

# THE REVELATION of John the <sup>^</sup>Divine

## The Argument

*It is manifest, that the holie Ghost would as it were gather into this most excellent book a sum of those prophecies, which were written before, but should be fulfilled after the coming of Christ, adding also such things as should be expedient, aswell to forewarn us of the dangers to come, as to admonish us to beware some, and encourage us against others. Herein therefore is lively set forth the Divinity of Christ, & the testimonies of our redemption: what things the Spirit of God allows in the ministers, and what things he reproves: the providence of God for his elect, and of their glory and consolation in the day of vengeance: how that the hypocrites which sting like scorpions the members of Christ, shalbe destroyed, but the Lamb Christ shall defend them, which bear witness to the truth, who in despite of the beast and Satan will reign over all. The lively description of Antichrist is set forth, whose time and power not withstanding is limited, and albeit that he is permitted to rage against the elect, yet his power stretches no farther then to the hurt of their bodies: and at length he shall be destroyed by the wrath of God, when as the elect shall give praise to God for the victory: nevertheless for a season God will permit this Antichrist, and strumpet under color of fair speech and pleasant doctrine to deceive the world: wherefore he advertises the godly (which are but a small portion) to avoid this harlot's flatteries, and brags, whose ruin without mercy they shall see, and with the heavenly companies sing continual praises: for the Lamb is married: the word of God hath gotten the victory: Satan that a long time was untied, is now cast with his ministers into the pit of fire to be tormented for ever, where as contrariwise the faithful (which are the holy City of Jerusalem, and wife of the Lamb) shall enjoy perpetual glory. Read diligently: judge soberly, and call earnestly to God for the true understanding hereof.*

## Chapter 1

*1 The cause of this revelation. 3 Of them that read it. 4 John writes to the seven Churches. 5 The majesty and office of the Son of God. 20 The vision of the candlesticks and stars.*

**T**he <sup>a</sup>revelation of JESUS CHRIST, which <sup>b</sup>God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly be <sup>c</sup>done: which he sent, and showed by his Angel unto his servant John,

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed *is he* that readeth, and they that hear the words of this <sup>d</sup>prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is <sup>e</sup>at hand.

4 John, to the <sup>f</sup>seven Churches which are in Asia, Grace be with you, and peace from him Which <sup>is</sup>, and Which was, and Which is to come, and from the <sup>g</sup>seven Spirits which are before his Throne.

5 And from Jesus Christ, which is a <sup>h</sup>faithful witness, and <sup>i</sup>the first begotten of the dead, and Prince of the Kings of the earth, unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his <sup>j</sup>blood,

6 And made us <sup>k</sup>Kings and Priests unto God even his Father, to him be glory, and dominion for evermore, Amen.  
7 Behold, he cometh with <sup>l</sup>the clouds, and every eye shall see him: yea, even they which <sup>m</sup>pierced him through: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail <sup>n</sup>before him, Even so, Amen.

8 I <sup>o</sup>am <sup>p</sup>α and ω, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, Which is, and Which was, and Which is to come, even the Almighty.

9 I John, even your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle called Patmos, for the <sup>q</sup>word of God, and for the <sup>r</sup>witnessing of Jesus Christ.

10 And I was <sup>s</sup>ravished in the spirit on <sup>t</sup>the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as it had been a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am <sup>u</sup>α and ω, the first and the last: and that which thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the <sup>v</sup>seven Churches which are in Asia, unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamus, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardi, and unto Philadephia, and unto Laodicea.

12 Then I turned back to see the <sup>w</sup>voice, that spake with

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<sup>^</sup> Or, declared in John

1 <sup>a</sup> Of things which were hid before.

1 <sup>b</sup> Christ received this revelation out of his father's bosom as his own doctrine, but it was hid in respect of us so that Christ as Lord and God revealed it to John his servant by the ministry of his Angel, to the edification of his Church.

1 <sup>c</sup> To the good and bad.

3 <sup>d</sup> Which expound the old prophecies, and show what shall come to pass in the new testament.

3 <sup>e</sup> And began even then.

4 <sup>f</sup> Meaning the Church universal.

4 <sup>g</sup> \*Exo. 3.14

4 <sup>h</sup> That is, from the holie Ghost, or these seven Spirits were ministers before God the Father and Christ, whom after he calls the horns and eyes of the Lamb, chap. 5.6. In a like phrases Paul takes God, and Christ, and the Angels to witness, 1 Tim. 5.21.

5 <sup>i</sup> \*Psal. 89.8

5 <sup>j</sup> \*1 Cor. 15.20, Col. 1.18

5 <sup>k</sup> \*Ebr. 9.14, 1 Pet. 1.19. 1 John 1.9

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6 <sup>l</sup> \*1 Pet. 2.5

7 <sup>m</sup> \*Jere. 4.13, Mat. 24.30, Jude 14

7 <sup>n</sup> They that contemned Christ and most cruelly persecuted him, and put him to death, shall then acknowledge him.

7 <sup>o</sup> Or, for him.

8 <sup>p</sup> \*Chap. 21.6 and 22.13

8 <sup>q</sup> i Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the a b c. of the Greeks.

9 <sup>r</sup> Or, for him.

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10 <sup>t</sup> k Which some call Sunday: S. Paul the first day of the week, Act. 20.7, 1 Cor. 16.2, and it was established after that the Jew's Sabbath was abolished.

11 <sup>u</sup> l I am he before whom nothing was, yea, by whom whatsoever is made, was made, and he that shall remain when all things shall perish, even I am the eternal God.

11 <sup>m</sup> Of the which some were fallen: others decayed, some were proud: others negligent: so that he shows remedy for all.

12 <sup>n</sup> That is, him whose voice I heard.

me: and when I was turned, I saw <sup>o</sup>seven golden candlesticks,

13 And in the middes of the seven candlesticks, one like unto the <sup>p</sup>Son of man, clothed with a garment <sup>q</sup>down to the feet, and gird about <sup>r</sup>the pappes with a golden girdle.

14 His head, and hairs *were* <sup>s</sup>white as white wool, and as snow, and his eyes *were* as <sup>t</sup>a flame of fire.

15 And his feet like unto <sup>^</sup>fine <sup>u</sup>brass, burning as in a furnace: and his <sup>v</sup>voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven <sup>y</sup>stars: and out of his mouth went a <sup>z</sup>sharp two edged sword: and his face *shone* as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as <sup>\*</sup>dead: then he laid his right <sup>a</sup>hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not: I am the <sup>b</sup>first and last,

18 And am alive, but I was dead: & behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen: & I have the <sup>c</sup>keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall come here <sup>d</sup>after.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest <sup>e</sup>in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks, *is this*, The seven stars are the <sup>f</sup>Angels of the seven Churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest, are the seven Churches.

## Chapter 2

*1 He exhorts four Churches, 5 To repentance, 10 To perseverance, patience and amendment, 5.14 20 23 As well by threatens, 7.10 17.26 As promises of reward.*

**U**nto the <sup>a</sup>Angel of the Church of Ephesus write, These things saith he that <sup>b</sup>holdeth the seven stars in his <sup>c</sup>right hand, and <sup>d</sup>walketh in the middes of the seven golden candlesticks.

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12 o Meaning the Churches.

13 p Which was Christ the head of the Church.

13 q As the chief Priest.

13 r For in him was no concupiscence, which is signified by girding the loins.

14 s To signify his wisdom, eternity and divinity.

14 t To see the secrets of the heart.

15 <sup>^</sup>Or alcamine.

15 u His judgements and ways are most perfect.

15 x Both because all nations praise him, and also his word is heard, and preached through the world.

16 y Which are the pastors of the Churches.

16 z This sword signifies his word and the virtue thereof, as is declared, Ebr. 4.12.

17 <sup>\*</sup>Dan. 10.9

17 a To comfort me.

17 <sup>\*</sup>Isa. 41.4 and 44.6

17 b Equal God with my Father, and eternal.

18 c That is, power over them.

19 d In the later days.

20 e In my protection.

20 f That is, the ministers, Mal. 2.7.

## Chapter 2

1 a To the Pastor or minister which are called by this Name, because they are God's messengers, and have their office commune with Jesus Christ who also is called an Angel.

1 b Read chap. 11.3.

1 c In his protection.

1 d According to his promise, Mat. 28.20 he will be with them to the end of the world.

2 I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not forbear them which are evil, and hast examined them which say they are Apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.

3 And thou hast suffered, and hast patience, and for my Name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless, I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first <sup>e</sup>love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works: or else I will come against thee shortly, and will remove thy <sup>f</sup>candlestick out of his place, except thou amend.

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

7 Let him that hath an ear, hear, what the Spirit saith unto the Churches, To him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the tree of <sup>h</sup>life which is in the middes of the Paradise of God.

8 ¶ And unto the <sup>i</sup>Angel of the Church of the Smyrnians write, These things saith he that is first, and last, Which was dead and is <sup>k</sup>alive.

9 I know thy works and <sup>l</sup>tribulation, and poverty (but thou art <sup>m</sup>rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them, which say they are Jews and <sup>n</sup>are not, but *are* the Synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things, which thou shalt suffer: behold, it shall come to pass, that the <sup>o</sup>devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be <sup>p</sup>tried, and ye shall have tribulation <sup>q</sup>ten days: be thou faithful unto the death, and I will give thee the crown of life.

11 Let him that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches. He that overcometh, shall not be hurt of the <sup>r</sup>second death.

12 And to the Angel of the Church which is at Pergamus write, This saith he which hath the sharp <sup>s</sup>sword with two edges.

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4 e Thy first love, that thou had toward God and thy neighbor at the first preaching of the Gospel.

5 f The office of the Pastor is compared to a candlestick or lamp forasmuch as he ought to shine before men.

6 g These were heretics which held that wives should be common, and as some think were named of one called Nicolas, of whom is writ Acts 6.5, which was chosen among the Deacons.

7 h Meaning, the life everlasting: thus by corporal benefits he raises them up to consider spiritual blessings.

8 i This is thought to be Policarpus who was minister of Smyrna 86 years, as he himself confessed before Herodes when he was lead to be burned for Christ's cause.

8 k The eternal Divinity of Jesus Christ is here most plainly declared with his manhood, and victory over death to assure his that they shall not be overcome by death.

9 l This was the persecution under the emperor Domitian.

9 m In spiritual treasures.

9 n They are not Abraham's children according to the faith.

10 o Here he names the author of all our calamity, encouraging us manfully to fight against him, in promising us the victory.

10 p The end of affliction is that we may be tried and not destroyed.

10 q Signifying many times as Gen. 31.41, Num. 14.22, although there shalbe comfort and release.

11 r The first death is the natural death of the body, the second is the eternal death: from the which all are free that believe in Jesus Christ, John 5.24.

12 s The word of God is the sword with two edged, Ebr. 4.12.

13 I know thy works and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's throne is, and thou keepest my Name, and hast not denied my faith, <sup>u</sup>even in those days when Antipas my faithful martyr was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that maintain the <sup>x</sup>doctrine of \*Balaam, which taught Balac, to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, that they should eat of things sacrificed unto idols, and commit fornication.

15 Even so hast thou them, that maintain the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent thyself, or else I will come unto thee shortly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 Let him that hath an ear, hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches, To him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the Manna that is <sup>y</sup>hid, and will give him a <sup>z</sup>white stone, and in the stone a <sup>a</sup>new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

18 ¶ And unto the Angel of the Church which is at Thyatira write, These things saith the Son of God, which hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet like <sup>^</sup>fine brass.

19 I know thy works and thy love, and <sup>b</sup>service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works, and that *they are* more at the last, then at the first.

20 Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, that thou sufferest the woman <sup>\*c</sup>Jezebel, which calleth herself a Prophetess, to teach and to deceive my servants to make them <sup>d</sup>commit fornication, and to eat meats sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication, and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit fornication with her, into great affliction, except they repent them of their works.

23 And I will kill her <sup>e</sup>children with death: and all the Churches shall know that I am he which <sup>\*</sup>search the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according

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13 t All towns and countries whence God's word, and good living is banished, are the throne of Satan, and also those places where the word is not preached sincerely, or manners a right reformed.

13 u In the very heat of persecution and slaughter of the Martyrs they continued in the pure faith, and therefore are commended after a sort.

14 x All such are like counselors to Balaam, which for lucre persuade to idolatry, or whoredom.

14 \*Num. 24.14, and 25.1.

17 y And not common to all.

17 z Such a stone was wont to be given to them that had gotten any victory or praise, in sign of honor, and therefore it signifies here a token of God's favor and grace: also it was a sign that one was cleared in judgement.

17 a The new name also signifies, renome ad honour.

18 ^Or, alcamine.

19 b To help the Saints.

20 \* 1 Kings 16.31.

20 c As that harlot Jezebel maintained strange religion and exercised cruelty against the servants of God, so are there among them that do the like.

20 d They that consent to idolatry and false doctrine, commit spiritual whoredom, whereof follows corporal whoredom, Hos. 4.13.

23 e Them that follow her ways.

23 \*1Sam. 16.7, Psal. 7.10, Jere. 11.20, and 17.10.

unto your works.

24 And unto you I say, the rest of them of Thyatira, As many as have not this learning, neither have known the <sup>f</sup>deepness of Satan (as <sup>g</sup>they speak) I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye have all ready, hold fast till I come.

26 For he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, <sup>\*</sup>to him will I give power over nations,

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and as the vessels of a potter, shall they be broken.

28 Even as I received of my Father, so will I give him the morning star.

29 Let him that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches.

### Chapter 3

*He exhorteth the Churches or ministers to the true profession of faith and to watching, 12 With promises to them that persevere.*

And write unto the Angel of the Church which is at Sardi, These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, I know thy works: for thou hast a name that thou <sup>a</sup>livest, but thou art dead.

2 Be awake and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore, how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. <sup>\*</sup>If therefore thou wilt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and you shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 *Notwithstanding* thou hast a few <sup>^</sup>names yet in Sardi, which have not <sup>b</sup>defiled their garments: and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, shalbe clothed in white array, and I will not put out his name out of the <sup>\*</sup>book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his Angels.

6 Let him that hath an ear, hear, what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

7 ¶ And write unto the Angel of the Church which is of Philadelphia, These things saith he that is Holie and True, which hath the <sup>\*c</sup>key of David, which openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth,

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24 f The false teachers termed their doctrine by this name, as though it contained the most deep knowledge of heavenly things, and was indeed drawn out of the deep dungeon of hell: by such terms now the Anabaptists, Libertines, Papists, Arrians, &c use to beautify their monstrous errors and blasphemies.

24 g The children of Jezebel.

26 \*Psal. 2.8

### Chapter 3

1 a The minister lives when he brings forth good fruits, else he is dead.

3 \*Chap. 16.15, 1 Thess. 5.2, 2 Pet. 3.10.

4 ^Or, persons.

4 b Either by consenting to idolaters, or else polluting their conscience with any evil.

5 \*Phil. 4.3, Chap. 20.12 and 21.27.

7 \*Isa. 22.22, Job 12.14

7 c Which signifies that Christ hath all the power over the house of David, which is the Church, so that he may either receive or put out whom he will.

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open <sup>d</sup>door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my Name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which call themselves Jews and are not, but do lie: I say, I will make them, that they shall come and <sup>e</sup>worship before thy feet, and shall know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, therefore I will deliver thee from the hour of temptation, which will come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come shortly: hold that which thou hast, that no man take thy <sup>f</sup>crown.

12 Him that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and I will write upon *him* my new Name.

13 Let him that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

14 And unto the Angel of the Church of the Laodiceans write, These things saith <sup>g</sup>Amen, the faithful and true witness, the <sup>h</sup>beginning of the creatures of God.

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

16 Therefore, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, it will come to pass, that I shall spew thee out of my mouth.

17 For thou saist, I am <sup>i</sup>rich and increased with goods, and have <sup>k</sup>need of nothing, and knowest not how thou art wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried by the fire, that thou maist be made rich, & wear raiment, that thou maist be clothed and that thy filthy nakedness do not appear: and <sup>l</sup>anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou maist see.

19 As many as I love, I <sup>m</sup>\*rebuke and chasten: be <sup>n</sup>zealous therefore and amend.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my <sup>n</sup>throne, even as I over came, and sit with my Father in his

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8 d Which is to advance the kingdom of God.

9 e I will cause them in thy sight to humble themselves, and to give due honor to God, and to his Son Christ.

11 f Let no man pluck them away which thou hast won to God: for they are thy crown, as St. Paul writes, saying, Brethren, ye are my joy and my crown, Phil. 4.1, 1 Thes. 2.19.

14 g That is, Truth itself.

14 h Of whom all creatures have their beginning.

17 i Persuading thyself of that which thou hast not.

17 k Thus the hypocrites boast of their own power and do not understand their infirmities to seek to Christ for remedy.

18 l Suffer the eyes of thine understanding to be opened.

19 <sup>m</sup>\*Prov. 3.11, Ebr. 12.5.

19 m Nothing more displeases God then indifference, and coldness in religion, & therefore he will spew such out as are not zealous & fervent.

21 n In my seat royal, and to be partaker of mine heavenly joys.

throne.

## Chapter 4

*1 The vision of the majesty of God. 2 He seeth the throne, and one sitting upon it, 8 And 24 seats about it with 24 elders sitting upon them, and four beasts praising God day and night.*

**A**fter this I looked, and behold, a <sup>a</sup>door was open in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, was as it were of a trumpet talking with me, saying, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be done hereafter. 2 And immediately I was *ravished* in the spirit, and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat upon the throne. 3 And <sup>b</sup>he that sat, was to look upon, like unto a jasper stone, and a sardine, and there was a rainbow round about the throne in sight like to an emerald.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats, & upon the seats I saw <sup>c</sup>four & twenty Elders sitting, clothed in white raiment, and had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne <sup>d</sup>proceeded <sup>e</sup>lightnings, & thunders, & voices, & there were seven lamps of fire, burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a <sup>f</sup>sea of glass like unto <sup>g</sup>crystal: and in the <sup>h</sup>middes of the throne, and round about the throne were four <sup>i</sup>beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each one of them six wings about him, & they were full of eyes within, and they ceased not day nor night, saying <sup>i</sup>\*Holie, holie, holie Lord God, almighty, which Was, and Which is and Which is to come.

9 And when those beasts gave glory, & honor, and thanks to him that sat on the throne, which liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fell down before him that sat on the throne, and worshipped him, that liveth for ever more, <sup>k</sup>and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art <sup>l</sup>\*worthy, ô Lord, to receive glory and honor, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy will's sake they are, and have been created.

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1 a Before that he make mention of the great afflictions of the Church, he sets forth the majesty of God, by whose will, wisdom and providence all things are created, and governed, to teach us patience.

3 b He describes the Divine and incomprehensible virtue of God the Father as chap 5.6 and the Son who is joined with him.

4 c By these are meant all the holy company of the heavens.

5 d From the throne of the Father, and the Son proceeds the holie Ghost, who having all but one throne, declare the unity of the Godhead.

5 e The holie Ghost is as a lightening unto us that believe, and as a fearful thunder to the disobedient.

6 f The world is compared to a sea because of the changes and unsteadiness.

6 g It is as clean as crystal before the eyes of God, because there is nothing in it so little that is hid from him.

6 <sup>h</sup>Or, under the throne.

6 h They are called Cherubims, Eze. 10.20.

8 i We are hereby taught to give glory to God in all his works.

8 <sup>j</sup>\*Isa. 6.3.

10 k They will challenge no authority, honor nor power before God.

M11 <sup>k</sup>\*Chap. 5.12.

## Chapter 5

*1 He seeth the Lamb opening the book, 8. 14 And therefore the four beasts, the 24 elders, and the Angels praise the Lamb, and do him worship 9 For their redemption and other benefits.*

**A**nd I saw in the right hand of him that sat upon the throne, <sup>a</sup>a Book written within, and on the backside, sealed with <sup>b</sup>seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong Angel which preached with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man is heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the Book neither to look thereon.

4 Then I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open, and read the Book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the \*lion which is of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath obtained to open the Book, and to lose the seven seals thereof.

6 Then I beheld, and lo, in the middes of the throne, and of the four beasts, and in the middes of the elders, stood <sup>c</sup>a Lamb as though he had been killed, which had <sup>d</sup>seven horns, and <sup>e</sup>seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God, sent into all the world.

7 And he came, and took the Book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the Book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders <sup>f</sup>fell down before the Lamb, having every one harps and golden vials full of odors, which are the <sup>g</sup>prayers of the Saints,

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof, because thou wast killed, & hast <sup>h</sup>redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, 10 And hast made us unto our God \*Kings and Priest, and we shall <sup>i</sup>reign on the earth.

11 Then I beheld, and I heard the voice of many Angels round about the throne and *about* the beasts and the elders, and there *were* \*thousand thousands,

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the \*Lamb that was killed to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and praise.

13 And all the creatures which are in heaven, and on the

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1 a A similitude taken of earthly princes, which judge by books and writings: and here it doth signify all the counsels, and judgements of God which are only known to Christ the Son of David, verse 5.

1 b That is, many.

5 \*Gen. 49.9

6 c This vision confirms the power of our Lord Jesus, which is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

6 d That is, manifold power.

6 e Signifying the fullness of the Spirit, which Christ pours upon all.

8 f The Angels honor Christ: he is therefore God.

8 g This declares how the prayers of the faithful are agreeable unto God, Acts 10.4, chap. 8.3.

9 h Our Savior Jesus hath redeemed his Church by his blood shedding and gathered it of all nations.

10 \*1 Pet. 2.9.

10 i Not corporally.

11 \*Dan. 7.10.

12 \*Chap. 4.11.

earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I, saying, Praise and honor, and glory, and power *be* unto him, that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forevermore.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen, & the four & twenty Elders fell down, & worshipped him that liveth for ever more.

## Chapter 6

*The Lamb openeth the six seals, and many things follow the opening thereof, so that this containeth a general prophecy to the end of the world.*

**A**fter, I beheld when the Lamb had opened one <sup>a</sup>of the seals, and I heard one of the four beasts say, as *it were* the <sup>b</sup>noise of thunder, Come and see.

2 Therefore I beheld, and lo, there was a <sup>c</sup>white horse, and he that <sup>d</sup>sat on him, had a bow, & a crown was given unto him, and he went forth conquering that he might overcome.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse *that was* <sup>e</sup>red, and power was given to him that <sup>f</sup>sat thereon, to take peace from the earth and that they should kill one another, and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. Then I beheld, and lo, <sup>g</sup>a black horse, and he that sat on him, had balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the middes of the four beasts say, A <sup>h</sup>measure of wheat for a <sup>i</sup>penny, and three measures of barley for a penny, and oil, and wine hurt thou not.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold, a <sup>k</sup>pale horse, and his name that sat on him was Death, and <sup>l</sup>Hell followed after him, and power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he had opened the <sup>m</sup>fifth seal, I saw under the altar <sup>n</sup>the souls of them, that were killed for the word of God, and for the testimony which they maintained.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, Lord, holy and true! doest not thou judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

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1 a The opening of the seal is the declaration of God's will, and the executing of his judgements.

1 b Signifying, that there was marvelous things to come.

2 c The white horse signifies innocency, victory, and felicity which should come by the preaching of the Gospel.

2 d He that rides on the horse, is Christ.

4 e Signifying the cruel wars that ensued when the Gospel was refused.

4 f Who was Satan.

5 g This signifies an extreme famine, and want of all things.

6 h The Greek word signifies that measure which was ordinarily given to servants for their portion or stint of meat for one day.

6 i Which amounted about four pence half penny.

8 k Whereby is meant sickness, plagues, pestilence, and death of man and beast.

8 <sup>l</sup>Or, the grave.

9 l The continual persecution of the Church noted by the fifth seal.

9 m The souls of the Saints are under the altar, which is Christ, meaning that they are in his safe custody in the heavens.

11 And long white robes were given unto every one, and it was said unto them, that they should rest for a little season until their fellow servants, and their brethren that should be killed even as they were, were fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great <sup>n</sup>earthquake, and the <sup>o</sup>sun was as black as <sup>p</sup>sackcloth of hair, and the <sup>q</sup>moon was like blood.

13 And the <sup>r</sup>stars of heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her green figs when it is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And <sup>s</sup>heaven departed away, as a scroll when it is rolled, and every mountain and isle were moved out of their places.

15 And the Kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in dens, and among the rocks of the mountains,

16 And said to <sup>t</sup>the mountains and rocks, \*<sup>u</sup>Fall on us, and hide us from the presence of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.

17 For the great day of his wrath is come, and who can stand?

### Chapter 7

*4.9 He seeth the servants of God sealed in their foreheads out of all nations and people, 15 Which though they suffer trouble, yet the Lamb feedeth them, leadeth them to the fountains of living water, 17 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

**A**nd after that, I saw four Angels stand on the four corners of the earth, holding the <sup>a</sup>four winds of the <sup>b</sup>earth, that the winds should not blow on the earth, neither on the <sup>c</sup>sea, neither on any <sup>d</sup>tree.

2 And I saw another <sup>e</sup>Angel come up from the East, which had the seal of the living God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four Angels to whom power was given to hurt

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12 n Which signifies the change of the true doctrine, which is the greatest cause of motions and trouble that come to the world.

12 o That is, the brightness of the Gospel.

12 p The traditions of men.

12 q The Church miserably defaced with idolatry and afflicted by tyrants.

13 r Doctors and preachers that depart from the truth.

14 s The kingdom of God is hid, & withdrawn from men, & appears not.

16 t Realms, kingdoms, and persons, that did seem to be as stable in the faith as mountains.

16 \*Isa. 2.19, Hos. 10.8, Luk. 23.30.

16 u Such men afterward, of what estate soever they be, shall be desperate, and not able to sustain the weight of God's wrath, but shall continually fear his judgement.

### Chapter 7

1 a The spirit is compared to wind, and the doctrine also: and though there be one spirit and one doctrine, yet four are here named in respect of the diversity of the four quarters of the earth where the Gospel is spread, and for the four writers thereof, and the preachers of the same through the whole world.

1 b Meaning, the men of the earth.

1 c That is, the islands.

1 d Signifying all men in general, who can no more live without this spiritual doctrine, then trees can blossom and bear, except the wind blows upon them.

2 <sup>e</sup>Or, Christ.

the earth, and the sea,

3 Saying, <sup>o</sup>Hurt ye not the earth, neither the sea, neither the trees, till we have <sup>f</sup>sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them, which were sealed, and there *were* sealed <sup>g</sup>an hundred and four and forty thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Ruben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser, were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of <sup>h</sup>Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of <sup>i</sup>Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After these things I beheld, & lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations & kindreds, & people, & tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with long <sup>k</sup>white robes, and <sup>l</sup>palms in their hands.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, <sup>m</sup>Salvation cometh of our God, that sitteth upon the throne, and of the Lamb.

11 And all the Angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the Elders, and the four beasts, and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen. Praise and glory, and wisdom, and thanks, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God forevermore, Amen.

13 And one of the Elders spake, saying unto me, What are these which arrayed in long white robes? and whence came them?

14 And I said unto him, Lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they, which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their long robes and have made their long robes white in <sup>n</sup>the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they in the presence of the throne <sup>o</sup>of God, and serve him day and <sup>p</sup>night in his Temple, and he that sitteth on the throne, will dwell among them.

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3 e God prevents the dangers and evils, which otherwise would overwhelm the elect.

3 f Those that are sealed by the Spirit of God, and marked with the blood of the Lamb, and lightened in faith by the word of God, so that they make open profession of the same, are exempted from evil.

4 g Though that this blindness be brought into the world by the malice of Satan, yet the mercies of God reserve to himself an infinite number which shall be saved both of the Jews and Gentiles through Christ.

7 h He omitted Dan, & puts Levi in, whereby he means the twelve tribes.

8 i That is, the tribe of Ephraim, which was Joseph's son.

9 k In sign of purity.

9 l In token of victory and felicity.

10 m All that are saved, attribute their salvation unto God only and to his Christ and to none other thing.

14 n There is no purity nor cleanness, but by the blood of Christ only, which purges our sins and so makes us white.

15 o That is, of the majesty of God the Father, the Son, and the holie Ghost.

15 p Meaning continually: for else in heaven there is no night.

16 \*They shall <sup>q</sup>hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun <sup>l</sup>light on them, neither any heat.

17 For the <sup>s</sup>Lamb, which is in the <sup>l</sup>middles of the throne, shall govern them, and shall lead them unto <sup>u</sup>the lively fountains of waters, and \*God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

### Chapter 8

*1 The seventh seal is opened: there is silence in heaven. 6 The four Angels blow their trumpets, and great plagues follow upon the earth.*

**A**nd when he had opened the <sup>a</sup>seventh seal, there was <sup>b</sup>silence in heaven about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven Angels, which stood <sup>c</sup>before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 Then another Angel came and stood before the altar having a golden censer, and much odors was given unto him, that he should offer with the prayers of all Saints upon the golden altar, which is before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the odors with the prayers of the Saints, went up before God, out of the Angel's hand.

5 And the Angel took the censer, and filled it with <sup>e</sup>fire of the altar, and cast it into the <sup>e</sup>earth, and <sup>f</sup>there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and earthquake.

6 Then the seven Angels, which had the seven trumpets, prepared themselves to blow the trumpets.

7 So the first Angel <sup>g</sup>blew the trumpet, and there was hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast into the earth, and the third part of <sup>h</sup>trees was burnt, and all green <sup>i</sup>grass was burnt.

8 And the second Angel blew the trumpet, and as it were a great <sup>k</sup>mountain, burning with fire, was cast into the sea, and the third part of the sea became blood.

9 And the third part of the creatures, which were in the

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16 \*Isa. 49.10.

16 q For all infirmity and misery shalbe then taken away.

16 r They shall have no more grief and pain.

17 s Jesus Christ the mediator and redeemer.

17 t Which is very God.

17 u He shall give them life and conserve them in eternal felicity.

17 \*Isa. 25.8, Chap. 21.4.

### Chapter 8

1 a Under the sixth seal he touched in general the corruption of the doctrine: but under the seventh he shows the great danger thereof, and what troubles, sects and heresies hath been and shalbe brought into the Church thereby.

1 b That the hearers might be more attentive.

2 c He shows the only remedy in our afflictions, to wit, to appear before the face of God by the means of Jesus Christ, who is the Angel, the sacrifice, and the Priest, which presents our prayers, which remain yet in earth, before the altar and divine majesty of God.

5 d He means by fire the grace of God whereby we are purged and cleaned, Lev. 6.6

5 e He pours the graces of the holie Ghost into the heart of the faithful.

5 f When the grace is offered, marvelous rebellions rise against the reason of the wicked, which can neither bide to hear their sins touched, nor mercy offered.

7 g That is, proclaims war against the Church, and troubles by false doctrine, so admonishes them to watch.

7 h That is, the most part of men were seduced.

7 i Even the very elect were sore tried and proven.

8 k Divers sects of heretics were spread abroad in the world.

sea, and had life, died, and the third part of <sup>l</sup>ships were destroyed.

10 Then the third Angel blew the trumpet, and there fell <sup>m</sup>a great star from heaven burning like a torch, and it fell into the third part of the rivers, and into the fountains of waters.

11 And the name of the star is called wormwood: therefore the third part of the waters became wormwood, and many men died of the <sup>n</sup>waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the forth Angel blew the trumpet, and the third part of the <sup>o</sup>sun was smitten, and the third part of the <sup>p</sup>moon, and the third part of the <sup>q</sup>stars, so that the third part of them was <sup>r</sup>darkened: and the day was *smitten*, that the third part of it could not shine, and likewise the night.

13 And I beheld, and heard one Angel flying through the middes of heaven, saying with a loud voice, <sup>s</sup>Wo, wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the sounds to come of the trumpet of the three Angels, which were yet to blow the trumpets.

### Chapter 9

*1 The fifth and sixth Angel blow their trumpets: the star falleth from heaven. 3 The locust come out of the smoke. 12 The first wo is past. 14 The four Angels that were bound, are losed. 18 And the third part of men is killed.*

**A**nd the fifth Angel blew the trumpet, and I saw <sup>a</sup>a star fall from heaven unto the earth, and to him was given the <sup>b</sup>key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose the smoke of the pit, as the <sup>c</sup>smoke of a great furnace, and the sun, and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke <sup>d</sup>Locusts upon the earth, and unto them was given <sup>e</sup>power, as the <sup>f</sup>scorpion of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them, that they should not hurt the <sup>g</sup>grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any

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9 l Meaning the ship masters, so them that had any government.

10 m That is, some excellent minister of the Church, which shall corrupt the Scripture.

11 n Which here signifies false and corrupt doctrine.

12 o That is, of Christ who is the sun of justice, meaning that men by boasting of their works and merits obscure Christ and tread his death under foot.

12 p That is, of the Church.

12 q Of the ministers and teachers, which had not taught as they ought to do.

12 r There are plagues for the contempt of the Gospel.

13 s Horrible threatenings against the infidels and rebellious persons.

### Chapter 9

1 a That is, the Bishops and ministers, which forsake the word of God, and so fall out of heaven, and become Angels of darkness.

1 b This authority chiefly is committed to the Pope in sign whereof he bears the keys in his arms.

2 c Abundance of heresies and errors, which cover with darkness Christ and his Gospel.

3 d Locusts are false teachers, heretics, and worldly subtle Prelates, with Monks, Friars, Cardinals, Patriarkes, Archbishops, Bishops, Doctors, Bachelors and masters which forsake Christ to maintain false doctrine.

3 e False and deceivable doctrine, which is pleasant to the flesh.

3 f That is, secretly to persecute and to sting with their tails as scorpions do: such is the fashion of the hypocrites.

4 g For the false prophets can not destroy the elect, but such as are ordained to perdition.

tree: but only those <sup>h</sup>men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them was commanded that they should not <sup>i</sup>kill them, but that they should be <sup>k</sup>vexed five months, and that their pain should be as the pain that cometh of a <sup>l</sup>scorpion, when he hath stung a man.

6 \*Therefore in those days shall men <sup>m</sup>seek death, and shall not find it, and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 \*And the form of the locusts was like unto <sup>n</sup>horses prepared unto battle, and on their heads were as it were <sup>o</sup>crowns, like unto gold, and their faces <sup>p</sup>were like the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the <sup>q</sup>hair of women, and their <sup>r</sup>teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had <sup>s</sup>habergeon, like the habergeons of iron: and the sound of their <sup>t</sup>wings was like the sound of chariots when many horses run unto battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and were <sup>u</sup>stings in their tails, and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they have a King over them, which is the <sup>x</sup>Angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is, <sup>y</sup>Abaddon, and in Greek he is named Apollyon.

12 One wo is past, and behold, yet two woes come after this.

13 ¶ Then the sixth Angel blew the trumpet, and I heard a <sup>z</sup>voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth Angel, which had the trumpet, Loose the four <sup>a</sup>Angels, which are bound in the great river

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4 h That is, the infidels whom Satan blinds with the efficacy of error, 2 Thes. 2.11.

5 i Though the elect be hurt, yet they can not perish.

5 k The elect for a certain space and at times are in troubles: for the grasshoppers endure but from April to September, which is five months.

5 l For at the beginning the sting of their conscience seems as nothing, but except they soon seek remedy, they perish.

6 \*Isa. 2.19, Hos. 10.8, Luk. 23.30, chap. 6.16.

6 m Such is the terror of the unbelieving conscience, which hath no assurance of mercy, but feels the judgement of God against it, when men embrace error and refuse the true simplicity of God's word.

7 \*Wisd. 16.9.

7 n Which signifies that the Pope's clergy shalbe proud, ambitious, bold, stout, rash, rebellious, stubborn, cruel, lecherous and authors of war and destruction of the simple children of God.

7 o They pretend a certain title of honor, which indeed belongs nothing unto them, as the Priests by their crowns and strange apparel declare.

7 p That is, they pretend great gentleness and love: they are wise, politic, subtle, eloquent, & in worldly craftiness pass all in all their doings.

8 q That is, effeminate, delicate, idle, trimming themselves to please their harlots.

8 r Signifying their oppression of the poor and cruelty against God's children.

9 s Which signifies their hardness of heart and obstinance in their errors, with their assurance under the protection of worldly princes.

9 t For as though they had wings, so are they lifted up above the common sort of men, and esteemed most holy and do all things with rage and fierceness.

10 u To infect and kill with their venomous doctrine.

11 x Which is Antichrist the Pope, king of hypocrites and Satan's ambassador.

11 y That is, destroyer: for Antichrist the son of perdition destroys men's souls with false doctrine, and the whole world with fire and sword.

13 z Which was the voice of Christ sitting at the right hand of the Father.

Euphrates.

15 And the four Angels were loosed, which were prepared at an <sup>b</sup>hour, at a day, at a month, and at a year, to slay a third part of men.

16 And the number of horsemen of war were twenty thousand times ten thousand: for I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in a vision, and them that sat on them, having fire habergeons, and of jacinth and of brimstone, and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions: and out of their mouths went forth fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 Of these three was the third part of men killed, *that is*, of the fire and of the smoke, and of the brimstone, which came out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their <sup>c</sup>mouths, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, wherewith they hurt.

20 And the remnant of the men which were not killed by these plagues, <sup>d</sup>repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship devils, and \*idols of gold and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood, which neither can see, neither hear nor go.

21 Also they repented not of their murder, and of their sorcery, neither of their fornication, nor of their theft.

## Chapter 10

*1 The Angel hath the book open. 6 He sheweth there shalbe no more time. 9 He giveth the book unto John, which eateth it up.*

**A**nd I saw another mighty <sup>a</sup>Angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and the <sup>b</sup>rainbow upon his head, and his face was as the <sup>c</sup>sun, and his <sup>d</sup>feet as pillars of fire.

2 And he had in his hand a little <sup>e</sup>book open, and he put his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left on the earth,

3 And cried with a <sup>f</sup>loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven <sup>g</sup>thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders has uttered their voices, I was about to write: but I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, <sup>h</sup>Seal up those things which the seven thunders

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14 a Meaning the enemies of the East country, which should afflict the Church of God, as did the Arabians, Saracens, Turks, and Tartarians.

15 b This signifies the great readiness of the enemies.

19 c Which signifies their false doctrine and hypocrisy.

20 d And therefore were justly destroyed.

20 \*Psal. 115.4 and 135.15

## Chapter 10

1 a Which was Jesus Christ that came to comfort his Church against the furious assaults of Satan and Antichrist: so that in all their troubles, the faithful are sure to find consolation in him.

1 b Jesus Christ bears the testimony of God's love towards us.

1 c It overcame all the darkness of the Angel of the bottomless pit.

1 d Straight, strong, and pure from all corruptions.

2 e Meaning the Gospel of Christ, which Antichrist can not hide, seeing Christ brings it open in his hand.

3 f Which declares that in despite of Antichrist the Gospel should be preached through all the world: so that the enemies shalbe astonished.

3 g The whole graces of God's Spirit bent themselves against Antichrist.

4 \*Dan. 12.7

4 h Believe that that is written: for there is no need to write more for the understanding of God's children.

have spoken, and write them not.

5 And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth, lift up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware <sup>l</sup>by him that liveth for evermore, which created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth and the things that therein are, and the sea and the things, which therein are, that time should be no more.

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh Angel, when he shall begin to blow the trumpet, even the <sup>k</sup>mystery of God shalbe finished, as he hath declared to his servants the Prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven, spake unto <sup>l</sup>me again and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the <sup>m</sup>Angel, which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 So I went unto the Angel, and said to him, Give me the little <sup>n</sup>book. And he said unto me, \*Take it, and <sup>o</sup>eat it up, and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shalbe in thy mouth as sweet as honey.

10 Then I took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and ate it up, and it was in my mouth as <sup>p</sup>sweet as honey: but when I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophecy <sup>q</sup>again among the people & nations, & tongues, & to many Kings.

### Chapter 11

*1 The temple is measured. 3 Two witnesses raised up by the Lord, are murdered by the beast, 11 But after received to glory. 15 Christ is exalted, 16 And God praised by the 24 elders.*

**T**hen was given me a reed, like unto a rod, and the Angel stood by, saying, Rise and <sup>a</sup>mete the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But <sup>b</sup>the court which is without the temple cast out, and mete it not: for it is given unto the Gentiles, and the holie

6 i That is, God with whom Christ by his divinity is equal.

7k The faithful shall understand and see this mystery of the last judgement, the damnation of Antichrist and infidels, and also the glory of the just at the resurrection.

8 l As St. John understood this by revelation, so is the same revealed to the true preachers to discover the Pope, and Antichrist.

8 m Meaning, Christ.

9 n That is, the holy Scriptures: which declares that the minister must receive them at the hand of God before he can preach them to others.

9 \* Eze. 3.1.

9 o Which signifies that the ministers ought to receive the word into their hearts, and to have grave, & deep judgement, and diligently to study it, and with zeal to utter it.

10 p Signifying that albeit that the minister have consolation by the word of God, yet shall he have sore, and grievous enemies, which shalbe troublesome unto him.

11 q Not only meaning in his lifetime, but that this book after his death should be as a preaching unto all nations.

### Chapter 11

1 a Which declares that Christ Jesus will build his Church and not have it destroyed: for he measures out his spiritual Temple.

2 b The Jewish temple was divided into three parts: the body of the temple which is called the court, whereinto every man entered: the holy places where the levites were: and the holiest of all, whereinto the high Priest once a year entered: in respect therefore of these two later, the first is said to be cast out, because as a thing profane it is neglected when the temple is measured, and yet the adversaries of Christ boast that they are in the Temple, and that none are of the Temple, but they.

<sup>c</sup>city shall they tread under foot <sup>d</sup>two and forty months.

3 But I will give power unto my <sup>e</sup>two witnesses, and they shall prophecy a <sup>f</sup>thousand, two hundred, and threescore days, clothed in <sup>g</sup>sackcloth.

4 These are two <sup>h</sup>olive trees, and two candlesticks, standing before the God of the <sup>i</sup>earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire procedeth out of their mouths, and devoureth their enemies: for if any man would hurt them, <sup>k</sup>thus must he be killed.

6 These have power to shut <sup>l</sup>heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophesying, and have power over waters to turn them into <sup>m</sup>blood, and to smite the earth with all manner plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they have finished their testimony, the <sup>n</sup>beast that cometh out of the bottomless pit, shall make war against them, and shall <sup>o</sup>overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their corpses shall lie in the streets of the great <sup>p</sup>city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord also was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds, and tongues, and Gentiles shall see their corpses three days and an half, and shall not suffer their carcasses to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth, shall rejoice over them and be glad, and shall send gifts one to another: for these two Prophets <sup>q</sup>vexed them that dwelt on the earth.

11 But after three days and an half, the spirit of life *coming* from God, shall enter into them, and they shall <sup>r</sup>stand up upon their feet: and great fear shall come upon them which saw them.

12 And they shall hear a great voice from heaven, saying unto them, <sup>s</sup>Come up hither. And they shall ascend up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies shall see them.

13 And the same hour shall there be a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city <sup>t</sup>shall fall, and in the earth-

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2 c That is, the Church of God.

2 d Meaning, a certain time: for God has limited the times of Antichrist's tyranny.

3 e By two witnesses he means all the preachers that should build up God's Church, alluding to Zorubbabel and Jehoshua which were chiefly appointed for this thing, and also to this saying, In the mouth of two witnesses stands every word.

3 f Signifying a certain time: for when God gives strength to his ministers, their persecutions seem, but as it were for a day or two.

3 g In poor and simple apparel.

4 h Whereby are signified the excellent graces of them which bear witness to the Gospel.

4 i Who hath dominion over the whole earth.

5 k By God's word whereby his ministers discomfit the enemies.

6 l They denounce God's judgement against the wicked, that they can not enter into heaven.

6 m Which is to declare and procure God's vengeance.

7 n That is, the Pope which hath his power out of hell and comes thence.

7 o He shows how the Pope gains the victory, not by God's word, but by cruel war.

8 p Meaning the whole jurisdiction of the Pope, which is compared to Sodom for their abominable sin, and to Egypt because the true liberty to serve God is taken away from the faithful: and Christ was condemned by Pilate, who represented the Romaine power which should be enemy to the godly.

10 q The infidels are tormented by hearing the truth preached.

11 r Which shalbe at the last resurrection.

12 s For it seemed that Antichrist had chased them out of the earth.

13 t Of the power of Antichrist.

quake shalbe slain in number seven thousand: and the remnant shalbe afraid, <sup>u</sup>and give glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second wo is past, and behold the third wo will come anone.

15 And the seventh Angel blew the trumpet and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The <sup>x</sup>kingdoms of this world are our Lord's, and his Christ's, and he shall reign for evermore.

16 Then the four and twenty Elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped <sup>y</sup>God.

17 Saying, <sup>z</sup>We give thee thanks, Lord God almighty, Which art, and Which wast, and Which art to come: for thou hast received thy great might, and hast obtained thy kingdom.

18 And the Gentiles were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shuldest give reward unto thy servants the Prophets, and to the Saints, and to them that fear thy Name, to small, and great, and shuldest destroy them, which destroy the earth.

19 Then the Temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his Temple the Arke of his covenant: and there were <sup>a</sup>lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and earthquake, and much hail.

### Chapter 12

*1 There appeareth in heaven a woman clothed with the sun. 7 Michael fighteth with the dragon, which persecuteth the woman. 11 The victory is gotten to the comfort of the faithful.*

**A**nd there appeared a great wonder in heaven: A <sup>a</sup>woman clothed with the sun, and the <sup>b</sup>moon was under her feet, & upon her head a <sup>c</sup>crown of twelve stars.

2 And she was with child and <sup>d</sup>cried travailing in birth, and was pained ready to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven: for behold, a great <sup>e</sup>red dragon having <sup>f</sup>seven heads, and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads:

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13 u When they shall understand by God's word the glory of his, and the punishment of his enemies, they shall fall from the Pope, & glorify God.

15 x Albeit Satan by the Pope, Turk and other instruments troubles the world never so much, yet Christ shall reign.

16 y Jesus Christ.

17 z This declares the office of the godly, which is to give God thanks for the deliverance of his, and to praise his justice for punishing of his enemies.

19 a Which signifies the destruction of the enemies.

### Chapter 12

1 a In this third vision is declared how the Church which is compassed about with Jesus Christ the Son of righteousness, is persecuted of Antichrist.

1 b The Church treads under foot whatsoever is mutable, and inconstant, with all corrupt affections and such like.

1 c Which signify God and his word.

2 d The Church ever with a most fervent desire longed that Christ should be born, and that the faithful might be regenerate by his power.

3 e The devil, and all his power which burns with fury and is red with the blood of the faithful.

3 f For he is prince of this world and almost hath the universal government.

4 And his tail drew the <sup>g</sup>third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman, which was ready to be delivered, to devour her child when she had brought it forth.

5 <sup>h</sup>So she brought forth a man child, which should rule all nations with a <sup>\*</sup>rod of iron: and her son was taken up unto God and to this throne.

6 And the woman fled into <sup>i</sup>wilderness where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand, two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was a battle in heaven. <sup>k</sup>Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his Angels.

8 But they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more <sup>l</sup>in heaven.

9 And the great dragon, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, was cast out, which deceiveth all the world: he was *even* cast into the earth, and his Angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice, saying, Now is salvation in heaven, and strength and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 But they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they <sup>m</sup>loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Wo to the <sup>n</sup>inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea: for the devil is come down unto you which hath great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was <sup>o</sup>cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which had brought forth the man *child*.

14 But to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into <sup>p</sup>her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water after the woman like a flood, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 But the <sup>q</sup>earth holpe the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood, which the dragon had cast out of his mouth.

17 Then the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went

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4 g By his flatteries and promises he gains many of the excellent ministers and honorable persons, and brings them to destruction.

5 h Which Jesus Christ the first born among many brethren, who was born of the virgin Marie as of a special member of the Church.

5 \* Psal. 2.9

6 i The Church was removed from among the Jews to the Gentiles, which were as a barren wilderness, and so it is persecuted to and fro.

7 k Jesus Christ and his members, as Apostles Martyrs, and the rest of the faithful.

8 l For the dragon was deprived of all his dignity and had no more place in the Church.

11 m They put their lives in danger so often as need required.

12 n Meaning, them that are given to the world and fleshly lusts.

13 o And was overcome of Christ, then he fought against his members.

14 p Which the Lord had appointed for her.

16 q God gives means to his Church to escape the fury of Satan making his creatures to serve to the support thereof.

and made war with the <sup>r</sup>remnant of her seed, which kept the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

18 And I stood on the sea sand.

### Chapter 13

*1.8 The beast deceiveth the reprobate, 2.4.12 And is confirmed by another beast. 17 The privilege of the beast's mark.*

**A**nd I saw a <sup>a</sup>beast rise out of the sea, having <sup>b</sup>seven heads, and <sup>c</sup>ten horns, and upon his horns were ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw, was like a <sup>d</sup>leopard, and his feet like a bear's, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the <sup>e</sup>dragon gave him his power and his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his <sup>f</sup>heads as it were wounded to death, but his <sup>g</sup>deadly wound was healed, and all the world wondered and followed the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they <sup>h</sup>worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast! who is able to war with him!

5 And there was given unto him a mouth, that spake great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him, to do <sup>i</sup>two and forty months.

6 And he opened his mouth unto blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his Name and his tabernacle, and they that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the Saints, and to <sup>k</sup>overcome them, and power was given him over every <sup>l</sup>kindred and tongue, and nation.

8 Therefore all that dwell upon the earth, shall worship him, whose <sup>m</sup>names are not <sup>n</sup>written in the Book of life of the Lamb, which was slain <sup>o</sup>from the beginning of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 If any lead into captivity, he shall go <sup>o</sup>into captivity: if any kill with a sword, he must be killed by a sword: here is

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17 r Satan was not able to destroy the head nor the body, and therefore showed his rage against the members.

### Chapter 13

1 a Here is the description of the Romaine empire which stands in cruelty and tyranny.

1 b Meaning Rome, because it was first governed by seven Kings or Emperors after Nero, & also is compassed about with seven mountains.

1 c Which signify many provinces.

2 d By these beasts are signified the Macedonians, Persians and Chaldeans whom the Romaines overcame.

2 e That is, the devil.

3 f This may be understand of Nero, who moved the first persecution against the Church, and after slew himself, so that the family of the Caesars ended in him.

3 g For the empire was established again by Vespasian.

4 h By receiving the statutes, ordinances, decrees, ceremonies, and religion of the Romaine empire.

5 i The Antichrist's time and power is limited.

7 k In their bodies, not in soul.

7 l He means the universal departing whereof St. Paul speaks to the Thessalonians.

8 m Antichrist hath not power over the elect.

8 <sup>n</sup>Dan. 12.1

8 n As God ordained from before all beginning, and all the sacrifices were as signs and sacraments of Christ's death.

10 o They which led souls captives, go themselves into captivity.

the patience, and the faith of the Saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the <sup>p</sup>earth, which had two <sup>q</sup>horns like the Lamb, but he <sup>r</sup>spake like the dragon.

12 And he did all that the first <sup>s</sup>beast could do before him, and he caused the earth, and them which dwell therein, to worship the first <sup>t</sup>beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And <sup>u</sup>he did great wonders, so that he made fire to come down from heaven on the earth, in the sight of men,

14 And deceived them that dwell on the earth by the signs, which were permitted to him to do in the <sup>x</sup>sight of the beast, saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make the <sup>y</sup>image of the beast, which had the wound of a sword, and did live.

15 And it was permitted to him to give a <sup>z</sup>spirit unto the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast should <sup>a</sup>speak, and should cause that as many as would not <sup>b</sup>worship the image of the beast, should be killed.

16 And he made all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a <sup>c</sup>mark in their right hand or in their foreheads.

17 And <sup>d</sup>that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Hear is wisdom. Let him that hath wit, count the number of the beast: for it is the number <sup>e</sup>of a man, and his number is six hundred, threescore and six.

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11 p As the kingdom of Christ is from heaven & bringeth men tither: so the Pope's kingdom is of the earth & leadeth to perdition, & is begun, & established by ambition, covetousness, beastliness, craft, treason, and tyranny.

11 q Which signify the priesthood and the kingdom, and therefore he gives in his arms two keys, and hath two swords carried before him. So Boniface the eight which first ordained the Jubilee, showed himself one day in apparel as a Pope, and the next day in harness as the Emperor, and the two horns in the bishop's miter are signs hereof.

11 r He spake devilish doctrine, accused God's word of imperfection, set up man's traditions, and spake things contrary to God and his word.

12 s For the Pope in ambition, cruelty, idolatry, and blasphemy did follow and imitate the ancient Romaines.

12 t Brought them to idolatry and astonished them with the name of that holy empire (as he termeth it.)

13 u The man of sin according to the operation of Satan shalbe with all power, signs and miracles of lies. 2 Thess. 2.9

14 x Before the whole empire which representeth the first beast, and is the image thereof.

14 y For the first empire Romaine was as the pattern, and this second empire is but an image and shadow thereof.

15 z For except the Pope confirm the authority of the King of Romaines, he is not esteemed worthy to be made Emperor.

15 a The same things which the Pope, or false prophets instruct him in.

15 b Receive the ordinances and decrees of the seat of Rome, and to kiss the villains foot, if he were put thereunto.

16 c Whereby he renounceth Christ: for as faith, the word and the Sacraments are the Christians marks: so this Antichrist will accept none but such as will approve his doctrine: so that it is not enough to confess Christ, and to believe the Scriptures, but a man must subscribe to the Pope's doctrine: moreover their chrismatories, graisings, vows, oaths and shavings are signs of this mark in so much as no nation was excepted that had not many of these marked beasts.

17 d He that is not sealed with the Antichrist's mark, can not be suffered to live among men.

18 e Such as may be understood by man's reason: for about 666 years after this revelation the Pope or Antichrist began to be manifest in the world: for these characters χ ξ ς, signify 666: and this number is gathered of the small number, λ α τ ε ι γ ο ς, which in the whole mark 666 and signifies Lateinus, or Latin, which note the Pope or Antichrist who uses in all things the Latin tongue, and in respect thereof he contemned the Ebrewe and Greeke wherein the word of God was first and best written: and because Italy in old time was called Latinum, the Italians are called Latini, so that hereby he notes of what country chiefly he should come.

## Chapter 14

1 *The notable company of the Lamb.* 6 *One Angel announceth the Gospel,* 8 *Another the fall of Babylon,* 9 *And the third warns to flee from the beast.* 13 *Of their blessedness which die in the Lord.* 18 *Of the Lord's harvest.*

Then I looked, and lo, a <sup>a</sup>Lamb stood on mount Sion, and with him an <sup>b</sup>hundreth, forty and four thousand, having his Father's <sup>c</sup>Name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the sound of many <sup>d</sup>waters, and as the sound of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps.

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the Elders, and no <sup>e</sup>man could learn that song, but the hundreth, forty and four thousand, which were bought from the earth.

4 These are they, which are not <sup>f</sup>defiled with women: for they are virgins: these follow the Lamb <sup>g</sup>whither soever he goeth: these are bought from men, being the <sup>h</sup>first fruits unto God, and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouths was found no guile: for they are without <sup>i</sup>spot before the throne of God.

6 ¶ Then I saw another <sup>k</sup>Angel flee in the middes of Heaven, having an everlasting Gospel, to preach unto them, that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

7 \*Saying with a loud voice, <sup>l</sup>Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgement is come: and worship him that made \*heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another Angel, saying, \*It is fallen, it is fallen, <sup>m</sup>Babylon the great city: for she made all nations

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1 a Jesus Christ rules his Church to defend and comfort it, though the beast rage never so much: and seeing Christ is present ever with his Church, there can be no vicar: for where there is a vicar, there is no Church.

1 b Meaning a great and ample Church.

1 c Which was the mark of their election, to wit, their faith.

2 d Signifying that the number of the Church should be great, and that they should speak boldly, and aloud, and so glorify the Lord.

3 e None can praise God, but the elect whom he hath bought.

4 f By whoredom: and under this vice he comprehendeth all other: but this is chiefly meant of idolatry which is the spiritual whoredom.

4 g For their whole delight is in the Lamb Jesus and they love none but him.

4 h Which declares that the faithful ought to live justly and holy, that they may be the first fruits and an excellent offering of the Lord.

5 i For asmuch as their sins are pardoned, and they are clad with the justice of Christ.

6 k By this Angel are meant the true ministers of Christ which preach the Gospel faithfully.

7 \*Psalm 145.6

7 l The Gospel teaches us to fear God and honor him, which is the beginning of heavenly wisdom.

7 \*Acts 14.15

8 \*Isa. 21.9, Jer. 51.8, chap. 18.8

8 m Signifying Rome, for asmuch as the vices which were in Babylon, are found in Rome in great abundance, as persecution of the Church of God, oppression and slavery with destruction of the people of God, confusion, superstition, idolatry, impiety, and as Babylon the first Monarchy was destroyed, so shall this wicked kingdom of Antichrist have a miserable ruin, though it be great & seemeth to extend throughout all Europe.

to drink of the wine of the <sup>n</sup>wrath of her fornication.

9 ¶ And the third Angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or on his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, yea, of the <sup>o</sup>pure wine, which is poured into the cup of his wrath, and he shalbe tormented in fire and brimstone before the holie Angels, and before the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment shall ascend evermore: and they shall have no rest day nor night, which worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the print of his name.

12 Here is the patience of <sup>p</sup>Saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, <sup>q</sup>Blessed are the dead, which hereafter die <sup>r</sup>in the <sup>s</sup>Lord. Even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

14 ¶ And I looked, and behold, a white <sup>t</sup>cloud, and upon the cloud one sitting like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another Angel came out of the Temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, \*<sup>u</sup>Thrust in thy sickle and reap: for the time is come to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud, <sup>v</sup>thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another Angel came out of the temple, which is in heaven, having also a sharp sickle.

18 And another Angel came out from the <sup>x</sup>altar, which had power over fire, and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, and said, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vineyard of the earth: for her grapes are ripe.

19 And the Angel thrust in his sharp sickle on the earth, and cut down the vines of the vineyard of the earth, and cast them into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the <sup>y</sup>winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, unto the <sup>z</sup>horse bridles by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

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8 n By the which fornication God is provoked to wrath: so that he suffereth many to walk in the way of the Romish doctrine to their destruction.

10 o That is, of his terrible judgement.

12 p The faithful are exhorted to patience.

13 q For they are delivered from the horrible troubles which are in the Church, and rest with God.

13 <sup>r</sup>Or, for the Lord's cause.

13 r Which are ingrafted in Christ by faith, which rest and stay only on him and rejoice to be with him: for immediately after their death they are received into joy.

14 s Signifying that Christ shall come to judgement in a cloud, even as he was seen to go up.

15 \* Joel 3.13, Mat. 13.39

15 t The overthrow of the people is compared to an harvest, Isa. 18.5: also to a vintage, Isa. 16.10.

16 u This is spoken familiarly for our capacity, alluding unto an husband-man who suffered himself to be advertised by his servants when his harvest is ripe, and not that Christ hath need to be told when he should come to judgement for the comfort of his Church and destruction of his enemies.

18 x This was Christ who is also the altar, the Priest, and sacrifice.

20 y This is, a certain place appointed and not in heaven.

20 z By this similitude he declareth the horrible confusion of the tyrants and infidels, which delight in nothing but wars, slaughters, persecutions and effusion of blood.

### Chapter 15

*1 Seven Angles have the seven last plagues. 3 The song of them that overcome the beast. 7 The seven vials full of God's wrath.*

**A**nd I saw another <sup>a</sup>sign in heaven great & marvelous, <sup>b</sup>seven Angels having the seven last plagues: for by them is fulfilled the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as *it were* a <sup>c</sup>glassy sea, mingled with fire, and them that had gotten victory of the beast, and of his image, and of his mark, and of the number of his name, stand at the glassy sea, having the harps of God,

3 And they sung the song of Moses the <sup>\*</sup>servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous *are* thy works, Lord God almighty: just and true *are* thy <sup>\*</sup>ways, King of Saints.

4 <sup>\*</sup>Who shall not fear thee, ô Lord, and glorify thy Name! for thou only *art* holy, & all nations shall come and worship before thee: for thy judgements are made manifest.

5 And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of testimony was open in heaven.

6 And the seven Angels came out of the temple, which had the seven plagues, clothed in pure and <sup>d</sup>bright linen, and having their <sup>e</sup>breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the <sup>f</sup>four beasts gave unto the seven Angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, which liveth for evermore.

8 And the Temple was full of the smoke of the glory of God and of his power, and no man was able to <sup>g</sup>enter into the Temple, till the seven plagues of the seven Angels were fulfilled.

### Chapter 16

*1 The Angels pour out their vials full of wrath, 6 And what plagues follow thereof. 15 Admonition to take heed and watch.*

**A**nd I heard a great voice out of the Temple, saying to the seven Angels, Go your ways, and pour out the *seven* vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth: and there fell a noisome, and grievous <sup>a</sup>sore upon

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1 a This is the fourth vision which containeth the doctrine of God's judgements for the destruction of the wicked and comfort of the godly.

1 b Meaning an Infinite number of God's ministers, which had infinite manners of forte and punishments.

2 c Signifying this brittle and inconstant world mixed with fire, that is, troubles and affliction, but the Saints of God overcome them all, and sing divine songs unto God by whose power they get the victory.

3 <sup>\*</sup>Exod. 15.1

3 <sup>\*</sup>Psal. 145.17

3 <sup>^</sup>Or, acts and deeds.

4 <sup>\*</sup>Jere. 10.7

6 d Which is to declare that God's judgements are clear, just and without spot.

6 e As ready to execute the vengeance of God.

7 f By the four beasts are meant all the creatures of God which willingly serve him for the punishment of the infidels.

8 g God giveth us full entry in to his Church by destroying his enemies: for the Saints can not clearly know all God's judgements before the full end of all things.

2 a This was like the sixth plague of Egypt, which was sores and boils or pocks: and this reigneth commonly among Canons, monks, friars, nuns, Priests and such filthy vermin which bear the mark of the beast.

the men, which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second Angel poured out his vial upon the sea, and it became as the <sup>b</sup>blood of <sup>c</sup>a dead man: and every living thing died in the sea.

4 And the third Angel poured out his vial upon the rivers, and fountains of water, and they became <sup>d</sup>blood.

5 And I heard the Angel of the <sup>e</sup>waters say, Lord, thou art just, Which art, and Which wast, and Holy, because thou hast judged these things.

6 For they shed the blood of the Saints, and Prophets, and therefore hast thou given them blood to drink: for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the Sanctuary say, Even so, Lord God almighty, <sup>f</sup>true and righteous are thy judgements.

8 And the fourth Angel poured out his vial on the sun, and it was given unto him to torment men with <sup>g</sup>heat of fire,

9 And men boiled in great heat, and <sup>h</sup>blasphemed the Name of God, which hath power over these plagues, and they repented not, to give him glory.

10 And the fifth Angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the <sup>i</sup>beast, and his kingdom waxed dark, and they <sup>k</sup>gnaw their tongues for sorrow,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven for their pains, and for their sores, and repented not of their works.

12 And the sixth Angel poured out his vial upon the great river <sup>l</sup>Euphrates, and the water thereof dried up, that the way of the Kings of the East should be prepared.

13 And I saw three <sup>m</sup>unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits <sup>n</sup>of devils, working miracles, to go unto the <sup>o</sup>Kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 (<sup>\*</sup>Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth

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3 b This is like to the first plague of Egypt which signifieth all kinds of pestilence and contagious diseases.

3 c That is, corrupt and infect.

4 d The first plague of Egypt was like unto this.

5 e He bringeth forth these two Angels: the one which is governor of the waters, and the other from under the altar, as witnesses or commendors of God's just judgements.

7 f For asmuch as thou destroyed the rebels, and preservest thine.

8 g Signifying famine, drought and hot diseases which proceed thereof.

9 h The wicked were hardhearted & stubborn when God punished them.

10 i This answereth to the ninth plague of Egypt, which signifieth that the Pope's doctrine is an horrible plague of God, which keeps men still in dark ignorance and errors.

10 k They shall show their fury, rage, and blasphemy against God when the light of his Gospel shall shine.

12 l By Euphrates which was the strength of Babylon, is meant the riches, strength, pleasures and commodities of Rome the second Babylon, which the faithful which are the true Kings and Priests in Christ, have taken away by disclosing their wicked deceit.

13 m That is, a strong number of this great devil the Pope's ambassadors which are ever crying and croaking like frogs and come out of Antichrist's mouth, because they should speak nothing but lies and use all manner of crafty deceit to maintain their rich Euphrates against the true Christians.

14 n Albeit they call themselves spiritual and holy fathers.

14 o For in all King's courts the Pope hath had his ambassadors to hinder the kingdom of Christ.

15 <sup>\*</sup>Chap. 3.3, Mat. 24.44, Luk. 12.39

and keepeth his <sup>p</sup>garments, lest he walk naked, and men see his filthiness)

16 And they gathered them together into a place called in Hebrue <sup>q</sup>Arma-gedon.

17 ¶ And the seventh Angel poured out his vial into the air: and there came a loud voice from out of the Temple of heaven from the throne, saying, <sup>r</sup>It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, even so mighty an earthquake.

19 And the great <sup>s</sup>city was divided into three parts, and the <sup>t</sup>cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, <sup>\*</sup>to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every isle fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell a great hail, like talents, out of heaven upon the men, and men blasphemed God, because of the plague of the hail: for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

### Chapter 17

*3 The description of the great whore. 8 Her sins and punishment. 14 The victory of the Lamb.*

**T**hen there came <sup>a</sup>one of the seven Angels, which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come: I will show thee the damnation of the great <sup>b</sup>whore that sitteth upon many <sup>c</sup>waters.

2 With whom have committed fornication the Kings of the earth, and the inhabitants of the earth are drunken with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away into the wilderness in the Spirit, and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored <sup>d</sup>beast, full of names of <sup>e</sup>blasphemy, which had seven heads, and ten horns.

4 And the <sup>f</sup>woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and

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15 p Of righteousness and holiness, wherewith we are clad through Jesus Christ.

16 q As if he would say, The craftiness of destruction when as Kings and princes shall war against God, but by the craft of Satan are brought to he place where they shalbe destroyed.

17 r This is the last judgement when Christ shall come to destroy the wicked and deliver his Church.

19 s Meaning the whole number of them that shall call themselves Christians, whereof some are so indeed, some are Papists and under pretense of Christ serve Antichrist, and some are neuters which are neither on the one side of the other.

19 t Signifying, all strange religions, as the Jews, Turks, and others, which then shall fall with that great whore of Rome, and be tormented in eternal pains.

19 \*Jere. 25.14

### Chapter 17

1 a Which was Christ Jesus who will take vengeance on this Romish harlot.

1 b Antichrist is compared to an harlot because he seduceth the world with vain words, doctrines of lies, and outward appearance.

1 c Meaning, divers nations and countries.

3 d The beast signifies the ancient Rome: the woman that sitteth thereon, the new Rome which is the Papistrie, whose cruelty and blood shedding is declared by scarlet.

3 e Full of idolatry, superstition and contempt of the true God.

4 f This woman is the Antichrist, that is, the Pope with the whole body of his filthy creatures, as is expounded, ver.18 whose beauty only stands in outward pomp and impudence and craft like a strumpet.

gilded with gold, and precious stones, and pearls, and had a cup of gold in her hand, full of <sup>g</sup>abominations, and filthiness of her fornication.

5 And in her forehead was a name written, <sup>h</sup>A Mystery, great Babylon, the mother of whoredomes, and abominations of the earth.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of Saints, and with the blood of the Martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great marvel.

7 Then the Angel said unto me, Wherefore marveliest thou? I will show thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast, that beareth her, which hath seven heads, and ten horns.

8 The <sup>i</sup>beast that thou hast seen, was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and shall go into perdition, and they that dwell on the earth, shall wonder (whose names are not written in the Book of life from the foundation of the world) when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 Here <sup>j</sup>is the mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are <sup>k</sup>seven mountains, whereon the woman sitteth: they are also <sup>l</sup>seven Kings.

10 Five are fallen, and one is, and another is not yet come: and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, is even the <sup>m</sup>eight, and is one of the seven, and shall go into destruction.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest, are ten Kings, which yet have not received a kingdom, but shall receive power, as Kings at one hour with the beast.

13 <sup>n</sup>These have one mind, and shall give their power, and authority unto the beast.

14 These shall fight with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall <sup>o</sup>overcome them: <sup>\*</sup>for he is Lord of Lords, & King of Kings: and they that are on his side, called, & chosen, and faithful.

15 And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the <sup>p</sup>ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, are they that shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath <sup>q</sup>put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to

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4 g Of false doctrines and blasphemies.

5 h Which none can know to avoid but the elect.

8 i That is the Romaine empire which being fallen into decay, the whore of Rome usurped authority, and proceeded from the devil and thither shall return.

9 k Which are about Rome.

9 l For after that the empire was decayed, in Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian, and Titus died in less than fourteen years and reigned as Kings: Domitian then reigned, and after him Cocceius Nerva which was the seventh.

11 m He means Traian the emperor who was a Spaniard and adopted by Nerva, but because he persecuted the faithful he goeth also to perdition

13 n He signifies the horrible persecutions which have been under the empire of Rome, and in all other realms subject to the same.

14 o And break them to shivers as a potter's pot.

14 \*1 Tim. 6.15, chap. 19.16.

16 p Divers nations as the Goths, Vandals, Huns, and other nations which were once subject to Rome, shall rise against it and destroy it.

17 q That instead of doing homage to Christ Jesus, they should be cast into a reprobate sense to serve Antichrist, and to dedicate themselves and theirs wholly unto him.

do with one consent for to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest, is the great city, which reigneth over the Kings of the earth.

### Chapter 18

*3.9 The lovers of the world are sorry for the fall of the whore of Babylon. 4 An admonition to the people of God to flee out of her dominion, 20 But they that be of God, have cause to rejoice for her destruction.*

**A**nd after these things, I saw *another* Angel come down from heaven, having great power, so that the earth was lighted with his glory.

2 And he cried out mightily with a loud voice, saying, <sup>a</sup>It is fallen, it is fallen, Babylon the great *city*, and is become the habitation of <sup>b</sup>devils, and the hold of all foul spirits, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For <sup>c</sup>all nations have drunken of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the Kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich of the abundance of her pleasures.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven say, <sup>d</sup>Go out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers in her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins are <sup>e</sup>come up unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 <sup>f</sup>Reward her, even as she hath rewarded you, and give her double according to her works: and in the cup that she hath filled to you, fill her the double.

7 Inasmuch as she glorified herself, and lived in pleasure, so much give ye to her torment and sorrow: for she saith in her heart, <sup>g</sup>I sit being <sup>a</sup>queen, and am no <sup>h</sup>widow, and shall see no mourning.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come at one day, death, and sorrow, and famine, and she shall be burnt with fire: for strong is the Lord God which will condemn her.

9 And the Kings of the earth shall bewail her, & lament for her, which have committed fornication, & lived in pleasure with her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 And shall stand a far off for fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, the mighty city: for in

one hour is thy judgement come.

11 And the <sup>i</sup>merchants of the earth shall weep and wail over her: for no man byeth their ware anymore.

12 The ware of gold and silver, and of precious stone, and of pearls, and of fine linen, and of purple, and of silk, and of scarlet, and of all manner of Thyne <sup>k</sup>wood, and of all vessels of ivory, and of all vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and of iron, and of marble,

13 And of cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and <sup>l</sup>chariots, and servants, and <sup>m</sup>souls of men.

14 (And the <sup>n</sup>apples that thy soul lusted after, are departed from thee, and all things which were fat and excellent, are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more)

15 The merchants of these things which were waxed rich, shall stand a far off from her, for far of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, the great city, that was clothed in fine linen and purple, and scarlet, and gilded with gold, and precious stone, and pearls.

17 For in one hour so great riches are come to desolation. And every ship master, and all the people that occupy ships, and shipmen, and whosoever travail on the sea, shall stand a for off,

18 And cry, when they see the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city* was like unto this great city?

19 And they shall cast <sup>o</sup>dust on their heads, and cry weeping, and wailing, and say Alas, alas, the great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships on the sea by her <sup>p</sup>costliness: for in one hour she is made desolate.

20 O heaven, rejoice of her, and ye holy Apostles and Prophets: for God hath <sup>q</sup>given your judgement on her.

21 Then a mighty Angel took up a stone like a great millstone, <sup>r</sup>and cast it into the sea, saying, With such violence shall the great city Babylon be cast, and shall be <sup>q</sup>found no more.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters shall be heard no more in thee, and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee: and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more in thee.

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more in thee: and the voice of the bridegroom and the bride shall be heard

2 <sup>a</sup>Isa. 21.9, Jere. 51.8, chap. 14.8

2 <sup>a</sup> This description of the overthrown of the great whore as like to that whereby the prophets use to declare the destruction of Babylon.

2 <sup>b</sup> He describeth Rome to be the sink of all abominations and devilishness, and a kind of hell.

3 <sup>c</sup> The greatest part of the world hath been abused and seduced by this spiritual whoredom.

4 <sup>d</sup> When God threateneth the wicked, he ever comforts and counsels his what they ought to do, that is, that they do not communicate with the sins of the wicked.

5 <sup>e</sup> The Greek word is, that her sins so follow one another, and so rise one after another, that they grow to such an heap, that at length they touch the very heaven.

6 <sup>f</sup> Blessed is he that can repay to the whore the like, as is written Psal. 137.9.

7 <sup>g</sup>Isa. 47.8

7 <sup>g</sup> The glorious boasting of the strumpet.

7 <sup>h</sup> But full of people and mighty.

11 <sup>i</sup> Both they that temporally have had profit by the strumpet, and also the spiritual merchants shall for sorrow and want of their gain cry out and despair.

12 <sup>k</sup> Which is very odoriferous and precious.

13 <sup>l</sup> Such as the wantons use at Rome.

13 <sup>m</sup> This is the vilest ware, that these merchants sell, and best cheap, which souls notwithstanding the Son of God redeemed with his precious blood, 1 Pet. 1.19.

14 <sup>n</sup> That is, the things which thou lovest best.

19 <sup>o</sup> And so show signs of great sorrow.

19 <sup>p</sup> Or, noble estate.

20 <sup>p</sup> And hath revenged your cause in punishing her.

21 <sup>q</sup>Jerm. 51.63

21 <sup>q</sup> It shall not be like to other cities which may be builded again, but it shall be destroyed without mercy.

no more in thee: for thy <sup>r</sup>merchants were the great men of the earth: and with thine enchantments were deceived all nations.

24 And in her was found the blood of the Prophets, and of the Saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

### Chapter 19

*1 Praises are given unto God for judging the whore, and for avenging the blood of his servants. 10 The Angel will not be worshipped. 17 The fowls and birds are called to the slaughter.*

**A**nd after these things I heard a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, <sup>a</sup>Hallelu-jah, salvation and glory, and honor, and power *be* to the Lord our God. 2 For <sup>b</sup>true and righteous *are* his judgements: for he hath condemned the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants *shed* by her hand.

3 And again they said Hallelu-jah: and her <sup>c</sup>smoke rose up forevermore.

4 And the four and twenty Elders, and the four <sup>d</sup>beasts fell down, and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, <sup>e</sup>Amen, Hallelu-jah.

5 Then a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard like a voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of strong thunderings, saying, Hallelu-jah: for *our* Lord God almighty hath reigned.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give glory to him: for the <sup>f</sup>marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted, that she should be arrayed with pure fine linen and shining, for the fine linen is the righteousness of Saints.

9 Then <sup>g</sup>he said unto me, Write, *\*Blessed are they which are <sup>h</sup>called unto the Lamb's supper. And he said unto me, These words of God are true.*

10 And I fell before his feet, *\*to worship him: but he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am the fellow servant, and*

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23 <sup>r</sup>The Romish prelates and merchants of souls are as Kings and princes: so that their covetousness and pride must be punished: secondly their crafts and deceits: and thirdly their cruelty.

### Chapter 19

1 <sup>a</sup>That is, praise ye God, because the Antichrist and all wickedness is taken out of the world, PS. 68.4.

2 <sup>b</sup>So that all the Saints are confirmed and ought nothing to doubt of the salvation of the faithful.

3 <sup>c</sup>The wicked shalbe burned in continual fire, that never shalbe extinguished.

4 <sup>d</sup>By the four beasts are meant all creatures.

4 <sup>e</sup>Signifying that his judgements are true and just, and that we ought to praise him evermore for the destruction of the Pope.

7 <sup>f</sup>God made Christ the bridegroom of his Church at the beginning, and at the last day it shalbe fully accomplished when we shalbe joined with our head.

9 <sup>g</sup>That is, the Angel.

9 <sup>\*</sup>Mat. 22.2, chap. 14.13

9 <sup>h</sup>Whom God of free mercy calls to be partakers of his heavenly graces, and delivers from the filthy pollutions of Antichrist.

10 <sup>\*</sup>Chap. 22.9

one of thy brethren, which have the <sup>i</sup>testimony of Jesus. Worship God: for the <sup>k</sup>testimony of Jesus, is the spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw heaven open, and behold a white <sup>l</sup>horse, and he that sat upon him, was called <sup>m</sup>Faithful and true, and he <sup>n</sup>judgeth and fighteth righteously.

12 And his eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* <sup>o</sup>many crowns: and he had a name written, that no man <sup>p</sup>knew but himself.

13 And *\*he* was clothed with a garment dipped in <sup>q</sup>blood, and his name is called, THE <sup>v</sup>WORD OF GOD.

14 And the <sup>s</sup>warriors which were in heaven, followed him upon white horses, clothed with fine linen white and pure.

15 And out of his mouth went out a sharp <sup>t</sup>sword, that with it he should smite the heathen: for he *\*shall* rule them with a rod of iron: for he it is that treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of almighty God.

16 And he hath upon his garment, and upon his <sup>u</sup>thigh a name written, *\*THE KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

17 And I saw an Angel stand in the <sup>x</sup>sun, who cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that did fly by the middes of heaven, Come, and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God,

18 That ye may eat the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of high Captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of all free men and bondmen, and of small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the Kings of the earth, and their <sup>y</sup>warriors gathered together to make battle against him, that sat on the horse and against his soldiers.

20 But the beast was <sup>z</sup>taken, & with him that false prophet

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10 <sup>i</sup>Who am charged to testify of Jesus, or which am partaker of the same Gospel and faith.

10 <sup>k</sup>He shows that none ought to be worshipped but only God, and that he is of their number whom God uses to reveal his secrets by to the Prophets, that they may declare them to others, also that we must believe no other spirit of prophecy, but that which doth testify of Jesus, and leads us to him.

11 <sup>l</sup>Whereby is signified that Jesus Christ our Judge shalbe victorious, and shall triumph over his enemies.

11 <sup>m</sup>He means Christ.

11 <sup>n</sup>So that the wicked shall tremble before his face.

12 <sup>o</sup>To show that he was ruler of all the world.

12 <sup>p</sup>That is, none can have so full revelation how Christ is very God, eternal, infinite, and almighty, as he himself.

13 <sup>\*</sup>Isa. 63.2

13 <sup>q</sup>Whereby is signified his victory, & the destruction of his enemies.

13 <sup>r</sup>Signifying that Jesus Christ, which is the word, is made flesh, and is our Lord, our God, and the Judge of the quick and dead.

14 <sup>s</sup>This declares that his Angels shall come with him to judge the world.

15 <sup>t</sup>Which driveth the wicked into eternal fire.

15 <sup>\*</sup>Psal. 2.9

16 <sup>u</sup>Which declareth his humanity, wherein he is Lord of all, and shall judge the world.

16 <sup>\*</sup>1 Tim.6.15, chap. 17.14

17 <sup>x</sup>This signifies that the day of judgement shalbe clear and evident, that none shall be hid: for the trumpet shall blow aloud and all shall understand it.

19 <sup>y</sup>For the Pope and the worldly princes shall fight against Christ, even until the last day.

20 <sup>z</sup>The overthrow of the beast and his which shalbe chiefly accomplished at the second coming of Christ.

that wrought miracles before him, whereby he deceived them that received the beast's mark, and they that worshipped his image. These both were alive cast into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sitteth upon the horse, which cometh out of his mouth, and all the fowls were full with their flesh.

### Chapter 20

*2 Satan being bound for a certain time, 7 And after let loose, vexeth the Church grievously 10.14 And after the world is judged, he and his are cast into the lake of fire.*

**A**nd I saw an <sup>a</sup>Angel come down from heaven, having the <sup>b</sup>key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he took the dragon that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and he bound him <sup>c</sup>a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and he shut him up, and sealed *the door* upon him, that he should deceive the people no more, till the <sup>d</sup>thousand years were fulfilled: for after that he must be losed for a little season.

4 And I saw <sup>e</sup>seats: and they sate upon them, and judgement was given unto them, and *I saw* the souls of them, that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which did not worship the beast, neither his image, neither had taken his mark upon their foreheads, or on their hands: and they lived, and reigned with Christ a <sup>f</sup>thousand year.

5 But the rest of the <sup>g</sup>dead men shall not live again, until the thousand years be finished: this is the <sup>h</sup>first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he, that hath part in the first resurrection: *for* on such the <sup>i</sup>second death hath no power: but they <sup>k</sup>shalbe the Preasts of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a <sup>l</sup>thousand year.

7 \*And when the thousand years are <sup>m</sup>expired, Satan shalbe losed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the people, which are in the

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1 a This Angel represents the order of the Apostles, whose vocation and office was from heaven: or may signify Christ, which should tread down the serpents head.

1 b Hereby he means the Gospel whereby hell is shut up to the faithful, and Satan is chained that he can not hurt them, yea and the ministers hereby open it to the infidels, but through their impiety and stubbornness.

2 c That is, from Christ's nativity unto the time of Pope Sylvester the second: so long the pure doctrine should after a sort remain.

3 d After this term Satan had greater power then he had before.

4 e The glory and authority of them that suffer for Christ's sake.

4 f That is, whiles they have remained in this life.

5 g He means them, which are spiritually dead: for in whom Satan lives, he is dead to God.

5 h Which is to receive Jesus Christ in true faith, and to rise from sin in newness of life.

6 i The death of the soul, which is eternal damnation.

6 k Shalbe true partakers of Christ and of his dignity.

6 l That is, forever.

7 \*Ezek. 38.2

7 m After that the chain is broken and the true preaching of God's word is corrupt.

four quarters of the earth: *even* <sup>n</sup>Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is*, as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up into the plain of the earth, which compassed the tents of the Saints about, and the beloved city: but fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them, was cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet shalbe tormented even day & night for evermore.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and <sup>o</sup>one that sat on it, from whose face fled away both earth and heaven, and their place was no more found.

12 And I saw the dead, both great and small stand before God: and the <sup>p</sup>books were opened, and \*another book was opened, which is *the book* of life, and the dead were judged of those things, which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up her dead, which were in her, and <sup>q</sup>death and hell delivered up the dead, which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And <sup>r</sup>death and hell were cast into the lake of fire: this is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

### Chapter 21

*3.24 The blessed estate of the godly. 8.27 And the miserable condition of the wicked. 11 The description of the heavenly Jerusalem, and of the wife of the Lamb.*

**A**nd I saw \*a new heaven, and a new earth: <sup>a</sup>for \*the first heaven, and the first earth were <sup>b</sup>passed away, and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the <sup>c</sup>holy city new Jerusalem come <sup>d</sup>down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride trimmed for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the Tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them: and they shalbe his people, and God himself shalbe their God with them.

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8 n By them are meant divers and strange enemies of the Church of God, as the Turk, and Saracens and others, read Ezek. 38.2 by whom the Church of God should be grievously tormented.

11 o Which was Christ, prepared to judgement with glory and majesty.

12 p Every man's conscience is as a book wherein his deeds are written, which shall appear when God opens the book.

12 \*Phil. 4.3, chap. 3.5 and 21.27

13 q Understanding all kinds of death whereby men have been slain.

14 r Hell and death which are the last enemies, shalbe destroyed.

#### Chapter 21

1 \*Isa. 65.17 and 66.22

1 a All things shalbe renewed and restored into a most excellent and perfect estate, and therefore the day of the resurrection is called, The day of resurrection of all things.

1 \*2 Pet. 3.13

1 b For all things shalbe purged from their corruption, and the faithful shall enter into heaven with their head Christ.

2 c The holy company of the elect.

2 d Meaning, that God by his divine majesty will gloriously renew his, and take them to him.

4 \*And God shall wipe<sup>e</sup> away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, neither crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the first things are passed.

5 And he that sat upon the throne, said, \*Behold, I make all things new: and he said unto me, Write: for these words are faithful and true.

6 And he said unto me, \*It is done, I am  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$ , the beginning and the end. I will give to him that is a thirst, of the <sup>f</sup>well of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh, shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the <sup>g</sup>fearful and unbelieving, and the <sup>h</sup>abominable & murderers, and the whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, & all liars shall have their part in the lake, which burneth with fire & brimstone, which is the second death.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven Angels, which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come: I will show thee the <sup>i</sup>bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and an high mountain, and he showed me the great <sup>k</sup>city, holy Jerusalem, <sup>l</sup>descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: & her shining was like unto a stone most precious, as a <sup>m</sup>Jasper stone clear as crystal,  
12 And had a great <sup>n</sup>wall and high, and had twelve <sup>o</sup>gates, and at the gates twelve Angels, and the names written, which are the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

13 On the East part *there were* three gates, *and* on the Northside three gates, on the Southside three gates, *and* on the Westside three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the Lamb's twelve <sup>p</sup>Apostles.

15 And he that talked with me, had a golden reed to measure the city with all, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lay four square, and the length is as large as the breadth of it, and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: and the length, and the breath, and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, and hundredth, forty

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4 \*Isa. 25.8, chap 7.17

4 e All occasion of sorrows shall be taken away: so that they shall have perpetual joy.

5 \*Isa. 43.19, 2 Cor. 5.17

6 \*Chap. 1.8 and 22.13

6 f I that am eternal life, will give unto mine to drink of the lively waters of thine everlasting life.

8 g They which fear man more than God.

8 h They which mock and jest at religion.

9 i Meaning the Church, which is married to Christ by faith.

10 k By this description is declared the incomprehensible excellency, which the heavenly company do enjoy.

10 l It is said to come down from heaven, because all the benefits that the Church hath, they acknowledge is to come of God through Christ.

11 m Ever green and flourishing.

12 n Signifying that the faithful shall be surely kept in heaven.

12 o That is, place enough to enter: for else we know there is but one way and one gate, even Jesus Christ.

14 p For the Apostles were means whereby Jesus Christ the true foundation was revealed to the world.

& four cubits, by the measure of man, that is, of the Angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of Jasper: and the city was pure gold like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones: the first foundation was Jasper: the second of Sapphire: the third of a Chalcedony: the fourth of an Emerald:

20 The fifth of a Sardonyx: the sixth of a Sardius: the seventh of a Chrysolite: the eighth of a Beryl: the ninth of a Topaz: the tenth of a Chrysoprase: the eleventh of a Jacinth: the twelfth an Amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls, and every gate *is* of one pearl, and the street of the city *is* pure gold, as shining glass.

22 And I saw no Temple therein: for the Lord God almighty and the <sup>q</sup>Lamb are the Temple of it.

23 \*And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it: for the glory of God did light it: and the Lamb is the light of it.

24 \*And the people which are saved, shall walk in the light of it: and the <sup>r</sup>Kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor unto it,

25 \*And the gates of it shall not be shut by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And the glory, and honor of the Gentiles shall be brought unto it.

27 And there shall enter into it none unclean thing, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or lies: but they which are written in the Lamb's \*Book of life.

## Chapter 22

*1 The river of the water of life. 2 The fruitfulness & light of the city of God. 6 The Lord giveth ever his servants warning of things to come. 9 The Angel will not be worshipped. 18 To the word of God may nothing be added nor diminished there from.*

And he showed me a pure <sup>a</sup>river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb.

2 In the <sup>b</sup>middest of the street of it, and of either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and gave fruit every <sup>c</sup>month: and the leaves of the tree *served* to heal the <sup>d</sup>nations with.

3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God & of the Lamb shall be in it, & his servants shall serve him.

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22 q This declares that Christ is God inseparable with his Father.

23 \*Isa. 60.19

24 \*Isa. 60.5

24 r Here we see as in infinite other places the Kings and Princes (contrary to that wicked opinion of the Anabaptists) are partakers of the heavenly glory, if they rule in fear of the Lord.

25 \*Isa. 60.11

27 \* Phil. 4.3, chap. 3.5 and 10.18

## Chapter 22

1 a He alludes to the visible paradise to set forth more sensibly the spiritual: and this agrees with that which is written, Ezek.47.1.

2 b Meaning that Christ who is the life of his Church, is common to all his and not peculiar for any one sort of people.

2 c For there are all things pleasant and full of all contentation continually.

2 d Which sometime were unclean as Gentiles, but now are purged and made whole by Christ.

4 And they shall see his face, and his Name shalbe in their foreheads.

5 \*And there shalbe no <sup>e</sup>night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun: for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for evermore.

6 And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy Prophets sent his Angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be fulfilled.

7 Behold, I come shortly. Blessed *is* he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I am John, which saw and heard these things: and when I had heard and seen, \*I <sup>f</sup>fell down to worship before the feet of the Angel, which shewed me these things.

9 But he said 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 words of this book: worship God.

10 And he said unto me, <sup>g</sup>Seal not the words of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand,

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And behold, I come shortly, and my reward is with me, \*to give every man according as his work shalbe.

13 I am \*α and ω, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed *are* they, that do his commandments, that

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5 \*Isa. 60.19

5 e The light shalbe unchangeable and shine forever.

8 \* Chap. 19.10

8 f Now this is the second time that he suffered himself to be carried away with the excellency of the person: which is to admonish us of our infirmity and readiness to fall, except God strengthen us miraculously with his Spirit.

10 g This is not then as the other Prophecies which were commanded to be hide till the time appointed, as in Daniel, 12.4, because that these things should be quickly accomplished, and did now begin.

12 \*Rom. 2.6.

13 \*Isa. 41.3, 44.6, Chap 1.8 and 22.13

their right may be in the <sup>h</sup>tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without *shalbe* dogs and enchanter, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth or maketh <sup>i</sup>lies.

16 I Jesus have sent mine Angel, to testify unto you these things in the Churches: I am the root and the <sup>k</sup>generation of David, and the bright morning <sup>l</sup>star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, <sup>m</sup>Come: & let him that is a <sup>n</sup>thirst, come: and \*let whosoever <sup>o</sup>will, take of the water of life freely.

18 For I protest unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues, that are written in this book.

19 And if any man shall diminish of the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of life, and out of the holy city, and from those things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things, saith. <sup>p</sup>Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so <sup>q</sup>come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all, Amen.

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14 h They shall live eternally with the Son of God.

15 i That maintain false doctrine and delight therein.

16 k That is, a true and natural man and yet God equal with my Father. 16 l For Christ is the light that gives light to everyone that comes into this world.

17 m Let them be afraid of God's terrible judgements, and as soon as they hear the Lamb call, let them come.

17 n He that feels himself oppressed with afflictions, and desires the heavenly graces and comforts.

17 \*Isa. 55.1

17 o That is, when God begins to reform their will by his Spirit.

20 p Seeing the Lord is at hand, we ought to be constant and rejoice, but we must beware we esteem not the length nor shortness of the Lord's coming by our own imagination, 2 Pet. 3.9

20 q This declares the earnest desire that the faithful have to be delivered out of these miseries, and to be joined with their head Christ Jesus.