



A Study in Revelation



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17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not: I am the first and the last, and the living and the dead: and I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.



Symbolism

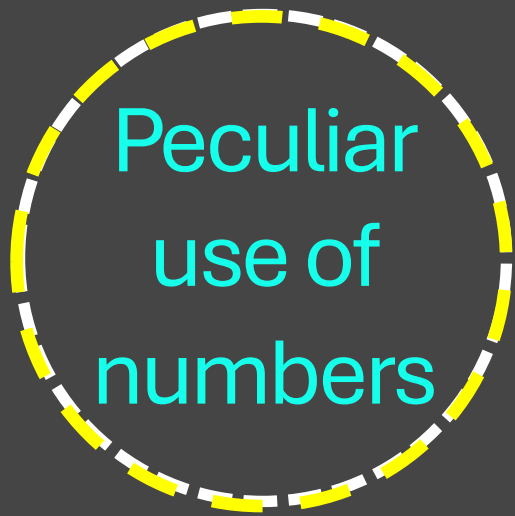
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Visions
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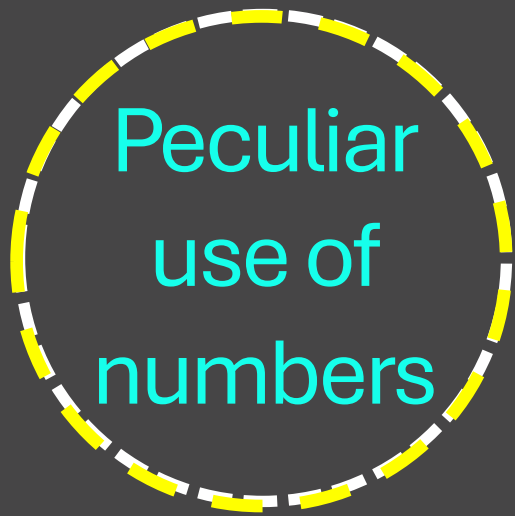
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Angels and
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Associations with the
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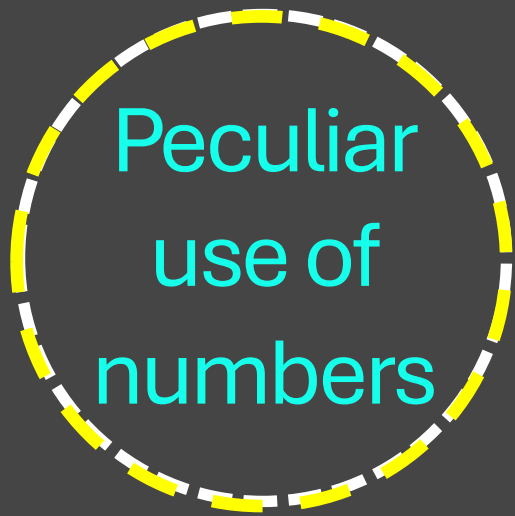


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Associations with
perfection and
completeness

다녀와 요:

“I routinely go
and then go home”

Easily divides into 7 parts

1. Christ in the Lampstands (1-3) (w/7 letters)

2. Heaven and the 7 Seals (4-7)

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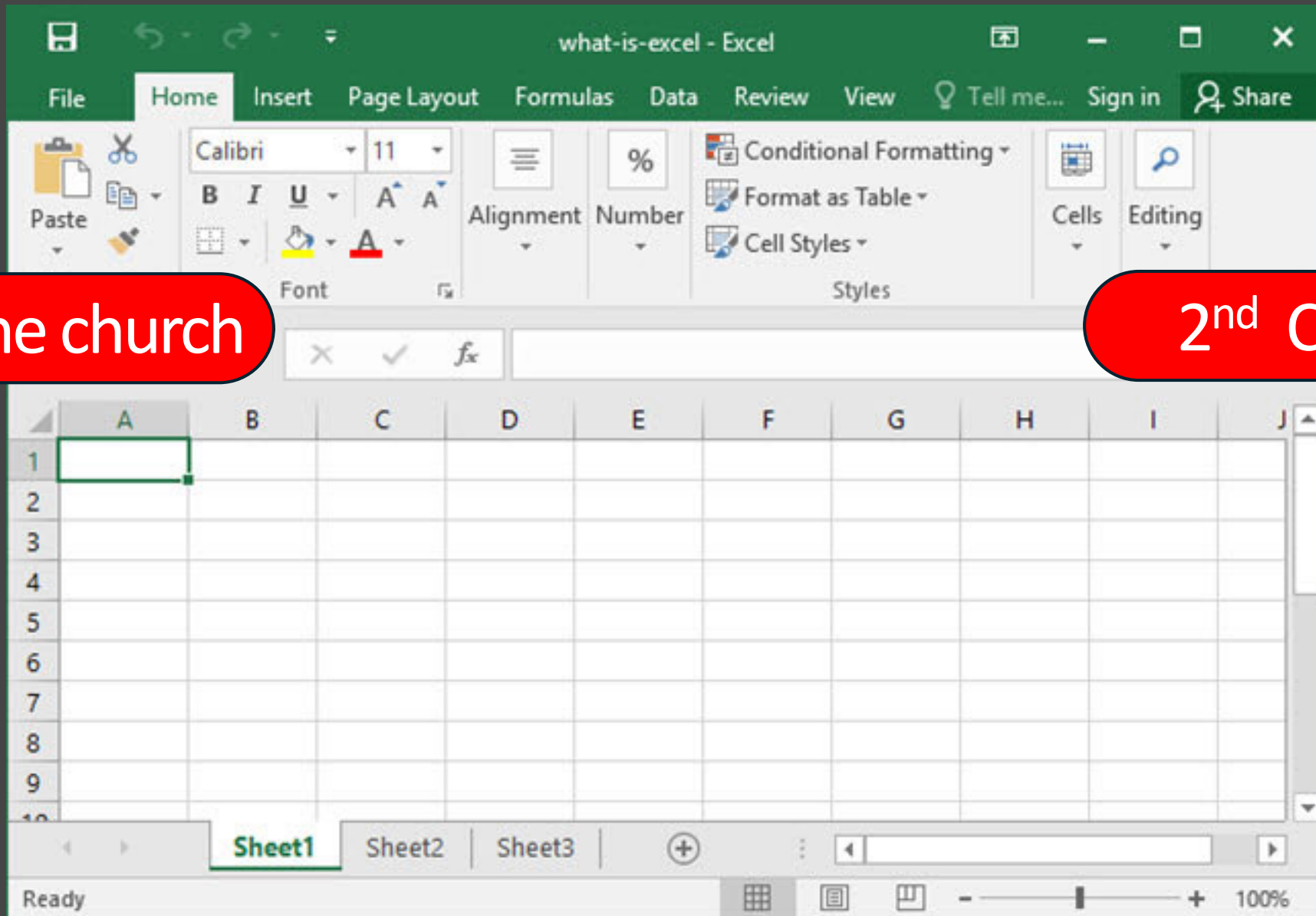
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These visions covering the same time periods from different perspectives



Age of the church

2nd Coming

Revelation
4-7

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2nd Coming
Interlude

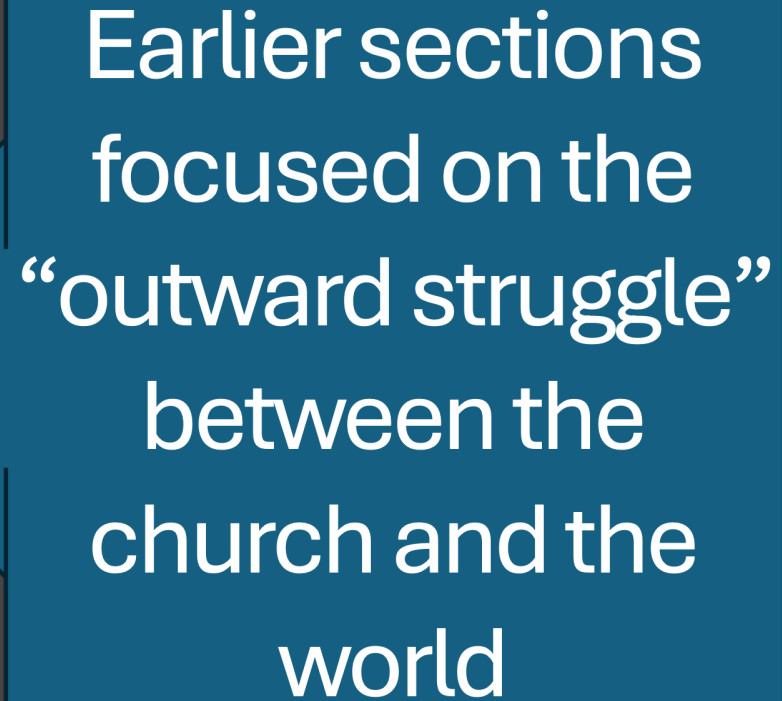


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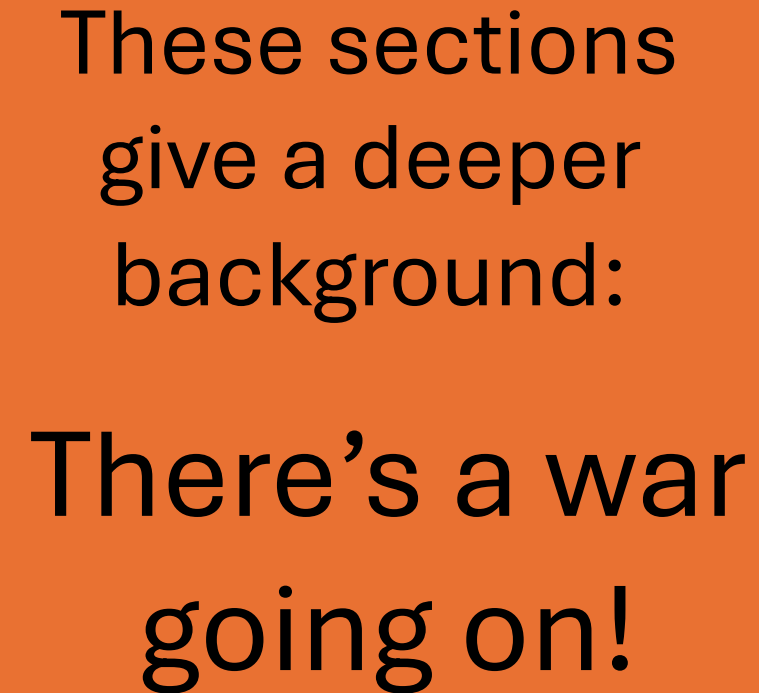


The Persecuting Dragon

A focus shift:



Earlier sections
focused on the
“outward struggle”
between the
church and the
world



These sections
give a deeper
background:

There's a war
going on!



The dragon
tries destroying
the Christ
(Rev. 12:1-12)

Where we are so far

THE *REVELATION*

The Persecuting Dragon

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17 And I saw these things, and I wrote them. And when I saw and heard these things, I fell down to worship him: but he saith unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book. Worship God.

18 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him come. And he that is thirsty, let him come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

even churches
Jesus, and unto
and unto Thyatira,
Philadelphia, and

10 Fear the dragon, for he is the devil, the father of lies, who deceiveth the whole world. He that worshippeth him shall have his portion with him, and his portion shall be in the lake of fire, which is the second death.

11 And he that overcometh the dragon shall thus say unto God, I have overcome him, and he shall be clothed with white garments, and his name shall be written in the book of life, and he shall escape the second death.

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The Persecuting Dragon

Age of the church

The Vision Span

2nd Coming

Meet key characters

The theme continues: The victory of Christ and his church over the dragon and his minions

A focus shift:

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The Dragon tries
destroying Christ

Rev. 12:1

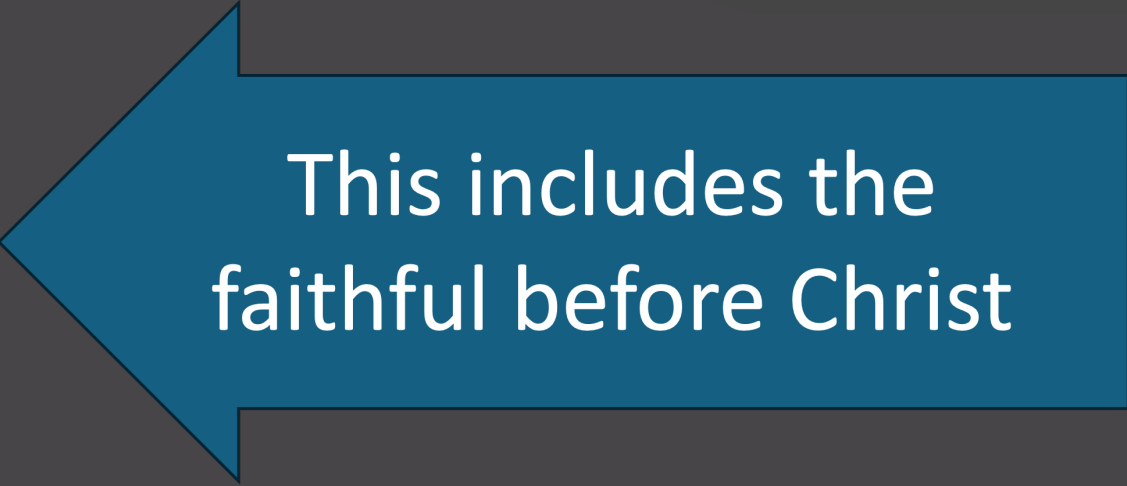
And a great sign appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

The woman symbolizes God's people ("OT and NT")

Rev. 12:1

Καὶ σημεῖον μέγα ὤφθη ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, **γυνή** περιβεβλημένη τὸν ἥλιον, καὶ ἡ σελήνη ὑποκάτω τῶν ποδῶν αὐτῆς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῆς στέφανος ἀστέρων δώδεκα,

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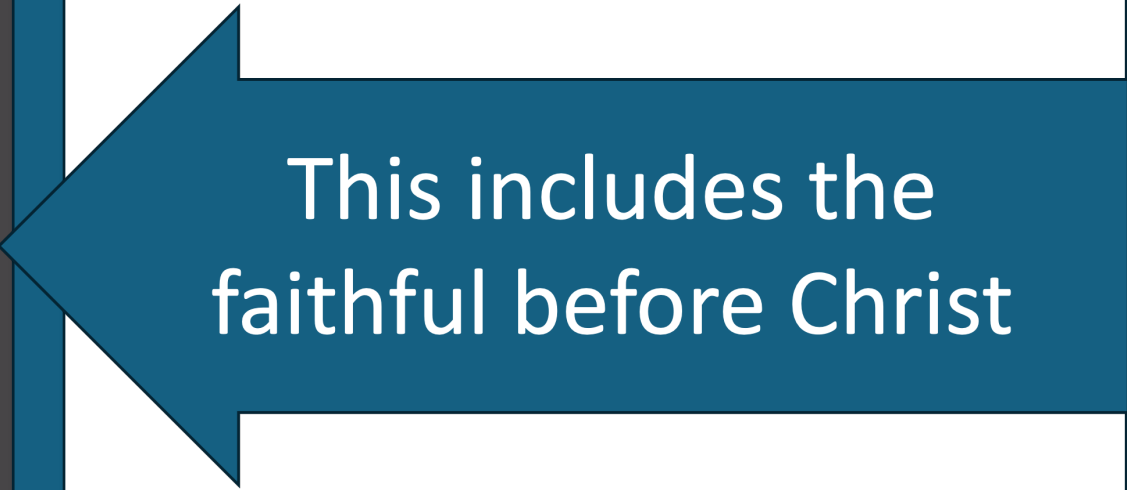


As well as the
faithful after Christ

Hosea 2:19-20 - "And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord." covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine."

Rev. 12:2

She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.



This includes the faithful before Christ

Rev. 12:2

καὶ ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα, καὶ κρᾶζει ὠδίνουσα καὶ βασανιζομένη τεκεῖν.



As well as the faithful after Christ

Rev. 12:3

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

World dominion

Eph 2:2; 6:12

Rev. 12:3

καὶ ὤφθη ἄλλο σημεῖον ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἰδοὺ δράκων μέγας πυρρὸς ἔχων κεφαλὰς ἑπτὰ καὶ κέρατα δέκα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτοῦ ἑπτὰ διαδήματα,

Rev. 12:4

His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

Rev. 12:4

καὶ ἡ οὐρὰ αὐτοῦ σύρει τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀστέρων τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ ἔβαλεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὴν γῆν. Καὶ ὁ δράκων ἔστηκεν ἐνώπιον τῆς γυναικὸς τῆς μελλούσης τεκεῖν, ἵνα φάγῃ τὸ τέκνον αὐτῆς.

Job 38:7

2 Pet. 2:4

Jude 6

Rev. 12:5

She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

Rev. 12:5

καὶ ἔτεκεν υἱὸν ἄρσεν, ὃς μέλλει ποιμαίνειν πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐν ῥάβδῳ σιδηρᾷ. καὶ ἤρπάσθη τὸ τέκνον αὐτῆς πρὸς τὸν θεὸν καὶ πρὸς τὸν θρόνον αὐτοῦ.

Ps. 2:9

Rev. 2:27

Rev. 12:6

and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

The gospel age

Rev. 12:6

καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἔφυγεν εἰς τὴν ἔρημον, ὅπου ἔχει ἐκεῖ τόπον ἡτοιμασμένον ἀπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, ἵνα ἐκεῖ τρέψωσιν αὐτὴν ἡμέρας χιλίας διακοσίας ἐξήκοντα

James 5:17
1 Kings 17



Elijah as
inspiration for
the church



The church is
afflicted but
not destroyed!



The heavenly battle

Rev. 12:7

Now war arose in heaven,
Michael and his angels
fighting against the dragon.
And the dragon and his
angels fought back,

Rev. 12:7

Καὶ ἐγένετο πόλεμος ἐν
τῷ οὐρανῷ, ὁ **Μιχαήλ** καὶ
οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ τοῦ
πολεμῆσαι μετὰ τοῦ
δράκοντος. καὶ ὁ δράκων
ἐπολέμησεν καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι
αὐτοῦ,

Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1
Jude 9

Rev. 12:8

but **he was defeated**, and
there was no longer any
place for them in heaven.

Rev. 12:8

καὶ οὐκ **ἰσχυσεν** οὐδὲ
τόπος εὐρέθη αὐτῶν ἔτι ἐν
τῷ οὐρανῷ.

Rev. 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev. 12:9

καὶ ἐβλήθη ὁ δράκων ὁ μέγας, ὁ ὄφης ὁ ἀρχαῖος, ὁ καλούμενος Διάβολος καὶ ὁ Σατανᾶς, ὁ πλανῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην ὅλην, ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ μετ' αὐτοῦ ἐβλήθησαν.

Rev. 12:10

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Rev. 12:10

καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν μεγάλην ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ λέγουσαν· ἄρτι ἐγένετο ἡ σωτηρία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν καὶ ἡ ἐξουσία τοῦ χριστοῦ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐβλήθη ὁ κατήγωρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, ὁ κατηγορῶν αὐτοὺς ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτός.

Rev. 12:11

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rev. 12:11

καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐνίκησαν αὐτὸν
διὰ τὸ αἷμα τοῦ ἀρνίου
καὶ διὰ τὸν λόγον τῆς
μαρτυρίας αὐτῶν
καὶ οὐκ ἠγάπησαν τὴν
ψυχὴν αὐτῶν ἄχρι
θανάτου.



Satan defeated
by the blood of
the Lamb!

Rom 8:33 - “Who shall bring
any charge against God’s
elect? It is God who justifies.”

Rom 8:1 - “There is therefore
now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus.”



Misery loves
company...

The delusion
of evil...

The pursuit of
God's people

Rev. 12:12

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to you, O earth and
sea, for the devil has come
down to you in great wrath,
because he knows that his
time is short!”

Rev. 12:12

διὰ τοῦτο εὐφραίνεσθε,
[οἱ] οὐρανοὶ καὶ οἱ ἐν
αὐτοῖς σκηνοῦντες.
οὐαὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὴν
θάλασσαν, ὅτι κατέβη ὁ
διάβολος πρὸς ὑμᾶς
ἔχων θυμὸν μέγαν,
εἰδὼς ὅτι ὀλίγον καιρὸν
ἔχει.

Rev. 12:13

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

Rev. 12:13

Καὶ ὅτε εἶδεν ὁ δράκων
ὅτι ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν,
ἐδίωξεν τὴν γυναῖκα ἣτις
ἔτεκεν τὸν ἄρσενά.

Rev. 12:14

But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Rev. 12:14

καὶ ἐδόθησαν τῇ γυναικὶ
οἱ δύο πτέρυγες τοῦ
ἀετοῦ τοῦ μεγάλου, ἵνα
πέτηται εἰς τὴν ἔρημον εἰς
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Rev. 12:15

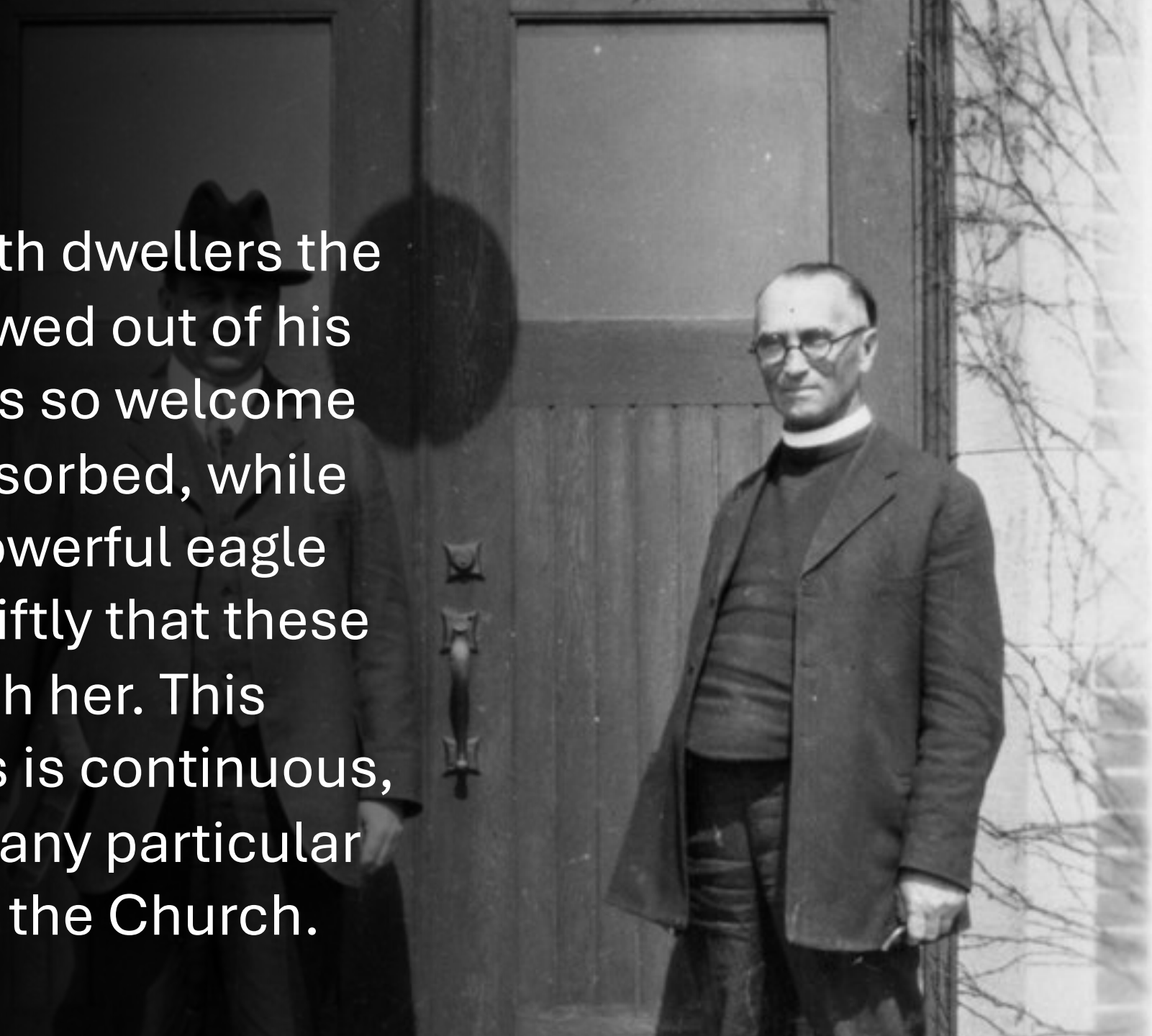
The serpent poured water
like a river out of his mouth
after the woman, to sweep
her away with a flood.

Rev. 12:15

καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ ὄφεις ἐκ τοῦ
στόματος αὐτοῦ ὀπίσω τῆς
γυναικὸς ὕδωρ ὡς
ποταμόν, ἵνα αὐτὴν
ποταμοφόρητον ποιήσῃ.

C. H. Little:

To the earth and its earth dwellers the river of delusions spewed out of his mouth by the devil was so welcome that it was at once absorbed, while the Church on her powerful eagle wings flies away so swiftly that these waters do not reach her. This outpouring of delusions is continuous, and it is not limited to any particular time in the history of the Church.



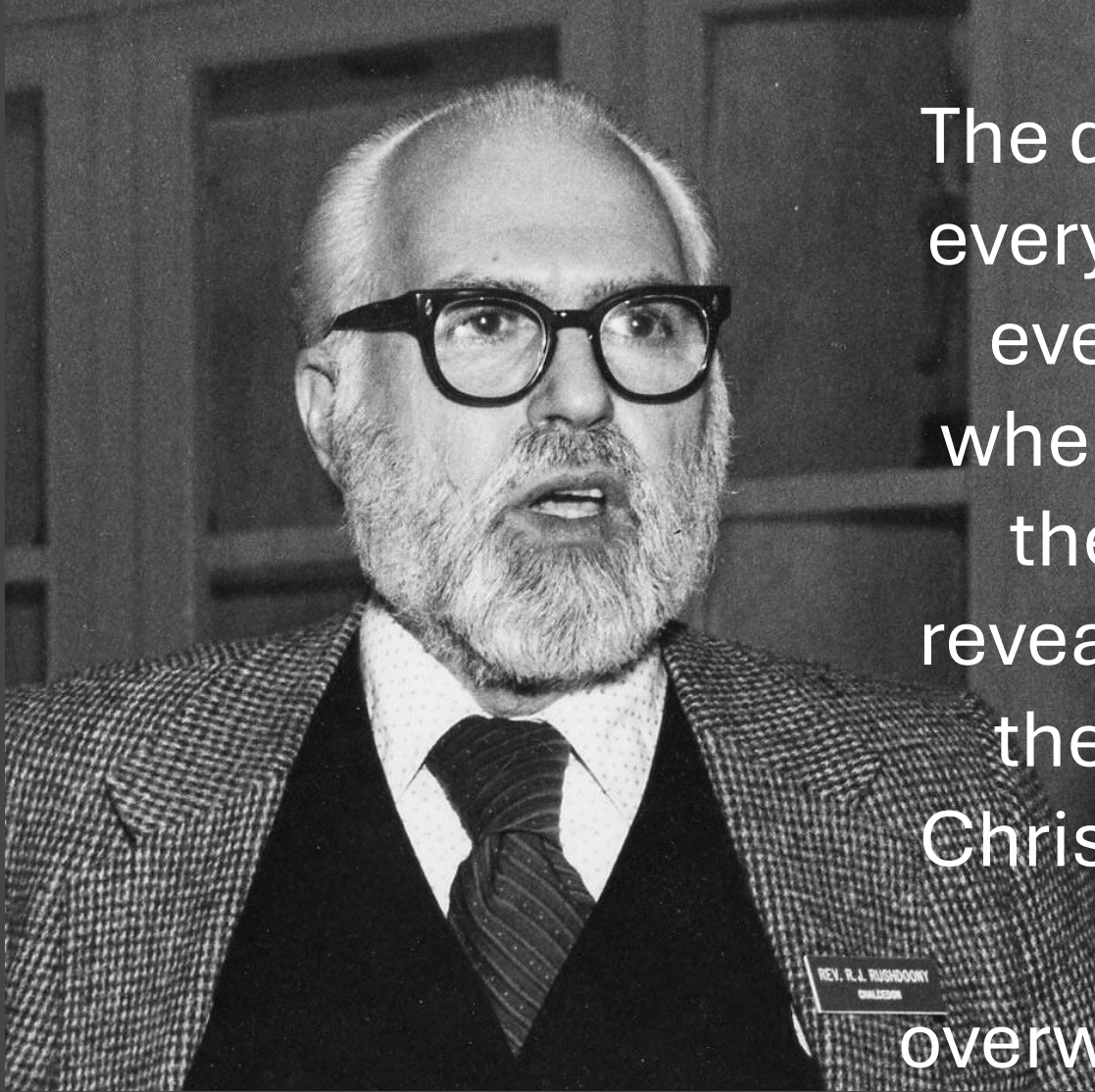
Rev. 12:16

But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

Rev. 12:16

καὶ ἐβοήθησεν ἡ γῆ τῇ
γυναικὶ καὶ ἥνοιξεν ἡ γῆ
τὸ στόμα αὐτῆς καὶ
κατέπιεν τὸν ποταμὸν ὃν
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στόματος αὐτοῦ.

R. J. Rushdoony:



The delusions coming from his mouth are every kind of false doctrine and teaching, every delusion of religion and science whereby men try to infiltrate and destroy the true Church of God. But verse 16 reveals that such attempts are frustrated: the earth, that is the world apart from Christ, so welcomes these delusions that the dragon's flood of falsity only overwhelms his own people, while the true Church is delivered into safety by God.

Rev. 12:17

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Rev. 12:17

καὶ ὠργίσθη ὁ δράκων ἐπὶ τῇ γυναικὶ καὶ ἀπῆλθεν ποιῆσαι πόλεμον μετὰ τῶν λοιπῶν τοῦ σπέρματος αὐτῆς τῶν τηρούντων τὰς ἐντολὰς τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ ἔχόντων τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ.



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20 white as snow, and his eyes were

10. And the first line after the first line was a line
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8 But thou hath an ear,
9 And unto the church
10 I give to eat of
11 The things which
12 I know thy works,
13 And thou art rich,
14 But are the synagogues
15 Fear: behold, the de-
16 suffer: behold, that ye
17 into prison, that ye
18 have tribulation ten
19 days, and I will give
20 death, and I will give
21 He that hath a
22 Spirit saith unto the
23 cometh shall not
24 12 And to the an-
25 write: These things
26 sharp sword thy
27 13 I know where
28 even my name,
29 last in those
30 even in those
31 faithful martyrs,
32 Satan dwelleth
33 14 But I have
34 cause thou
35 mine of Satan
36 stumbling
37 and things
38 15 So the



The Beasts

Two different beasts

2) The beast from
the land



Satan's
mind

1) The beast from
the sea



Satan's
hand



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Rev. 13:1

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History's nations
and governments

Rev. 13:1

Καὶ εἶδον ἐκ τῆς
θαλάσσης θηρίον
ἀναβαῖνον, ἔχον κέρατα
δέκα καὶ κεφαλὰς ἑπτὰ
καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν κεράτων
αὐτοῦ δέκα διαδήματα καὶ
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Isa. 17:12

Rev. 17:15

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Rev. 13:2

καὶ τὸ θηρίον ὃ εἶδον ὅην
ὅμοιον παρδάλει καὶ οἱ
πόδες αὐτοῦ ὡς ἄρκου καὶ
τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ ὡς στόμα
λέοντος. καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ
ὁ δράκων τὴν δύναμιν
αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸν θρόνον
αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξουσίαν
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Dan. 7:6

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Rev. 13:3

One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast.

Rev. 13:3

καὶ μίαν ἐκ τῶν κεφαλῶν αὐτοῦ ὡς ἐσφαγμένην εἰς θάνατον, καὶ ἡ πληγὴ τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ ἐθεραπεύθη. Καὶ ἐθαυμάσθη ὅλη ἡ γῆ ὀπίσω τοῦ θηρίου



Nero (37-68)

The death of Nero brought an end to the Julio-Claudian dynasty, but not to Roman persecution.

Rev. 13:4

And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

Rev. 13:4

καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ δράκοντι, ὅτι ἔδωκεν τὴν ἐξουσίαν τῷ θηρίῳ, καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ θηρίῳ λέγοντες· τίς ὅμοιος τῷ θηρίῳ καὶ τίς ἔδύναται πολεμῆσαι μετ’ αὐτοῦ;

Beware of worshipping
government or its rulers.

Rev. 13:5

And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for **forty-two months**.

Rev. 13:5

Καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ στόμα λαλοῦν μεγάλα καὶ βλασφημίας καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ἐξουσία ποιῆσαι **μῆνας τεσσεράκοντα καὶ δύο**.

Rev. 13:6

It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Rev. 13:6

καὶ ἤνοιξεν τὸ στόμα
αὐτοῦ εἰς βλασφημίας
πρὸς τὸν θεὸν
βλασφημῆσαι τὸ ὄνομα
αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν σκηνὴν
αὐτοῦ, τοὺς ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ
σκηνοῦντας.

Rev. 13:7

Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Rev. 13:7

καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ποιῆσαι πόλεμον μετὰ τῶν ἁγίων καὶ νικῆσαι αὐτούς, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ἐξουσία ἐπὶ πᾶσαν φυλὴν καὶ λαὸν καὶ γλῶσσαν καὶ ἔθνος.

Rev. 13:8

and all who dwell on earth
will **worship** it, everyone
whose name has not been
written before the
foundation of the world in
the book of life of the Lamb
who was slain.

Rev. 13:8

καὶ **προσκυνήσουσιν**
αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ
κατοικοῦντες ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς,
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καταβολῆς κόσμου.

Rev. 13:9

If anyone has an ear, let him
hear:

Rev. 13:9

Εἴ τις ἔχει οὖς ἀκουσάτω.

Rev. 13:10

If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Rev. 13:10

εἴ τις εἰς αἰχμαλωσίαν, εἰς αἰχμαλωσίαν ὑπάγει·
εἴ τις ἐν μαχαίρῃ
ἀποκτανθῆναι αὐτὸν ἐν
μαχαίρῃ ἀποκτανθῆναι.
Ἵδὲ ἐστὶν ἡ ὑπομονὴ καὶ
ἡ πίστις τῶν ἁγίων.

A call to endurance





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1) The beast from
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Satan's
hand



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Two different beasts

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Satan's
mind

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Rev. 13:11

Then I saw another beast
rising out of the earth. It had
two horns like a lamb and it
spoke like a dragon.

Rev. 13:11

Καὶ εἶδον ἄλλο θηρίον
ἀναβαῖνον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ
εἶχεν κέρατα δύο ὅμοια
ἀρνίῳ καὶ ἐλάλει ὡς
δράκων.

James 3:15

Phil. 3:19

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2 Cor. 11:14

Mt. 7:15

Beware the allure of false
philosophies and religions



FALSE



Rev. 13:12

It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

Rev. 13:12

καὶ τὴν ἐξουσίαν τοῦ
πρώτου θηρίου πᾶσαν
ποιεῖ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ, καὶ
ποιεῖ τὴν γῆν καὶ τοὺς ἐν
αὐτῇ κατοικοῦντας ἵνα
προσκυνήσουσιν τὸ
θηρίον τὸ πρῶτον, οὗ
ἐθεραπεύθη ἡ πληγὴ τοῦ
θανάτου αὐτοῦ.



The Dragon



The Beasts

And Other Things

THE REVELATION OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

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3 Blessed is he who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come, and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne.

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girded about the waist with a golden sash.

14 His head and hair were white as snow, and his eyes were like unto burning fire, and his feet were like unto burnished brass.

15 And his voice was as the sound of many waters.

16 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living and the dead. Blessed are they that do the commandments of these things which are written in this book.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him come. And he that is thirsty, let him come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

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We're not
helpless paupers!

“a woman clothed with the
sun, with the moon under
her feet, and on her head a
crown of twelve stars”
(Rev. 12:1)



The accuser is
defeated!

“the accuser of our
brothers has been
thrown down”
(Rev. 12:10)



We've been made
more than
conquerors!

“they have conquered
him by the blood of
the Lamb”
(Rev. 12:11)





🔍 A Study in Revelation

Rev. 13:13

It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people,

Rev. 13:13

καὶ ποιεῖ σημεῖα μεγάλα,
ἵνα καὶ πῦρ ποιῇ ἐκ τοῦ
οὐρανοῦ καταβαίνειν εἰς
τὴν γῆν ἐνώπιον τῶν
ἀνθρώπων,

Rev. 13:14

and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Rev. 13:14

καὶ πλανᾷ τοὺς
κατοικοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς
διὰ τὰ σημεῖα ἃ ἐδόθη
αὐτῷ ποιῆσαι ἐνώπιον τοῦ
θηρίου, λέγων τοῖς
κατοικοῦσιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς
ποιῆσαι εἰκόνα τῷ θηρίῳ,
ὃς ἔχει τὴν πληγὴν τῆς
μαχαίρης καὶ ἔζησεν.

Rev. 13:15

And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

Rev. 13:15

Καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ δοῦναι πνεῦμα τῇ εἰκόνι τοῦ θηρίου, ἵνα καὶ λαλήσῃ ἡ εἰκὼν τοῦ θηρίου καὶ ποιήσῃ [ἵνα] ὅσοι ἐὰν μὴ προσκυνήσωσιν τῇ εἰκόνι τοῦ θηρίου ἀποκτανθῶσιν.

Rev. 13:16

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead,

Rev. 13:16

καὶ ποιεῖ πάντας, τοὺς
μικροὺς καὶ τοὺς
μεγάλους, καὶ τοὺς
πλουσίους καὶ τοὺς
πτωχοὺς, καὶ τοὺς
ἐλευθέρους καὶ τοὺς
δούλους, ἵνα δῶσιν αὐτοῖς
χάραγμα ἐπὶ τῆς χειρὸς
αὐτῶν τῆς δεξιᾶς ἢ ἐπὶ τὸ
μέτωπον αὐτῶν

Rev. 13:17

so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

Rev. 13:17

καὶ ἵνα μή τις δύνηται
ἀγοράσαι ἢ πωλῆσαι εἰ μὴ
ὁ ἔχων τὸ χάραγμα τὸ
ὄνομα τοῦ θηρίου ἢ τὸν
ἀριθμὸν τοῦ ὀνόματος
αὐτοῦ.

Rev. 13:18

This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

Rev. 13:18

Ὡδε ἡ σοφία ἐστίν. ὁ ἔχων νοῦν ψηφισάτω τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ θηρίου, ἀριθμὸς γὰρ ἀνθρώπου ἐστίν, καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτοῦ ἑξακόσιοι ἑξήκοντα ἕξ.



Satan's wiles and
assault against
the church
continues....

Rev. 14:1

Then I looked, and behold,
on Mount Zion stood the
Lamb, and with him 144,000
who had his name and his
Father's name written on
their foreheads.

Rev. 14:1

Καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ τὸ
ἀρνίον ἐστὸς ἐπὶ τὸ ὄρος
Σιών καὶ μετ' αὐτοῦ
ἑκατὸν τεσσαράκοντα
τέσσαρες χιλιάδες ἔχουσαι
τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸ
ὄνομα τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ
γεγραμμένον ἐπὶ τῶν
μετώπων αὐτῶν.

Rev. 14:2

And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps,

Rev. 14:2

καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ὡς φωνὴν ὑδάτων πολλῶν καὶ ὡς φωνὴν βροντῆς μεγάλης, καὶ ἡ φωνὴ ἦν ἣκουσα ὡς κιθαρῶδων κιθαριζόντων ἐν ταῖς κιθάραις αὐτῶν.

Rev. 14:3

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Rev. 14:3

καὶ αἰδοῦσιν [ὥς] ὥδῃν
καινὴν ἐνώπιον τοῦ
θρόνου καὶ ἐνώπιον τῶν
τεσσάρων ζώων καὶ τῶν
πρεσβυτέρων, καὶ οὐδεὶς
ἐδύνατο μαθεῖν τὴν ὥδῃν
εἰ μὴ αἱ ἑκατὸν
τεσσεράκοντα τέσσαρες
χιλιάδες, οἱ ἡγορασμένοι
ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς.

Rev. 14:4

It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,

Rev. 14:4

οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ μετὰ
γυναικῶν οὐκ
ἐμολύνθησαν, παρθένοι
γάρ εἰσιν, οὗτοι οἱ
ἀκολουθοῦντες τῷ ἀρνίῳ
ὅπου ἂν ὑπάγῃ. οὗτοι
ἡγοράσθησαν ἀπὸ τῶν
ἀνθρώπων ἀπαρχὴ τῷ θεῷ
καὶ τῷ ἀρνίῳ,

Rev. 14:5

and in their mouth no lie was
found, for they are
blameless.

Rev. 14:5

καὶ ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτῶν
οὐχ εὗρέθη ψεῦδος,
ἄμωμοί εἰσιν.

Rev. 14:6

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

Rev. 14:6

Καὶ εἶδον ὁἷον ἄλλον ἄγγελον πετόμενον ἐν μεσουρανήματι, ἔχοντα εὐαγγέλιον αἰώνιον
Γεὐαγγελίσαι ὁ ἐπὶ τοὺς ἑκαθημένους ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ ὁ ἐπὶ πᾶν ἔθνος καὶ φυλὴν καὶ γλῶσσαν καὶ λαόν,

Rev. 14:7

And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Rev. 14:7

λέγων ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ·
φοβήθητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ
δότε αὐτῷ δόξαν, ὅτι
ἦλθεν ἡ ὥρα τῆς κρίσεως
αὐτοῦ, καὶ προσκυνήσατε
τῷ ποιήσαντι τὸν οὐρανὸν
καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ θάλασσαν
καὶ πηγὰς ὑδάτων.

Rev. 14:8

Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

Rev. 14:8

Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος
δεύτερος ἠκολούθησεν
λέγων· ἔπεσεν ἔπεσεν
Βαβυλὼν ἡ μεγάλη ἣ ἐκ
τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τῆς
πορνείας αὐτῆς πεπότικεν
πάντα τὰ ἔθνη.

Rev. 14:9

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

Rev. 14:9

Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος τρίτος ἠκολούθησεν αὐτοῖς λέγων ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ· εἴ τις προσκυνεῖ τὸ θηρίον καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα αὐτοῦ καὶ λαμβάνει χάραγμα ἐπὶ τοῦ μετώπου αὐτοῦ ἢ ἐπὶ τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ,

Rev. 14:10

he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

Rev. 14:10

καὶ αὐτὸς πίεται ἐκ τοῦ
οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ
τοῦ κεκρασμένου
ἀκράτου ἐν τῷ ποτηρίῳ
τῆς ὀργῆς αὐτοῦ καὶ
βασανισθήσεται ἐν πυρὶ
καὶ θείῳ ἐνώπιον ἀγγέλων
ἁγίων καὶ ἐνώπιον τοῦ
ἀρνίου.

Rev. 14:11

And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

Rev. 14:11

καὶ ὁ καπνὸς τοῦ βασανισμοῦ αὐτῶν εἰς αἰῶνας αἰώνων ἀναβαίνει, καὶ οὐκ ἔχουσιν ἀνάπαυσιν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτὸς οἱ προσκυνοῦντες τὸ θηρίον καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα αὐτοῦ καὶ εἴ τις λαμβάνει τὸ χάραγμα τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ.

Rev. 14:12

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

Rev. 14:12

Ἔδε ἡ ὑπομονὴ τῶν ἁγίων
ἐστίν, οἱ τηροῦντες τὰς
ἐντολὰς τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τὴν
πίστιν Ἰησοῦ.

Rev. 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

Rev. 14:13

Καὶ ἤκουσα φωνῆς ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λεγούσης γράψον· μακάριοι οἱ νεκροὶ οἱ ἐν κυρίῳ ἀποθνήσκοντες ἀπ' ἄρτι. ναί, λέγει τὸ πνεῦμα, ἵνα ἀναπαήσονται ἐκ τῶν κόπων αὐτῶν, τὰ γὰρ ἔργα αὐτῶν ἀκολουθεῖ μετ' αὐτῶν.

Rev. 14:14

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.

Rev. 14:14

Καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ νεφέλη λευκή, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν νεφέλην καθήμενον ὅμοιον υἱὸν ἀνθρώπου, ἔχων ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ στέφανον χρυσοῦν καὶ ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ δρέπανον ὀξύ.

Rev. 14:15

And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."

Rev. 14:15

καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος
ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ ἱεροῦ
κράζων ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ
τῷ καθημένῳ ἐπὶ τῆς
νεφέλης· πέμψον τὸ
δρέπανόν σου καὶ
θέρισον, ὅτι ἦλθεν ἡ ὥρα
θερίσαι, ὅτι ἐξηράνθη ὁ
θερισμὸς τῆς γῆς.

Rev. 14:16

So he who sat on the cloud
swung his sickle across the
earth, and the earth was
reaped.

Rev. 14:16

καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ καθήμενος
ἐπὶ τῆς νεφέλης τὸ
δρέπανον αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὴν
γῆν καὶ ἐθερίσθη ἡ γῆ.

Rev. 14:17

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

Rev. 14:17

Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος
ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ ναοῦ τοῦ
ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἔχων καὶ
αὐτὸς δρέπανον ὀξύ.

Rev. 14:18

And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe."

Rev. 14:18

καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου ὁ ἔχων ἐξουσίαν ἐπὶ τοῦ πυρός, καὶ ἐφώνησεν φωνῇ μεγάλη τῷ ἔχοντι τὸ δρέπανον τὸ ὄξυ λέγων· πέμψον σου τὸ δρέπανον τὸ ὄξυ καὶ τρύγησον τοὺς βότρυας τῆς ἀμπέλου τῆς γῆς, ὅτι ἤκμασαν αἱ σταφυλαὶ αὐτῆς·

Rev. 14:19

So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Rev. 14:19

καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ ἄγγελος τὸ δρέπανον αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν γῆν καὶ ἐτρύγησεν τὴν ἄμπελον τῆς γῆς καὶ ἔβαλεν εἰς τὴν ληνὸν τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ τὸν μέγαν.

Rev. 14:20

And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Rev. 14:20

καὶ ἐπατήθη ἡ ληνὸς
ἔξωθεν τῆς πόλεως καὶ
ἐξῆλθεν αἷμα ἐκ τῆς
ληνοῦ ἄχρι τῶν χαλινῶν
τῶν ἵππων ἀπὸ σταδίων
χιλίων ἑξακοσίων.