to be loosed a short space.

4 And I saw thrones; and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and the souls of the *ones* beheaded because of the witness of Jesus, and because of the word of (the) God, and those who worshipped not the wild-beast, nor his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived and reigned with (the) Christ, *the* thousand years; 5 the remaining *ones* of the dead lived not till the thousand years were finished. This *is* the resurrection, the first; 6 Blessed and holy the *one* having a share in the resurrection, the first; upon these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of (the) God, and of (the) Christ; and they will reign with him the thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are finished, (the) Satan will be loosed from out of his prison; 8 and he will go forth to lead astray the nations, the *ones* in the four corners of the earth, (the) Gog and Magog, to gather them together unto the war, of whom the number *is* as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up upon the breadth of the earth, and encircled the camp of the saints, and the city, the beloved, and fire came down from out of the heaven and devoured them.

THE SIXTH JUDGMENT

Satan and His Angels

20:10

10 And the Devil, the *one* deceiving them, was cast into the lake of (the) fire and of brimstone, where both the wild-beast and the false prophet *are*; and they will be tortured day and night to the aeons of the aeons.

THE SEVENTH JUDGMENT

The Wicked Dead

20:11-15

11 And I saw a throne, great, white, and the *one* sitting upon it, from *the* face of whom the earth and the heaven fled away; and a place was not found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing in presence of the throne; and scrolls were opened; and another scroll was opened, the *one which* is of (the) life; and the dead were judged from out of the *things* written in the scrolls, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead, the *ones* in it; and (the) death and (the) Hades gave up the dead, the *ones* in them; and they were judged, every one, according to their works. 14 And (the) death and (the) Hades were cast into the lake of (the) fire; this is the death, the second. 15 And if anyone was not found written in the scroll of (the) life, *he* was cast into the lake of (the) fire.

PERIOD VII - THE SEVEN NEW-THINGS

21:1 to 22:5

There is no separate introduction to the New-Things period, the Spirit proceeding immediately to the description.

THE NEW-THINGS PERIOD

21:1 to 22:5

The seven New-Things look backward upon time and forward into eternity. They bring to pass and forever maintain the long looked-for experience when all suffering and sorrow are past, there being no more death, nor mourning, nor crying, nor pain. This will be for the saints the experience of infinite rewarding and bliss, and also, that of infinitely holy and blessed service.

THE FIRST NEW-THING

The New Heaven

21:1

XXI. And I saw a new heaven;

THE SECOND NEW-THING

The New Earth

21:1

and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea is no longer.

THE THIRD NEW-THING

The New City

21:2

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

THE FOURTH NEW-THING

The New Tabernacle

21:3

3 And I heard a great voice from out of the heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of (the) God is with (the) men;

THE FIFTH NEW-THING

The New Fellowship

21:3

and he will tabernacle with them, and they will be his people; and (the) God himself will be with them.

THE SIXTH NEW-THING

The New Experience

21:4

4 And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and (the) death will be no longer; neither mourning, nor crying, nor pain will be longer, because the first

things passed away.

THE SEVENTH NEW-THING

The New Prospect

21:5-8

5 And the *one* sitting upon the throne said, Behold, I make all *things* new. And he says, Write thou; because these words are faithful and true. 6 And he said to me, They have come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the *one* thirsting from the fountain of the water of (the) life, freely; 7 the *one* overcoming will inherit these *things*, and I shall be to him God, and he will be to me a son. 8 But to the fearful, and faithless, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all the liars, their share *will be* in the lake, the *one which* burns with fire and brimstone, the *one which* is the death, the second.

The Description of the New City, Continued

21:9 to 22:5

9 And *one* from out of the seven angels, the *ones* having the seven vials, the *ones* being full of the seven plagues, the last, came and talked with me, saying Come thou, I will show to thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. 10 And he carried me away in Spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed to me the city, the holy Jerusalem, coming down from out of the heaven from (the) God, 11 having the glory of (the) God, her luminary like a stone most precious, as a jasper stone, crystal-like; 12 having a wall, great and high, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. 13 On *the east*, three gates; and on *the north*, three gates; and on *the south*, three gates; and on *the west*, three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and upon them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And the *one* talking with me had a measure, a golden reed, so that he might measure the city, and its gates, and its wall. 16 And the city lies four-cornered; and the length of it *is* as much as the breadth. And he measured the city *with* the reed unto twelve thousand stadia [or, furlongs]; the length and the breadth, and the height of it are equal. 17 And he measured the wall of it one hundred forty-four cubits, the measure of a man, the *one which* is of an angel. 18 And the structure of its wall *was* jasper; and the city was pure gold, like to pure glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with every precious stone; the foundation, the first, 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 severally was of one pearl. And the plateau [or, broad-place] of the city *was* pure gold, as transparent glass. 22 And I saw no inner temple in it; for the Lord, (the) God, (the) Almighty, is *the* inner temple of it, and the Lamb. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, or of the moon, that they should shine *in* it; for the glory of (the) God enlightened it, and the lamp of it *was* the Lamb. 24 And the nations will walk through the light of it; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. 25 And gates of it will in no wise be shut by day, for no night will be there. 26 And they

will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; 27 and anything common and the *one* making an abomination and a falsehood will in no wise enter into; but only the *ones* written in the small scroll of (the) life of the Lamb.

XXII. And he showed to me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, going forth from out of the throne of (the) God and of the Lamb. 2 In *the* midst of its plateau [or, broad-place] and of the river, on this side and on that side, *is* a tree [or, wood] of life, bearing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the trees [or, wood] *are* for *the* healing of the nations. 3 And any curse will not be longer; and the throne of (the) God and of the Lamb will be in it; and his bondmen will serve him. 4 And they will see his face; and his name *will be* upon their foreheads. 5 And night will be no longer; and they have no need of *the* light of a lamp, and of *the light* of *the* sun; because *the* Lord, (the) God will shine upon them; and they will reign to the aeons of the aeons.

THE THIRD SECTION

THE GENERAL CONCLUSION

22:6-21

This conclusion is general in character and is related to the whole book. It contains explanations (22:6, 16), exhortations (22:7, 12, 17, 19) and promises (22:7, 12, 16, 20), and ends with the benediction of the apostle as from the risen, glorified and coming Christ (22:21). The Revelation begins with the statement that it is written in order that the bondmen of Christ may know the things which must speedily come to pass (1:1); it continues by making clear, amongst other things, the fact that service includes suffering and that witnessing may include martyrdom (1:9; 2:10; 3:10; 6:9-11; 7:13, 14; 11:7, 8; 12:17; 13:7; 17:5, 6); and it now ends with the promise that Jesus will speedily return, and also with the implied assurance that His grace, till He comes, will be sufficient for all experiences (22:20, 21). It is to be noted that the conclusion records the only prayer of the book and the last prayer of the Bible, which is, "Amen; come thou, Lord Jesus!" (22:20).

6 And he said to me, These words are faithful and true; and the Lord, (the) God of the spirits of the prophets sent his angel to show to his bondmen the *things* which must come to pass in speed. 7 And, Behold, I come speedily; blessed the *one* keeping the words of the prophecy of this small scroll. 8 And I, John, was the *one* hearing and seeing these *things*; and when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel, the *one* showing to me these *things*. 9 And he says to me, Take heed not; I am thy fellow-bondman, and of thy brethren, the prophets, and of the *ones* keeping the words of this small scroll; to (the) God give thou worship. 10 And he says to me, Seal thou not the words of the prophecy of this small scroll; for the time is nigh. 11 The *one* acting unjustly let him act unjustly still; and the *one* filthy, let him be made filthy still; and the *one* righteous, let him do righteousness still; and the *one* holy, let him be made holy still.

12 Behold, I come speedily, and my reward *is* with me, to render to each *one* as his work is. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning

and the end. 14 Blessed the *ones* washing their robes, in order that their authority may be over the tree [or, wood] of (the) life, and may enter the gates into the city. 15 Outside, the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every *one* loving and making falsehood. 16 I Jesus, sent my angel to witness to you these *things* for the churches; I am the root and the offspring of David, the star, the bright, the morning. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come thou; and the *one* hearing let him say, Come thou; and the *one* thirsting let him come, the *one* willing let him take *the* water of life freely. 18 I witness to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this small scroll; if any one shall add to them, (the) God will add to him the plagues, the *ones* written in this small scroll; 19 and if anyone shall take away from the words of the small scroll of this prophecy, (the) God will take away his share from the tree [or, wood] of (the) life, and from out of the city, the holy, the *things* written in this small scroll. 20. The *one* witnessing these *things* says, Yea, I come speedily. Amen; come thou, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus *be* with *you* all.