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# **PREFACE**

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# Introduction to this Translation

## On translating ancient texts

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Translations of the New Testament are plentiful — indeed, the vast majority of translations one can attain nowadays are much more professionally made and have had dozens of people working for hundreds upon hundreds of hours perfecting them. Therefore, it may come as a surprise to some that I — someone who has written what you are about to read in his free-time and who has never “professionally” studied Ancient Greek — would take it upon myself to write my own translation of one of the books of the New Testament.

Thus, in order for you to understand why this particular translation exists and how it differs from other translations, I decided to write this introduction, detailing not only the philosophy behind the manner in which I translate texts, but also the recommended ways of reading my translation.

**Textual basis** As I do not have access to a large amount of funds, I was required to use a textual basis published in the public domain. Thankfully, a substantial amount of editions of the Greek New Testament are now available in the public domain, which means that there is not a shortage of texts to utilise; finding

a digital edition of such a public domain text — that is itself in the public domain — was, however, a slightly more complicated task to accomplish.

As luck would have it, however, a very kind man going by the name of Diego Santos has digitised the 1904 edition of Eberhard Nestle’s *Novum Testamentum Graece* and published it on his website (<https://sites.google.com/site/nestle1904/home>) in the public domain.

Without the tremendous amount of effort he put into the digitisation of Nestle’s 1904 edition, I would not have been able to produce this book. And whilst there have been a great number of revised editions of his work (as of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, the most recent one is NA28, i. e. the 28<sup>th</sup> edition), the changes are minor enough for me to look past them.

**Illustrations** A major part of this translation of the Apocalypse — and one that, I think, sets it apart tremendously from other editions — are the various illustrations that can be found at the end of each chapter of the text. They always relate to the content of the chapter that precedes them and they were carefully chosen by me to be of great aesthetic value.

Great effort went into my research of finding suitable illustrations to make absolutely certain that they can be used freely by me in a commercial product. Should you, however, find herein an image that you feel violates your copyright, please contact me immediately and we will resolve the issue. My contact details can be found at the beginning of the book.

**Cultural issues** Translating texts from another language is never as straight-forward as some people might believe; one cannot simply pick up a dictionary, start translating and expect to have a coherent result thereafter. I have met a number of people

who sincerely believe that they will be able to study a language by solely learning vocabulary and leaving the acquisition of grammatical concepts to “intuition”.

Such approaches are — in my opinion — bound to fail, unless it is one’s goal to part-take in a spelling contest in another language (as some people have, indeed, previously done).

Instead, translating a text requires not only an at least somewhat firm grasp of the language’s grammatical concepts — and how they might be translated properly without distorting their meaning too considerably —, but also an understanding of the source text and the cultural background of the people who speak the language being translated from.

Of the above-mentioned skills, however, only two can be harnessed with relative ease, namely the attaining of a firm understanding of the grammatical concepts of the language and of the text being translated; the latter skill — (somewhat) extensive knowledge of the cultural background of the people who spoke the language — is slightly more difficult.

For, indeed, we are unable to take a time-machine and live with the ancient Greeks — or, in this particular instance, those living at around 200 AD. It is, therefore, much more difficult to get an adequate understanding of the cultural background; yet it is still quite possible to get a decent understanding of it through reading history books and reading original texts from that time.

Another aspect that needs considering is the fact that the general populace is most likely unaware of many of the cultural aspects of the people who lived during the time of the events of the New Testament; it is, therefore, imperative to assume that whoever is reading one’s translation is oblivious to many of the cultural terms used in the text.

The translator must, therefore, consider which terms are to be



explained to the reader and which are not; for explaining every single “strange” term one encounters could lead to the text containing too much of one’s personal opinions and viewpoints.

Personally, I explain terms which a modern reader might be confused by (such as the Ancient Greek word δηνάριον, which is the equivalent of the modern-day penny), but do not generally explain those terms that might leave the “uninitiated” slightly mystified, but which make sense when one knows the basics of the Biblical story.

**Linguistic issues** Despite my having written that the obtaining of a decent understanding of the grammatical concepts of a language is relatively simple, it is, by no means, truly *simple* – indeed, the word “relatively” is of great import in this sentence. This is especially true when it concerns the translating of a text, particularly one that – as you shall see in the chapter hereafter – contains a not insignificant amount of strange linguistic features.

As the translator, I am forced to consider whether to translate what the original author wrote verbatim, or whether to change its meaning in English to abide by the rules of regular English prose. Frequently, I opt to present the reader with the literal translation and an alternative interpretation (in brackets); a matter I will more fully explain in the *How to read this translation* section later on.

Indeed, I try staying as close as I possibly can to the base text, as I do not want to “disturb” the original æsthetics of the prose. Yet, there are times where a literal translation would yield something so bizarre and utterly incomprehensible that a modern English speaker would be greatly mystified by it – and in such instances, I do take the liberty of slightly rephrasing the original sentence, all the while keeping the meaning intact as best I can.

My particular approach to translation is a more literal one; this is especially true – and, in my opinion, important – when it concerns

important documents such as, in this case, a religious text. The wrong translation — or, indeed, interpretation — may lead to an entirely different outcome; and as religious texts are abound in symbolism that is, frequently, open to interpretation, it is my goal to present the reader not with my own, personal world-view, but rather with an undiluted — but still pleasant-to-read — version of the base text in a language he can understand.

Balancing the “pleasant-to-read” aspect of my translation with linguistic accuracy is a rather delicate task, however, and I generally prefer to err on the side of linguistic accuracy. Frequently, John re-uses the same phrases, expressions and words in close proximity, which is a practice frowned upon by most English speakers when reading prose; and even though I often have the ability to choose a slightly different word for the sake of diversity, I choose to, instead, — in the vast majority of instances, at any rate — use the same repetition as John does too.

**How to read the translation** This translation differs substantially from others you might be used to, for it contains a not insignificant amount of notes within parentheses. This approach might be somewhat perplexing to those who are not used to it and I would, therefore, like to explain how to properly read parenthesised text.

Indeed, there are, in actuality, several different types of parenthesised text, all fulfilling slightly different functions. In general, it can, however, be said that the text within parentheses contains my own opinions and interpretations that cannot be found in the base text; and as I do not wish to impose my world-view upon the reader — as mentioned earlier —, these personal viewpoints have been placed in brackets to clearly separate them from the base text.

Should you wish to learn more about the various categories of

notes, I shall herein explain them to you. We will begin by covering the “explanatory type”; this particular category is used to explain strange or unusual text passages or words. An example of this would be the aforementioned “denarius” which is followed by an explanatory parenthesis clarifying its modern-day equivalent meaning (i. e. penny / cent).

Another very frequently-used variety is the “supplementary type”. This particular variety of parenthesised text is used whenever John implies a certain meaning, but does not explicitly write it out; or where an additional phrase makes the sentence sound more natural in English. An example of this can be found in II:4-5, where the addition of “I know” (“[...] and (I know) that you cannot [...]”) clarifies the meaning of the sentence.

The next category of parenthesised text that we shall explore is the “alternative reading type”. Anyone who has ever studied a second language for any length of time will be aware of the fact that words can – depending on context – be translated in a variety of ways. Therefore, whenever I felt that a word or phrase could be translated in a different manner, I add that alternative reading in parentheses behind the word or phrase it is referring to.

Within the alternative reading type, there exists a subset I am unsure what to call – perhaps “uncertain alternative reading type” would be an adequate description. Whenever I suspect there could be a possible alternative reading but I am not entirely certain it actually *could* be an alternative reading, I place the alternative text within parentheses and place a question mark thereafter.

It should now have become evident that there exist a rather large number of notes to be found within parentheses immediately following the sentence, word or expression they are referring to. I have taken great inspiration from, what I would most certainly deem, the most

accurate and simply the best German translation of the Bible — The Mengebibel. For, indeed, that particular translation of the — in this particular instance entire — Bible follows a similar style; and as I have found it to be a great pleasure to read, I decided to write something similar in English.

I highly recommend *always* reading the parenthesised text, as it not only provides the reader with alternative readings and explains terms that might be unknown to him, but it also adds words and phrases that makes the reading much more fluid and pleasant; the translation should, however, be perfectly readable when skipping the parenthesised text, though knowledge of the underlying Greek idioms might be needed in order to properly understand certain passages.

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# Linguistic Peculiarities

## The unusual vernacular of the Apocalypse

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Before we commence delving into the translation of the Apocalypse, I decided it would be of interest to showcase a handful of the key peculiarities of this particular book of the Bible. I will, thus, present to you those linguistic features I found noteworthy and explain the reasons behind my adding them here.

I have been reading the Apocalypse of John — also known simply as Revelation in English — with great eagerness, as its subject matter easily makes it one of the most suspenseful books one can read in the New Testament. It is filled to the brim with colourful



**Figure 1:** The Dragon gives his power to the Beast — Facundus Beatus, 1047 AD

It is filled to the brim with colourful

and intense imagery but also rather strange linguistic phenomena that appear to be rather unique to this particular author. Despite its being the last book of the New Testament, I find it is unparalleled in terms of actual content and makes for a most enjoyable read — its subject matter (i. e. the end of the world) notwithstanding.

I, thus, decided that it would be a rather interesting matter to explore in what manners this book shows its rather odd linguistic phenomena and what their reasons for existing might be. However, as I am, myself, not an expert on either this subject or the Ancient Greek language in general, I felt that it would be prudent to add a short disclaimer here, stating that any of the below-mentioned opinions and observations may turn out to be utterly false. Should I, over the course of the next few weeks, months and years, be corrected, I will amend the pages as needed and promptly publish an updated edition of my book.

Please also note that all the translations of Greek passages you will find below are going to be either taken from the NKJV or YLT unless otherwise stated. Their origin will, nevertheless, be clearly marked within parentheses.

**An unfortunate circumstance** Indeed, his often rather unusual — and, at times, even entirely incorrect — usage of the Greek language and its grammar has lead many people to claim that the his prose is outright bad. I had asked a question on a forum regarding the language used in the Revelation and wanted to know whether it was as bad as so many people are claiming it to be; and I received rather varied replies. This was before I had begun reading it and the only things I had heard about it at the time were complaints regarding its low-quality prose.

Because of this, I had been putting off reading the Apocalypse, as I had been deeming it unworthy of my time to read such a lowly piece

of text — for, truly, what would be the point in reading a text if, at worst, it will simply degrade your Greek? Nevertheless, the fact that it is included in the canon of the New Testament is what finally made me realise that the early Christians must have thought it a text worthy to be included — a judgement that not many other texts have passed. I, thus, set aside my prejudice — the one which I received by reading the very vocal opinions of others online — and simply began reading; and, lo and behold, its grammatical quirks are completely overshadowed by its suspenseful and intriguing subject matter.

Therefore, in addition to the simple desire of explaining and analysing aforesaid quirks, I am writing the following text in the hopes that people might be able to look past its strange and sometimes incorrect composition and see it for what it is: a brilliantly — albeit not eloquently — composed text written by a non-native speaker of the Greek language. And because his personal, linguistic traits have not been (entirely) rewritten by the subsequent copiers of his works in an effort to correct his work, we can, in turn, gain a unique insight into the person who wrote the last book of the New Testament.



**Figure 2:** And I saw a Star fall from Heaven — Henry John Stock, 1902

Indeed, I should begin with a short explanation of aforesaid linguistic phenomena. Ancient Greek, as any language, has a set of rules which govern how the language functions, called grammar. A diversion from said rules will either lead to misunderstanding or no understanding at all; but if aforementioned diversion is one that is not too great, it can, often-times, still be understood by the reader — and the latter is what we find in the Apocalypse of John.

His writing is filled with such peculiarities, all of which fall under one of two (and sometimes both) categories: grammatically incorrect but still understandable; and grammatically correct but not the typical manner in which a native Greek speaker would have written it (though the latter might, by some, also be regarded as technically grammatically incorrect).

Into the former category fall things which are plainly wrong and which the majority of people would regard as such, as, for example, the misuse of grammatical gender. The latter category mainly includes things which were coloured — so to speak — by the author's native Semitic language but which, I would argue, can still be counted as technically grammatically correct.

I am certain that a number of people will disagree with me on this regard — and I encourage them to, especially considering my comparative lack of exposure to Ancient Greek materials —, but I, nonetheless, find this classification of linguistic quirks in the Revelation fitting. And whilst I do believe that a more fine-tuned classification — which takes into consideration more of the minutiae of the prose — would have been possible, I did not believe that such a detailed description of linguistic peculiarities was necessary in a short article such as this one.



**ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος** The extract above showcases one of the strange grammatical features of John’s Revelation. The NKJV of the New Testament renders it as follows: “[...] who is and who was and who is to come [...]”; and, indeed, this is also how I had come to understand this phrase, which occurs numerous times over the course of the book. I find the usage of the present participle somewhat strange, however, and am at a loss as to why ὢν (lit. “being”) was chosen as opposed to the regular ἐστίν (lit. “is”). The participle here is in stark contrast, I find, to the then following imperfective ἦν (lit. “was”).

If I were to guess the reason behind his choosing the participle instead of the actual, conjugated verb — especially considering the fact that the author knew of the existence of the 3rd person singular, present active indicative form of εἶμι (namely ἐστίν) and uses it frequently —, I would postulate that it was chosen to convey the meaning of continuous being.

This is due to the fact that the action described by a present participle is generally contained within the exact same temporal frame as the main verb — and when there is not a main verb which the participle refers to, I find that, frequently, the present participle is used in a similar fashion to that of the English language. This is to say that Greek — in the form used in the Septuagint and the New Testament, at least — frequently uses the present participle to convey something similar to the English continuous or progressive aspects (i. e. the difference in meaning between I run and I am running).

Thus, the sentence could, perhaps, also be translated as “Who is being ...”; though, as stated previously, I am uncertain as to whether or not this assertion is correct, mainly due to my still rather limited knowledge of Greek literature. Nevertheless, I would classify this as a peculiarity rather than a grammatical mistake; if anything, it adds to

the often very colourful language of the Apocalypse.

**ἐδόθη αὐτῷ** Another comparatively unique feature of John’s writing is the frequent usage of a particular form of the divine passive; this appears to be the name given to this particular usage of the Greek passive by a surprisingly large amount of people online. Indeed, simply typing in the words “divine pas ...” into Google will automatically yield the following search suggestion: “divine passive Greek”. There appear to be a good number of various forum and blog posts regarding this particular subject which is, by no means whatsoever, entirely unique to the Apocalypse. Nevertheless, John’s frequent usage of the expression ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ([it was] given to him) — or variants thereof — is most definitely interesting and warrants the taking of a closer look at it.

The divine passive is less of an actual grammatical phenomenon and rather a theological one; its meaning is still that of a passive (“given to him”) but the implied agent — i. e. the person who is the active participant of the passive verb — is God. The Christians of the time — which, most likely, would have still called themselves Jews — were not very keen on using the Lord’s name if they could at all avoid it. This avoidance was so far reaching that the pronunciation of the very-well known Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHWH) gradually became lost over the course of history, simply due to people avoiding to utter it. Thus, instead of referring to the Lord by his proper name Yahweh — which is the modern reconstructed and generally agreed upon pronunciation of his name —, the Jews of the time preferred to refer to Him using either אֲדֹנָי (adonai, My Lord) or אֱלֹהִים (elohim, God(s)).

It should, therefore, not be surprising that when a passive was used whose agent was easily understood as being God Himself, the author did not wish to include His name if it was not, at all, necessary. This particular divine passive — namely ἐδόθη αὐτῷ — enjoys a large

usage in the Revelation and is, I would argue, most frequently used in reference to both items and (supernatural) powers which were given by Him to the various actors of the Apocalypse. The following is a passage from Rev. 9:1: —

**GRC:** Καὶ ὁ πέμπτος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ εἶδον ἀστέρα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ πεπτωκότα εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ἡ κλεῖς τοῦ φρέατος τῆς ἀβύσσου.

**Transliteration:** Kai ho pemptos angelos esalpisen; kai eidon astera ek tou ouranou peptōkota eis tēn gēn, kai edothē autō hē kleis tou phreatos tēs abyssou.

**NKJV:** Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

**YLT:** And the fifth messenger did sound, and I saw a star out of the heaven having fallen to the earth, and there was given to it the key of the pit of the abyss.

The key being given to the being so colourfully represented by a fallen star — namely Satan — was given by an actor that has not been called by name; the key was simply given. Such examples of the aforementioned divine passive are plentiful within in the Apocalypse of John, and his particular affinity for the phrase ἐδόθη αὐτῷ — and its derivatives — is both interesting and unusual; truly, someone not used to the usage of the passive in this way will, undoubtedly, be quite confused.

But, as previously mentioned, this construction is not only used for physical things handed by God to certain people, but even (supernatural) powers or general authorities. An example of this can be found in

Rev. 6:4, where it says that “ἐδόθη αὐτῷ λαβεῖν τὴν εἰρήνην ἐκ τῆς γῆς (edothē autō labein tēn eirēnēn ek tēs gēs)” which can be literally translated as “It was given to him to take the peace from the Earth.” It is, however, plainly obvious that an exchange of physical goods did not take place in this passage; instead, He granted the person riding the horse the power to take the aforementioned peace from Earth.

I personally find this an interesting usage of the passage and a rather creative way of avoiding having to write the Lord’s name.

**Usage of the nominative after a declined word** Another strange feature is his frequent usage of the nominative following a noun declined in a different case. For example, in Rev. 1:5, the following sentence can be found: “καὶ ἀπὸ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὁ μάρτυς ὁ πιστός (kai apo Iēsou Christou, ho martys ho pistos).” Herein, a genitive noun — Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, lit. of Jesus Christ — is followed by another noun and an adjective — both of which refer to aforementioned genitive — declined not in the genitive case, but in the nominative.

Thus, the grammatically correct form of this passage would be “καὶ ἀπὸ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τοῦ μάρτυρος τοῦ πιστοῦ (kai apo Iēsou Christou, tou martyros tou pistou)”, wherein the adjective and noun, following Jesus’ name declined in the genitive, are, too, declined in the genitive case.

Indeed, other languages with grammatical cases and gender, such as German, do the exact same thing, albeit in the dative rather than the genitive in this particular instance: “und von Jesu Christo, dem Zeugen dem treuen [...]” instead of “[...] der Zeuge der treue”. Nevertheless, German could, potentially, render the following noun and adjective in the nominative if the sentence were changed slightly, such as can be found in the Einheitsübersetzung 2016: “und von Jesus Christus; er ist der treue Zeuge”, lit. and from Jesus Christ; he is the loyal witness.

This leads me to believe that this might have been John's intention after all and he simply forgot to – or did not wish to – place the additional words into his sentence which would have rendered the nominative a valid form; though, once more, I cannot be entirely certain.

However, in the beginning of the 19th century, a Greek cleric and educator named Νεόφυτος Βάμβας (Neophytos Vamvas) decided to translate the Bible into the then modern variant of Greek; and, surprisingly, in his translation, the grammatical error is corrected insofar that he actually does add the words necessary to have the words following the genitive form of Jesus Christ be in the nominative: “και από του Ιησού Χριστού, όστις είναι ο μάρτυς ο πιστός (kai από του Ιησού Χριστού, όστις είναι ο μάρτυς ο πιστός)” – his translation can be translated as “and from Jesus Christ, who is the witness, the loyal (one).”

**Inconsistent tense usage** Another quirk of John's prose is his frequent disregard of a consistent usage of the various tenses of the Greek language; indeed, his regular disre-



**Figure 3:** He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years (Rev 20:1) – Gebhard Fugel, 1933

gard of the grammatical rules leads to many rather strange instances, wherein a sentence takes place in various, and oft-contradicting, temporal frames. This is one of the most extraordinary features of John's already extraordinary way of writing, and one that I cannot quite grasp; for why would John — who quite clearly had enough knowledge of the Greek language to know (about) its various tenses and their usage — resort to using tenses in places where they do not belong?

I, personally, highly doubt that these quirks are theologically significant and believe their *raison d'être* to, instead, be an influence from John's native language or his not being used to writing in Greek; perhaps he does know about the various tenses and how to form them, but is not always entirely certain what situations call for which tense. There are some who appear to agree with my point of view and others who believe that John's inconsistent tense usage points to the fact that Greek tenses often prioritise aspect rather than a temporal frame (as is, for example, very well-known and understood in moods other than the indicative).

Whatever the reason for this particular solecism, it often creates confusion and leaves one wondering what an adequate English translation would be — especially one that does not leave the reader of one's own translation equally baffled. Indeed, a sudden jump from the aorist to the present tense may lead to a slight *temporal whiplash* and re-reading might be required to mitigate its effects. Personally, I generally switch between translating them verbatim (i. e. using the simple past for the aorist and then the present for the present) and translating the “mis-tensed” verb using a form that I, personally, think makes sense (Such as the aorist after an aorist) depending on the context.

**Conclusion** To conclude this short introduction to John's peculiar way of writing — and, perhaps, speaking —, we can safely say that, even though his style is most unusual indeed, it rarely leaves one mystified as to the intention of the writer. And whilst he does make frequent grammatical mistakes and writes a lot of things in a rather atypical fashion, I personally find that this is precisely what makes the Apocalypse such an interesting text to read.

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At any rate, however, I hope that you enjoy my translation; and should you find things that could be improved or that need to be correct, I would love to hear from you! You can find my email at the beginning of the book.

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# **APOCALYPSE**



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**CHAPTER I**

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# John on the Isle of Patmos

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**T**HE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants what must soon happen; and He made it known through the sending of His messenger to His servant John, who confirms everything that he saw, namely the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the reader and the people who listen to the words of the prophecy and (blessed is) the one who heeds what is written in it (the prophecy), for the time is near.

(A letter of) John to the seven churches in Asia (Minor): Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who will come; and from the seven spirits which are in front of His throne; and from Jesus Christ — the faithful witness —, the first-born of the dead and ruler of the kings of the Earth.

To the One who loves us and who frees from our sins with His blood; and who made us a kingdom and (made us) priests to His father and God — To Him be the glory and the power into the eternity of eternities. Amen.

Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him,

## Κεφάλαιον Ι

## Ἰωάννης ἐν τῇ Πάτμῳ

**Α**ποκάλυψις Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἣν ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός, δεῖξαι τοῖς δούλοις αὐτοῦ ἃ δεῖ γενέσθαι ἐν τάχει, καὶ ἐσήμανεν ἀποστείλας διὰ τοῦ ἀγγέλου αὐτοῦ, τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ Ἰωάννῃ, ὃς ἐμαρτύρησεν τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὅσα εἶδεν. Μακάριος ὁ ἀναγινώσκων καὶ οἱ ἀκούοντες τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας καὶ τηροῦντες τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ γεγραμμένα· ὁ γὰρ καιρὸς ἐγγύς.

5R

Ἰωάννης ταῖς ἑπτὰ ἐκκλησίαις ταῖς ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ ὃ ὦν καὶ ὃ ἦν καὶ ὃ ἐρχόμενος, καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν ἑπτὰ Πνευμάτων ἃ ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀπὸ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὁ μάρτυς ὁ πιστός, ὁ πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν καὶ ὁ ἄρχων τῶν βασιλέων τῆς γῆς.

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Τῷ ἀγαπῶντι ἡμᾶς καὶ λύσαντι ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ αἵματι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐποίησεν ἡμᾶς βασιλείαν, ἱερεῖς τῷ Θεῷ καὶ Πατρὶ αὐτοῦ, αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν.

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Ἴδου ἔρχεται μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν, καὶ ὄψεται αὐτὸν πᾶς ὀφθαλμὸς

even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the Earth will mourn for Him. Yes, Amen.

20 I am the Alpha and the Omega (the beginning and the end), says the Lord God, who is and who was and who will come; the Almighty.

I — John, your brother and sharer in the suffering and kingdom and endurance in Jesus Christ, was — because of the word of God and the witness of Jesus — on the island called Patmos. I was in spirit  
25 (praying?) on the Day of the Lord and I heard a great voice behind me, like a trumpet, saying, “Write what you see into a scroll and send it to the seven churches, namely to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

And I turned around to see the voice which was speaking with me,  
30 and when I turned around I saw seven golden lamp-stands; and in the midst of the lamp-stands was someone like (who was / looked like?) the Son of Man, clad in a long robe and having wrapped around his chest a golden belt. His head and His hair were white as wool, as white as snow; and His eyes (were) like a flaming flame and his feet were as  
35 (like) brass refined in a furnace; and His voice was like the voice of many waters and He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp, double-edged sword; and His face shines like the Sun in His power.

And when I saw Him, I fell to His feet as if I was dead; and He put  
40 his right hand upon me, saying, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last and the Living One; and I was dead — but behold, I am living into the eternities of eternities and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write, then, what you saw, what is and what will happen thereafter. The mystery of the seven stars which you see upon my right hand and



καὶ οἵτινες αὐτὸν ἐξεκέντησαν, καὶ κόψονται ἐπ' αὐτὸν πᾶσαι αἱ φυλαὶ τῆς γῆς. ναί, ἀμήν.

Ἐγὼ εἶμι τὸ Ἄλφα καὶ τὸ Ὠ, λέγει Κύριος ὁ Θεός, ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ὁ Παντοκράτωρ.

20R

Ἐγὼ Ἰωάννης, ὁ ἀδελφὸς ὑμῶν καὶ συνκοινωνὸς ἐν τῇ θλίψει καὶ βασιλείᾳ καὶ ὑπομονῇ ἐν Ἰησοῦ, ἐγενόμην ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τῇ καλουμένῃ Πάτμῳ διὰ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ. ἐγενόμην ἐν Πνεύματι ἐν τῇ κυριακῇ ἡμέρᾳ, καὶ ἤκουσα ὀπίσω μου φωνὴν μεγάλην ὡς σάλπιγγος λεγούσης Ὁ βλέπεις γράψον εἰς βιβλίον καὶ πέμψον ταῖς ἑπτὰ ἐκκλησίαις, εἰς Ἐφεσον καὶ εἰς Σμύρναν καὶ εἰς Πέργαμον καὶ εἰς Θυάτειρα καὶ εἰς Σάρδεις καὶ εἰς Φιλαδελφίαν καὶ εἰς Λαοδικίαν.

25R

Καὶ ἐπέστρεψα βλέπειν τὴν φωνὴν ἣτις ἐλάλει μετ' ἐμοῦ· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας εἶδον ἑπτὰ λυχνίας χρυσᾶς, καὶ ἐν μέσῳ τῶν λυχνιῶν ὅμοιον υἱὸν ἀνθρώπου, ἐνδεδυμένον ποδήρη καὶ περιεζωσμένον πρὸς τοῖς μαστοῖς ζώνην χρυσᾶν· ἡ δὲ κεφαλὴ αὐτοῦ καὶ αἱ τρίχες λευκαὶ ὡς ἔριον λευκόν ὡς χιών, καὶ οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ αὐτοῦ ὡς φλόξ πυρός, καὶ οἱ πόδες αὐτοῦ ὅμοιοι χαλκολιβάνῳ ὡς ἐν καμίνῳ πεπυρωμένης, καὶ ἡ φωνὴ αὐτοῦ ὡς φωνὴ ὑδάτων πολλῶν, καὶ ἔχων ἐν τῇ δεξιᾷ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ ἀστέρας ἑπτὰ, καὶ ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ ῥομφαία δίστομος ὀξεῖα ἐκπορευομένη, καὶ ἡ ὄψις αὐτοῦ ὡς ὁ ἥλιος φαίνει ἐν τῇ δυνάμει αὐτοῦ.

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Καὶ ὅτε εἶδον αὐτόν, ἔπεσα πρὸς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ ὡς νεκρός· καὶ ἔθηκεν τὴν δεξιὰν αὐτοῦ ἐπ' ἐμὲ λέγων Μὴ φοβοῦ· ἐγὼ εἶμι ὁ πρῶτος καὶ ὁ ἔσχατος καὶ ὁ Ζῶν, καὶ ἐγενόμην νεκρὸς καὶ ἰδοὺ ζῶν εἶμι εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, καὶ ἔχω τὰς κλεῖς τοῦ θανάτου καὶ τοῦ Ἄιδου. γράψον οὖν ἃ εἶδες καὶ ἃ εἰσὶν καὶ ἃ μέλλει γενέσθαι μετὰ ταῦτα. τὸ μυστήριον τῶν ἑπτὰ ἀστέρων οὐς εἶδες ἐπὶ τῆς δεξιᾶς μου,

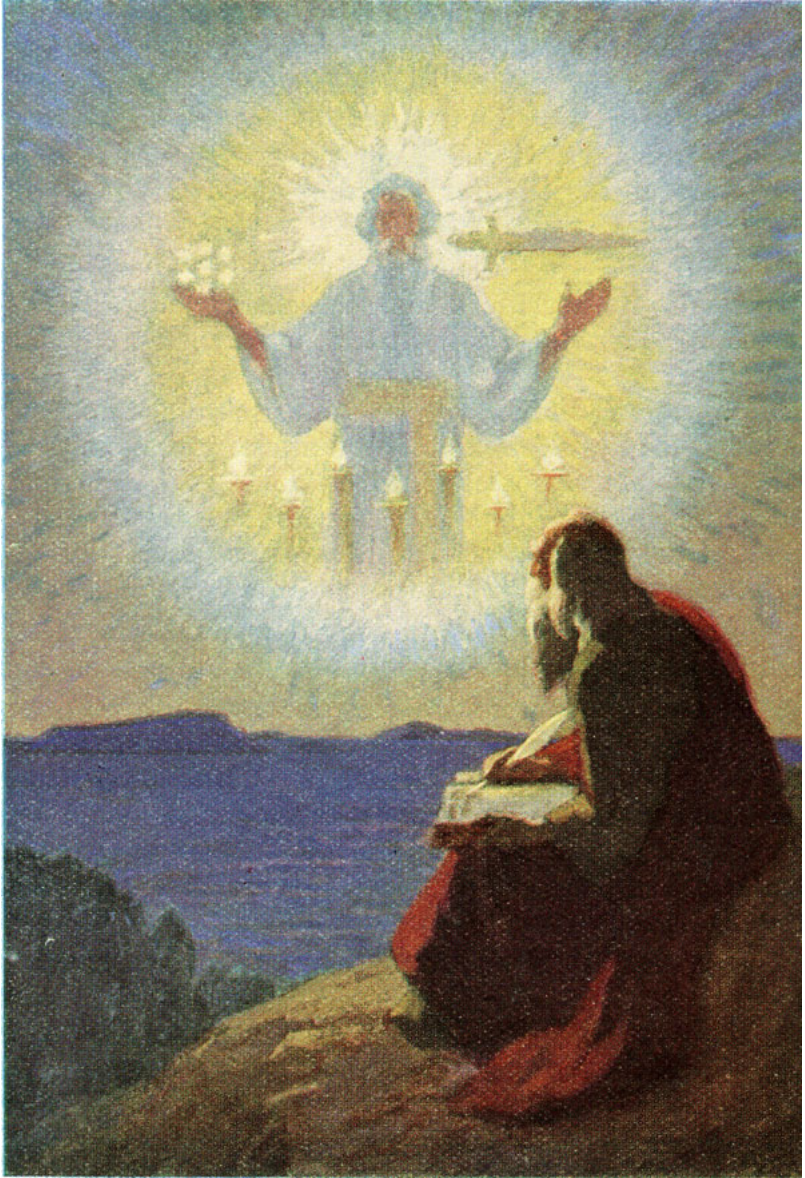
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- 45 the seven golden lamp-stands (is the following): The seven stars are messengers of the seven churches and the seven lamp-stands are the seven churches.

καὶ τὰς ἑπτὰ λυχνίας τὰς χρυσᾶς· οἱ ἑπτὰ ἀστέρες ἄγγελοι τῶν ἑπτὰ 45R  
ἐκκλησιῶν εἰσίν, καὶ αἱ λυχνίαι αἱ ἑπτὰ ἑπτὰ ἐκκλησίαι εἰσίν.

*“[...] and when I turned around I saw seven golden lamp-stands; and in the midst of the lamp-stands was someone like the Son of Man.”*

“MENSCHENSOHN” — GEBHARD FUGEL, 1933



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**CHAPTER II**

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## Letters to the Churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum and Thyatira


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**T**o the messenger of the church in Ephesus write (the following): “This is what the One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks amid the seven golden lamp-stands says, ‘I know your works (deeds), your exertion and your patient endurance; and (I know) that you cannot tolerate those who are bad and (I know) that you tested those who claim to be apostles – but are not – and found them to be false. And you have patient endurance and have endured because of (through) my name and you have not grown weary.’

10     ‘But what I have against you, is that you left your first love. Remember, then, from where you have fallen and repent (have a change of heart) and do the first works (deeds). If you do not, I will come to you and I will remove your lamp-stand from its place – unless you

Κεφάλαιον Β

Αἱ ἐπιστολαὶ ταῖς ἐν Ἐφέσῳ,  
Σμύρνη, Περγάμῳ καὶ  
Θυατείροις ἐκκλησίαις

 ὦ ἀγγέλω τῆς ἐν Ἐφέσῳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον Τάδε λέγει ὁ  
κρατῶν τοὺς ἑπτὰ ἀστέρας ἐν τῇ δεξιᾷ αὐτοῦ, ὁ περιπατῶν  
ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἑπτὰ λυχνιῶν τῶν χρυσῶν Οἶδα τὰ ἔργα σου  
καὶ τὸν κόπον καὶ τὴν ὑπομονὴν σου, καὶ ὅτι οὐ δύνη βαστάσαι  
κακοὺς, καὶ ἐπίρασας τοὺς λέγοντας ἑαυτοὺς ἀποστόλους καὶ οὐκ  
εἰσίν, καὶ εὔρες αὐτοὺς ψευδεῖς· καὶ ὑπομονὴν ἔχεις, καὶ ἐβάστασας  
διὰ τὸ ὄνομά μου, καὶ οὐ κεκοπίακες.

5R

ἀλλὰ ἔχω κατὰ σοῦ ὅτι τὴν ἀγάπην σου τὴν πρώτην ἀφήκες.  
μνημόνευε οὖν πόθεν πέπτωκες, καὶ μετανόησον καὶ τὰ πρῶτα ἔργα  
ποίησον· εἰ δὲ μή, ἔρχομαί σοι καὶ κινήσω τὴν λυχνίαν σου ἐκ τοῦ  
τόπου αὐτῆς, ἐὰν μὴ μετανόησῃς.

10R

repent.’

15 ‘But what is in your favour, is that you hate the works (deeds) of the Nicolaitans, which I hate as well. Let him who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the seven churches. I will give something to eat from the Tree of Live – the one in the paradise of God – to him who is victorious.’”

20 And to the messenger of the church in Smyrna write (the following): “This is what the First and the Last, the one who died and lived (again), says, ‘I know your suffering and your poverty – even though you are rich – and the slander from those who claim themselves to be Jews – but are not – and are, instead, a synagogue of Satan. Do not be  
25 afraid of what you will suffer. Look, the Devil will throw some of you into prison in order for you to be put to the test; and you will have (to endure) suffering for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let him who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. The victor will not be hurt by the second death.’”

30 And to the messenger of the church in Pergamum write (the following): “This is what the One who has the sharp, double-edged sword says, ‘I know where you live – namely there, where Satan’s throne lies – and (I know that) you hold onto my name; and you did not deny your belief in me, (not) even in the days of Antipas – my faithful  
35 witness –, who was killed whilst he was with you – there, where Satan dwells.

‘But I have a few things against you. Namely that you have there those who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block before the children of Israel, so that they commit  
40 sexual immorality and eat meals offered to idols. You also have those holding to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore, repent. If not, I



ἀλλὰ τοῦτο ἔχεις, ὅτι μισεῖς τὰ ἔργα τῶν Νικολαϊτῶν, ἃ καὶ γὰρ  
μισῶ. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις.  
Τῷ νικῶντι δώσω αὐτῷ φαγεῖν ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου τῆς ζωῆς, ὃ ἐστὶν ἐν τῷ  
Παραδείσῳ τοῦ Θεοῦ.

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Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Σμύρνῃ ἐκκλησίας γράψον Τάδε λέγει ὁ  
πρῶτος καὶ ὁ ἔσχατος, ὃς ἐγένετο νεκρὸς καὶ ἔζησεν Οἶδά σου τὴν  
θλίψιν καὶ τὴν πτωχείαν, ἀλλὰ πλούσιος εἶ, καὶ τὴν βλασφημίαν ἐκ  
τῶν λεγόντων Ἰουδαίους εἶναι ἐαυτοῦς, καὶ οὐκ εἰσὶν ἀλλὰ συναγωγή  
τοῦ Σατανᾶ. μὴ φοβοῦ ἃ μέλλεις πάσχειν. ἰδοὺ μέλλει βάλλειν ὁ διά-  
βολος ἐξ ὑμῶν εἰς φυλακὴν ἵνα πειρασθῆτε, καὶ ἔξετε θλίψιν ἡμερῶν  
δέκα. γίνου πιστὸς ἄχρι θανάτου, καὶ δώσω σοι τὸν στέφανον τῆς  
ζωῆς. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις. Ὁ  
νικῶν οὐ μὴ ἀδικηθῆ ἐκ τοῦ θανάτου τοῦ δευτέρου.

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Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Περγάμῳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον Τάδε λέγει ὁ  
ἔχων τὴν ῥομφαίαν τὴν δίστομον τὴν ὀξεῖαν Οἶδα ποῦ κατοικεῖς· ὅπου  
ὁ θρόνος τοῦ Σατανᾶ· καὶ κρατεῖς τὸ ὄνομά μου, καὶ οὐκ ἠρνήσω τὴν  
πίστιν μου καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις Ἀντιπᾶς ὁ μάρτυς μου ὁ πιστὸς μου,  
ὃς ἀπεκτάνθη παρ' ὑμῖν, ὅπου ὁ Σατανᾶς κατοικεῖ.

25R

ἀλλ' ἔχω κατὰ σοῦ ὀλίγα, ὅτι ἔχεις ἐκεῖ κρατοῦντας τὴν διδαχὴν  
Βαλαάμ, ὃς ἐδίδασκεν τῷ Βαλὰκ βαλεῖν σκάνδαλον ἐνώπιον τῶν  
υἱῶν Ἰσραὴλ, φαγεῖν εἰδωλόθυτα καὶ πορνεῦσαι. οὕτως ἔχεις καὶ σὺ  
κρατοῦντας τὴν διδαχὴν τῶν Νικολαϊτῶν ὁμοίως. μετανόησον οὖν· εἰ  
δὲ μή, ἔρχομαί σοι ταχύ καὶ πολεμήσω μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῇ ῥομφαίᾳ τοῦ

30R

will come to you swiftly and fight them with the sword of my mouth. Let him who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. The victor I will give (something to eat) of the hidden manna and I  
45 will give him a white stone; and upon the stone is written a new name, which nobody — except the one who took the stone — knows.”

And to the messenger of the church in Thyatira write (the following): This is what the Son of God says, who has eyes like a flame of fire and his feet are like brass, ‘I know your works (deeds), your love,  
50 your faith, your service, your patient endurance and (that) your last works are greater than the first.

But what I have against you is that you tolerate the woman Isabel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and misleads my servants so that they commit sexual immorality and meals offered to idols. And  
55 I gave her time to repent and (yet) she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality.

Look, I throw her into bed and those who commit adultery with her into great suffering, unless they repent of her deeds. And her children I will kill in death (I will slay them) and every church will  
60 know that I am the searcher of thoughts and (of) hearts and I will give to you each according to your deeds. And to you — the remaining (people) of Thyatira, who do not follow (have) this teaching and who did not, as they say, know the deep secrets of Satan — I say, that I will will not throw another burden upon you; hold fast to what you have  
65 until I may come. And to the victor and to the one who honours my deeds until the end, I will give (him the) authority over the nations; and he will rule them with an iron rod, and they will be shattered like clay dishes. As I have received from my Father, I, too, will give him (the victor) the Morning Star. Let him who has ears listen to what the

στόματός μου. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς ἐκκλη- 35R  
σίαις. Τῷ νικῶντι δώσω αὐτῷ τοῦ μάννα τοῦ κεκρυμμένου, καὶ δώσω  
αὐτῷ ψῆφον λευκὴν, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ψῆφον ὄνομα καινὸν γεγραμμένον, ὃ  
οὐδεὶς οἶδεν εἰ μὴ ὁ λαμβάνων.

Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Θυατείροις ἐκκλησίας γράψον Τάδε λέγει ὁ 40R  
Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἔχων τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ ὡς φλόγα πυρός, καὶ οἱ  
πόδες αὐτοῦ ὅμοιοι χαλκολιβάνῳ Οἶδά σου τὰ ἔργα καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην  
καὶ τὴν πίστιν καὶ τὴν διακονίαν καὶ τὴν ὑπομονὴν σου, καὶ τὰ ἔργα  
σου τὰ ἔσχατα πλείονα τῶν πρώτων.

ἀλλὰ ἔχω κατὰ σοῦ ὅτι ἀφείς τὴν γυναῖκα Ἰεζάβελ, ἡ λέγουσα 45R  
ἐαυτὴν προφητιν, καὶ διδάσκει καὶ πλανᾷ τοὺς ἐμοὺς δούλους πορνεῦ-  
σαι καὶ φαγεῖν εἰδωλόθυτα· καὶ ἔδωκα αὐτῇ χρόνον ἵνα μετανοήσῃ,  
καὶ οὐ θέλει μετανοῆσαι ἐκ τῆς πορνείας αὐτῆς.

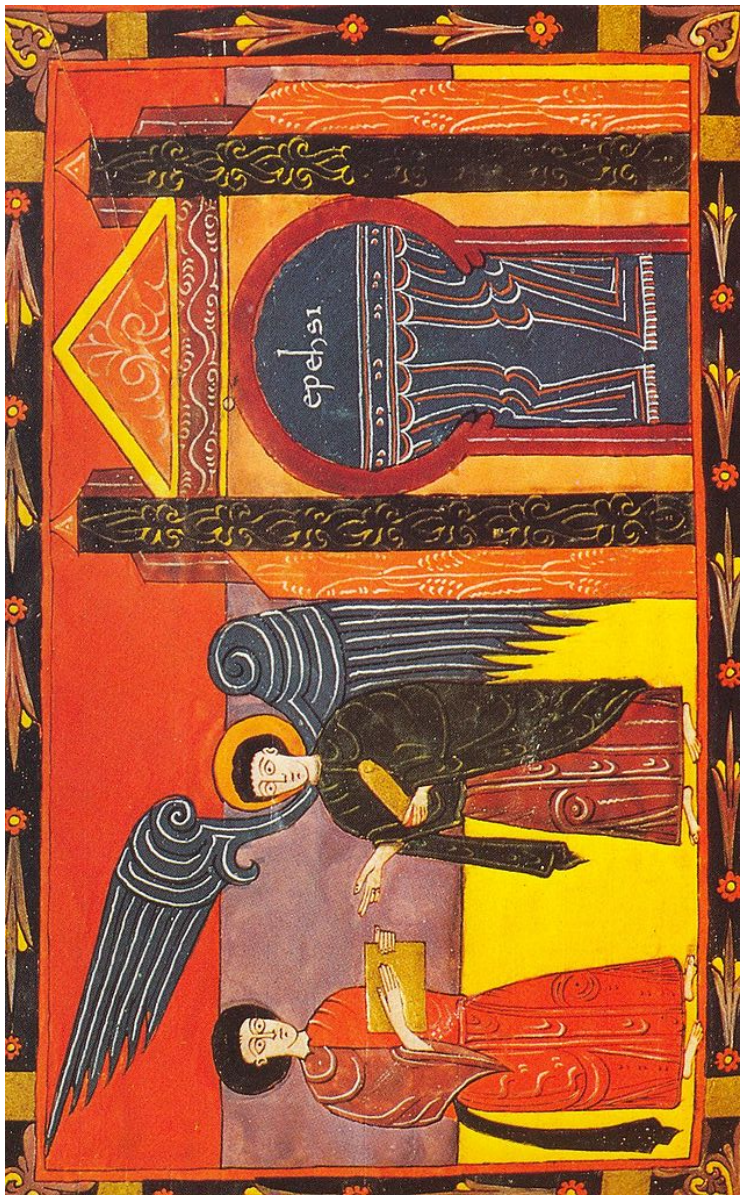
ἰδοὺ βάλλω αὐτὴν εἰς κλίνην, καὶ τοὺς μοιχεύοντας μετ' αὐτῆς εἰς  
θλίψιν μεγάλην, ἐὰν μὴ μετανοήσουσιν ἐκ τῶν ἔργων αὐτῆς· καὶ τὰ 50R  
τέκνα αὐτῆς ἀποκτενῶ ἐν θανάτῳ· καὶ γνώσονται πᾶσαι αἱ ἐκκλησῖαι  
ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ ἔραυνῶν νεφροὺς καὶ καρδίας, καὶ δώσω ὑμῖν ἐκάστῳ  
κατὰ τὰ ἔργα ὑμῶν. ὑμῖν δὲ λέγω τοῖς λοιποῖς τοῖς ἐν Θυατείροις,  
ὅσοι οὐκ ἔχουσιν τὴν διδαχὴν ταύτην, οἵτινες οὐκ ἔγνωσαν τὰ βαθέα  
τοῦ Σατανᾶ, ὡς λέγουσιν, οὐ βάλλω ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἄλλο βάρος· πλὴν ὃ 55R  
ἔχετε κρατήσατε ἄχρι οὗ ἂν ἤξω. Καὶ ὁ νικῶν καὶ ὁ τηρῶν ἄχρι  
τέλους τὰ ἔργα μου, δώσω αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν ἐπὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν, καὶ ποιμανεῖ  
αὐτοὺς ἐν ῥάβδῳ σιδηρᾶ, ὡς τὰ σκευὴ τὰ κεραμικὰ συντριβεται, ὡς  
κἀγὼ εἴληφα παρὰ τοῦ Πατρὸς μου, καὶ δώσω αὐτῷ τὸν ἀστέρα τὸν  
πρωῖνόν. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις.

70 Spirit says to the seven churches.”



*“To the messenger of the church in  
Ephesus write (the following) [...]”*

THE ANGEL GIVES JOHN THE LETTER FOR THE  
CHURCH OF EPHESUS — 1047, FACUNDUS



## CHAPTER III

# Letters to the Churches in Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea

**A**ND to the messenger of the church in Sardis write (the following): “This is what the One who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says, ‘I know your deeds and that you have a name and that you live, even though you are dead (yet you are dead). Be(come) watchful (awake) and strengthen the remaining (things) (, namely those) which are about to die; for I have not found your works to be completed before my God. Remember, then, how you have received and heard; follow the commandments and repent. If you are not alert, I will come like a thief; and you may not know at what time I will come to you.

But you have in Sardis a few (people) who did not defile their clothes, and they will walk (around) with me (clad) in white (garments), for they are worthy. The victor will, thus, be dressed in white garments



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Κεφάλαιον III

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## Αἱ ἐπιστολαὶ ταῖς ἐν Σάρδεσιν, Φιλαδελφείᾳ καὶ Λαοδικείᾳ ἐκκλησίαις

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**Κ**αὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Σάρδεσιν ἐκκλησίας γράψον· Τάδε λέγει ὁ ἔχων τὰ ἑπτὰ Πνεύματα τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοὺς ἑπτὰ ἀστέρας· Οἶδά σου τὰ ἔργα, ὅτι ὄνομα ἔχεις ὅτι ζῆς, καὶ νεκρὸς εἶ· γίνου γρηγορῶν, καὶ στήρισον τὰ λοιπὰ ἃ ἔμελλον ἀποθανεῖν· οὐ γὰρ εὗρηκά σου ἔργα πεπληρωμένα ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ μου· μνημόνευε οὖν πῶς εἴληφας καὶ ἤκουσας, καὶ τήρει καὶ μετανόησον. ἔάν οὖν μὴ γρηγορήσης, ἦξω ὡς κλέπτῃς, καὶ οὐ μὴ γνῶς ποίαν ὥραν ἦξω ἐπὶ σέ.

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ἀλλὰ ἔχεις ὀλίγα ὀνόματα ἐν Σάρδεσιν ἃ οὐκ ἐμόλυναν τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτῶν, καὶ περιπατήσουσιν μετ' ἐμοῦ ἐν λευκοῖς, ὅτι ἄξιοί εἰσιν. Ὁ νικῶν οὕτως περιβαλεῖται ἐν ἱματίοις λευκοῖς, καὶ οὐ μὴ ἐξαλείψω τὸ

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and I will never wipe away his name from the Book of Life and I will  
15 confess to his name before my Father and His messengers. Let him  
who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.”

And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write (the  
following): “This is what the the Holy One, the True One, He who has  
David’s key which opens things nobody can close and which closes  
20 things nobody can open says, ‘I know your deeds; and look, I have  
placed before you an open door which nobody is able to close; for you  
have little power and you obeyed my word and did not deny my name.  
Look, I will give to you some of those belonging to the Synagogue of  
Satan who claim to be Jews – but who are not and are, instead, false  
25 (liars) – and I will make it so that they will come to you; and they will  
bow before your feet and know that I loved you. Because you kept  
the word of my patient endurance, so I, too, will keep you from the  
Hour of the Trial, which is about to come upon the entire World to  
test its inhabitants. I will come soon. Hold fast to what you have, so  
30 that nobody may take your crown. I will make (for) the victor a pillar  
in the temple of my God and he may never leave again. And I will  
write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my  
God; (namely the name) of the New Jerusalem which is coming out  
of Heaven from my God – and my new name. Let him who has ears  
35 listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

And to the messenger of the church in Laodicea write (the follow-  
ing): “This is what the Amen, the faithful and true witness and the  
beginning of the Judgement of God says, ‘I know your works (and) that  
you are neither cold nor hot. If only (I wish) you could be either hot or  
40 cold. Therefore, since you are only lukewarm and neither hot or cold,  
I will spit you out of my mouth. Because you say, “I am rich and have

ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐκ τῆς βίβλου τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ὁμολογήσω τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Πατρός μου καὶ ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀγγέλων αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις.

Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Φιλαδελφίᾳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον Τάδε λέγει ὁ ἅγιος, ὁ ἀληθινός, ὁ ἔχων τὴν κλεῖν Δαυεὶδ, ὁ ἀνοίγων καὶ οὐδεις κλείσει, καὶ κλείων καὶ οὐδεις ἀνοίγει Οἶδά σου τὰ ἔργα· ἰδοὺ δέδωκα ἐνώπιόν σου θύραν ἠνεωγμένην, ἣν οὐδεις δύναται κλείσαι αὐτήν· ὅτι μικρὰν ἔχεις δύναμιν, καὶ ἐτήρησάς μου τὸν λόγον καὶ οὐκ ἠρνήσω τὸ ὄνομά μου. ἰδοὺ διδῶ ἐκ τῆς συναγωγῆς τοῦ Σατανᾶ, τῶν λεγόντων ἑαυτοὺς Ἰουδαίους εἶναι, καὶ οὐκ εἰσὶν ἀλλὰ ψεύδονται· ἰδοὺ ποιήσω αὐτοὺς ἵνα ἤξουσιν καὶ προσκυνήσουσιν ἐνώπιον τῶν ποδῶν σου, καὶ γνῶσιν ὅτι ἐγὼ ἠγάπησά σε. ὅτι ἐτήρησας τὸν λόγον τῆς ὑπομονῆς μου, κἀγὼ σε τηρήσω ἐκ τῆς ὥρας τοῦ πειρασμοῦ τῆς μελλούσης ἔρχεσθαι ἐπὶ τῆς οἰκουμένης ὅλης, πειράσαι τοὺς κατοικοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. ἔρχομαι ταχύ· κράτει ὃ ἔχεις, ἵνα μηδεις λάβῃ τὸν στέφανόν σου. Ὁ νικῶν, ποιήσω αὐτὸν στῦλον ἐν τῷ ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ μου, καὶ ἔξω οὐ μὴ ἐξέλθῃ ἔτι, καὶ γράψω ἐπ' αὐτὸν τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Θεοῦ μου καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τῆς πόλεως τοῦ Θεοῦ μου, τῆς καινῆς Ἰερουσαλήμ ἣ καταβαίνουσα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ μου, καὶ τὸ ὄνομά μου τὸ καινόν. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις.

Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Λαοδικίᾳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον Τάδε λέγει ὁ Ἄμην, ὁ μάρτυς ὁ πιστὸς καὶ ἀληθινός, ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς κτίσεως τοῦ Θεοῦ Οἶδά σου τὰ ἔργα, ὅτι οὔτε ψυχρὸς εἶ οὔτε ζεστός. ὄφελον ψυχρὸς ἢς ἢ ζεστός. οὕτως, ὅτι χλιαρὸς εἶ, καὶ οὔτε ζεστός οὔτε ψυχρὸς, μέλλω σε ἐμέσαι ἐκ τοῦ στόματός μου. ὅτι λέγεις ὅτι Πλούσιός εἰμι καὶ πεπλούτηκα καὶ οὐδὲν χρειαν ἔχω, καὶ οὐκ οἶδας ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ ταλαίπωρος

prospered and I do not have any need (anymore).” And (since) you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked, I advise you to buy gold refined in fire from me so that you may become rich and wear white  
45 garments and (so that) the shame of your nakedness is not revealed; and so that eye cream is rubbed onto your eyes, so that you may see. Whomever I love, I correct and teach. Be earnest, then, and repent. Look, I have stood before your door and knocked; (and) if someone opens the door I will come into his place and I will eat with him and he  
50 (will eat) with me. I will allow the victor to sit with me upon my throne, as I, too, was victorious and sat with my Father upon His throne. Let him who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.”

καὶ ἔλεινός καὶ πτωχός καὶ τυφλός καὶ γυμνός, συμβουλεύ σοι ἀγο-  
ράσαι παρ' ἐμοῦ χρυσίον πεπυρωμένον ἐκ πυρός ἵνα πλουτήσης, καὶ  
ἱμάτια λευκὰ ἵνα περιβάλῃ καὶ μὴ φανερωθῇ ἡ αἰσχύνῃ τῆς γυμνότη- 40R  
τός σου, καὶ κολλούριον ἐγγρῖσαι τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς σου ἵνα βλέπῃς.  
ἐγὼ ὅσους ἐὰν φιλῶ ἐλέγχω καὶ παιδεύω· ζήλευε οὖν καὶ μετανόησον.  
Ἴδου ἔστηκα ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν καὶ κρούω· ἐὰν τις ἀκούσῃ τῆς φωνῆς μου  
καὶ ἀνοίξῃ τὴν θύραν, εἰσελεύσομαι πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ δειπνήσω μετ'  
αὐτοῦ καὶ αὐτὸς μετ' ἐμοῦ. Ὁ νικῶν δώσω αὐτῷ καθίσει μετ' ἐμοῦ ἐν  
τῷ θρόνῳ μου, ὡς κἀγὼ ἐνίκησα καὶ ἐκάθισα μετὰ τοῦ Πατρὸς μου 45R  
ἐν τῷ θρόνῳ αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς  
ἐκκλησίαις.

*“Look, I have stood before your door  
and knocked; (and) if someone opens  
the door I will come into his place  
[...].”*

“CHRISTUS ALS GAST” — CARL RAHL, ≈1865



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**CHAPTER IV**

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# The Almighty Sitting upon His Throne


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**A**FTER this I saw — and look! — a door having been opened in Heaven and the first voice I heard — (which spoke) like a trumpet — was speaking to me, saying, “Come up here and I will show you what must happen hereafter. Immediately I was in  
5 Spirit, and look! A throne (chair) placed within Heaven and someone was sitting on it; and He who was sitting on it was in appearance like a jasper and carnelian stone and a rainbow was around the throne, which looked as if it was made out of emeralds. And around the throne were (another) twenty-four thrones and upon those thrones were sitting  
10 twenty-four elders, (all) clad in white garments and upon their heads were golden crowns. And from the throne (there) came forth (bolts of) lightning, voices and thunder; and (there were) seven flaming torches burning before the throne which were the seven Spirits of God; and (the region) before the throne (was) as the Sea made of glass, like a  
15 crystal.



## Κεφάλαιον IV

# Ὁ παντοκράτωρ ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου αὐτοῦ


 ετὰ ταῦτα εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ θύρα ἠνεωγμένη ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἡ φωνὴ ἡ πρώτη ἦν ἠκούσα ὡς σάλπιγγος λαλοῦσης μετ' ἐμοῦ, λέγων Ἀνάβα ὧδε, καὶ δείξω σοι ἃ δεῖ γενέσθαι μετὰ ταῦτα. εὐθέως ἐγενόμην ἐν Πνεύματι· καὶ ἰδοὺ θρόνος ἔκειτο ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν θρόνον καθήμενος, καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ὅμοιος ὀράσει λίθῳ ἰάσπιδι καὶ σαρδίῳ, καὶ ἶρις κυκλόθεν τοῦ θρόνου ὅμοιος ὀράσει σμαραγδίνῳ. καὶ κυκλόθεν τοῦ θρόνου θρόνους εἴκοσι τέσσαρας, καὶ ἐπὶ τοὺς θρόνους εἴκοσι τέσσαρας πρεσβυτέρους καθημένους περιβεβλημένους ἐν ἱματίοις λευκοῖς, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτῶν στεφάνους χρυσοῦς. καὶ ἐκ τοῦ θρόνου ἐκπορεύονται ἄστραπαὶ καὶ φωναὶ καὶ βρονταί· καὶ ἑπτὰ λαμπάδες πυρὸς καιόμεναι ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου, ἃ εἰσὶν τὰ ἑπτὰ Πνεύματα τοῦ Θεοῦ· καὶ ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου ὡς θάλασσα ὑαλίνη ὁμοία κρυστάλλῳ.

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And in the middle of the throne and around the throne (there were) four living creatures, covered with eyes from back to front. And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature was like a bull and the third creature had the head of a human, and the fourth creature  
20 was like a flying eagle. And the four creatures each had six wings (which) were filled with eyes around and within. And without a break – day and night – they were saying, “Holy, holy, holy (is the) Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and who will come.”

Whenever the creatures give glory, honour and thanks to Him who  
25 sits upon the throne – He who will live into the eternity of eternities –, the twenty-four elders fall before the One sitting upon the throne and worship Him who lives into the eternity of eternities. And they throw their crowns before the throne, saying, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, of taking the glory, honour and power, for You created  
30 (the) everything; and through Your wish we were and were created.”

καὶ ἐν μέσῳ τοῦ θρόνου καὶ κύκλῳ τοῦ θρόνου τέσσερα ζῶα γέ-  
 μοντα ὀφθαλμῶν ἔμπροσθεν καὶ ὀπισθεν. καὶ τὸ ζῶον τὸ πρῶτον 15R  
 ὅμοιον λέοντι, καὶ τὸ δεύτερον ζῶον ὅμοιον μόσχῳ, καὶ τὸ τρίτον ζῶον  
 ἔχων τὸ πρόσωπον ὡς ἀνθρώπου, καὶ τὸ τέταρτον ζῶον ὅμοιον ἀετῶ  
 πετομένῳ. καὶ τὰ τέσσερα ζῶα, ἐν καθ' ἐν αὐτῶν ἔχων ἀνά πτέρυγας  
 ἕξ, κυκλόθεν καὶ ἔσωθεν γέμουσιν ὀφθαλμῶν· καὶ ἀνάπαυσιν οὐκ  
 ἔχουσιν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτὸς λέγοντες Ἅγιος ἅγιος ἅγιος Κύριος ὁ Θεός 20R  
 ὁ Παντοκράτωρ, ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος.

Καὶ ὅταν δώσουσιν τὰ ζῶα δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν καὶ εὐχαριστίαν τῷ  
 καθημένῳ ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνῳ τῷ ζῶντι εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, πεσοῦν-  
 ται οἱ εἴκοσι τέσσαρες πρεσβύτεροι ἐνώπιον τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ  
 θρόνου, καὶ προσκυνήσουσιν τῷ ζῶντι εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, 25R  
 καὶ βαλοῦσιν τοὺς στεφάνους αὐτῶν ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου, λέγοντες  
 Ἄξιος εἶ, ὁ Κύριος καὶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, λαβεῖν τὴν δόξαν καὶ τὴν τιμὴν  
 καὶ τὴν δύναμιν, ὅτι σὺ ἔκτισας τὰ πάντα, καὶ διὰ τὸ θέλημά σου  
 ἦσαν καὶ ἐκτίσθησαν.

*“[...] A throne (chair) placed within  
Heaven and someone was sitting on  
it [...]”*

“ГОСПОДЬ ВСЕДЕРЖИТЕЛЬ” — NIKOLAY  
KOSHELEV, 1874



## CHAPTER V

## The Sealed Book

**A**ND I saw a (little) book upon the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne — (and things were) written within (it) and on its back (behind it) — (and it was) sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel, announcing (preaching) in a great voice, “Who is worthy of opening the book and removing its seals?” And nobody was able to open the book — nor look at it —, neither in Heaven (the sky), nor upon the Earth, nor below the Earth. And I cried vehemently, as nobody was found worthy of either opening or looking at the book.

10 And one of the elders says to me saying, “Do not cry. Look, the Lion of the people of Juda — the Root of David — was victorious in opening the book and tearing off its seals. And I saw a Lamb standing as if slain (and) having seven heads and seven eyes — which are the seven Spirits of God, sent into the entire Earth — in the middle of the throne and (in the midst of) the four creatures and among the elders.  
15 And it came (forth) and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne.

## Κεφάλαιον V

## Τὸ βιβλίον κατεσφραγισμένον

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον ἐπὶ τὴν δεξιὰν τοῦ καθήμενου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου βιβλίον γεγραμμένον ἔσωθεν καὶ ὀπισθεν, κατεσφραγισμένον σφραγῖσιν ἑπτὰ. καὶ εἶδον ἄγγελον ἰσχυρὸν κηρῦσσοντα ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλη· Τίς ἄξιός ἀνοίξει τὸ βιβλίον καὶ λῦσαι τὰς σφραγίδας αὐτοῦ; καὶ οὐδείς ἐδύνατο ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ οὐδὲ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς οὐδὲ ὑποκάτω τῆς γῆς ἀνοίξει τὸ βιβλίον οὔτε βλέπειν αὐτό. καὶ ἔκλαιον πολὺ, ὅτι οὐδείς ἄξιός εὐρέθη ἀνοίξει τὸ βιβλίον οὔτε βλέπειν αὐτό.

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καὶ εἷς ἐκ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων λέγει μοι· Μὴ κλαίει· ἰδοὺ ἐνίκησεν ὁ Λέων ὁ ἐκ τῆς φυλῆς Ἰούδα, ἡ Ῥίζα Δαυεὶδ, ἀνοίξει τὸ βιβλίον καὶ τὰς ἑπτὰ σφραγίδας αὐτοῦ. Καὶ εἶδον ἐν μέσῳ τοῦ θρόνου καὶ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων καὶ ἐν μέσῳ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων Ἄρνιον ἐστηκὸς ὡς ἐσφαγμένον, ἔχων κέρατα ἑπτὰ καὶ ὀφθαλμοὺς ἑπτὰ, οἳ εἰσιν τὰ ἑπτὰ Πνεύματα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀπεσταλμένοι εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν. καὶ ἦλθεν καὶ εἴληφεν ἐκ τῆς δεξιᾶς τοῦ καθήμενου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου.

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And once he took the book, the four creatures and the twenty-four elders fell (to their knees) before the Lamb, each having a guitar and golden vials filled with incense which are the prayers of the holy. And they sing a new song, saying “You are worthy of taking the book and opening its seals, since You were slain and purchased for God with Your blood (some people) from every tribe and tongue and people and nation; and You have made them (to be) a kingdom and priests for our God and they shall rule upon the Earth.

And I saw and I heard the voice(s) of many angels around the throne and the creatures and the elders; and their number was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands. (And the voice was) saying in a great voice, “The slain Lamb is worthy of taking the power and richness and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.” And every creature (creation, being) which is in Heaven and upon the Earth and below the Earth and upon the sea I heard saying “Blessing(s) and honour and glory and power to Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb — into the eternity of eternities.” And the four creatures said, “Amen”, and the elders fell (to their knees) and prayed.



Καὶ ὅτε ἔλαβεν τὸ βιβλίον, τὰ τέσσερα ζῶα καὶ οἱ εἴκοσι τέσσαρες  
 πρεσβύτεροι ἔπεσαν ἐνώπιον τοῦ Ἀρνίου, ἔχοντες ἕκαστος κιθάραν 15R  
 καὶ φιάλας χρυσᾶς γεμούσας θυμιαμάτων, αἱ εἰσὶν αἱ προσευχαὶ τῶν  
 ἁγίων. καὶ ᾄδουσιν ᾠδὴν καινὴν λέγοντες Ἄξιός ἐστι λαβεῖν τὸ βιβλίον  
 καὶ ἀνοῖξαι τὰς σφραγίδας αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐσφάγης καὶ ἠγόρασας τῷ  
 Θεῷ ἐν τῷ αἵματί σου ἐκ πάσης φυλῆς καὶ γλώσσης καὶ λαοῦ καὶ 20R  
 ἔθνους, καὶ ἐποίησας αὐτοὺς τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν βασιλείαν καὶ ἱερεῖς, καὶ  
 βασιλεύσουσιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ἀγγέλων πολλῶν κύκλῳ τοῦ θρόνου  
 καὶ τῶν ζώων καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων, καὶ ἦν ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτῶν μυριάδες  
 μυριάδων καὶ χιλιάδες χιλιάδων, λέγοντες φωνῇ μεγάλῃ Ἄξιός ἐστιν 25R  
 τὸ Ἀρνίον τὸ ἐσφαγμένον λαβεῖν τὴν δύναμιν καὶ πλοῦτον καὶ σοφίαν  
 καὶ ἰσχὺν καὶ τιμὴν καὶ δόξαν καὶ εὐλογίαν. καὶ πᾶν κτίσμα ὃ ἐν τῷ  
 οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ ὑποκάτω τῆς γῆς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης  
 ἐστίν, καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτοῖς πάντα, ἤκουσα λέγοντας Τῷ καθημένῳ ἐπὶ τῷ  
 θρόνῳ καὶ τῷ Ἀρνίῳ ἡ εὐλογία καὶ ἡ τιμὴ καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος 30R  
 εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. καὶ τὰ τέσσερα ζῶα ἔλεγον Ἀμήν, καὶ οἱ  
 πρεσβύτεροι ἔπεσαν καὶ προσεκύνησαν.

*“And I saw a (little) book upon the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne — (and things were) written within (it) and on its back (behind it) — (and it was) sealed with seven seals.”*

“APOCALYPTIC SEALS” — RUDOLF STEINER  
(ORIGINAL SKETCH) & CLARA HETTICH (OIL  
ON CANVAS), 1907 – 1911



## CHAPTER VI

## The Lamb Opens the Book

AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals and I heard one of the four creatures saying in a thunderous voice, “Come.” And I saw — and look! — a white horse and he who sits upon it has a bow, and a crown was given to him and he departed  
 5 victorious and to be victorious.

And when He (It, the Lamb) opened the second seal I heard the second creature saying, “Come.” And there came forth another fiery (having the colour of fire) horse, and to the one sitting upon it was given (the authority) to take the peace from the Earth so that they (the  
 10 inhabitants of Earth) would slay each other and a great sword was given to him.

And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third creature saying, “Come.” And I saw — and look! — a great horse and he who sits upon it has a scale in his hand. And I heard (as) a voice in the  
 15 middle of the four creatures saying, “A measure of wheat for a denarius (penny / cent → small coin) and three measures of barley for a denarius; and do not mistreat the olive oil or the wine.”

## Κεφάλαιον VI

## Τὸ ἄρνιον ἀνοίγει τὸ βιβλίον

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὸ Ἄρνιον μίαν ἐκ τῶν ἑπτὰ σφραγίδων, καὶ ἤκουσα ἐνὸς ἐκ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων λέγοντος ὡς φωνῆ βροντῆς Ἔρχου. καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος λευκός, καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἔχων τόξον, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ στέφανος, καὶ ἐξῆλθεν νικῶν καὶ ἵνα νικήσῃ.

5R

Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν δευτέραν, ἤκουσα τοῦ δευτέρου ζώου λέγοντος Ἔρχου. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ἄλλος ἵππος πυρρός, καὶ τῷ καθήμενῳ ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἐδόθη αὐτῷ λαβεῖν τὴν εἰρήνην ἐκ τῆς γῆς καὶ ἵνα ἀλλήλους σφάζουσιν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ μάχαιρα μεγάλη.

Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν τρίτην, ἤκουσα τοῦ τρίτου ζώου λέγοντος Ἔρχου. καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος μέλας, καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἔχων ζυγὸν ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἤκουσα ὡς φωνὴν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων λέγουσαν Χοῖνιζ σίτου δηναρίου, καὶ τρεῖς χοίνικες κριθῶν δηναρίου· καὶ τὸ ἔλαιον καὶ τὸν οἶνον μὴ ἀδικήσῃς.

10R

And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth creature saying, “Come.” And I saw — and look! — a pale green  
20 (greenish-yellow) horse and the name of him who sits above (atop, on top of) it is (the) Death; and (the) Hades (Hell) follows (with) him; and power was given to them over a quarter of the Earth, to kill with sword and with hunger and with death and by (using) the beasts of the Earth.

25 And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw below the altar the souls of those who were slain because of the word of God and because of the testimony which they had. And they shouted in a loud voice saying, “Until when, O holy and true Master, will you not judge and vindicate our blood on the inhabitants of the Earth?” And to each of them was  
30 given a white robe and it was said to them (and they were told?) to rest for (yet) a little while until even (the number of) their fellow servants and their brothers — those who will be killed just as them — might be fulfilled (completed).

And I saw when He opened the sixth seal and a great tremor  
35 occurred; and the Sun became (as) black as a sackcloth (made out) of hair; and the entire moon became (in appearance) like blood and the stars of Heaven fell into (down onto) the Earth, just like a fig-tree throws its unripe fruit when shaken by a mighty storm (wind); and the sky was split apart like a book (scroll) being unrolled, and every  
40 mountain and island was moved from its place.

And the kings of the Earth and the noblemen, military commanders, the rich and strong and every slave and free man — (they all) hid themselves in caves and in (behind? under?) the stones of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and (to) the stones, “Fall  
45 upon us and hide us from the face of Him who sits upon the throne

Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν τετάρτην, ἤκουσα φωνὴν τοῦ 15R  
 τετάρτου ζώου λέγοντος Ἔρχου. καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος χλωρός,  
 καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπάνω αὐτοῦ, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ὁ Θάνατος, καὶ ὁ Ἄιδης  
 ἠκολούθει μετ' αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἐξουσία ἐπὶ τὸ τέταρτον τῆς  
 γῆς, ἀποκτεῖναι ἐν ῥομφαίᾳ καὶ ἐν λιμῷ καὶ ἐν θανάτῳ καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν  
 θηρίων τῆς γῆς. 20R

Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν πέμπτην σφραγίδα, εἶδον ὑποκάτω τοῦ θυσι-  
 αστηρίου τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν ἐσφαγμένων διὰ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ  
 διὰ τὴν μαρτυρίαν ἣν εἶχον. καὶ ἔκραξαν φωνῇ μεγάλη λέγοντες Ἔως  
 πότε, ὁ Δεσπότης ὁ ἅγιος καὶ ἀληθινός, οὐ κρίνεις καὶ ἐκδικεῖς τὸ  
 αἷμα ἡμῶν ἐκ τῶν κατοικούντων ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς; καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἐκάστῳ 25R  
 στολὴ λευκὴ, καὶ ἐρρέθη αὐτοῖς ἵνα ἀναπαύσωνται ἔτι χρόνον μικρόν,  
 ἕως πληρωθῶσιν καὶ οἱ σύνδουλοι αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτῶν οἱ  
 μέλλοντες ἀποκτενεσθαι ὡς καὶ αὐτοί.

Καὶ εἶδον ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν ἕκτην, καὶ σεισμὸς μέγας  
 ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ ἥλιος ἐγένετο μέλας ὡς σάκκος τρίχινος, καὶ ἡ σελήνη 30R  
 ὅλη ἐγένετο ὡς αἷμα, καὶ οἱ ἀστέρες τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἔπεσαν εἰς τὴν γῆν,  
 ὡς συκὴ βάλλει τοὺς ὀλύνθους αὐτῆς ὑπὸ ἀνέμου μεγάλου σειομένη,  
 καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς ἀπεχωρίσθη ὡς βιβλίον ἐλισσόμενον, καὶ πᾶν ὄρος καὶ  
 νῆσος ἐκ τῶν τόπων αὐτῶν ἐκινήθησαν.

καὶ οἱ βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς καὶ οἱ μεγιστᾶνες καὶ οἱ χιλιάρχοι καὶ 35R  
 οἱ πλούσιοι καὶ οἱ ἰσχυροὶ καὶ πᾶς δοῦλος καὶ ἐλεύθερος ἔκρυψαν  
 ἑαυτοὺς εἰς τὰ σπήλαια καὶ εἰς τὰς πέτρας τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ λέγουσιν  
 τοῖς ὄρεσιν καὶ ταῖς πέτραις Πέσετε ἐφ' ἡμᾶς καὶ κρύψατε ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ  
 προσώπου τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ὀργῆς τοῦ

and (hide, protect) us from the Lamb's wrath; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?"

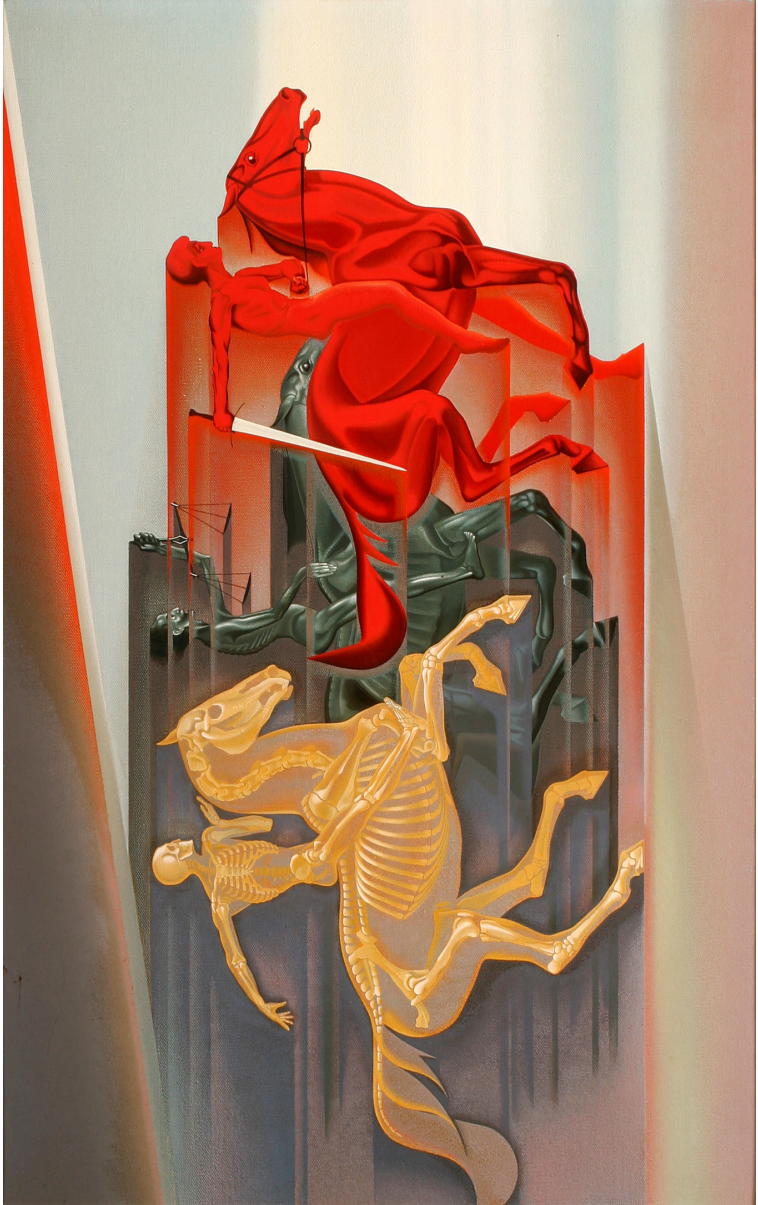


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Ἄρνιου, ὅτι ἦλθεν ἡ ἡμέρα ἡ μεγάλη τῆς ὀργῆς αὐτῶν, καὶ τίς δύναται σταθῆναι; 40R

*“And there came forth another fiery horse, and to the one sitting upon it was given (the authority) to take the peace from the Earth [...]”*

“DRIE APOCALYPTISCHE RUITERS” – WILLEM  
ADOLFS, 1943



## CHAPTER VII

## The Sealing of Servants

**A**FTER this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the Earth (and I saw them) taking the seven winds of the Earth, so that (the) wind shall not blow on the (face of the) Earth nor on (over?) the sea, nor on all (any) trees.

5 And I saw another angel coming down from the East (lit. Eastern sun), having (in his hands) the seal of the living God; and he was shouting in a great voice to the four angels — (those) to whom (the authority) to hurt the Earth and the sea was given — saying, “Do not harm the Earth, nor the sea, nor the trees until we seal the servants of  
10 our God upon their foreheads. And I heard the number of the sealed (and that number was) one-hundred forty-four thousand (sealed) from every tribe of the children of Israel:

From the tribe of Juda (there were) twelve-thousand sealed; from the tribe of Ruben twelve-thousand; from the tribe of Gad twelve-  
15 thousand; from the tribe of Aser twelve-thousand; from the tribe of Naphthalim twelve-thousand; from the tribe of Manasses twelve-thousand; from the tribe of Simeon twelve-thousand; from the tribe

## Κεφάλαιον VII

## Τὸ τοὺς δούλους σφραγίσαι

**Μ**ετὰ τοῦτο εἶδον τέσσαρας ἀγγέλους ἐστῶτας ἐπὶ τὰς τέσσα-  
 ρας γωνίας τῆς γῆς, κρατοῦντας τοὺς τέσσαρας ἀνέμους  
 τῆς γῆς, ἵνα μὴ πνέῃ ἄνεμος ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς μήτε ἐπὶ τῆς θα-  
 λάσσης μήτε ἐπὶ πᾶν δένδρον.

καὶ εἶδον ἄλλον ἄγγελον ἀναβαίνοντα ἀπὸ ἀνατολῆς ἡλίου, ἔχον- 5R  
 τα σφραγίδα Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καὶ ἔκραξεν φωνῇ μεγάλη τοῖς τέσσαρσιν  
 ἀγγέλοις οἷς ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἀδικῆσαι τὴν γῆν καὶ τὴν θάλασσαν, λέ-  
 γων Μὴ ἀδικήσητε τὴν γῆν μήτε τὴν θάλασσαν μήτε τὰ δένδρα, ἄχρι  
 σφραγίσωμεν τοὺς δούλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων αὐτῶν.  
 Καὶ ἤκουσα τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῶν ἐσφραγισμένων, ἑκατὸν τεσσεράκοντα 10R  
 τέσσαρες χιλιάδες ἐσφραγισμένοι ἐκ πάσης φυλῆς υἰῶν Ἰσραὴλ·

ἐκ φυλῆς Ἰούδα δώδεκα χιλιάδες ἐσφραγισμένοι, ἐκ φυλῆς Ρουβὴν  
 δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Γὰδ δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἀσὴρ  
 δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Νεφθαλεὶμ δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς  
 Μανασσῆ δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Συμεῶν δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ 15R  
 φυλῆς Λευεὶ δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἰσσαχάρ δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ

of Levi twelve-thousand; from the tribe of Issachar twelve-thousand;  
from the tribe of Zabulon twelve-thousand; from the tribe of Joseph  
20 twelve-thousand; (and) from the tribe of Benjamin (there were) twelve-  
thousand sealed.

After this I saw — and look! — a great crowd (the number of people  
in) which nobody was able to count, from every people and tribe and  
nation and tongue (language); (and they were) standing before the  
25 throne and before the Lamb (and they were all) clad in long, white  
robes and (they all had) palms (date palms, type of tree) in their hands.  
And they shout(ed) in a great voice saying, “(The) salvation (be) to our  
God and to the One sitting upon the throne and to the Lamb.”

And all the angels and elders and the four creatures were standing  
30 around the throne and they fell to their face before the throne and  
worshipped God saying, “Amen. The blessing and glory and wisdom  
and gratitude and power and might and strength (be) to our God into  
the eternity of eternities. Amen.”

And of the elders (there was one) answering and telling me, “Those  
35 (over there), the ones who are clad in the white robes — who are they  
and where did they come from?” And I told him, “My lord, you know.”  
And he said to me, “They are those who come from the great oppression  
and they washed their robes and whitened them in (with) the blood  
of the Lamb. Because of (through) this, they are before the throne of  
40 God and they serve Him in His temple day and night; and He who  
sits upon the throne will erect his tent (dwell, live) on them. And they  
are neither hungry nor thirsty anymore; nor will the Sun fall upon  
them (shine on them?) nor all (any) heat. For the Lamb which is in  
the middle of the throne will feed them and show them the way to  
45 the living fountain of waters; and God will wipe away every tear from

φυλῆς Ζαβουλῶν δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἰωσήφ δώδεκα χιλιάδες, ἐκ φυλῆς Βενιαμὲν δώδεκα χιλιάδες ἐσφραγισμένοι.

Μετὰ ταῦτα εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ὄχλος πολὺς, ὃν ἀριθμῆσαι αὐτὸν οὐδεὶς ἐδύνατο, ἐκ παντὸς ἔθνους καὶ φυλῶν καὶ λαῶν καὶ γλωσσῶν, 20R  
ἐστῶτες ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου καὶ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Ἄρνιου, περιβεβλημένους στολὰς λευκάς, καὶ φοίνικες ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτῶν· καὶ κράζουσιν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ λέγοντες Ἡ σωτηρία τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν τῷ καθημένῳ ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνῳ καὶ τῷ Ἄρνιῳ.

καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι εἰστήκεισαν κύκλῳ τοῦ θρόνου καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων καὶ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων, καὶ ἔπεσαν ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου ἐπὶ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ Θεῷ, λέγοντες Ἀμήν, ἡ εὐλογία καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ ἡ σοφία καὶ ἡ εὐχαριστία καὶ ἡ τιμὴ καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ ἰσχὺς τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν. 25R

Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη εἷς ἐκ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων λέγων μοι Οὗτοι οἱ περιβεβλημένοι τὰς στολὰς τὰς λευκάς τίνες εἰσὶν καὶ πόθεν ἦλθον; καὶ εἶρηκα αὐτῷ Κύριέ μου, σὺ οἶδας. καὶ εἶπέν μοι Οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἐρχόμενοι ἐκ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς μεγάλης, καὶ ἔπλυναν τὰς στολὰς αὐτῶν καὶ ἐλεύκαναν αὐτὰς ἐν τῷ αἵματι τοῦ Ἄρνιου. διὰ τοῦτό εἰσιν ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ λατρεύουσιν αὐτῷ ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτὸς ἐν τῷ 30R  
ναῶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου σκηνώσει ἐπ' αὐτούς. οὐ πεινάσουσιν ἔτι οὐδὲ διψήσουσιν ἔτι, οὐδὲ μὴ πέση ἐπ' αὐτούς ὁ ἥλιος οὐδὲ πᾶν καῦμα, ὅτι τὸ Ἄρνιον τὸ ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ θρόνου ποιμανεῖ αὐτούς καὶ ὀδηγήσει αὐτούς ἐπὶ ζωῆς πηγᾶς ὑδάτων· καὶ ἐξαλείψει ὁ Θεὸς πᾶν δάκρυον ἐκ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν. 35R 40R

their eyes.





*“After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the Earth (and I saw them) taking the seven winds of the Earth [...]”*

“APOCALYPSE FLAMANDE” – 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



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**CHAPTER VIII**

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## The Sounding of the First Angels

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**A**ND when He (the Lamb) opened the seventh seal, a great silence occurred, (lasting for) approximately half an hour. And I saw the seven angels — (namely) those which were standing before God — and they were given seven trumpets. And  
5 another angel came and stood upon the altar (whilst) having a golden censer (in his hand); and plenty of incense was given to him so that he may give it with the prayers of all the holy men upon the golden altar, (namely the one) before the throne.

And the smoke of the incense arose with the prayers of the holy  
10 men, (left the) hand of the angel and (went up) before God. And the angel took the censer and filled it from (with) the fire of the altar and took it to the Earth. And there were thunders and voices and lightnings and a tremor. And the seven angels — the ones who have the seven trumpets — prepared themselves so that they might (begin) sounding  
15 (the trumpets).

## Κεφάλαιον VIII

## Τὸ τοὺς πρώτους ἀγγέλους σαλπίσαι

**Κ**αὶ ὅταν ἦνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν ἑβδόμην, ἐγένετο σιγὴ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ὡς ἡμῶριον. καὶ εἶδον τοὺς ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλους οἱ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐστήκασιν, καὶ ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς ἑπτὰ σάλπιγγες. Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος ἦλθεν καὶ ἐστάθη ἐπὶ τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου ἔχων λιβανωτὸν χρυσοῦν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ θυμιάματα πολλὰ ἵνα δώσει ταῖς προσευχαῖς τῶν ἁγίων πάντων ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τὸ χρυσοῦν τὸ ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου.

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καὶ ἀνέβη ὁ καπνὸς τῶν θυμιαμάτων ταῖς προσευχαῖς τῶν ἁγίων ἐκ χειρὸς τοῦ ἀγγέλου ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ. καὶ εἴληφεν ὁ ἄγγελος τὸν λιβανωτὸν, καὶ ἐγέμισεν αὐτὸν ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου καὶ ἔβαλεν εἰς τὴν γῆν· καὶ ἐγένοντο βρονταὶ καὶ φωναὶ καὶ ἀστραπαὶ καὶ σεισμός. Καὶ οἱ ἑπτὰ ἄγγελοι οἱ ἔχοντες τὰς ἑπτὰ σάλπιγγας ἠτοίμασαν αὐτοὺς ἵνα σαλπίσωσιν.

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And the first (one) sounded (his trumpet). And there was hail and fire mixed with blood and it was thrown into (onto) the Earth; and a third of the Earth was burnt (down), and a third of the trees were burnt (down) and every (bit) of green grass was burnt (down).

20 And the second angel sounded (his trumpet). And (something that was) like a great, fiery mountain was hurled into the sea. And a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures of the sea — namely those who live in the sea and have a soul (who are alive) — died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

25 And the third angel sounded (his trumpet). And (there) fell from (the) Heaven a great star, burning like a torch; and it fell into (upon) a third of the rivers and into (upon) the springs of waters. And the name of the star is Wormwood (Apsinthos). And a third of the waters became wormwood and many (of the) humans died because of the  
30 waters, because they were made bitter.

And the fourth angel sounded (his trumpet). And a third of the Sun was struck, and a third of the Moon and a third of the stars, so that a third of them was darkened (shadowed) and (so that) the day — as well as night — does not shine (upon) a third of them. And I saw  
35 and I heard an eagle flying in mid-air saying, “Woe, woe, woe to those who live upon the Earth from the remaining trumpet voices of the three angels that are about to sound (their trumpets).

Καὶ ὁ πρῶτος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ἐγένετο χάλαζα καὶ πῦρ μεμιγμένα ἐν αἵματι καὶ ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν· καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῆς γῆς κατεκάη, καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν δένδρων κατεκάη, καὶ πᾶς χόρτος χλωρὸς κατεκάη. 15R

Καὶ ὁ δεῦτερος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ὡς ὄρος μέγα πυρὶ καιόμενον ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· καὶ ἐγένετο τὸ τρίτον τῆς θαλάσσης αἷμα, καὶ ἀπέθανεν τὸ τρίτον τῶν κτισμάτων τῶν ἐν τῇ θαλάσσει, τὰ ἔχοντα ψυχάς, καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν πλοίων διεφθάρησαν. 20R

Καὶ ὁ τρίτος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀστήρ μέγας καιόμενος ὡς λαμπάς, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν ποταμῶν καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς πηγὰς τῶν ὑδάτων. καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ ἀστέρος λέγεται Ὁ Ἄψινθος. καὶ ἐγένετο τὸ τρίτον τῶν ὑδάτων εἰς ἄψινθον, καὶ πολλοὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀπέθανον ἐκ τῶν ὑδάτων ὅτι ἐπικράνθησαν. 25R

Καὶ ὁ τέταρτος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ἐπλήγη τὸ τρίτον τοῦ ἡλίου καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῆς σελήνης καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀστέρων, ἵνα σκοτισθῇ τὸ τρίτον αὐτῶν καὶ ἡ ἡμέρα μὴ φάνη τὸ τρίτον αὐτῆς, καὶ ἡ νύξ ὁμοίως. Καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἤκουσα ἐνὸς ἀετοῦ πετομένου ἐν μεσουρανήματι λέγοντος φωνῇ μεγάλη Οὐαὶ οὐαὶ οὐαὶ τοὺς κατοικοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκ τῶν λοιπῶν φωνῶν τῆς σάλπιγγος τῶν τριῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν μελλόντων σαλπίζειν. 30R

*“And when He (the Lamb) opened  
the seventh seal, a great silence  
occurred, (lasting for) approximately  
half an hour.”*

“OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL” — JOHN  
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**CHAPTER IX**

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# The Star Having Fallen from Heaven

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**A**ND the fifth angel sounded (his trumpet). And I saw a star having fallen from Heaven (down on)to Earth and the key to the well of the abyss (bottomless pit) was given to him; and he opened the well of the abyss. And there came forth a great  
5 smoke from the well, like (the) smoke of a great furnace; and the Sun and the air were darkened (overshadowed) from (because of, through) the smoke of the well.

And from the smoke there emerged grasshoppers (and they went out) upon the Earth, and they were given the (same) authority as the  
10 authority of the scorpions of the Earth. And they were told to not harm the grass of the Earth, nor any (all) green things nor any (all) tree, except for (they were allowed to harm) the humans who do not have the seal of God upon their foreheads.

And it was given to them (the grasshoppers) so that they might  
15 not kill them (the unsealed), but so that they shall be tormented for

## Κεφάλαιον ΙΧ

# Ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ πεπτωκὼς ἀστήρ

**Κ**αὶ ὁ πέμπτος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ εἶδον ἀστέρα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ πεπτωκότα εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ἡ κλεῖς τοῦ φρέατος τῆς ἀβύσσου. καὶ ἤνοιξεν τὸ φρέαρ τῆς ἀβύσσου· καὶ ἀνέβη καπνὸς ἐκ τοῦ φρέατος ὡς καπνὸς καμίνου μεγάλης, καὶ ἐσκοτώθη ὁ ἥλιος καὶ ὁ ἀήρ ἐκ τοῦ καπνοῦ τοῦ φρέατος.

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καὶ ἐκ τοῦ καπνοῦ ἐξῆλθον ἀκρίδες εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἐξουσία ὡς ἔχουσιν ἐξουσίαν οἱ σκορπίοι τῆς γῆς. καὶ ἐρρέθη αὐτοῖς ἵνα μὴ ἀδικήσουσιν τὸν χόρτον τῆς γῆς οὐδὲ πᾶν χλωρὸν οὐδὲ πᾶν δένδρον, εἰ μὴ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους οἵτινες οὐκ ἔχουσιν τὴν σφραγίδα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων.

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καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἵνα μὴ ἀποκτείνωσιν αὐτούς, ἀλλ' ἵνα βασανισθῶσιν μῆνας πέντε· καὶ ὁ βασανισμὸς αὐτῶν ὡς βασανισμὸς

five months; and their torment (was) like the torment of a scorpion when he strikes a person. And in those days, men will seek Death but shall not find him; they will yearn to die, but Death flees from them.

20 And the appearance of the grasshoppers was like that of horses preparing (themselves to go) into battle and upon their heads are (placed things that look like) crowns – (which are in appearance) like gold – and their faces are like the faces of men; and they have a mane (hairs) like the hair of women and their teeth were like (those) of lions. And they had breastplates (which looked) like iron breastplates and  
25 the voice (sound) of the their wings (was) as the voice of a chariot of horses marching into battle (going to war).

And they have tails like (those of) scorpions and (they also have) stings (at the end of their tails?). And in their tails (is) the authority to hurt (all) the humans for five months. And they have (sitting?) upon  
30 them a king – the angel of the abyss – whose name, in Hebrew, is Abaddon and in the Greek language he has the name Apollyon. The first Woe departed – (but) look! There are coming yet two more Woes hereafter.

And the sixth angel sounded (his trumpet). And I heard a voice  
35 (emerging) from the four horns of the golden altar before God telling the sixth angel – the one holding the trumpet –, “Release the four angels, the ones that are bound to (in) the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels were released, namely the ones who prepared (themselves) for the hour and the day and the year (during which)  
40 they might kill a third of the humans. And the number of the army of horsemen was two-hundred thousand thousands; I heard their number.

And thus (in this manner) I saw the horses in the vision and (I also saw those those) who sit upon them, having fiery, hyacinthine (purple)

σκορπίου, ὅταν παίση ἄνθρωπον. καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις ζητήσουσιν οἱ ἄνθρωποι τὸν θάνατον καὶ οὐ μὴ εὕρῃσουσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἐπιθυμήσουσιν ἀποθανεῖν καὶ φεύγει ὁ θάνατος ἀπ' αὐτῶν.

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καὶ τὰ ὁμοιώματα τῶν ἀκρίδων ὅμοιοι ἵπποις ἠτοιμασμένοις εἰς πόλεμον, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτῶν ὡς στέφανοι ὅμοιοι χρυσοῦ, καὶ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὡς πρόσωπα ἀνθρώπων, καὶ εἶχαν τρίχας ὡς τρίχας γυναικῶν, καὶ οἱ ὀδόντες αὐτῶν ὡς λεόντων ἦσαν, καὶ εἶχον θώρακας ὡς θώρακας σιδηροῦς, καὶ ἡ φωνὴ τῶν περὺγων αὐτῶν ὡς φωνὴ ἀρμάτων ἵπων πολλῶν τρεχόντων εἰς πόλεμον.

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καὶ ἔχουσιν οὐράς ὁμοίας σκορπίοις καὶ κέντρα, καὶ ἐν ταῖς οὐραῖς αὐτῶν ἡ ἐξουσία αὐτῶν ἀδικῆσαι τοὺς ἀνθρώπους μῆνας πέντε. ἔχουσιν ἐπ' αὐτῶν βασιλέα τὸν ἄγγελον τῆς ἀβύσσου, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἑβραϊστί Ἀβαδδὼν καὶ ἐν τῇ Ἑλληνικῇ ὄνομα ἔχει Ἀπολλύων. Ἡ Οὐαὶ ἡ μία ἀπῆλθεν· ἰδοὺ ἔρχεται ἔτι δύο Οὐαὶ μετὰ ταῦτα.

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Καὶ ὁ ἕκτος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν μίαν ἐκ τῶν τεσσάρων κεράτων τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου τοῦ χρυσοῦ τοῦ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ, λέγοντα τῷ ἕκτῳ ἀγγέλῳ, ὁ ἔχων τὴν σάλπιγγα Λῦσον τοὺς τέσσαρας ἀγγέλους τοὺς δεδεμένους ἐπὶ τῷ ποταμῷ τῷ μεγάλῳ Εὐφράτῃ. καὶ ἐλύθησαν οἱ τέσσαρες ἄγγελοι οἱ ἠτοιμασμένοι εἰς τὴν ὥραν καὶ ἡμέραν καὶ μῆνα καὶ ἑνιαυτόν, ἵνα ἀποκτείνωσιν τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀνθρώπων. καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν στρατευμάτων τοῦ ἱππικοῦ δισμυριάδες μυριάδων· ἤκουσα τὸν ἀριθμὸν αὐτῶν.

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καὶ οὕτως εἶδον τοὺς ἵππους ἐν τῇ ὁράσει καὶ τοὺς καθημένους ἐπ' αὐτῶν, ἔχοντας θώρακας πυρίνους καὶ ὑακινθίνους καὶ θειώδεις·

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and brimstone-like (colour of sulfur) breastplates. And the heads of  
45 the horses (were) as the heads of lions, and from their mouths sprang  
forth fire and smoke and brimstone (sulfur).

A third of the human (race) died from these three plagues – from  
the fire, and the smoke and the brimstone (sulfur) which sprang forth  
from their mouths. For the power (authority) of the horses is (placed)  
50 in(side) their mouth and in(side) their tails. For their tails are like  
snakes with (having) heads – and in (using them) they (do) harm.

And the remaining humans, those who did neither die from those  
plagues nor repented of the works of their (own) hands that they should  
not worship demons and golden, silver, copper, wooden or stone idols  
55 – who (the idols) can neither see nor listen nor walk about; and (those  
humans who) neither repented of their (committed) murders nor of  
their drug-usage (magic, sorcery) nor of their sexual immorality nor  
of their (committed) thefts.

καὶ αἱ κεφαλαὶ τῶν ἵππων ὡς κεφαλαὶ λεόντων, καὶ ἐκ τῶν στομάτων αὐτῶν ἐκπορεύεται πῦρ καὶ καπνὸς καὶ θεῖον.

ἀπὸ τῶν τριῶν πληγῶν τούτων ἀπεκτάνθησαν τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς καὶ τοῦ καπνοῦ καὶ τοῦ θείου τοῦ ἐκπορευομένου ἐκ τῶν στομάτων αὐτῶν. ἡ γὰρ ἐξουσία τῶν ἵππων ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν καὶ ἐν ταῖς οὐραῖς αὐτῶν· αἱ γὰρ οὐραὶ αὐτῶν ὅμοιαι ὄφεσιν, ἔχουσαι κεφαλὰς, καὶ ἐν αὐταῖς ἀδικοῦσιν. 40R

καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, οἳ οὐκ ἀπεκτάνθησαν ἐν ταῖς πληγαῖς ταύταις, οὐδὲ μετενόησαν ἐκ τῶν ἔργων τῶν χειρῶν αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ προσκυνήσουσιν τὰ δαιμόνια καὶ τὰ εἰδῶλα τὰ χρυσᾶ καὶ τὰ ἀργυρᾶ καὶ τὰ χαλκᾶ καὶ τὰ λίθινα καὶ τὰ ξύλινα, ἃ οὔτε βλέπειν δύνανται οὔτε ἀκούειν οὔτε περιπατεῖν, καὶ οὐ μετενόησαν ἐκ τῶν φόνων αὐτῶν οὔτε ἐκ τῶν φαρμακιῶν αὐτῶν οὔτε ἐκ τῆς πορνείας αὐτῶν οὔτε ἐκ τῶν κλεμμάτων αὐτῶν. 45R 50R

*“And I saw a star having fallen from  
Heaven (down on)to Earth [...]”*

“AND I SAW A STAR FALL FROM HEAVEN” —  
JOHN HENRY STOCK, 1902





## CHAPTER X

# The Angel with the Small Open Book

**A**ND I saw a strong angel coming down from Heaven — clad in a cloud — and the (a) rainbow was upon his head and his face was like the Sun and his feet were like flaming pillars and he had in his hands a small, open book. And he put his right foot
   
 5 upon the sea and the left (one) upon the Earth and shouted in a great voice like a roaring lion. And when he cried out in a great voice, the seven thunders spoke (in) their voices (made their voices heard).

And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; and (but) I heard a voice from Heaven saying, “Seal (and lock away) that
   
 10 which the thunders spoke — and do not write (about) it. And the angel — the one I saw standing upon the Earth and the Sea — raised his right hand (and reached with it) into Heaven and swore in (the name of) Him who lives into the eternity of eternities, who bore (not only) Heaven and the those things that are within it (but also) the Earth and

## Κεφάλαιον Χ

## Ὁ ἄγγελος βιβλαριδίῳ ἀνεωγμένῳ



καὶ εἶδον ἄλλον ἄγγελον ἰσχυρὸν καταβαίνοντα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, περιβεβλημένον νεφέλην, καὶ ἡ ἶρις ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ ὡς ὁ ἥλιος, καὶ οἱ πόδες αὐτοῦ ὡς στῦλοι πυρός, καὶ ἔχων ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ βιβλαρίδιον ἠνεωγμένον. καὶ ἔθηκεν τὸν πόδα αὐτοῦ τὸν δεξιὸν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης, τὸν δὲ εὐώνυμον ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἔκραξεν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ ὡσπερ λέων μυκάται. καὶ ὅτε ἔκραξεν, ἐλάλησαν αἱ ἑπτὰ βρονταὶ τὰς ἑαυτῶν φωνάς.

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καὶ ὅτε ἐλάλησαν αἱ ἑπτὰ βρονταί, ἤμελλον γράφειν· καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λέγουσαν Σφράγισον ἃ ἐλάλησαν αἱ ἑπτὰ βρονταί, καὶ μὴ αὐτὰ γράψῃς. Καὶ ὁ ἄγγελος, ὃν εἶδον ἐστῶτα ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἤρην τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ τὴν δεξιάν εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν, καὶ ὤμοσεν ἐν τῷ ζῶντι εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, ὃς ἔκτισεν τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ καὶ τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ, ὅτι χρόνος οὐκέτι ἔσται,

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15 that within it and the sea and that within it; (and he swore) that time shall be no longer.

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel — when he will (begin to) sound (his trumpet) — the mystery of God — as he has preached to his servants, (namely) the prophets — will end. And the  
20 voice which I heard (coming) from Heaven (was) again speaking to me saying, “Arise and take the opened book — the one (placed) inside the hands of the angel standing upon the sea and the Earth.”

And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the small book. And he says to me, “Take it and eat it up; and it will make your stomach  
25 bitter, but it in your mouth it shall be as sweet as honey.” And I took the small book out of the angel’s hand and ate it; and it was in my mouth like sweet honey, but (and) when I swallowed (ate) it, it made my stomach bitter. And they (he?) tell me, “You must once again prophesy before many peoples and nations and tongues (languages)  
30 and kings.”

ἀλλ' ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις τῆς φωνῆς τοῦ ἑβδόμου ἀγγέλου, ὅταν μέλλη σαλπίζειν, καὶ ἐτελέσθη τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὡς εὐηγγέλισεν τοὺς ἑαυτοῦ δούλους τοὺς προφήτας. Καὶ ἡ φωνὴ ἦν ἤκουσα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, πάλιν λαλοῦσαν μετ' ἐμοῦ καὶ λέγουσαν Ὑπαγε λάβε τὸ βιβλίον τὸ ἠνεωγμένον ἐν τῇ χειρὶ τοῦ ἀγγέλου τοῦ ἐστῶτος ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. 20R

καὶ ἀπῆλθα πρὸς τὸν ἄγγελον, λέγων αὐτῷ δοῦναί μοι τὸ βιβλαρίδιον. καὶ λέγει μοι Λάβε καὶ κατάφαγε αὐτό, καὶ πικρανεῖ σου τὴν κοιλίαν, ἀλλ' ἐν τῷ στόματί σου ἔσται γλυκὺ ὡς μέλι. καὶ ἔλαβον τὸ βιβλαρίδιον ἐκ τῆς χειρὸς τοῦ ἀγγέλου καὶ κατέφαγον αὐτό, καὶ ἦν ἐν τῷ στόματί μου ὡς μέλι γλυκὺ· καὶ ὅτε ἔφαγον αὐτό, ἐπικράνθη ἡ κοιλία μου. καὶ λέγουσίν μοι Δεῖ σε πάλιν προφητεῦσαι ἐπὶ λαοῖς καὶ ἔθνεσιν καὶ γλώσσαις καὶ βασιλεῦσιν πολλοῖς. 25R

*“And I saw a strong angel coming  
down from Heaven [...] and he had  
in his hands a small, open book [...].”*

“THE ANGEL WITH THE BOOK” — JOHN  
MARTIN, 1837



## CHAPTER XI

## The Seventh Angel Sounds

AND there was given to me a reed (which looked) like a stick  
 (rod, staff) (and there was someone there) saying, “Arise  
 and measure the Temple of God and the altar and the ones  
 who pray therein. And the courtyard (that is) outside of the altar,  
 5 cast (it) (leave it) outside and do not measure it; for it is given to the  
 non-Israelites (gentiles, foreigners) and (through) the Holy City they  
 will walk on foot for forty-two months.

And I shall give (the authority to) my two witnesses and they shall  
 prophesy for one-thousand two-hundred sixty days (whilst) clad in  
 10 sackcloths. They are the two olive trees and the two lamp-stands who  
 are standing before the Lord of the Earth. And if someone wishes to  
 harm them, fire (will) come out of their mouths and (the fire will) eat  
 their enemies; and if someone wishes to harm them, this is the manner  
 in which he (the person doing harm) will have to be killed.

15 They have the authority to lock up Heaven so that rain shall not  
 fall (upon the Earth) during the days of their prophecy; and they (also)  
 hold the authority over the waters — to turn them into blood — and



## Κεφάλαιον XI

## Ὁ ἕβδομος ἄγγελος σαλπίζει

**Κ**αὶ ἐδόθη μοι κάλαμος ὅμοιος ῥάβδῳ, λέγων Ἔγειρε καὶ μέτρησον τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον καὶ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας ἐν αὐτῷ. καὶ τὴν αὐλὴν τὴν ἔξωθεν τοῦ ναοῦ ἔκβαλε ἔξωθεν καὶ μὴ αὐτὴν μετρήσης, ὅτι ἐδόθη τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, καὶ τὴν πόλιν τὴν ἁγίαν πατήσουσιν μῆνας τεσσεράκοντα δύο. 5R

καὶ δώσω τοῖς δυσὶν μάρτυσίν μου, καὶ προφητεύσουσιν ἡμέρας χιλίας διακοσίας ἐξήκοντα περιβεβλημένοι σάκκους. Οὗτοί εἰσιν αἱ δύο ἐλαῖαι καὶ αἱ δύο λυχνίαι αἱ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Κυρίου τῆς γῆς ἐστῶτες. καὶ εἴ τις αὐτοὺς θέλει ἀδικῆσαι, πῦρ ἐκπορεύεται ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτῶν καὶ κατεσθίει τοὺς ἐχθροὺς αὐτῶν· καὶ εἴ τις θελήσῃ αὐτοὺς ἀδικῆσαι, οὕτως δεῖ αὐτὸν ἀποκτανθῆναι. 10R

οὗτοι ἔχουσιν τὴν ἐξουσίαν κλεῖσαι τὸν οὐρανόν, ἵνα μὴ ὑετὸς βρέχῃ τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς προφητείας αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχουσιν ἐπὶ τῶν ὑδάτων στρέφειν αὐτὰ εἰς αἷμα καὶ πατάξαι τὴν γῆν ἐν πάσῃ

(they have the authority to) smite the Earth with (in) every plague as they please. And when they have finished their witness, the beast coming out of the abyss fights (does battle / war) with them and it will prevail over them and kill them.

And their dead body (bodies) (will lie) upon the road of the great city, (the one) which is called – in Spirit (spiritually) – Sodom and Egypt; (it is the same place) where even their Lord was crucified. And from (every) peoples and tribe and tongue and nation there are some that (will) look at their corpses for three and a half days, and will not allow their corpses to be buried into a grave.

And the inhabitants of the Earth (will) rejoice over them (because they died) and celebrate, and they will send presents to one another, for these two prophets tormented (tortured) the inhabitants of the Earth. But (and) after these three and a half days, the living Spirit of God entered into them; and they arose (and stood) upon their feet and a great fear fell upon those who watch them.

And they heard a great voice speaking to them from heaven (and it said), “Come up here!” And they went up into Heaven on (in) the cloud, and their enemies saw them. And in that (particular) hour, a great tremor occurred and a tenth of the cities (of the Earth) fell (collapsed). And through (in) the tremor there died the names of seven-thousand people; and the remaining became terrified and gave glory to the God of Heaven. The second Woe departed; look, the third Woe arrives shortly.

And the seventh angel sounded (his trumpet). And there were great voices in Heaven saying, ”The kingdom of the cosmos (world, universe) has come (happened, arrived?) – (which is) the kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah – and he will reign into the eternity of

πληγῆ ὅσάκις ἐὰν θελήσωσιν. καὶ ὅταν τελέσωσιν τὴν μαρτυρίαν αὐτῶν, τὸ θηρίον τὸ ἀναβαῖνον ἐκ τῆς ἀβύσσου ποιήσει μετ' αὐτῶν πόλεμον καὶ νικήσει αὐτοὺς καὶ ἀποκτενεῖ αὐτούς. 15R

καὶ τὸ πτώμα αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τῆς πλατείας τῆς πόλεως τῆς μεγάλης, ἣτις καλεῖται πνευματικῶς Σόδομα καὶ Αἴγυπτος, ὅπου καὶ ὁ Κύριος αὐτῶν ἐσταυρώθη. καὶ βλέπουσιν ἐκ τῶν λαῶν καὶ φυλῶν καὶ γλωσσῶν καὶ ἔθνῶν τὸ πτώμα αὐτῶν ἡμέρας τρεῖς καὶ ἡμισυ, καὶ τὰ πτώματα αὐτῶν οὐκ ἀφίουσιν τεθῆναι εἰς μνημα. 20R

καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς χαίρουσιν ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ εὐφραίνονται, καὶ δῶρα πέμψουσιν ἀλλήλοις, ὅτι οὗτοι οἱ δύο προφηταὶ ἐβασάνισαν τοὺς κατοικοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. καὶ μετὰ τὰς τρεῖς ἡμέρας καὶ ἡμισυ πνεῦμα ζωῆς ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσηλθεν ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἔστησαν ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας αὐτῶν, καὶ φόβος μέγας ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τοὺς θεωροῦντας αὐτούς. 25R

καὶ ἤκουσαν φωνῆς μεγάλης ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λεγούσης αὐτοῖς Ἀνάβατε ὧδε· καὶ ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐν τῇ νεφέλῃ, καὶ ἐθεώρησαν αὐτοὺς οἱ ἐχθροὶ αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐγένετο σεισμὸς μέγας, καὶ τὸ δέκατον τῆς πόλεως ἔπεσεν, καὶ ἀπεκτάνθησαν ἐν τῷ σεισμῷ ὀνόματα ἀνθρώπων χιλιάδες ἑπτὰ, καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ ἔμφοβοι ἐγένοντο καὶ ἔδωκαν δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ. Ἡ Οὐαὶ ἡ δευτέρα ἀπῆλθεν· ἰδοὺ ἡ Οὐαὶ ἡ τρίτη ἔρχεται ταχύ. 30R 35R

Καὶ ὁ ἕβδομος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ἐγένοντο φωναὶ μεγάλαι ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, λέγοντες Ἐγένετο ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ κόσμου τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν καὶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ αὐτοῦ, καὶ βασιλεύσει εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. καὶ οἱ εἴκοσι τέσσαρες πρεσβύτεροι οἱ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ

eternities.“ And the twenty-four elders – (the ones) which are sitting upon their thrones before God – fell to their faces and worshipped God saying, ”We thank You, Lord our God the Almighty – (He) who is and who was – for You have taken Your great power and ruled  
50 (reigned). And the nations were angry and (then) there came Your wrath and (there also came) the time for the dead to be judged (by You) and (the time for You) to give the reward to your servants – the prophets – and to the holy men and to the ones who fear Your name – be they small or great; (and there also came the time) to destroy the  
55 destroyers of the Earth.“

And the Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the ark of His testament appeared. And there were (many bolts of) lightning and voices and thunders and a tremor and great hail(storm).

καθήμενοι ἐπὶ τοὺς θρόνους αὐτῶν, ἔπεσαν ἐπὶ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν 40R  
καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ Θεῷ, λέγοντες Εὐχαριστοῦμέν σοι, Κύριε ὁ  
Θεός ὁ Παντοκράτωρ, ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν, ὅτι εἴληφας τὴν δύναμίν σου  
τὴν μεγάλην καὶ ἐβασίλευσας· καὶ τὰ ἔθνη ὠργίσθησαν, καὶ ἦλθεν ἡ  
ὀργή σου καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῶν νεκρῶν κριθῆναι καὶ δοῦναι τὸν μισθὸν 45R  
τοῖς δούλοις σου τοῖς προφήταις καὶ τοῖς ἁγίοις καὶ τοῖς φοβουμένοις  
τὸ ὄνομά σου, τοῖς μικροῖς καὶ τοῖς μεγάλοις, καὶ διαφθεῖραι τοὺς  
διαφθείροντας τὴν γῆν.

καὶ ἠνοίγη ὁ ναὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ὤφθη ἡ κιβωτὸς  
τῆς διαθήκης αὐτοῦ ἐν τῷ ναῷ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐγένοντο ἀστραπαὶ καὶ  
φωναὶ καὶ βρονταὶ καὶ σεισμὸς καὶ χάλαζα μεγάλη. 50R

*“Arise and measure the Temple of  
God and the altar and the ones who  
pray therein.”*

JOHN MEASURING THE TEMPLE — BEATUS OF  
LIÉBANA, CIRCA 950 AD



100.

Vbi uoluit et posuit  
 pedem suum delectatum  
 super montem.  
 Et habitabit super  
 altissimum.

Vbi habitabit et  
 habitabit in  
 montibus  
 altissimum.

INCIPIT EVANGELIUM SECUNDUM MATTHEUM  
 Et dicit inquit ad unum angelum forte

preteritatis et cetera. Et dicit inquit  
 In dno. Et dicit inquit. Et dicit inquit.

## CHAPTER XII

## The Woman and the Dragon

AND a great sign appeared in Heaven (and it was a) woman wearing the Sun, and the Moon was beneath her feet and upon her head (was a) crown (made out) of twelve stars. And she was pregnant; and she cried out — because she was in labour  
 5 — and (she was) tormented (greatly) (because she was about) to give birth.

And there appeared another sign in Heaven — and look! A great fiery dragon having seven heads and ten horns; and upon his heads (there were) seven crowns, and his tail sweeps (away) a third of the  
 10 stars of Heaven and threw them into the Earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth so that he might eat her child when she gives birth. And she gave birth to a son who was (about) to shepherd (rule, lead) all (the) peoples (of the Earth) with an iron rod; and her child was snatched away by God and (brought?  
 15 lead?) to His throne.

And the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place (there) prepared (for her) of God so that they might nourish her there



## Κεφάλαιον XII

## Ἡ γυνή καὶ ὁ δράκων

**Κ**αὶ σημεῖον μέγα ὤφθη ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, γυνὴ περιβεβλημένη τὸν ἥλιον, καὶ ἡ σελήνη ὑποκάτω τῶν ποδῶν αὐτῆς, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῆς στέφανος ἀστέρων δώδεκα, καὶ ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα, καὶ κράζει ὠδίνουσα καὶ βασανιζομένη τεκεῖν.

καὶ ὤφθη ἄλλο σημεῖον ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἰδοὺ δράκων πυρρός μέγας, ἔχων κεφαλὰς ἑπτὰ καὶ κέρατα δέκα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτοῦ ἑπτὰ διαδήματα, καὶ ἡ οὐρὰ αὐτοῦ σύρει τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀστέρων τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἔβαλεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὴν γῆν. καὶ ὁ δράκων ἔστηκεν ἐνώπιον τῆς γυναικὸς τῆς μελλούσης τεκεῖν, ἵνα ὅταν τέκη τὸ τέκνον αὐτῆς καταφάγη. καὶ ἔτεκεν υἱόν, ἄρσεν, ὃς μέλλει ποιμαίνειν πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐν ῥάβδῳ σιδηρᾷ· καὶ ἠρπάσθη τὸ τέκνον αὐτῆς πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν καὶ πρὸς τὸν θρόνον αὐτοῦ.

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

for one-thousand two-hundred sixty days. And a war began (was, happened) in Heaven (in which) Michael and his angels fought (with) the dragon — and the dragon, too, fought and his angels (along with him). But they did not prevail, nor was their place to be found in Heaven any longer (when the battle had finished).

And the great dragon was thrown — (the great dragon), the ancient serpent; the one called Devil and Satan; the deceiver of the entire (inhabited) world. He was thrown into (onto) the Earth and his angels were thrown (along) with him. And I heard a great voice in Heaven saying, “Now has come the deliverance and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority (power) of His Messiah; for the accuser of our brothers — who accused them before our God day and night — has been cast (into the Earth).

And they prevailed over him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of His witness — and they did not love their own souls more than death (they weren’t afraid of dying). Therefore rejoice, O Heavens and those dwelling therein. Woe to the Earth and the sea, for the Devil — bearing (with him) a great wrath — has descended (down) towards you, knowing that he has (but) little time (left).”

And when the dragon saw (realised) that he was thrown into (down onto) the Earth, he (began) persecuting the woman who gave birth to the boy. But (and) there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, so that she might fly into the wilderness — into her place — where she is (will be) nourished for a time and times and half a time from the face of the serpent.

But (and) then the serpent spewed forth (threw) water — like a river — so that she might be made to be carried off (by the river). But (and) the Earth shouted for the (sake of the) woman, and the Earth

ἔξηκοντα. Καὶ ἐγένετο πόλεμος ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, ὁ Μιχαὴλ καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ τοῦ πολεμῆσαι μετὰ τοῦ δράκοντος, καὶ ὁ δράκων ἐπολέμησεν καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν, οὐδὲ τόπος εὐρέθη αὐτῶν ἔτι ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. 15R

καὶ ἐβλήθη ὁ δράκων ὁ μέγας, ὁ ὄφις ὁ ἀρχαῖος, ὁ καλούμενος Διάβολος καὶ Ὁ Σατανᾶς, ὁ πλανῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην ὄλην, ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ μετ' αὐτοῦ ἐβλήθησαν. καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν μεγάλην ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ λέγουσαν Ἄρτι ἐγένετο ἡ σωτηρία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν καὶ ἡ ἐξουσία τοῦ Χριστοῦ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐβλήθη ὁ κατήγwor τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, ὁ κατηγορῶν αὐτοὺς ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτός. 20R 25R

καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐνίκησαν αὐτὸν διὰ τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Ἀρνίου καὶ διὰ τὸν λόγον τῆς μαρτυρίας αὐτῶν, καὶ οὐκ ἠγάπησαν τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτῶν ἄχρι θανάτου. διὰ τοῦτο εὐφραίνεσθε, οὐρανοὶ καὶ οἱ ἐν αὐτοῖς σκηνοῦντες· οὐαὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὴν θάλασσαν, ὅτι κατέβη ὁ διάβολος πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔχων θυμὸν μέγαν, εἰδὼς ὅτι ὀλίγον καιρὸν ἔχει. 30R

Καὶ ὅτε εἶδεν ὁ δράκων ὅτι ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν, ἐδίωξεν τὴν γυναῖκα ἣτις ἔτεκεν τὸν ἄρσενά. καὶ ἐδόθησαν τῇ γυναικὶ αἱ δύο πτέρυγες τοῦ ἀετοῦ τοῦ μεγάλου, ἵνα πέτηται εἰς τὴν ἔρημον εἰς τὸν τόπον αὐτῆς, ὅπου τρέφεται ἐκεῖ καιρὸν καὶ καιροὺς καὶ ἡμισυ καιροῦ ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ ὄφεως. 35R

καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ ὄφις ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ ὀπίσω τῆς γυναικὸς ὕδωρ ὡς ποταμόν, ἵνα αὐτὴν ποταμοφόρητον ποιήσῃ. καὶ ἐβοήθησεν ἡ γῆ τῇ γυναικί, καὶ ἤνοιξεν ἡ γῆ τὸ στόμα αὐτῆς καὶ κατέπιεν τὸν

opened its mouth and swallowed (ate up) the river which the dragon spewed forth (threw) from its mouth.

And the dragon became angry with (on) the woman and left to wage war against (make war with) the remaining of her offspring —  
50 the ones honouring the commandments of God and (the ones which have) the witness of Jesus; and he stood upon the sand of the sea.

ποταμὸν ὃν ἔβαλεν ὁ δράκων ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ.

καὶ ὠργίσθη ὁ δράκων ἐπὶ τῇ γυναικί, καὶ ἀπῆλθεν ποιῆσαι πό- 40R  
λεμον μετὰ τῶν λοιπῶν τοῦ σπέρματος αὐτῆς, τῶν τηρούντων τὰς  
ἐντολὰς τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ ἐχόντων τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ· καὶ ἐστάθη ἐπὶ  
τὴν ἄμμον τῆς θαλάσσης.

*“And there appeared another sign in  
Heaven — and look! A great fiery  
dragon having seven heads and ten  
horns.”*

“THE GREAT RED DRAGON AND THE WOMAN  
CLOTHED WITH THE SUN” — WILLIAM BLAKE,  
BETWEEN 1803 – 1805



## CHAPTER XIII

## The Number of the Beast



AND I saw coming out of the sea a beast (monster) having ten horns and seven heads and upon its horns (there were) ten crowns; and upon its heads (were the names) of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard and its feet (were) like (those) of a bear and its mouth (was) like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and his great authority.

And one of its heads was (as if it was) wounded into death (i. e. it had a fatal wound) but (and) its fatal wound was healed. And all the Earth was astonished at (wondered after) the great beast and they worshipped the dragon, for it gave (his) power to the beast; and they worshipped the beast saying, “Who is like the beast and who is able to fight (with) it?”

And there was given to it a mouth to speak great (things) and (to speak) blasphemies; and there was (also) given to it (the authority) to do (the above mentioned things) for forty-two months. And it opened its mouth to (speak) blasphemous(ly) to God (in order) to blaspheme



## Κεφάλαιον XIII

## Ὁ τοῦ θηρίου ἀριθμός

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον ἐκ τῆς θαλάσσης θηρίον ἀναβαῖνον, ἔχον κέρατα δέκα καὶ κεφαλὰς ἑπτὰ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν κεράτων αὐτοῦ δέκα διαδήματα, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτοῦ ὀνόματα βλασφημίας. καὶ τὸ θηρίον ὃ εἶδον ἦν ὅμοιον παρδάλει, καὶ οἱ πόδες αὐτοῦ ὡς ἄρκου, καὶ τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ ὡς στόμα λέοντος. καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ δράκων τὴν δύναμιν αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸν θρόνον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξουσίαν μεγάλην. 5R

καὶ μίαν ἐκ τῶν κεφαλῶν αὐτοῦ ὡς ἐσφαγμένην εἰς θάνατον, καὶ ἡ πληγὴ τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ ἔθεραπεύθη. καὶ ἐθαυμάσθη ὅλη ἡ γῆ ὀπίσω τοῦ θηρίου, καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ δράκοντι ὅτι ἔδωκεν τὴν ἐξουσίαν τῷ θηρίῳ, καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ θηρίῳ λέγοντες Τίς ὅμοιος τῷ θηρίῳ, καὶ τίς δύναται πολεμῆσαι μετ' αὐτοῦ; 10R

καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ στόμα λαλοῦν μεγάλα καὶ βλασφημίας, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ἐξουσία ποιῆσαι μῆνας τεσσεράκοντα δύο. καὶ ἤνοιξεν τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ εἰς βλασφημίας πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, βλασφημῆσαι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν σκηνὴν αὐτοῦ, τοὺς ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ σκηνοῦντας. 15R

(not only) (against) His name (but also against) His tabernacle (tent) and those dwelling in Heaven.

20 And there was given to it (the authority) to make war with the holy (men, people) and (the authority) to prevail over them; and it was given the authority over every tribe and country and tongue (language) and peoples. And all the inhabitants upon the Earth worshipped it, (the ones) whose names are not written in the book of life of the slain Lamb from the foundation of the cosmos (universe, Earth). If (some)one  
25 has an ear, let him hear! If one (is destined to go) into captivity, into captivity he goes; if one kills (someone else) by sword, he will (himself) need to be killed by sword; thus (here) is the patient endurance and the faith of the holy.

And I saw another beast (monster) ascending from (out of?) the  
30 Earth and it had two horns (like those of) a lamb and it speaks like (the, a) dragon. And it exercises the entire authority of the first beast before (in front of) it; and it makes the Earth and those dwelling therein worship the first beast — (namely the one) whose fatal wound was healed. And it makes (creates) great signs, so that even fire is made to  
35 descend from Heaven into the Earth before the people (of the Earth).

And it deceives the inhabitants of the Earth through (the usage of) signs which were given to it to perform (do) them before the beast; (and it was) saying to the inhabitants of the Earth (and ordered them) to create idols to the beast which has the fatal sword wound and lived.  
40 And there was given to it (the authority) to give a soul (life) to the idol of the beast so that even the idol of the beast might (be able to) speak; and it made (it) so that, whoever does not worship the idol of the beast, dies.

And it made (forced) everyone — the small and the large; the rich

καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ποιῆσαι πόλεμον μετὰ τῶν ἁγίων καὶ νικῆσαι αὐτούς, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ἐξουσία ἐπὶ πᾶσαν φυλὴν καὶ λαὸν καὶ γλῶσσαν καὶ ἔθνος. καὶ προσκυνήσουσιν αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, οὗ οὐ γέγραπται τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τῆς ζωῆς τοῦ Ἀρνίου τοῦ ἐσφαγμένου ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. Εἴ τις ἔχει οὖς, ἀκουσάτω. εἴ τις εἰς αἰχμαλωσίαν, εἰς αἰχμαλωσίαν ὑπάγει· εἴ τις ἐν μαχαίρῃ ἀποκτενεῖ, δεῖ αὐτὸν ἐν μαχαίρῃ ἀποκτανθῆναι. Ὧδέ ἐστιν ἡ ὑπομονὴ καὶ ἡ πίστις τῶν ἁγίων. 20R

Καὶ εἶδον ἄλλο θηρίον ἀναβαῖνον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ εἶχεν κέρατα δύο ὅμοια ἀρνίῳ, καὶ ἐλάλει ὡς δράκων. καὶ τὴν ἐξουσίαν τοῦ πρώτου θηρίου πᾶσαν ποιεῖ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ποιεῖ τὴν γῆν καὶ τοὺς ἐν αὐτῇ κατοικοῦντας ἵνα προσκυνήσουσιν τὸ θηρίον τὸ πρῶτον, οὗ ἐθεραπεύθη ἡ πληγὴ τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ. καὶ ποιεῖ σημεῖα μεγάλα, ἵνα καὶ πῦρ ποιῆ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβαίνειν εἰς τὴν γῆν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀνθρώπων. 25R 30R

καὶ πλανᾷ τοὺς κατοικοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς διὰ τὰ σημεῖα ἃ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ποιῆσαι ἐνώπιον τοῦ θηρίου, λέγων τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ποιῆσαι εἰκόνα τῷ θηρίῳ, ὃς ἔχει τὴν πληγὴν τῆς μαχαίρης καὶ ἔζησεν. καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ δοῦναι πνεῦμα τῇ εἰκόνι τοῦ θηρίου, ἵνα καὶ λαλήσῃ ἢ εἰκὼν τοῦ θηρίου, καὶ ποιήσῃ ἵνα ὅσοι ἐὰν μὴ προσκυνήσωσιν τῇ εἰκόνι τοῦ θηρίου ἀποκτανθῶσιν. 35R

καὶ ποιεῖ πάντας, τοὺς μικροὺς καὶ τοὺς μεγάλους, καὶ τοὺς πλου-

45 and the poor; and the free and the slaves — to give them(selves) a mark  
upon their right hand or upon their forehead, so that one may neither  
buy nor sell (wares) unless he has the mark of the name of the beast or  
(the mark) of the number of its names. Thus (here) is the wisdom. Let  
him who has a mind calculate the number of the beast; for the number  
50 is (the number) of humans; and its number is six-hundred sixty-six.

σίους καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς, καὶ τοὺς ἐλευθέρους καὶ τοὺς δούλους, ἵνα  
δῶσιν αὐτοῖς χάραγμα ἐπὶ τῆς χειρὸς αὐτῶν τῆς δεξιᾶς ἢ ἐπὶ τὸ μέ- 40R  
τωπον αὐτῶν, καὶ ἵνα μὴ τις δύνηται ἀγοράσαι ἢ πωλῆσαι εἰ μὴ ὁ  
ἔχων τὸ χάραγμα τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ θηρίου ἢ τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ ὀνόματος  
αὐτοῦ. Ὡδε ἡ σοφία ἐστίν. ὁ ἔχων νοῦν ψηφισάτω τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ  
θηρίου· ἀριθμὸς γὰρ ἀνθρώπου ἐστίν. καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτοῦ ἑξακόσιοι  
ἑξήκοντα ἕξ. 45R

*“And I saw coming out of the sea a  
beast having ten horns and seven  
heads and upon its horns (there  
were) ten crowns.”*

“THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST IS 666” —  
WILLIAM BLAKE, 1805



## CHAPTER XIV

## The Reaping of the Earth



AND I saw — and look! — the Lamb standing upon the mountain (called) Zion (upon Mount Zion) and (there were) with Him one-hundred forty-four thousand (all of them) having His name and the name of His Father written upon their foreheads. And I  
5 heard a voice (coming) from Heaven (and it was) as a voice of many waters and as a voice of a great thunder; and the voice which I heard (was) like a harpist playing (a song) on his harps.

And they sing a new song (ode) before the throne and before the four creatures and (before) the elders; and nobody was able to learn  
10 the song (ode) unless (they were a part of) the one-hundred forty-four thousand which were bought (redeemed) from the Earth. These are the ones which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins (pure). These (are those who) follow the Lamb — wherever He may go. They (are the ones that) were bought (redeemed) from the people  
15 (men, human race) as first-fruits to God and the Lamb. And in their mouth no false (things) were found; (for) they are faultless.

And I saw another angel flying in mid-sky (mid-Heaven) having



## Κεφάλαιον XIV

## Τὸ τὴν γῆν θερίσαι

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ τὸ Ἄρνιον ἐστὸς ἐπὶ τὸ ὄρος Σιών, καὶ μετ' αὐτοῦ ἑκατὸν τεσσεράκοντα τέσσαρες χιλιάδες ἔχουσαι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρὸς αὐτοῦ γεγραμμένον ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων αὐτῶν. καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ὡς φωνὴν ὑδάτων πολλῶν καὶ ὡς φωνὴν βροντῆς μεγάλης, καὶ ἡ φωνὴ ἦν ἤκουσα ὡς κιθαρῶδῶν κιθαριζόντων ἐν ταῖς κιθάραις αὐτῶν.

5R

καὶ ἄδουσιν ᾠδὴν καινὴν ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου καὶ ἐνώπιον τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδύνατο μαθεῖν τὴν ᾠδὴν εἰ μὴ αἱ ἑκατὸν τεσσεράκοντα τέσσαρες χιλιάδες, οἱ ἠγορασμένοι ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς. οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ μετὰ γυναικῶν οὐκ ἐμολύνθησαν· παρθένοι γάρ εἰσιν. οὗτοι οἱ ἀκολουθοῦντες τῷ Ἄρνιῳ ὅπου ἂν ὑπάγῃ· οὗτοι ἠγοράσθησαν ἀπὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀπαρχὴ τῷ Θεῷ καὶ τῷ Ἄρνιῳ, καὶ ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτῶν οὐχ εὐρέθη ψεῦδος· ἄμωμοί εἰσιν.

10R

Καὶ εἶδον ἄλλον ἄγγελον πετόμενον ἐν μεσουρανήματι, ἔχοντα

the eternal (long-lasting, everlasting) gospel (i. e. the good news) to preach to the (people) sitting upon the Earth and to every peoples and  
20 tribe and tongue (language) and country. (And he was) saying, “Fear God and give Him glory, for there has come the time of His judgement; and worship the creator of the universe (Heaven) and the Earth and the sea and the springs of waters.

And another angel – a second one – followed (the first one) saying,  
25 “The great Babylon has fallen – (yes, it) has (indeed) fallen; (the great Babylon) which has given (something) to drink to every nation from its wine of wrath of its sexual immorality.

And another angel – a third one – followed them saying in a great voice, “If someone worships the beast and its idol and (if someone)  
30 takes (its) mark upon his forehead or his hand, (then) he will (also) drink from the wine of the wrath of God, (the one) which is mixed undiluted (i. e. it is at its fullest strength) in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented in fire and brimstone before (the) holy angels and before the Lamb.

And the smoke of their torment will ascend (into Heaven, the  
35 sky?) into the eternity of eternities (forever) and they will not have a break (neither) during the day (nor) during the night – (neither) the worshippers of the beast and its icon (nor) someone who takes the mark of its name (will have a break). Such is the patient endurance  
40 of the holy, the (ones) honouring the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice (coming) from Heaven saying, “Write (the following): ‘Blessed (are) the dead, (the ones) which will die in the Lord henceforth.’” “Yes”, says the Spirit, “so that they may rest from  
45 their toils – for their works follows (with) them.”

εὐαγγέλιον αἰώνιον εὐαγγελίσαι ἐπὶ τοὺς καθημένους ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς 15R  
καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶν ἔθνος καὶ φυλὴν καὶ γλῶσσαν καὶ λαόν, λέγων ἐν φωνῇ  
μεγάλῃ· Φοβήθητε τὸν Θεὸν καὶ δότε αὐτῷ δόξαν, ὅτι ἦλθεν ἡ ὥρα  
τῆς κρίσεως αὐτοῦ, καὶ προσκυνήσατε τῷ ποιήσαντι τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ  
τὴν γῆν καὶ θάλασσαν καὶ πηγὰς ὑδάτων.

Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος δεύτερος ἠκολούθησεν λέγων Ἔπεσεν ἔπεσεν 20R  
Βαβυλῶν ἡ μεγάλη, ἣ ἐκ τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τῆς πορνείας αὐτῆς  
πεπότικεν πάντα τὰ ἔθνη.

Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος τρίτος ἠκολούθησεν αὐτοῖς λέγων ἐν φωνῇ 25R  
μεγάλῃ Εἶ τις προσκυνεῖ τὸ θηρίον καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα αὐτοῦ, καὶ λαμβάνει  
χάραγμα ἐπὶ τοῦ μετώπου αὐτοῦ ἢ ἐπὶ τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὐτὸς  
πίεται ἐκ τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ κεκερασμένου ἀκράτου  
ἐν τῷ ποτηρίῳ τῆς ὀργῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ βασανισθήσεται ἐν πυρὶ καὶ θείῳ  
ἐνώπιον ἀγγέλων ἀγίων καὶ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Ἄρνιου.

καὶ ὁ καπνὸς τοῦ βασανισμοῦ αὐτῶν εἰς αἰῶνας αἰώνων ἀναβαίνει, 30R  
καὶ οὐκ ἔχουσιν ἀνάπαυσιν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτός οἱ προσκυνοῦντες τὸ  
θηρίον καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα αὐτοῦ, καὶ εἶ τις λαμβάνει τὸ χάραγμα τοῦ  
ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ. Ὡδε ἡ ὑπομονὴ τῶν ἀγίων ἐστίν, οἱ τηροῦντες τὰς  
ἐντολὰς τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν πίστιν Ἰησοῦ.

Καὶ ἤκουσα φωνῆς ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λεγούσης Γράψον Μακάριοι οἱ 35R  
νεκροὶ οἱ ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀποθνήσκοντες ἀπάρτι. ναί, λέγει τὸ Πνεῦμα, ἵνα  
ἀναπαήσονται ἐκ τῶν κόπων αὐτῶν· τὰ γὰρ ἔργα αὐτῶν ἀκολουθεῖ  
μετ' αὐτῶν.

And I saw — and look! — a white cloud and upon the cloud (there was) sitting (someone that was) like the Son of Man, having a golden crown upon His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. And another angel came out of the temple, shouting in a great voice to the One sitting upon the cloud, “Send your sick and reap! For there has come the time (hour) to reap, because the crop of the Earth has withered.” And the One sitting upon the cloud threw His sickle onto the Earth and the Earth was reaped.

And another angel, also having a sharp sickle, came out of the temple, the one in Heaven. And another angel, who had the authority over the fire, came out of the altar; and he proclaimed in a great voice to the one having the sharp sickle saying, “Send your sharp sickle and collect (gather) the clusters from the vine of the Earth; for their grapes are ripe (in full bloom).”

And the angel threw his sickle into the Earth and collected the vine of the Earth and threw (it) into the great winepress of the wrath of God (or “the winepress of the great wrath of God”). And the winepress was carried outside the city; and there came forth blood from the winepress until (up to, reaching) the bridles of the horses, from one-thousand six-hundred stades (approximately 320 km).

Καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ νεφέλη λευκὴ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν νεφέλην καθήμενον ὅμοιον υἱὸν ἀνθρώπου, ἔχων ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ στέφανον χρυσοῦν καὶ ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ δρέπανον ὄξύ. Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ ναοῦ, κράζων ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλη τῷ καθήμενῷ ἐπὶ τῆς νεφέλης Πέμψον τὸ δρέπανόν σου καὶ θέρισον, ὅτι ἦλθεν ἡ ὥρα θερίσαι, ὅτι ἐξηράνθη ὁ θερισμὸς τῆς γῆς. καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῆς νεφέλης τὸ δρέπανον αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐθερίσθη ἡ γῆ. 40R

Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ ναοῦ τοῦ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, ἔχων καὶ αὐτὸς δρέπανον ὄξύ. Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου, ὁ ἔχων ἔξουσίαν ἐπὶ τοῦ πυρός, καὶ ἐφώνησεν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ τῷ ἔχοντι τὸ δρέπανον τὸ ὄξύ λέγων Πέμψον σου τὸ δρέπανον τὸ ὄξύ καὶ τρύγησον τοὺς βότρυας τῆς ἀμπέλου τῆς γῆς, ὅτι ἤκμασαν αἱ σταφυλαὶ αὐτῆς. 50R

καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ ἄγγελος τὸ δρέπανον αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐτρύγησεν τὴν ἀμπελον τῆς γῆς καὶ ἔβαλεν εἰς τὴν ληνὸν τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τὸν μέγαν. καὶ ἐπατήθη ἡ ληνὸς ἔξωθεν τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἐξῆλθεν αἷμα ἐκ τῆς ληνοῦ ἄχρι τῶν χαλινῶν τῶν ἵππων, ἀπὸ σταδίων χιλίων ἑξακοσίων. 55R

*“And I saw — and look! — a white cloud and upon the cloud (there was) sitting (someone that was) like the Son of Man, having a golden crown upon His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.”*

“GERICHTSANKÜNDIGUNG” — GEBHARD  
FUGEL, 1933



## CHAPTER XV

## The Plagues of the Angels



AND I saw another great and wondrous sign in Heaven: an  
angel having (with him?) the last seven plagues (seven last  
plagues), for in them the wrath of God will be finished. And  
I saw (something) like a crystalline (made out of glass) sea mixed with  
5 fire; and those who prevailed over the beast and over its idol and over  
the number of its name, (they were) standing upon the crystalline sea  
(each of them) having lyres of God.

And they sing the ode (song) of Moses — the servant of God —  
and the ode (song) of the Lamb saying, “Great and wondrous are Your  
10 deeds, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, O King  
of (all) the nations. Who does not fear and glorify Your name, O Lord?  
For (You) alone are holy (hallowed) and because all the nations will  
come (to You) and worship before You and because Your righteous  
deeds were revealed.”

15 And after this I saw and the temple of the tabernacle of the tes-  
timony open in Heaven and there came out of the temple the seven  
angels, (namely the ones) having the seven plagues (and they were)



## Κεφάλαιον XV

## Αἱ τῶν ἀγγέλων πληγαί

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον ἄλλο σημεῖον ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ μέγα καὶ θαυμαστόν, ἀγγέλους ἑπτὰ ἔχοντας πληγὰς ἑπτὰ τὰς ἐσχάτας, ὅτι ἐν αὐταῖς ἐτελέσθη ὁ θυμὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ εἶδον ὡς θάλασσαν ὑαλίνην μεμιγμένην πυρί, καὶ τοὺς νικῶντας ἐκ τοῦ θηρίου καὶ ἐκ τῆς εἰκόνας αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐκ τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ ἐστῶτας ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν τὴν ὑαλίνην, ἔχοντας κιθάρας τοῦ Θεοῦ. 5R

καὶ ᾄδουσιν τὴν ᾠδὴν Μωϋσέως τοῦ δούλου τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν ᾠδὴν τοῦ Ἀρνίου, λέγοντες Μεγάλα καὶ θαυμαστά τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Παντοκράτωρ· δίκαιαι καὶ ἀληθιναὶ αἱ ὁδοί σου, ὁ Βασιλεὺς τῶν ἐθνῶν· τίς οὐ μὴ φοβηθῆ, Κύριε, καὶ δοξάσει τὸ ὄνομά σου; ὅτι ὁ μόνος ὁσῖος, ὅτι πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἤξουσιν καὶ προσκυνήσουσιν ἐνώπιόν σου, ὅτι τὰ δικαιώματά σου ἐφανερώθησαν. 10R

Καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα εἶδον, καὶ ἠνοίγη ὁ ναὸς τῆς σκηνῆς τοῦ μαρτυρίου ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐξῆλθον οἱ ἑπτὰ ἄγγελοι οἱ ἔχοντες τὰς ἑπτὰ πληγὰς ἐκ τοῦ ναοῦ, ἐνδεδυμένοι λίνον καθαρὸν λαμπρὸν καὶ 15R

clad in pure, white linen; and around their chests were bound golden belts. And one of the four creatures gave seven golden vials — (all)  
20 filled with the wrath of God, the (one) living into the eternity of eternity — to the angels. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and nobody was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels have finished.

περιεζωσμένοι περὶ τὰ στήθη ζώνας χρυσᾶς. καὶ ἓν ἐκ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων ἔδωκεν τοῖς ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλοις ἑπτὰ φιάλας χρυσᾶς γεμούσας τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ζῶντος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. καὶ ἐγεμίσθη ὁ ναὸς καπνοῦ ἐκ τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ ἐκ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδύνατο εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν ναὸν ἄχρι τελεσθῶσιν αἱ ἑπτὰ πληγαὶ τῶν ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλων.

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*“And after this I saw and the temple  
of the tabernacle of the testimony  
open in Heaven and there came out  
of the temple the seven angels.”*

“ZORNSCHALEN” — GEBHARD FUGEL, 1933



## CHAPTER XVI

## The Emptying of the Vials

AND I heard a great voice from the temple, telling the seven angels, “Arise and empty the seven vials of the wrath of God into the Earth.” And the first one left and emptied his vial into the Earth; and bad and painful sores befell (happened) the people having the mark of the beast and those worshipping its idol.

And the second (one) emptied his vial into the sea; and it became blood, as that of a dead (person), and all living soul died, (at least) the ones in the sea. And the third (one) emptied his vial into into the rivers and the springs of waters — and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “You are just, (You) who is and who was (and) the Hallowed — (You are these things) for you have judged thus. For they poured out the blood of holy (men) and (that) of prophets; and blood (is what) You have given them to drink. (For) they are worthy.”

And I heard (someone from?) the altar saying, “Yes O Lord God, the Almighty, true and just are Your judgements.” And the fourth (one) emptied his vial upon the Sun; and there was given to him (the

## Κεφάλαιον XVI

## Τὸ τὰς φιάλας ἐκχέαι

**Κ**αὶ ἤκουσα μεγάλης φωνῆς ἐκ τοῦ ναοῦ λεγούσης τοῖς ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλοις Ὑπάγετε καὶ ἐκχέετε τὰς ἑπτὰ φιάλας τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰς τὴν γῆν. Καὶ ἀπῆλθεν ὁ πρῶτος καὶ ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν γῆν· καὶ ἐγένετο ἔλκος κακὸν καὶ πονηρὸν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους τοὺς ἔχοντας τὸ χάραγμα τοῦ θηρίου καὶ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας τῇ εἰκόνι αὐτοῦ. 5R

Καὶ ὁ δεύτερος ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· καὶ ἐγένετο αἷμα ὡς νεκροῦ, καὶ πᾶσα ψυχὴ ζωῆς ἀπέθανεν, τὰ ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ. Καὶ ὁ τρίτος ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ εἰς τοὺς ποταμοὺς καὶ τὰς πηγὰς τῶν ὑδάτων· καὶ ἐγένετο αἷμα. Καὶ ἤκουσα τοῦ ἀγγέλου τῶν ὑδάτων λέγοντος Δίκαιος εἶ, ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν, ὁ Ὅσιος, ὅτι ταῦτα ἔκρινας, ὅτι αἷμα ἀγίων καὶ προφητῶν ἐξέχεαν, καὶ αἷμα αὐτοῖς δέδωκας πεῖν· ἄξιοί εἰσιν. 10R

Καὶ ἤκουσα τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου λέγοντος Ναί, Κύριε ὁ Θεός ὁ Παντοκράτωρ, ἀληθινὰ καὶ δίκαια αἰ κρίσεις σου. Καὶ ὁ τέταρτος ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὸν ἥλιον· καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ καυματίσαι τοὺς 15R

authority) to scorch (all) the humans in (with) fire. And the people were scorched (in, with) a great heat; and they blasphemed the name of God — the One having the authority over their plagues (sufferings).

20 And they did not repent (of their sins) to give Him glory.

And the fifth (one) emptied his vial onto the throne of the beast; and its kingdom was darkened (overshadowed) and they gnawed their tongues from (because of) the suffering (toil). And they blasphemed the God of Heaven from (because of) their suffering (toils) and from  
25 their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

And the sixth (one) emptied his vial onto the great river (called) Euphrates; and its water dried up (withered) so that the path of the kings of the East might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits — like frogs — (coming) from the mouth of the dragon and from the  
30 mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet. For they are (the) spirits of demons, making signs, which come forth upon the kings of the entire (inhabited) world (and) to collect (gather) them (and lead them?) to the war of the great day of God the Almighty.

Look, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is he who is watchful and  
35 (he who) keeps his garments (clean), so that he does not walk about naked and (so that) they might not see his shame. And he gathered them in(to) the region (that is) called Armageddon (lit. Harmagedon) in Hebrew.

And the seventh (one) emptied his vial onto the air; and there came  
40 a great voice from the temple from the throne saying, “It has happened.” And there were (bolts of) lightning and voices and thunder and a great tremor occurred, such as has not happened since the time during which man appeared on the Earth — so great a tremor (occurred).

And the great city was trisected (lit. it fell into three parts) and



ἀνθρώπους ἐν πυρί· καὶ ἐκαυματίσθησαν οἱ ἄνθρωποι καῦμα μέγα, καὶ ἐβλασφήμησαν τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἔχοντος τὴν ἐξουσίαν ἐπὶ τὰς πληγὰς ταύτας, καὶ οὐ μετενόησαν δοῦναι αὐτῶ δόξαν.

Καὶ ὁ πέμπτος ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὸν θρόνον τοῦ θηρίου· καὶ ἐγένετο ἡ βασιλεία αὐτοῦ ἐσκοτωμένη, καὶ ἔμασῶντο τὰς γλώσσας αὐτῶν ἐκ τοῦ πόνου, καὶ ἐβλασφήμησαν τὸν Θεὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἐκ τῶν πόνων αὐτῶν καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἐλκῶν αὐτῶν, καὶ οὐ μετενόησαν ἐκ τῶν ἔργων αὐτῶν. 20R

Καὶ ὁ ἕκτος ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὸν ποταμὸν τὸν μέγαν Εὐφράτην· καὶ ἐξηράνθη τὸ ὕδωρ αὐτοῦ, ἵνα ἐτοιμασθῇ ἡ ὁδὸς τῶν βασιλέων τῶν ἀπὸ ἀνατολῆς ἡλίου. Καὶ εἶδον ἐκ τοῦ στόματος τοῦ δράκοντος καὶ ἐκ τοῦ στόματος τοῦ θηρίου καὶ ἐκ τοῦ στόματος τοῦ ψευδοπροφήτου πνεύματα τρία ἀκάθαρτα ὡς βάτραχοι· εἰσὶν γὰρ πνεύματα δαιμονίων ποιοῦντα σημεῖα, ἃ ἐκπορεύεται ἐπὶ τοὺς βασιλεῖς τῆς οἰκουμένης ὅλης, συναγαγεῖν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸν πόλεμον τῆς ἡμέρας τῆς μεγάλης τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ Παντοκράτορος. 30R

Ἴδου ἔρχομαι ὡς κλέπτης· μακάριος ὁ γρηγορῶν καὶ τηρῶν τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ, ἵνα μὴ γυμνὸς περιπατῇ καὶ βλέπωσιν τὴν ἀσχημοσύνην αὐτοῦ. καὶ συνήγαγεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸν τόπον τὸν καλούμενον Ἑβραϊστὶ Ἄρμαγεδών. 35R

Καὶ ὁ ἕβδομος ἐξέχεεν τὴν φιάλην αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὸν ἀέρα· καὶ ἐξῆλθεν φωνὴ μεγάλη ἐκ τοῦ ναοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ θρόνου λέγουσα Γέγονεν. καὶ ἐγένοντο ἀστραπαὶ καὶ φωναὶ καὶ βρονταὶ, καὶ σεισμὸς ἐγένετο μέγας, οἷος οὐκ ἐγένετο ἀφ' οὗ ἄνθρωπος ἐγένετο ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τηλικούτος σεισμὸς οὕτω μέγας. 40R

καὶ ἐγένετο ἡ πόλις ἡ μεγάλη εἰς τρία μέρη, καὶ αἱ πόλεις τῶν

45 the cities of the nations fell. And the great Babylon was remembered before God (and He remembered) to give to Babylon the cup of the wine of His anger. And every island fled, and mountains were not (any longer) found (anywhere).

50 And a great hail descended from Heaven upon the people (and each hailstone was, in weight) like a talent (approximately 60 kg). And the people blasphemed God from (because of) their suffering of the hail, for their sufferings are very great.

ἔθνῶν ἔπεσαν. καὶ Βαβυλῶν ἡ μεγάλη ἐμνήσθη ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ  
δοῦναι αὐτῇ τὸ ποτήριον τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τῆς ὀργῆς αὐτοῦ. καὶ  
πᾶσα νῆσος ἔφυγεν, καὶ ὄρη οὐχ εὐρέθησαν.

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καὶ χάλαζα μεγάλη ὡς ταλαντιαία καταβαίνει ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἐπὶ  
τοὺς ἀνθρώπους· καὶ ἐβλασφήμησαν οἱ ἄνθρωποι τὸν Θεὸν ἐκ τῆς  
πληγῆς τῆς χαλάζης, ὅτι μεγάλη ἐστὶν ἡ πληγὴ αὐτῆς σφόδρα.

*“And he gathered them in(to) the  
region (that is) called Armageddon  
[...]”*

“ARMAGEDDON” — NICHOLAS ROERICH, 1935



## CHAPTER XVII

## The Prostitute of Babylon



AND there came one of the seven angels — the ones having the seven vials — and he spoke to me saying, “Come, I will show you the judgement of the great prostitute — the one sitting upon many waters — with whom the kings of the Earth committed adultery; and the inhabitants of the Earth were made drunk (by drinking) from the wine of her sexual immorality.

And he lead me away into (the) wilderness in Spirit. And I saw a woman sitting upon a red beast — filled with (the) names of blasphemy — and having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was clad in purple and red and adorned with gold and precious stone(s) and pearls; and she had a golden cup in her hand (that was) filled with abominations and the uncleanness of her sexual immorality. And (there was) written a name upon her head, a mystery (a mysterious one): “THE GREAT BABYLON, THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”.

And I saw the woman being drunk from the blood of the holy and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And seeing her, I was greatly

## Κεφάλαιον XVII

## Ἡ πορνὴ τῆς Βαβυλῶνος

**Κ**αὶ ἦλθεν εἷς ἐκ τῶν ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλων τῶν ἐχόντων τὰς ἑπτὰ φιάλας, καὶ ἐλάλησεν μετ' ἐμοῦ λέγων Δεῦρο, δείξω σοι τὸ κρίμα τῆς πόρνῆς τῆς μεγάλης τῆς καθημένης ἐπὶ ὑδάτων πολλῶν, μεθ' ἧς ἐπόρνευσαν οἱ βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἐμεθύσθησαν οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν γῆν ἐκ τοῦ οἴνου τῆς πορνείας αὐτῆς.

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καὶ ἀπήνεγκέν με εἰς ἔρημον ἐν Πνεύματι. καὶ εἶδον γυναῖκα καθημένην ἐπὶ θηρίον κόκκινον, γέμοντα ὀνόματα βλασφημίας, ἔχων κεφαλὰς ἑπτὰ καὶ κέρατα δέκα. καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἦν περιβεβλημένη πορφυροῦν καὶ κόκκινον, καὶ κεχρυσωμένη χρυσίῳ καὶ λίθῳ τιμίῳ καὶ μαργαρίταις, ἔχουσα ποτήριον χρυσοῦν ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτῆς γέμον βδελυγμάτων καὶ τὰ ἀκάθαρτα τῆς πορνείας αὐτῆς, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸ μέτωπον αὐτῆς ὄνομα γεγραμμένον, μυστήριον, ΒΑΒΥΛΩΝ Η ΜΕΓΑΛΗ Η ΜΗΤΗΡ ΠΟΡΝΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΤΩΝ ΒΔΕΛΥΓΜΑΤΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΓΗΣ.

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καὶ εἶδον τὴν γυναῖκα μεθύουσαν ἐκ τοῦ αἵματος τῶν ἁγίων καὶ ἐκ τοῦ αἵματος τῶν μαρτύρων Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἐθάύμασα ἰδὼν αὐτὴν

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astonished. And the angel said to me, “Why are you astonished? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast carrying her, the (one) having seven heads and ten horns. The beast which you saw was but (it) is not (any longer) and it will ascend out of the abyss (bottomless pit) and it walks into destruction. And the inhabitants upon the Earth — the ones whose name is not written upon the book of life from the foundation of the cosmos (world, universe) — (they) will marvel seeing the beast; for it was, but is not, and it will be here.

Here (is required?) a mind having wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits (lit. where the woman sits upon them); and they are seven kings. Five of them fell (died), one is (still alive) and the remaining (one) has not yet come; and when he comes, he may (only) stay briefly.

And the beast which was but (which no longer) is, is itself an eighth and is (one) of the seven; and it walks into destruction. And the ten horns which you see are ten kings which have not yet taken (their) kingdom; but (they have the) authority of a king and, one hour, they will take the authority of a king alongside the beast. They have (but) one mind and they will give their power and authority to the beast. They will fight with (against) the Lamb and the Lamb will prevail over them, for He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings; for they are called and chosen and faithful.”

And he tells me, “The ten horns which you see — and the beast —, they hate the prostitute and they will make her desolate and naked; and her flesh is eaten and they will burn her in (a) fire; for God has placed into their hearts (the authority) to do (carry out) His plan (mind) and to act as one mind (lit. to do one mind) and to give their kingdom to the beast — until the words of God are finished (fulfilled). And the



θαῦμα μέγα. καὶ εἶπέν μοι ὁ ἄγγελος Διὰ τί ἐθαύμασας; ἐγὼ ἐρῶ σοι τὸ μυστήριον τῆς γυναικὸς καὶ τοῦ θηρίου τοῦ βαστάζοντος αὐτήν τοῦ ἔχοντος τὰς ἑπτὰ κεφαλὰς καὶ τὰ δέκα κέρατα. τὸ θηρίον ὃ εἶδες ἦν καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν, καὶ μέλλει ἀναβαίνειν ἐκ τῆς ἀβύσσου καὶ εἰς ἀπώλειαν ὑπάγει· καὶ θαυμασθήσονται οἱ κατοικοῦντες ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὧν οὐ γέγραπται τὸ ὄνομα ἐπὶ τὸ βιβλίον τῆς ζωῆς ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου, βλέπόντων τὸ θηρίον ὅτι ἦν καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν καὶ παρέσται. 20R

᾿Ωδε ὁ νοῦς ὁ ἔχων σοφίαν. αἱ ἑπτὰ κεφαλαὶ ἑπτὰ ὄρη εἰσὶν, ὅπου ἡ γυνὴ κάθηται ἐπ' αὐτῶν. καὶ βασιλεῖς ἑπτὰ εἰσὶν· οἱ πέντε ἔπεσαν, ὁ εἷς ἔστιν, ὁ ἄλλος οὐπω ἦλθεν, καὶ ὅταν ἔλθῃ ὀλίγον αὐτὸν δεῖ μεῖναι. 25R

καὶ τὸ θηρίον ὃ ἦν καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν, καὶ αὐτὸς ὄγδοός ἐστιν καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἑπτὰ ἐστιν, καὶ εἰς ἀπώλειαν ὑπάγει. καὶ τὰ δέκα κέρατα ἃ εἶδες δέκα βασιλεῖς εἰσὶν, οἵτινες βασιλείαν οὐπω ἔλαβον, ἀλλὰ ἐξουσίαν ὡς βασιλεῖς μίαν ὥραν λαμβάνουσιν μετὰ τοῦ θηρίου. οὗτοι μίαν γνώμην ἔχουσιν, καὶ τὴν δύναμιν καὶ ἐξουσίαν αὐτῶν τῷ θηρίῳ διδούσιν. οὗτοι μετὰ τοῦ Ἄρνιου πολεμήσουσιν καὶ τὸ Ἄρνιον νικήσει αὐτούς, ὅτι Κύριος κυρίων ἐστὶν καὶ Βασιλεὺς βασιλέων, καὶ οἱ μετ' αὐτοῦ κλητοὶ καὶ ἐκλεκτοὶ καὶ πιστοί. 30R

Καὶ λέγει μοι Τὰ ὕδατα ἃ εἶδες, οὗ ἡ πόρνη κάθηται, λαοὶ καὶ ὄχλοι εἰσὶν καὶ ἔθνη καὶ γλώσσαι. καὶ τὰ δέκα κέρατα ἃ εἶδες καὶ τὸ θηρίον, οὗτοι μισήσουσιν τὴν πόρνην, καὶ ἠρημωμένην ποιήσουσιν αὐτήν καὶ γυμνήν, καὶ τὰς σάρκας αὐτῆς φάγονται, καὶ αὐτήν κατακαύσουσιν ἐν πυρὶ· ὁ γὰρ Θεὸς ἔδωκεν εἰς τὰς καρδίας αὐτῶν ποιῆσαι τὴν γνώμην αὐτοῦ, καὶ ποιῆσαι μίαν γνώμην καὶ δοῦναι τὴν βασιλείαν αὐτῶν τῷ 35R

woman which you see is the great city, (the one) having the kingdom (the one which rules) over the kings of the Earth.

θηρίω, ἄχρι τελεσθήσονται οἱ λόγοι τοῦ Θεοῦ. καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἣν εἶδες 40R  
ἔστιν ἡ πόλις ἡ μεγάλη ἡ ἔχουσα βασιλείαν ἐπὶ τῶν βασιλέων τῆς  
γῆς.

*“And I saw a woman sitting upon a  
red beast [...]”*

“GROSSE BABYLON” — GEHARD FUGEL, 1933



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**CHAPTER XVIII**

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## The Fallen Babylon

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**A**FTER this I saw another angel coming down from Heaven, having (a) great authority; and the Earth was illuminated through his glory. And he shouted in a strong voice saying, “The great (city of) Babylon, it fell, it fell. And it became (was) a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird; for from the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality have drunk all the nations, and the kings of the Earth committed adultery with her and the merchants of the Earth became rich from the power of her sensuality (luxury).

10       And I heard another voice from Heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins and so that you may not take (receive) (anything) from her plagues (so that you may not get infected with her plagues). For her sins have combined (and piled up) into Heaven and God remembered her wrongdoings. Give her  
15       back (sell her) as she has also given back (sold) and double the double (double it?) according to her deeds. In the cup which she mixed, mixed her double (make twice as much as she made).

## Κεφάλαιον XVIII

## Ἡ πεσοῦσα Βαβυλῶν


 ετὰ ταῦτα εἶδον ἄλλον ἄγγελον καταβαίνοντα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρα-  
 νοῦ, ἔχοντα ἐξουσίαν μεγάλην, καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐφωτίσθη ἐκ τῆς  
 δόξης αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἔκραξεν ἐν ἰσχυρῶ φωνῇ λέγων Ἔπεσεν  
 ἔπεσεν Βαβυλῶν ἡ μεγάλη, καὶ ἐγένετο κατοικητήριον δαιμονίων καὶ  
 φυλακὴ παντὸς πνεύματος ἀκαθάρτου καὶ φυλακὴ παντὸς ὀρνέου  
 ἀκαθάρτου καὶ μεμισημένου, ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τῆς πορνείας  
 αὐτῆς πέπωκαν πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ οἱ βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς μετ' αὐτῆς  
 ἐπόρνευσαν, καὶ οἱ ἔμποροι τῆς γῆς ἐκ τῆς δυνάμεως τοῦ στρήνους  
 αὐτῆς ἐπλούτησαν.

5R

Καὶ ἤκουσα ἄλλην φωνὴν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λέγουσαν Ἐξέλθατε  
 ὁ λαός μου ἐξ αὐτῆς, ἵνα μὴ συνκοινωνήσητε ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις αὐτῆς,  
 καὶ ἐκ τῶν πληγῶν αὐτῆς ἵνα μὴ λάβητε· ὅτι ἐκολλήθησαν αὐτῆς αἱ  
 ἀμαρτίαι ἄχρι τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἐμνημόνευσεν ὁ Θεὸς τὰ ἀδικήματα  
 αὐτῆς. ἀπόδοτε αὐτῇ ὡς καὶ αὐτὴ ἀπέδωκεν, καὶ διπλώσατε τὰ δι-  
 πλᾶ κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτῆς· ἐν τῷ ποτηρίῳ ᾧ ἐκέρασεν κεράσατε αὐτῇ  
 διπλοῦν·

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15R

As many (people as there were who) glorified her and (as many as) lived sensually (with her), that many (people) (will) give her torment and mourning. For in her heart she says that “I am sitting (as a) queen and I am not a widow; and I do not see (any) mourning.” Because of this there will one day come her plagues — death and mourning and famine — and she will be burned (up) in fire; for the Lord God, her judge, is strong.

And the kings of the Earth — those who committed adultery with her and lived in sensuality (with her) — will weep and strike (at) her when they see the smoke of her burning (up). (And they are) standing far away through (because of) the fear (in fear) of her torment saying, “Woe, woe (to you) O great and strong city Babylon; for in one (single) hour has come your judgement.”

And the merchants of the Earth will weep and mourn (at) her, for nobody buys their goods anymore. Their golden and silver goods and (their goods made out of) precious stone and pearls and (their goods) made out of fine linen and purple cloth and silk and scarlet; and every scented tree and every item made out of ivory and every item made out of costly wood and brass and iron and marble. And (also their) cinnamon and spice and incense and myrrh and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat; and (their) cattle and sheep and horses and chariots and bodies (slaves?) and human souls.

“And the ripe fruit of your soul’s lust (the ripe fruit your soul longs for) has departed from you and all the things (you held) precious and (that were) luxurious, they (also) departed from you — and they will never (again) find them (you will not find them again).”

And the merchants of these (goods) — those (merchants) who became rich (by selling her things) — they are standing far away



ὅσα ἐδόξασεν αὐτὴν καὶ ἐστηνίασεν, τοσοῦτον δότε αὐτῇ βα-  
 σανισμὸν καὶ πένθος. ὅτι ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτῆς λέγει ὅτι Κάθημαι  
 βασίλισσα καὶ χήρα οὐκ εἰμί, καὶ πένθος οὐ μὴ ἴδω· διὰ τοῦτο ἐν μιᾷ  
 ἡμέρᾳ ἤξουσιν αἱ πληγαὶ αὐτῆς, θάνατος καὶ πένθος καὶ λιμός, καὶ ἐν 20R  
 πυρὶ κατακαυθήσεται· ὅτι ἰσχυρὸς Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ὁ κρίνας αὐτήν.

καὶ κλαύσουσιν καὶ κόψονται ἐπ' αὐτήν οἱ βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς οἱ μετ'  
 αὐτῆς πορνεύσαντες καὶ στηνιάσαντες, ὅταν βλέπωσιν τὸν καπνὸν  
 τῆς πυρώσεως αὐτῆς, ἀπὸ μακρόθεν ἐστηκότες διὰ τὸν φόβον τοῦ  
 βασανισμοῦ αὐτῆς, λέγοντες Οὐαὶ οὐαὶ, ἡ πόλις ἡ μεγάλη, Βαβυλῶν 25R  
 ἡ πόλις ἡ ἰσχυρά, ὅτι μιᾷ ὥρᾳ ἦλθεν ἡ κρίσις σου.

καὶ οἱ ἔμποροι τῆς γῆς κλαίουσιν καὶ πενθοῦσιν ἐπ' αὐτήν, ὅτι τὸν  
 γόμον αὐτῶν οὐδεὶς ἀγοράζει οὐκέτι, γόμον χρυσοῦ καὶ ἀργύρου καὶ  
 λίθου τιμίου καὶ μαργαριτῶν καὶ βυσσίνου καὶ πορφύρας καὶ σιρικοῦ  
 καὶ κοκκίνου, καὶ πᾶν ξύλον θύϊνον καὶ πᾶν σκεῦος ἐλεφάντινον 30R  
 καὶ πᾶν σκεῦος ἐκ ξύλου τιμιωτάτου καὶ χαλκοῦ καὶ σιδήρου καὶ  
 μαρμάρου, καὶ κιννάμωμον καὶ ἄμωμον καὶ θυμιάματα καὶ μύρον καὶ  
 λίβανον καὶ οἶνον καὶ ἔλαιον καὶ σεμίδαλιν καὶ σῖτον καὶ κτήνη καὶ  
 πρόβατα, καὶ ἵππων καὶ ρεδῶν καὶ σωμάτων, καὶ ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων.

καὶ ἡ ὀπώρα σου τῆς ἐπιθυμίας τῆς ψυχῆς ἀπῆλθεν ἀπὸ σοῦ, καὶ 35R  
 πάντα τὰ λιπαρὰ καὶ τὰ λαμπρὰ ἀπώλετο ἀπὸ σοῦ, καὶ οὐκέτι οὐ μὴ  
 αὐτὰ εὐρήσουσιν.

οἱ ἔμποροι τούτων, οἱ πλουτήσαντες ἀπ' αὐτῆς, ἀπὸ μακρόθεν  
 στήσονται διὰ τὸν φόβον τοῦ βασανισμοῦ αὐτῆς κλαίοντες καὶ πεν-

because of the fear of (i. e. fearing) her torment (and they are) weeping and mourning saying, “Woe woe (to you), O great city clothed in fine purple and scarlet linen and adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls – for in one (single) hour your great wealth has been made  
50 desolate.”

And every captain and every sea traveller and (every) seaman (sailor) and whosoever works at the sea – they are (all) standing far away and they shouted seeing the smoke of her burning (up) saying, “Who (what) is alike the great city?” And they threw dust onto their  
55 heads and they shouted (whilst they were) weeping and mourning (and they were) saying, “Woe, woe (to you), O great city in which (through which) were made rich all those who have ships in the sea through her wealth; for in one (single) hour she has been laid waste.” Rejoice over her, O Heaven and (you) holy men and apostles and prophets; for  
60 God has judged your judgment from her (God avenged you?).

And one strong angel picked up a stone – like a great millstone – and threw it into the sea saying, “Thus with wrath (anger) Babylon – the great city – will be cast down; and it will no longer be found. And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute players and trumpeters  
65 will not be heard in you any longer, nor will any craftsmen of any craft be found in you any longer, nor will the voice of a mill be heard in you any longer. And the light of a lamp shall not shine in you any longer, nor shall the voice(s) of a bridegroom or a bride be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great (ones) of the Earth (and)  
70 for all nations were deceived by your sorcery (magic). And in her the blood of (the) prophets and saints was found, and (also that) of every slain (one) upon the Earth.”

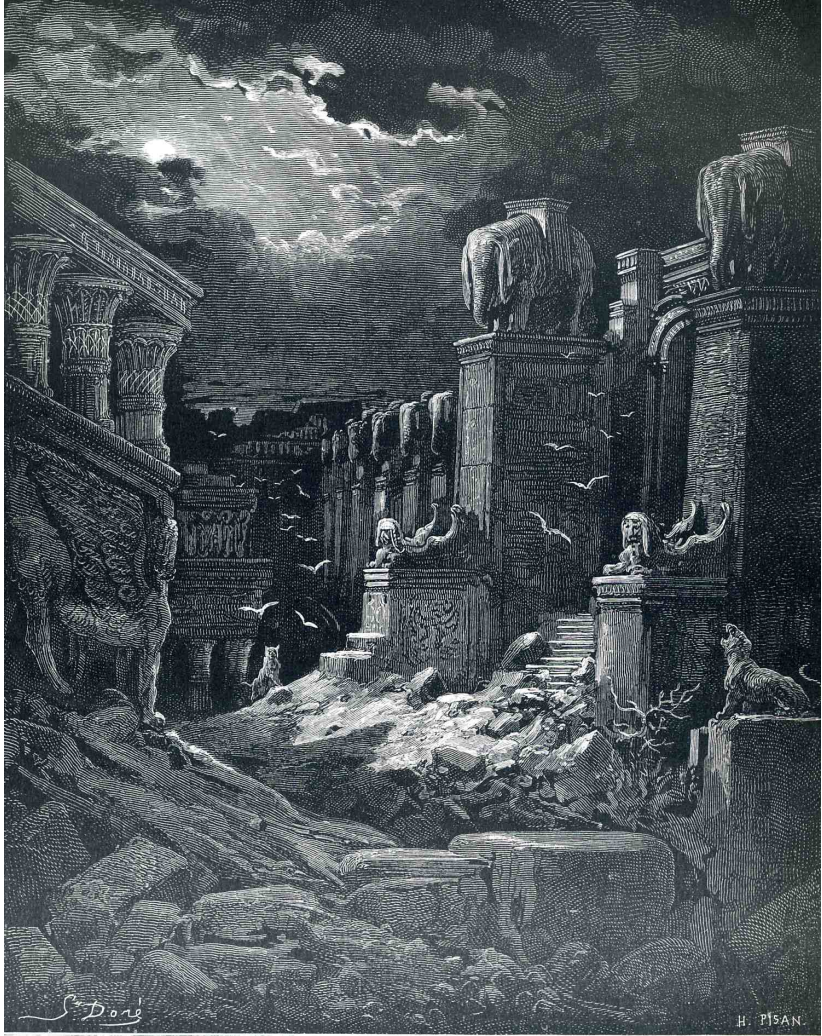
θοῦντες, λέγοντες Οὐαὶ οὐαὶ, ἡ πόλις ἡ μεγάλη, ἡ περιβεβλημένη 40R  
 βύσσινον καὶ πορφυροῦν καὶ κόκκινον, καὶ κεχρυσωμένη ἐν χρυσί-  
 φ καὶ λίθῳ τιμίῳ καὶ μαργαρίτῃ, ὅτι μιᾶ ὥρᾳ ἠρημώθη ὁ τοσοῦτος  
 πλοῦτος.

καὶ πᾶς κυβερνήτης καὶ πᾶς ὁ ἐπὶ τόπον πλέων καὶ ναῦται καὶ 45R  
 ὅσοι τὴν θάλασσαν ἐργάζονται, ἀπὸ μακρόθεν ἔστησαν καὶ ἔκραζον  
 βλέποντες τὸν καπνὸν τῆς πυρώσεως αὐτῆς λέγοντες Τίς ὁμοία τῇ 45R  
 πόλει τῇ μεγάλῃ; καὶ ἔβαλον χοῦν ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτῶν καὶ ἔκραζον  
 κλαίοντες καὶ πενθοῦντες, λέγοντες Οὐαὶ οὐαὶ, ἡ πόλις ἡ μεγάλη, ἐν 50R  
 ἧ̄ ἐπλούτησαν πάντες οἱ ἔχοντες τὰ πλοῖα ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ ἐκ τῆς  
 τιμότητος αὐτῆς, ὅτι μιᾶ ὥρᾳ ἠρημώθη. Εὐφραίνου ἐπ' αὐτῇ, οὐρανέ 50R  
 καὶ οἱ ἅγιοι καὶ οἱ ἀπόστολοι καὶ οἱ προφῆται, ὅτι ἔκρινεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸ  
 κρίμα ὑμῶν ἐξ αὐτῆς.

Καὶ ἦρεν εἷς ἄγγελος ἰσχυρὸς λίθον ὡς μύλινον μέγαν, καὶ ἔβαλεν 55R  
 εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν λέγων Οὕτως ὀρμήματι βληθήσεται Βαβυλῶν ἡ  
 μεγάλη πόλις, καὶ οὐ μὴ εὔρεθῆ̄ ἔτι. καὶ φωνὴ κιθαρῳδῶν καὶ μουσι- 55R  
 κῶν καὶ ἀύλητῶν καὶ σαλπιστῶν οὐ μὴ ἀκουσθῆ̄ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι, καὶ πᾶς  
 τεχνίτης πάσης τέχνης οὐ μὴ εὔρεθῆ̄ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι, καὶ φωνὴ μύλου οὐ μὴ  
 ἀκουσθῆ̄ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι, καὶ φῶς λύχνου οὐ μὴ φάνη̄ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι, καὶ φωνὴ 60R  
 νυμφίου καὶ νύμφης οὐ μὴ ἀκουσθῆ̄ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι· ὅτι οἱ ἔμποροὶ σου ἦσαν  
 οἱ μεγιστᾶνες τῆς γῆς, ὅτι ἐν τῇ φαρμακίᾳ σου ἐπλανήθησαν πάντα 60R  
 τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἐν αὐτῇ αἷμα προφητῶν καὶ ἀγίων εὔρέθη καὶ πάντων  
 τῶν ἐσφαγμένων ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

*“The great Babylon, it fell, it fell.”*

“BABYLON FALLEN” — GUSTAVE DORÉ, 1866



## CHAPTER XIX

## The Angel Standing in the Sun

**H**EREAFTER I heard (something that was) like a great voice of a large crowd in Heaven saying, “Hallelujah. Salvation and glory and power of our God (be to God?), for his judgements are true and just; for he judged the great prostitute who corrupted the Earth in her sexual immorality and he has avenged the blood of his servants from (on?) her hand.”

And a second time they said “Hallelujah. And her smoke ascends into the eternity of eternities (forever).” And the twenty-four elders and the four creatures fell (to their knees?) and worshipped God – the One sitting upon the throne – saying, “Amen, Hallelujah”. And a voice came from the throne saying, “Praise our God – (you) all (who are) His servants and (who) fear Him; (both) the small and the great (shall praise Him).”

And I heard (something that was) as a voice of a great crowd and as a voice of many waters and as a voice of a vicious thunderstorm saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God – the Almighty – has reigned. Let us rejoice and be glad and let us (also) give Him glory; for (there) has

## Κεφάλαιον XIX

## Ὁ ἐν τῇ ἡλίῳ ἐστηκὼς ἄγγελος

**Μ**ετὰ ταῦτα ἤκουσα ὡς φωνὴν μεγάλην ὄχλου πολλοῦ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ λεγόντων Ἀλληλουϊά· ἡ σωτηρία καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ὅτι ἀληθινὰ καὶ δίκαια αἱ κρίσεις αὐτοῦ· ὅτι ἔκρινεν τὴν πόρνην τὴν μεγάλην ἣτις ἔφθειρεν τὴν γῆν ἐν τῇ πορνείᾳ αὐτῆς, καὶ ἐξεδίκησεν τὸ αἷμα τῶν δούλων αὐτοῦ ἐκ χειρὸς αὐτῆς.

5R

καὶ δεύτερον εἶρηκαν Ἀλληλουϊά· καὶ ὁ καπνὸς αὐτῆς ἀναβαίνει εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. καὶ ἔπεσαν οἱ πρεσβύτεροι οἱ εἴκοσι τέσσαρες καὶ τὰ τέσσερα ζῶα, καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ Θεῷ τῷ καθημένῳ ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνῳ λέγοντες Ἀμήν, Ἀλληλουϊά. καὶ φωνὴ ἀπὸ τοῦ θρόνου ἐξῆλθεν λέγουσα Αἰνεῖτε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, πάντες οἱ δούλοι αὐτοῦ, οἱ φοβούμενοι αὐτόν, οἱ μικροὶ καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι.

10R

Καὶ ἤκουσα ὡς φωνὴν ὄχλου πολλοῦ καὶ ὡς φωνὴν ὑδάτων πολλῶν καὶ ὡς φωνὴν βροντῶν ἰσχυρῶν, λεγόντων Ἀλληλουϊά, ὅτι ἐβασίλευσεν Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ Παντοκράτωρ. χαίρωμεν καὶ ἀγαλλιωμέν, καὶ δώσομεν τὴν δόξαν αὐτῷ, ὅτι ἦλθεν ὁ γάμος τοῦ Ἄρνιου,

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come the marriage of the Lamb and his wife has prepared herself and it was given to her (the honour?) to be clad in fine linen, bright and pure; for the fine linen are the righteous deeds of the holy men.”

20 And he says to me, “Write (the following): ‘Blessed are those (who are) called to (attend) the feast of the Lamb’s marriage.’” And he tells me, “These true words are (those) of God.” And I fell before his feet to worship him, but he says to me, “See not (i. e. do not do it); I am (one of) your fellow servant(s) and (I am one) of your brothers — (one) of those who have the witness of Jesus. Worship God, for the witness of Jesus is the spirit of (the) prophecy.”

And I saw Heaven open(ed), and look! A white horse and he who sits upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes were (like?) a fiery flame and upon his head (there were) many crowns, having written (upon them) names which nobody — except him — knew. (And he was) clad in clothing dipped in blood, and he was called The Word of God by name. And his armies — those in Heaven — follow him on white horses (and they are all) clad in fine linen, pure and clean. And from his mouth there comes a sharp sword, so that he may strike the nations with it; and he shepherds them with a silver rod and tramples the winepress of the wrath of the anger (strong wrath?) of God the Almighty. And he has written upon his robe and his thigh the (following) name: “THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS”.

40 And I saw an angel standing in the Sun and he shouted in a great voice saying to all the birds (every bird) flying in mid-air, “Come (and) gather together (to go) to the great feast (supper, dinner) of God, so that you might eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of strong (men) and the flesh of horses — and those who sit



καὶ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ ἠτοίμασεν ἑαυτήν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῇ ἵνα περιβάληται βύσσινον λαμπρὸν καθαρὸν· τὸ γὰρ βύσσινον τὰ δικαιώματα τῶν ἁγίων ἐστίν.

Καὶ λέγει μοι Γράψον Μακάριοι οἱ εἰς τὸ δεῖπνον τοῦ γάμου τοῦ Ἄρνιου κεκλημένοι. καὶ λέγει μοι Οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι ἀληθινοὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσιν. καὶ ἔπεσα ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ προσκυνῆσαι αὐτῷ. καὶ λέγει μοι Ὅρα μὴ· σύνδουλός σου εἰμι καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν σου τῶν ἔχόντων τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ· τῷ Θεῷ προσκύνησον· ἡ γὰρ μαρτυρία Ἰησοῦ ἐστίν τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς προφητείας. 20R 25R

Καὶ εἶδον τὸν οὐρανὸν ἠνεωγμένον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος λευκός, καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπ' αὐτὸν καλούμενος Πιστὸς καὶ Ἀληθινός, καὶ ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ κρίνει καὶ πολεμεῖ. οἱ δὲ ὀφθαλμοὶ αὐτοῦ φλόξ πυρός, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ διαδήματα πολλὰ, ἔχων ὄνομα γεγραμμένον ὃ οὐδεὶς οἶδεν εἰ μὴ αὐτός, καὶ περιβεβλημένος ἱμάτιον βεβαμμένον αἵματι, καὶ κέκληται τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ὁ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ. καὶ τὰ στρατεύματα τὰ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ ἐφ' ἵπποις λευκοῖς, ἐνδεδυμένοι βύσσινον λευκὸν καθαρὸν. καὶ ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ ἐκπορεύεται ῥομφαία ὀξεῖα, ἵνα ἐν αὐτῇ πατάξῃ τὰ ἔθνη· καὶ αὐτὸς ποιμανεῖ αὐτοὺς ἐν ῥάβδῳ σιδηρᾶ· καὶ αὐτὸς πατεῖ τὴν ληνὸν τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τῆς ὀργῆς τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ Παντοκράτορος. καὶ ἔχει ἐπὶ τὸ ἱμάτιον καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν μηρὸν αὐτοῦ ὄνομα γεγραμμένον ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΚΥΡΙΟΣ ΚΥΡΙΩΝ. 30R 35R

Καὶ εἶδον ἕνα ἄγγελον ἐστῶτα ἐν τῷ ἡλίῳ, καὶ ἔκραξεν ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ λέγων πᾶσιν τοῖς ὀρνέοις τοῖς πετομένοις ἐν μεσουρανήματι Δεῦτε συνάχθητε εἰς τὸ δεῖπνον τὸ μέγα τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἵνα φάγητε σάρκας βασιλέων καὶ σάρκας χιλιάρχων καὶ σάρκας ἰσχυρῶν καὶ σάρκας ἵππων καὶ τῶν καθημένων ἐπ' αὐτῶν, καὶ σάρκας πάντων ἐλευθέρων 40R

thereon — and the flesh of every free (man) and slave and (of everyone who is) small and great.

And I saw the beast and the kings of the Earth and their armies gathering together (gathered together) to make war (fight) with the  
50 one sitting upon the horse and with his army. And the beast was seized (apprehended, caught) and with him the false prophets, the one who performed miracles before him, with which those who took the mark of the beast and those who worship its idol were deceived. (Whilst they were still) living, the two (of them) were thrown into the lake of  
55 fire burning with brimstone. And the remaining (ones) were killed by the sword, the one coming out of him who sits upon the horse; and all the birds were filled from their flesh.

τε καὶ δούλων καὶ μικρῶν καὶ μεγάλων.

Καὶ εἶδον τὸ θηρίον καὶ τοὺς βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς καὶ τὰ στρατεύματα 45R  
αὐτῶν συνηγμένα ποιῆσαι τὸν πόλεμον μετὰ τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ  
ἵππου καὶ μετὰ τοῦ στρατεύματος αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐπιάσθη τὸ θηρίον καὶ  
μετ' αὐτοῦ ὁ ψευδοπροφήτης ὁ ποιήσας τὰ σημεῖα ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ,  
ἐν οἷς ἐπλάνησεν τοὺς λαβόντας τὸ χάραγμα τοῦ θηρίου καὶ τοὺς  
προσκυνοῦντας τῇ εἰκόνι αὐτοῦ· ζῶντες ἐβλήθησαν οἱ δύο εἰς τὴν 50R  
λίμνην τοῦ πυρὸς τῆς καιομένης ἐν θείῳ. καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ ἀπεκτάνθησαν  
ἐν τῇ ῥομφαίᾳ τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ ἵππου τῇ ἐξελεύσει ἐκ τοῦ  
στόματος αὐτοῦ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ὄρνεα ἐχορτάσθησαν ἐκ τῶν σαρκῶν  
αὐτῶν.

*“And I saw an angel standing in the  
Sun [...]”*

“SCENE FROM THE APOCALYPSE” — FRANCIS  
DANBY, 1829



## CHAPTER XX

## The Last Judgement

AND I saw an angel coming down from Heaven, having the keys of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he seized the dragon – the ancient serpent – who is (the) Devil and (the) Satan and he bound him for a thousand years. And he threw him into the abyss and he locked and sealed (the opening) above him so that he may no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years have passed (lit. are finished). And thereafter he must be loosened for a little while.

And I saw thrones and they (the apostles / saints) sat upon them and (the authority to pass) a judgement was given to them; and their souls were beheaded because of the witness of Jesus and because of the word of God and whoever did not worship the beast or its idol (and whoever did) not take the mark upon his forehead and upon his hand. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The remaining of the dead did not live until the thousand years have passed (lit. have finished). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has a part in the first resurrection, (for) the second

## Κεφάλαιον XX

## Ἡ κρίσις ἡ ἐσχάτη

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον ἄγγελον καταβαίνοντα ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ἔχοντα τὴν κλεῖν τῆς ἀβύσσου καὶ ἄλυσιν μεγάλην ἐπὶ τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐκράτησεν τὸν δράκοντα, ὁ ὄφεις ὁ ἀρχαῖος, ὅς ἐστιν Διάβολος καὶ Ὁ Σατανᾶς, καὶ ἔδησεν αὐτὸν χίλια ἔτη, καὶ ἔβαλεν αὐτὸν εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον, καὶ ἐκλείσεν καὶ ἐσφράγισεν ἐπάνω αὐτοῦ, ἵνα μὴ πλανήσῃ ἔτι τὰ ἔθνη, ἄχρι τελεσθῆ τὰ χίλια ἔτη· μετὰ ταῦτα δεῖ λυθῆναι αὐτὸν μικρὸν χρόνον.

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Καὶ εἶδον θρόνους, καὶ ἐκάθισαν ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ κρίμα ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς, καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν πεπελεκισμένων διὰ τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ καὶ διὰ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ οἵτινες οὐ προσεκύνησαν τὸ θηρίον οὐδὲ τὴν εἰκόνα αὐτοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἔλαβον τὸ χάραγμα ἐπὶ τὸ μέτωπον καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν χεῖρα αὐτῶν· καὶ ἔζησαν καὶ ἐβασίλευσαν μετὰ τοῦ Χριστοῦ χίλια ἔτη. οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν νεκρῶν οὐκ ἔζησαν ἄχρι τελεσθῆ τὰ χίλια ἔτη. αὕτη ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡ πρώτη. μακάριος καὶ ἅγιος ὁ ἔχων μέρος ἐν τῇ ἀναστάσει τῇ πρώτῃ· ἐπὶ τούτων ὁ δεῦτερος θάνατος οὐκ ἔχει ἐξουσίαν, ἀλλ' ἔσονται ἱερεῖς τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ

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death has no authority over them but they will (instead) be priests of God and Christ; and they will reign with Him for a thousand years.

20 And when the thousand years have passed (lit. are finished), Satan will be freed from his prison and he will come out to deceive the nations, (namely) those in the four corners of the Earth – (the) Gog and Magog – (and he does this in order) to gather (and prepare) them (to go) into battle; (and) their number is as (large) as the (amount of grains of) sand  
25 of the sea. And they went up onto the breadth of the Earth (land) (i. e. they covered its entire breadth) and they surrounded the camp of the holy men and the (be)loved city. And fire descended out of Heaven and ate them (up). And the Devil – the one who deceived them (their deceiver) – was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (sulphur);  
30 (the same place) where even the beast and the false prophet will be tormented day and night into the eternity of eternities (forever).

And I saw a great, white throne and (I saw) him who sits upon it, from whose face the Earth and the Heaven fled – and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead – the great and the small  
35 – standing before the throne; and books were opened. And another book was opened, (the one) which is (the book) of life. And the dead were judged according to their deeds (as they were recorded in) from the writings of the books. And the sea gave (up) the dead (that were) within it, and Death and Hades gave (up) the dead (which were) within  
40 them; and they were each judged according to their deeds. And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death – the lake of fire. And if someone ('s name) was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



βασιλεύσουσιν μετ' αὐτοῦ τὰ χίλια ἔτη.

Καὶ ὅταν τελεσθῇ τὰ χίλια ἔτη, λυθήσεται ὁ Σατανᾶς ἐκ τῆς φυλακῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐξελεύσεται πλανῆσαι τὰ ἔθνη τὰ ἐν ταῖς τέσσαρσιν γωνίαις τῆς γῆς, τὸν Γῶγ καὶ Μαγῶγ, συναγαγεῖν αὐτούς εἰς τὸν πόλεμον, ὧν ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτῶν ὡς ἡ ἄμμος τῆς θαλάσσης. καὶ ἀνέβησαν ἐπὶ τὸ πλάτος τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἐκύκλευσαν τὴν παρεμβολὴν τῶν ἁγίων καὶ τὴν πόλιν τὴν ἡγαπημένην· καὶ κατέβη πῦρ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ κατέφαγεν αὐτούς· καὶ ὁ διάβολος ὁ πλανῶν αὐτούς ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν λίμνην τοῦ πυρός καὶ θείου, ὅπου καὶ τὸ θηρίον καὶ ὁ ψευδοπροφήτης, καὶ βασανισθήσονται ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰῶνων.

Καὶ εἶδον θρόνον μέγαν λευκὸν καὶ τὸν καθήμενον ἐπ' αὐτόν οὗ ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου ἔφυγεν ἡ γῆ καὶ ὁ οὐρανός, καὶ τόπος οὐχ εὐρέθη αὐτοῖς. καὶ εἶδον τοὺς νεκρούς, τοὺς μεγάλους καὶ τοὺς μικρούς, ἐστῶτας ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου, καὶ βιβλία ἠνοιχθησαν· καὶ ἄλλο βιβλίον ἠνοιχθη, ὃ ἐστὶν τῆς ζωῆς· καὶ ἐκρίθησαν οἱ νεκροὶ ἐκ τῶν γεγραμμένων ἐν τοῖς βιβλίοις κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτῶν. καὶ ἔδωκεν ἡ θάλασσα τοὺς νεκρούς τοὺς ἐν αὐτῇ, καὶ ὁ θάνατος καὶ ὁ Ἄιδης ἔδωκαν τοὺς νεκρούς τοὺς ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐκρίθησαν ἕκαστος κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτῶν. καὶ ὁ θάνατος καὶ ὁ Ἄιδης ἐβλήθησαν εἰς τὴν λίμνην τοῦ πυρός. οὗτος ὁ θάνατος ὁ δεύτερός ἐστιν, ἡ λίμνη τοῦ πυρός. καὶ εἴ τις οὐχ εὐρέθη ἐν τῇ βίβλῳ τῆς ζωῆς γεγραμμένος, ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν λίμνην τοῦ πυρός.

*“And the dead were judged according  
to their deeds [...]”*

“THE LAST JUDGEMENT” — JOHN MARTIN, 1853



## CHAPTER XXI

## The New Jerusalem

**A**ND I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth; for the first Heaven and the first Earth have departed (left) and the sea is no more. And the new holy city (of) Jerusalem I saw descending out of Heaven from God (and it was) prepared as a bride (is) for her husband (man). And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, “Behold! The tabernacle (tent) of God (is?) with the humans and He will live with them and they will be His people; and God himself will be with them. And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and there will no longer be either death nor mourning nor weeping nor pains (toils, hardship) – for the first things have departed (gone away, left).”

And He who sits upon the throne said, “Behold! I make everything new (all things new).” And He says, “Write that (because?) these words are faithful and true.” And He said to me, “They (i. e. these things) have (now) happened (it is done). I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I shall give the thirsty from the spring (fountain) of water of life freely. The victor shall inherit (all) this and

## Κεφάλαιον XXI

## Ἡ Ἱερουσαλήμ ἡ νέα

**Κ**αὶ εἶδον οὐρανὸν καινὸν καὶ γῆν καινὴν· ὁ γὰρ πρῶτος οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ πρώτη γῆ ἀπῆλθαν, καὶ ἡ θάλασσα οὐκ ἔστιν ἔτι. καὶ τὴν πόλιν τὴν ἁγίαν Ἱερουσαλήμ καινὴν εἶδον καταβαίνουσαν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἡτοιμασμένην ὡς νύμφην κεκοσμημένην τῷ ἀνδρὶ αὐτῆς. καὶ ἤκουσα φωνῆς μεγάλης ἐκ τοῦ θρόνου λεγούσης Ἰδοὺ ἡ σκηνὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, καὶ σκηνώσει μετ' αὐτῶν, καὶ αὐτοὶ λαοὶ αὐτοῦ ἔσονται, καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ Θεὸς μετ' αὐτῶν ἔσται, καὶ ἐξαλείψει πᾶν δάκρυον ἐκ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν, καὶ ὁ θάνατος οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι, οὔτε πένθος οὔτε κραυγὴ οὔτε πόνος οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι· ὅτι τὰ πρῶτα ἀπῆλθαν.

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καὶ εἶπεν ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνῳ Ἰδοὺ καινὰ ποιῶ πάντα. καὶ λέγει Γράψον, ὅτι οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι πιστοὶ καὶ ἀληθινοὶ εἰσιν. καὶ εἶπέν μοι Γέγοναν. ἐγὼ τὸ Ἄλφα καὶ τὸ Ὠ, ἡ ἀρχὴ καὶ τὸ τέλος. ἐγὼ τῷ διψῶντι δώσω ἐκ τῆς πηγῆς τοῦ ὕδατος τῆς ζωῆς δωρεάν. ὁ νικῶν κληρονομήσει ταῦτα, καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῷ Θεὸς καὶ αὐτὸς ἔσται μοι υἱός. τοῖς δὲ δειλοῖς καὶ ἀπίστοις καὶ ἐβδελυγμένοις καὶ φονεῦσιν καὶ

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I will be God to him and he will be a son to Me. But to the fearful (cowardly) and unbelieving and detestable (abominable) and murderers  
20 and those who are sexually immoral; and (to) the sorcerers and those worshipping idols and to every liar: their part is in the lake burning with fire and brimstone (sulphur), which is the second death.”

And there came (forth) one of the seven angels — the ones having the seven vials filled with the last seven plagues —and he spoke to me  
25 saying, “Come. I will show you the wife — the woman — of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in Spirit onto a great and high mountain; and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem — (the one) having the glory of God — descending out of Heaven from God. (And) its splendour was akin to (that of) a precious stone, (or) like (that of) crystal clear piece  
30 of jasper.

And it had a great and tall wall, and it had twelve gates and upon the gates (there were) twelve angels and names (were) inscribed (upon them), (namely the names) which are (those) of the twelve tribes of Israel — three gates in the West(ern) part, three gates in the North(ern)  
35 part, three gates in the South(ern) part and three gates in the West(ern) part. And the city’s wall had twelve foundations and (written) upon them were the twelve names of the apostles of the Lamb.

And (whilst he was) speaking to me, he had (in his hands) a golden measuring rod so that he may measure the city and its gates and its  
40 wall. And the city is laid (out as a) square and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the rod at twelve-thousand stadia (roughly 2,100 km); its length and its breadth and its height are equal (in length). And he measured its wall at one-hundred forty-four cubits (roughly 72 m), the measure of a man, which is of the angel.  
45 And the material (out) of (which) the wall (was built) was jasper and

πόρνοις καὶ φαρμάκοις καὶ εἰδωλολάτραις καὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ψευδέσιν τὸ μέρος αὐτῶν ἐν τῇ λίμνῃ τῇ καιομένῃ πυρὶ καὶ θεῖῳ, ὃ ἐστὶν ὁ θάνατος ὁ δεύτερος.

Καὶ ἦλθεν εἷς ἐκ τῶν ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλων τῶν ἐχόντων τὰς ἑπτὰ φιάλας, 20R  
 τῶν γεμόντων τῶν ἑπτὰ πληγῶν τῶν ἐσχάτων, καὶ ἐλάλησεν μετ' ἐμοῦ λέγων Δεῦρο, δείξω σοὶ τὴν νύμφην τὴν γυναῖκα τοῦ ἄρνιου. καὶ ἀπήνεγκέν με ἐν Πνεύματι ἐπὶ ὄρος μέγα καὶ ὑψηλόν, καὶ ἔδειξέν μοι τὴν πόλιν τὴν ἁγίαν Ἰερουσαλήμ καταβαίνουσαν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἔχουσαν τὴν δόξαν τοῦ Θεοῦ· ὁ φωστὴρ αὐτῆς ὅμοιος λίθῳ 25R  
 τιμιωτάτῳ, ὡς λίθῳ ἰάσπιδι κρυσταλλίζοντι·

ἔχουσα τεῖχος μέγα καὶ ὑψηλόν, ἔχουσα πυλῶνας δώδεκα, καὶ ἐπὶ τοῖς πυλῶσιν ἀγγέλους δώδεκα, καὶ ὀνόματα ἐπιγεγραμμένα, ἃ ἐστὶν τῶν δώδεκα φυλῶν υἱῶν Ἰσραήλ. ἀπὸ ἀνατολῆς πυλῶνες τρεῖς, καὶ ἀπὸ βορρᾶ πυλῶνες τρεῖς, καὶ ἀπὸ νότου πυλῶνες τρεῖς, καὶ ἀπὸ 30R  
 δυσμῶν πυλῶνες τρεῖς. καὶ τὸ τεῖχος τῆς πόλεως ἔχων θεμελίους δώδεκα, καὶ ἐπ' αὐτῶν δώδεκα ὀνόματα τῶν δώδεκα ἀποστόλων τοῦ Ἀρνίου.

Καὶ ὁ λαλῶν μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶχεν μέτρον κάλαμον χρυσοῦν, ἵνα μετρήσῃ τὴν πόλιν καὶ τοὺς πυλῶνας αὐτῆς καὶ τὸ τεῖχος αὐτῆς. καὶ ἡ πόλις 35R  
 τετράγωνος κεῖται, καὶ τὸ μῆκος αὐτῆς ὅσον τὸ πλάτος. καὶ ἐμέτρησεν τὴν πόλιν τῷ καλάμῳ ἐπὶ σταδίων δώδεκα χιλιάδων· τὸ μῆκος καὶ τὸ πλάτος καὶ τὸ ὕψος αὐτῆς ἴσα ἐστίν. καὶ ἐμέτρησεν τὸ τεῖχος αὐτῆς ἑκατὸν τεσσεράκοντα τεσσάρων πηχῶν, μέτρον ἀνθρώπου, ὃ ἐστὶν ἀγγέλου. καὶ ἡ ἐνδῶμησις τοῦ τείχους αὐτῆς ἴασπις, καὶ ἡ πόλις 40R  
 χρυσίον καθαρὸν ὅμοιον ὑάλῳ καθαρῷ.

the city was (made out of) pure gold, as a fine crystal.

And the foundations of the wall were adorned with all (kinds of) precious stones: the first foundation is (made out of) jasper, the second is (made out of) sapphire, the third is (made out of) chalcedony, the  
50 fourth is (made out of) emerald, the fifth is (made out of) sardonyx, the sixth is (made out of) carnelian, the seventh is (made out of) chrysolite, the eighth is (made out of) beryl, the ninth is (made out of) topaz, the tenth is (made out of) chrysoprase, the eleventh is (made out of) jacinth, and the twelfth is (made out of) amethyst. And the twelve  
55 gates are twelve pearls (and) each of the gates was (made out) of one (of the) pearls. And the street of the city (is made of) pure gold, like a transparent crystal.

And I did not see any people in it, for the Lord God – the Almighty – is its people, and (so is) the Lamb. And the city has no need for the  
60 Sun, nor for the Moon, so that they may shine in it. For the glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. And the nations will walk (through the city) through its (because of its) light, and the kings of the Earth carry their glory into it. And its gates may not be shut during the day, for there shall not be any night there. And they shall bring  
65 the glory and honour of the nations into it. And no unclean person nor any liar or person who does detestable things may enter it, except for the ones who are written in the Lamb's book of life.



οἱ θεμέλιοι τοῦ τείχους τῆς πόλεως παντὶ λίθῳ τιμίῳ κεκοσμημένοι· ὁ θεμέλιος ὁ πρῶτος ἴασπις, ὁ δεύτερος σάπφειρος, ὁ τρίτος χαλκηδών, ὁ τέταρτος σμάραγδος, ὁ πέμπτος σαρδόνυξ, ὁ ἕκτος σάρδιον, ὁ ἕβδομος χρυσόλιθος, ὁ ὄγδοος βήρυλλος, ὁ ἕνατος τοπάζιον, 45R ὁ δέκατος χρυσόπρασος, ὁ ἑνδέκατος ὑάκινθος, ὁ δωδέκατος ἀμέθυστος. καὶ οἱ δώδεκα πυλώνες δώδεκα μαργαρίται· ἀνὰ εἷς ἕκαστος τῶν πυλώνων ἦν ἐξ ἑνὸς μαργαρίτου. καὶ ἡ πλατεῖα τῆς πόλεως χρυσίον καθαρὸν ὡς ὕαλος διαυγής.

Καὶ ναὸν οὐκ εἶδον ἐν αὐτῇ· ὁ γὰρ Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Παντοκράτωρ 50R ναὸς αὐτῆς ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ Ἄρνιον. καὶ ἡ πόλις οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχει τοῦ ἡλίου οὐδὲ τῆς σελήνης, ἵνα φαίνωσιν αὐτῇ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐφώτισεν αὐτήν, καὶ ὁ λύχνος αὐτῆς τὸ Ἄρνιον. καὶ περιπατήσουσιν τὰ ἔθνη διὰ τοῦ φωτὸς αὐτῆς, καὶ οἱ βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς φέρουσιν τὴν δόξαν αὐτῶν εἰς αὐτήν· καὶ οἱ πυλώνες αὐτῆς οὐ μὴ κλεισθῶσιν ἡμέρας, 55R νύξ γὰρ οὐκ ἔσται ἐκεῖ· καὶ οἴσουσιν τὴν δόξαν καὶ τὴν τιμὴν τῶν ἔθνων εἰς αὐτήν. καὶ οὐ μὴ εἰσέλθῃ εἰς αὐτήν πᾶν κοινὸν καὶ ὁ ποιῶν βδέλυγμα καὶ ψεῦδος, εἰ μὴ οἱ γεγραμμένοι ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τῆς ζωῆς τοῦ Ἄρνιου.

*“And he carried me away in Spirit  
onto a great and high mountain; and  
he showed me the holy city  
Jerusalem [...]”*

“THE CELESTIAL CITY AND THE RIVER OF  
BLISS” — JOHN MARTIN, 1841



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**CHAPTER XXII**

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## The River of Life

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**A**ND he showed me a river of water of life (and it was) as pure as a crystal; (and the river was) coming out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. And in the middle of its (the city's) road, and from here and from there around the river (on either side /  
5 both sides of the river), there was a tree of life (which was) making (i. e. bearing) twelve (types of?) fruit; (and) each month it yields the according fruit (of that particular month) and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

10 And there will not be any (all) curses anymore. And the throne of God and the Lamb shall be therein (i. e. the city) and His servants will worship Him; and they will see His face and His name will be upon their foreheads. And night will be no longer and they will need neither the light of a lamp nor the light of the Sun, for the Lord God will shine (light) upon them – and they shall reign into the eternity of  
15 eternities (forever).

And he (the angel) said to me, “These words are faithful and true and the Lord God sent His angel (which was one) of the holy prophets,

## Κεφάλαιον XXII

## Ὁ τῆς ζωῆς ποταμός

**Κ**αὶ ἔδειξέν μοι ποταμὸν ὕδατος ζωῆς λαμπρὸν ὡς κρύσταλλον, ἐκπορευόμενον ἐκ τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἄρνιου. ἐν μέσῳ τῆς πλατείας αὐτῆς καὶ τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ξύλον ζωῆς ποιοῦν καρποὺς δώδεκα, κατὰ μῆνα ἕκαστον ἀποδιδούν τὸν καρπὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὰ φύλλα τοῦ ξύλου εἰς θεραπείαν τῶν ἐθνῶν.

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καὶ πᾶν κατάθεμα οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι. καὶ ὁ θρόνος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἄρνιου ἐν αὐτῇ ἔσται, καὶ οἱ δοῦλοι αὐτοῦ λατρεύσουσιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ὄψονται τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων αὐτῶν. καὶ νύξ οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι, καὶ οὐκ ἔχουσιν χρεῖαν φωτὸς λύχνου καὶ φωτὸς ἡλίου, ὅτι Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς φωτίσει ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ βασιλεύσουσιν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

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Καὶ εἶπέν μοι Οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι πιστοὶ καὶ ἀληθινοί, καὶ ὁ Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πνευμάτων τῶν προφητῶν ἀπέστειλεν τὸν ἄγγελον αὐτοῦ

to show His servants what must soon happen. ‘And behold! I will soon  
come!’ Blessed is the one who honours the words of the prophecy  
20 of this book.” And even I, John, was a listener and watcher of this  
(event). And when I heard and saw (these things), I fell (to my knees?)  
to worship before feet of the angel (who was) showing me this. And  
he tells me, “See not (i. e. do not do this)! I am your fellow servant and  
(I am also a fellow servant) of the prophets and of the ones honouring  
25 the words of this book — worship God (instead of me).”

And he says to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this  
book, for the time is near. He who does unjust things, let him do unjust  
things still; and let the defiler defile still; and let the just do justice still;  
and let the holy be holy still. ‘And behold, I am coming soon. And My  
30 reward (will come) with Me, to give to each how his work is (according  
to their deeds). I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those washing their robes, so  
that their authority may be upon the tree of life and by the gates they  
shall enter the city. Outside (of the city there are) the dogs and the  
35 sorcerers and the sexually immoral and the murderers and the ones  
worshipping idols and (also) everyone who likes or does false things.”

“I, Jesus, (have) sent my angel to testify to you that which concerns  
the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David — the bright  
morning star.” And the Spirit and the bride are saying, “Come. And he  
40 who hears, let him (also) say, ‘Come’. Let the thirsty come and let him  
who wishes (to) take from the water of life (do so freely).”

I testify to every listener of the words of the prophecy of this book;  
(and) if someone places upon them (adds something to them), God  
will put upon him the plagues which are written in this book. And  
45 if someone takes away (something) from these words, God will take

δειξαι τοῖς δούλοις αὐτοῦ ἃ δεῖ γενέσθαι ἐν τάχει. καὶ Ἴδου ἔρχομαι 15R  
 ταχύ. μακάριος ὁ τηρῶν τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ βιβλίου  
 τούτου. Ἐγὼ Ἰωάννης ὁ ἀκούων καὶ βλέπων ταῦτα. καὶ ὅτε ἤκουσα  
 καὶ ἔβλεψα, ἔπεσα προσκυνῆσαι ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ποδῶν τοῦ ἀγγέλου  
 τοῦ δεικνύοντός μοι ταῦτα. καὶ λέγει μοι Ὅρα μὴ· σὺνδουλός σου εἰμι  
 καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν σου τῶν προφητῶν καὶ τῶν τηρούντων τοὺς λόγους 20R  
 τοῦ βιβλίου τούτου· τῷ Θεῷ προσκύνησον.

Καὶ λέγει μοι Μὴ σφραγίσῃς τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ  
 βιβλίου τούτου· ὁ καιρὸς γὰρ ἐγγύς ἐστιν. ὁ ἀδικῶν ἀδικησάτω ἔτι,  
 καὶ ὁ ῥυπαρὸς ῥυπανθήτω ἔτι, καὶ ὁ δίκαιος δικαιοσύνην ποιησάτω  
 ἔτι, καὶ ὁ ἅγιος ἁγιασθήτω ἔτι. Ἴδου ἔρχομαι ταχύ, καὶ ὁ μισθός μου 25R  
 μετ' ἐμοῦ, ἀποδοῦναι ἐκάστῳ ὡς τὸ ἔργον ἐστὶν αὐτοῦ. ἐγὼ τὸ Ἄλφα  
 καὶ τὸ Ὠ, ὁ πρῶτος καὶ ὁ ἔσχατος, ἡ ἀρχὴ καὶ τὸ τέλος. μακάριοι οἱ  
 πλύνοντες τὰς στολὰς αὐτῶν, ἵνα ἔσται ἡ ἐξουσία αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τὸ ξύλον  
 τῆς ζωῆς καὶ τοῖς πυλῶσιν εἰσέλθωσιν εἰς τὴν πόλιν. ἔξω οἱ κύνες καὶ  
 οἱ φάρμακοι καὶ οἱ πόρνοι καὶ οἱ φονεῖς καὶ οἱ εἰδωλολάτραι καὶ πᾶς 30R  
 φιλῶν καὶ ποιῶν ψεῦδος.

Ἐγὼ Ἰησοῦς ἔπεμψα τὸν ἀγγελόν μου μαρτυρῆσαι ὑμῖν ταῦτα  
 ἐπὶ ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις. ἐγὼ εἰμι ἡ ρίζα καὶ τὸ γένος Δαυεὶδ, ὁ ἀστήρ ὁ  
 λαμπρός, ὁ πρωϊνός. Καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα καὶ ἡ νύμφη λέγουσιν Ἔρχου.  
 καὶ ὁ ἀκούων εἰπάτω Ἔρχου. καὶ ὁ διψῶν ἐρχέσθω, ὁ θέλων λαβέτω 35R  
 ὕδωρ ζωῆς δωρεάν.

Μαρτυρῶ ἐγὼ παντὶ τῷ ἀκούοντι τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας  
 τοῦ βιβλίου τούτου· ἂν τις ἐπιθῇ ἐπ' αὐτά, ἐπιθήσει ὁ Θεὸς ἐπ' αὐτὸν  
 τὰς πληγὰς τὰς γεγραμμένας ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· καὶ ἂν τις ἀφέλῃ  
 ἀπὸ τῶν λόγων τοῦ βιβλίου τῆς προφητείας ταύτης, ἀφελεῖ ὁ Θεὸς 40R

away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city – the things which are written in this book. The one testifying this says, “Yes. I am coming quickly. Amen, come, O Lord Jesus.”

The grace of Lord Jesus (be) with everyone (and everything).



τὸ μέρος αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου τῆς ζωῆς καὶ ἐκ τῆς πόλεως τῆς ἁγίας,  
τῶν γεγραμμένων ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ. Λέγει ὁ μαρτυρῶν ταῦτα Ναί,  
ἔρχομαι ταχύ. Ἀμήν, ἔρχου Κύριε Ἰησοῦ.

Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ μετὰ πάντων.

*“And he showed me a river of water  
of life (and it was) as pure as a  
crystal.”*

“ILLUSTRATION OF REVELATION 22:17” —  
JOSEPH MARTIN KRONHEIM, 1880



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

# **APPENDIX**



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# The Greek Alphabet

## From Alpha to Omega

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As this edition of John's Apocalypse contains not only my own translation but also the original Greek text, I believed it to be helpful to include herein a small overview of the various letters of the Greek alphabet and their equivalent transliteration in English.

As this is merely supposed to be a short guideline for the slightly-above-casual reader unaccustomed to the Greek alphabet — or, perhaps, having rudimentary knowledge thereof —, I decided against fully-fledged explanations of the various breathings and accents, and I also decided against describing their pronunciations; for, indeed, there exist such a large number of varying ways of pronouncing the Ancient Greek language that showcasing them all herein would not be possible.

Instead, I recommend this table to be used simply as a quick reference guide for those who wish to read a handful of words in the Greek text — but are, due to their never having learnt the alphabet, unable to do so on their own —, or for those who have begun studying Greek only recently and still require help in reading the glyphs.

Greek Letter	Transliteration
A, α	a
B, β	b
Γ, γ	g
Δ, δ	d
E, ε	e
Z, ζ	z
H, η	ē
Θ, θ	th
I, ι	i
K, κ	k
Λ, λ	l
M, μ	m
N, ν	n
Ξ, ξ	x
O, ο	o
Π, π	p
P, ρ	r
Σ, σ, ς	s, z
T, τ	t
Υ, υ	u, y
Φ, φ	f, ph
X, χ	kh, ch
Ψ, ψ	ps
Ω, ω	ō

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# Further Reading

## Whereto Now?

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If this book has fuelled your desire to learn not only more about the Apocalypse of John and the Bible in general, but also the Ancient Greek language, I believe the following section might be of interest to you. For I have, over the course of my studying Ancient Greek, made good use of a rather large repertoire of various resources and would like to showcase those I believe to be most helpful.

First and foremost, I highly recommend JACT's "Reading Greek" series for commencing your study of the Ancient Greek language. In this series, as opposed to more traditional grammar books, you learn the language by reading as much as possible as soon as possible — as, indeed, the name should have revealed. If you do decide to get yourself a copy of the *Reading Greek* series, I also highly recommend the Italian edition of "Athenaze", as it contains a very large amount of beginner-friendly prose. I cannot, however, recommend *Athenaze* as one's only method of learning the language, as it does contain a not insignificant amount of Italian — thus, unless you speak Italian reasonably well, I can only recommend this book as a pairing to the aforementioned *Reading Greek* series.

If you wish to continue reading the New Testament in its original



language, my personal favourite is “The Greek New Testament: A Reader’s Edition”. It contains not only the entirety of the Greek New Testament and an Greek-English dictionary at the back, but also parsed vocabulary at the bottom of the page; that way, the reader is required to learn only those words that occur thirty times or more in the New Testament — the remaining ones can be found at the bottom of the page. Additionally, all vocabulary is parsed, so that the reader can immediately identify what the conjugation of a particular verb or irregular noun is. Its ISBN is 978-3-438-05168-4.

There also exists a reader’s edition of the Greek Old Testament — which is also known as the “Septuagint(a)” — in a similar style as the above-mentioned New Testament reader; it is called “Septuaginta: A Reader’s Edition”. In this rather extensive work — comprised not of one, but two volumes with over 1000 pages each —, you find the entirety of the Old Testament — including a handful of apocrypha —, a Greek-English dictionary and parsed vocabulary at the bottom of each page. It is a rather hefty investment, but the exceptional quality makes it, in my opinion, worthwhile. Its ISBN is 978-3-438-05190-5.

But there exist not only books that may aid you in your journey of studying the Greek Bible — and Greek in general —, but there also exists a rather considerable repository of resources that you can find on the Web. My own website, for example, *ancient-greek.net* contains a lot of information on Ancient Greek, how to study it and lots of reviews of various resources I use for learning the language. I highly recommend taking a look at it, as you can not only find aforesaid information thereon, but also links to a myriad of other helpful sites.

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## Afterword

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I thank you greatly for having read through the entirety of the book and hope that you enjoyed yourself whilst doing so. I have, to the best of my abilities, tried doing the original work justice, so that not only the unique and colourful manner in which John wrote his Revelation is translated properly, but also so that it becomes accessible and enjoyable for as many people as possible.

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Rev. 1:6