

We have been in Revelation for most of the year. Today I would like to bring us back over the entire book to see how the book reveals Jesus to us. ¹ *The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,* ² *who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.* Revelation 1:1,2 The very first verse tells us this is the revelation of Jesus. That means the unveiling of Jesus. We usually understand this unveiling to be the vision “the things that must soon take place,” but it can also mean the unveiling of Jesus’ nature. The second verse tells us that what John is writing is bearing witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ. What John sees of the future testifies of who Jesus is. It was John who explained so clearly in his Gospel that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. He refers to Jesus’ body as a tent that housed the Word of God (John 1:14ⁱ). So let us go through each chapter and see what is being revealed of Jesus.

The first chapter has a lot to tell us about Jesus. The letter is from God the Father, the Spirit (here described as the seven spirits before the throne), ⁵ *and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood* ⁶ *and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.* Revelation 1:5,6 **Jesus is the faithful witness** to us of the very nature of God. That is why he could tell Philip, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9ⁱⁱ). If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. He alone is the faithful witness.

He is the firstborn of the dead. Others were raised from death before Jesus, but they died. He is the firstborn, which implies rights of inheritance, to rise with a transformed eternal body. Physicists have concluded that the image on the Shroud of Turin was made by an incredible surge of power, so much power man is unable to put that much power in one place. One day the bodies of all who are in Christ will also be transformed whether dead or alive (Philippians 3:21ⁱⁱⁱ). Jesus as the firstborn from among the dead gives us a preview of what our bodies will be like. That is another sermon.

Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth. Earthly rulers think they have power and make their own choices. Ultimately, they can do nothing except what Jesus permits them to do. This is one of many descriptions that show us that God and Jesus are one (John 10:30^{iv}). The psalmist told us ¹ *The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.* Proverbs 21:1 LORD in that verse is the eternal God of Israel. So who is the ruler of the kings of the earth, God or Jesus? Both! We will see other descriptions that apply to both God and Jesus.

For us the next description may be the most precious. He is the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, and the One who has justified us to the Father by His sacrificial death for us on the cross. That is what has made us a kingdom of priests to His God and Father.

The next revelation of Jesus is perhaps the best description of the glorified Christ in the New Testament. ¹² *Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,* ¹³ *and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.* ¹⁴ *The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,*

¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Revelation 1:12-18

We should try to visualize these descriptions to sense the full impact. Jesus is in human form, that is from God's use of the phrase "son of man" in Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:8^v). The golden sash represents holiness. His white hair represents wisdom (Proverbs 16:31^{vi}). The eyes like a flame of fire represent not only represent purity, but also His great love for us (Song of Songs 8:6^{vii}). His feet like burnished bronze refined in a fire, representing a firm footing, unmovable. His voice like the roar of many waters points to the power and authority of His words. He holds the messengers to the churches in His hands, which means He anoints and works through them. The sharp sword from His mouth is clearly the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12^{viii}). His face is like the sun shining in full strength I believe is His radiant glory. Can you picture that?

Then in verse 17b and 18 Jesus describes Himself. He tells John that **He is the first and the last!** This is another of the descriptions that are used to describe God the Father. In Isaiah 41:4^{ix}, 44:6^x the LORD, the King of Israel, the Redeemer, and the Lord of Hosts refers to Himself as the first and the last. So again, we see the Father and Son are one!

Jesus says **He is the living one who died and is alive forevermore.** That points back to the firstborn from among the dead. Paul tells us Jesus was raised for our justification (Romans 4:25^{xi}). The fact that He rose from death shows us God accepted Jesus' sacrifice of Himself in our place. It assures us that we are justified before God. But I think there is more to this title of firstborn from among the dead (Colossians 1:18^{xii}).

Jesus declares that **He has the keys of death and hades.** The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23^{xiii}). That is the legal justice of the heavenly realm. But Jesus has the keys. He can unlock death for he paid our sin debt. He has the keys to the place of the dead, which is what *Hades* refers to. Your translation might say "hell" but it is literally *Hades*, the place of the dead. The spirits of those who have died in the past who placed their faith in God can receive their eternal bodies because Jesus has the keys.

In chapters 2 and 3 we have the letters to the churches. Jesus uses a self-description at the beginning and sometimes at the end of each letter. Most are taken from the descriptions in chapter one. I will only mention the new descriptions. In 2:1^{xiv} Jesus says that He walks among the seven golden lampstands. Chapter one tells us the lampstands are the churches. **Jesus is declaring that He is present in our churches.** Two of these churches had nothing good said about them, and yet Jesus walks among them. That should be sobering to those who are compromising, which includes five of the seven. And it should be encouraging to those two churches that only had compliments given to them. How should we take it? Jesus walks among us. He is here right now. I think we should think about this every time we gather to worship. It should bring reverence to our services, encouragement that He hears our prayers and is with us, conviction where there is compromise. Jesus walks among us here at Wayside Bible Chapel.

In 2:7^{xv}, 10^{xvi} Jesus says that He is **the One who gives access to the tree of life and the One who can give us the crown of life.** This is another way of telling us that He is the source of eternal life. He is life. If we are in Him, we have eternal life.

In 3:1^{xvii} Jesus says that **He has the seven spirits of God.** Jesus has the fullness of the Spirit. He is not only one with the Father, but He has the fullness of the Holy Spirit living in Him. He is one with the Spirit as He is one with the Father.

In 3:1^{xviii} Jesus declares that **He is the holy one and has the keys of David.** Holiness was indicated by His golden sash but is stated clearly here. This is another of the one with God descriptions. Numerous times in the Old Testament, God is called the holy one of Israel (2 Kings 19:22^{xix}; Job 6:10^{xx}; Psalm 78:41^{xxi}, etc.). Jesus describes the keys of David as opening and shutting which no one can reverse. He is the one who decides what doors to open and which close. The opportunities of life are in Jesus' hands.

In 3:14^{xxii} Jesus says **He is the Amen.** I understand that to mean He is the "Yes!" to the will of the Father. He is always in agreement with the Father. He repeats from chapter 1 that He is the faithful and true witness. Then He adds that He is the beginning of God's creation. That does not mean that He was the first thing created. John wrote in his Gospel that Jesus was already with God in the beginning. Rather, creation began with Jesus, the Word of God, for God spoke and the Word made it so. He is the instrument of creation, God's very Word that made all that is, both the visible and invisible realms (Colossians 1:15-17^{xxiii}). The letters end with Jesus telling us that it is **from Him that we obtain true wealth, righteousness, and spiritual vision** (3:18^{xxiv}).

In chapter 4 we are introduced to the throne room of God. Then in chapter 5 the cry goes out asking who is worthy to open the scroll, the future of the world and the consummation of God's plan. Jesus, the worthy One, steps forward appearing as a lamb as though it had been slain. Yet, this one was introduced in verse 6^{xxv} as the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Root of David. **He is the Lamb and the Lion, and both of these are messianic titles.** In His first coming He came and died as a sacrificial lamb (John 1:29^{xxvi}). In His second coming He will come as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Jacob/Israel prophesied the tribe of Judah would be a lion (Genesis 49:9^{xxvii}). The fulfillment is in Jesus from the tribe of Judah at His second coming.

He is the root of David. Isaiah prophesied that a branch would come from the root of Jesse who is the father of David (Isaiah 11:1-5^{xxviii}). The passage goes on to predict both the first and second coming. The Lamb is described as having seven horns and seven eyes. Seven is the number of completion and horns represent power. He has all power (Matthew 28:18^{xxix}). Seven eyes mean that He sees all. Nothing escapes Him.

Chapter 6 begins with Him opening the seals because He alone is worthy to do so. **He unfolds history because it is His story.** The chapter ends with Jesus coming again. The chapter ends with Him coming to pour out His wrath on the wicked (6:15-17^{xxx}).

In chapter 7:9 a great multitude in heaven worship declaring that **salvation belongs to God and the Lamb (7:9,10^{xxxi}).** The heavenly beings voice a mighty affirmation, "Amen!" A heavenly elder asks John, "Who are these people?" John does not know so he asks the elder and the elder tells John that they *are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.* Revelation 7:14 The robes washed in Jesus' blood represent our sins washed away so that when the Father looks upon us, He sees the righteousness of Christ. Then in verse 17^{xxxii} **Jesus is the One who leads us to springs of living water and wipes every tear** from our eyes. Jesus is the One who will refresh our spirits and remove the pain and scars in our hearts. What a Savior!

In chapter 8^{xxxiii} the Lamb opens the seventh seal that ushers in the seven trumpets of tribulation. In 10:1^{xxxiv} an angel brings a little scroll to John. Some commentators believe this angel is the Lord Jesus because of the similar description of the rainbow over his head and his face shining like the sun.

In 11:4^{xxxv} the two witnesses stand before the Lord of the earth. We know this is Jesus because a few verses later the Lord is the one who was crucified (11:8^{xxxvi}). Standing before the Lord means they are righteous (Psalm 1:5^{xxxvii}; 24:3,4^{xxxviii}).

In chapter 12 we have a flash back to a turning point in this cosmic battle to the time when Jesus was born into this world. The dragon, Satan, was waiting to devour Him. We read in the Gospels the attempt by Herod to have baby Jesus killed. This baby is identified as “one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron” (12:5^{xxxix}). That is a reference to Psalm 2:9^{xl} and the Messiah’s millennial reign.

We are told in 12:11^{xli} that we overcome the dragon by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The blood of Jesus saves us and helps us endure all that we face in this life. We cling to the truth that we have been born-again and are new creations, and that what Jesus has done for us, which is His testimony and is all that we need.

In chapter 13:8^{xlii} we read that the beast, the Antichrist, is given authority over all the earth to cause all people to worship him, except for those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of Life from before the foundation of the world. I interpret that as the eternal Jesus who is outside of time foresaw those who would by His grace humble themselves to receive the gift of salvation. He wrote those names in His book of Life and keeps those souls through this life until they reach their heavenly home.

In 14:1^{xliii} we see this fulfilled. Jesus, the Lamb, is with His chosen ones on Mount Zion, the heavenly kingdom. They are the redeemed, the firstfruits for God and the Lamb (14:4^{xliiv}). They are called virgins because they have not committed spiritual adultery with the world. No lie is found in their mouths, and they are blameless, for they proclaim the truth of Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

In 14:14^{xlv} we have Jesus, one like a son of man, with a sharp sickle ready to reap the saints and bring them all home (1:13). Some interpreters disagree with that interpretation, but “like a son of man” is used in Daniel to clearly refer to Jesus, whom the whole world will worship (Daniel 7:13,14^{xlvi}). He is given an everlasting kingdom.

In chapter 15 we read, ³ *And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! ⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”* Revelation 15:3,4 The conquerors in heaven sing this song of Moses and the Lamb. Why is Moses mentioned? It is because as a deliverer he foreshadowed Jesus, the ultimate deliverer (Deuteronomy 18:15^{xlvii}). The righteous acts of Jesus will be revealed to all, both in saving our souls and in judging the wicked.

The end of the chapter has the angel blowing the seventh trumpet. Loud voices in heaven declare: *“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”* Revelation 15:17b He will reign forever!

In 16:16 during the bowls of God’s wrath upon the wicked of the earth, Jesus interjects a warning. ¹⁵ *“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”*)

Revelation 16:15 The souls in heaven are robed in the righteousness of Christ. In the Gospels it is compared to the robes given to each wedding guest at a Jewish wedding. A guest is found without a robe and is thrown out into what sounds like Jesus' description of hell (Matthew 22:11-14^{xlviii}). As the revelation of God's wrath was being described, Jesus gives this warning to all readers to be certain that they have made that great exchange of their sins for His righteousness. A thief does not announce his coming. **Jesus will appear suddenly** and He wants us to be ready so that we do not face God's wrath.

In 17:6^{xlix} we see Babylon, the worldly systems, drunk on the blood of the saints, the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Then in verse 14^l the kings gather to make war on **the Lamb who is King of kings and Lord of lords**. The titles are like the description of God in the Law, the Writings, and the Prophets, God of gods and Lord of lords (Deuteronomy 10:17^{li}; Psalm 136:3^{liii}; Daniel 2:47^{liiii}). We can add this to the list of titles that apply to both the Father and the Son.

In chapter 18 the systems of this fallen world are destroyed. I believe the voice from heaven is that of Jesus calling to us. ⁴ *Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;* Revelation 18:4 It is the plea of the book of Revelation. Do not get so wrapped up in the world that we forget why we are here and the One who gave us life. **Jesus should be our loadstar**. He should be the reason for every day of our lives.

In chapter 19 Jesus is portrayed in two roles. The first is that of the Groom. ⁷ *Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;* ⁸ *it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.* ⁹ *And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."* Revelation 19:7-9 Indeed, let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory, church! **He is the source of the fine linen covering, bright and pure**. It is His life in us that brought about the righteous deeds.

The second role is that of the judge and avenger and is again referred to as faithful and true, two of the Father's main attributes, and is called the Word of God, King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹¹ *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.* ¹² *His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.* ¹³ *He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.* ¹⁴ *And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.* ¹⁵ *From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.* ¹⁶ *On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.* Revelation 19:11-16 We have seen all these titles earlier in the book. Here they are gathered in one paragraph as He judges those who have gathered to fight Him.

In 20:4-6^{liv} those who are raised in the first resurrection reign with Christ for a thousand years. *They will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.* We will be Jesus' emissaries to the world, a world in which Jesus rules with a rod of iron. What an amazing age that will be with full access to the physical presence of Jesus.

In 21:5-7^{lv} **Jesus makes all things new.** We can identify the one speaking as Jesus because a previous passage told us it is Jesus who guides us to the spring of the water of life (7:14^{xxv}). **He identifies Himself as the Alpha and Omega, the description we saw of the Father in 1:8^{lvi}.** So here is another of the identical expressions of the Father and Son. It is like saying the A to the Z. He is everything from start to finish.

In 21:22,23^{lviii} The Father and the Son together are **the temple and the light of the heavenly city.** They are worshiped, not created things. Their glory illuminates the heavenly city, New Jerusalem.

In 22:1-5^{lviii} the throne is described as the throne of God and the Lamb. They share the authority and are always in unity forevermore. There is nothing that is accursed in the heavenly city. We will see His face. That is the glorified face of Jesus. Fallen man cannot survive looking upon His unveiled face. But since the work in us will be completed, we will see Him face to face and know fully even as we are known (1 Corinthians 13:12^{lix}).

Jesus' final words in Scripture are these: ⁷ *“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”*

¹² *“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”*

¹⁶ *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”* Jesus, the morning star is the dawn of a new day. And in verse 20 He says, *“Surely I am coming soon.”* Notice that Jesus says three times that **He is coming soon.** That means you can count on it! This is the revelation of our Lord and Savior of Himself and of things to come. And we say with John. *“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”* Revelation 22:7, 12, 13, 16, 20

While the book of Revelation's main message is to not become worshiper of the things of this world but rather a worshiper and lover of Jesus the Creator, we also see in the revealed descriptions why He is worthy to be worshiped. Man must choose to serve the creation or the Creator. Revelation warns us to choose wisely and to recognize the result of our choice.

Questions:

- 1 List the descriptions of Jesus that are identical to that of the Father.
2. What does this tell us.
- 3 List the unique descriptions and what each reveals of Jesus.
4. How should we understand Jesus' final words?

ⁱ **John 1:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. – The word translated dwelt is literally “tabernacled.”*

ⁱⁱ **John 14:9 (ESV)**

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

ⁱⁱⁱ **Philippians 3:21 (ESV)**

²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{iv} **John 10:30 (ESV)**

³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

^v **Ezekiel 2:8 (ESV)**

⁸ “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

^{vi} **Proverbs 16:31 (ESV)**

³¹ Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.

^{vii} **Song of Songs 8:6 (ESV)**

⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.

^{viii} **Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)**

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

^{ix} **Isaiah 41:4 (ESV)**

⁴ Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

^x **Isaiah 44:6 (ESV)**

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

^{xi} **Romans 4:25 (ESV)**

²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

^{xii} **Colossians 1:18 (ESV)**

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

^{xiii} **Romans 6:23 (ESV)**

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

^{xiv} **Revelation 2:1 (ESV)**

¹ “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

^{xv} **Revelation 2:7 (ESV)**

⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

^{xvi} **Revelation 2:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

^{xvii} **Revelation 3:1 (ESV)**

¹ “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

^{xviii} **Revelation 3:7 (ESV)**

⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

^{xix} **2 Kings 19:22 (ESV)**

²² “Whom have you mocked and reviled? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes to the heights? Against the Holy One of Israel!

^{xx} **Job 6:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ This would be my comfort; I would even exult in pain unsparing, for I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

^{xxi} **Psalms 78:41 (ESV)**

⁴¹ They tested God again and again and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

^{xxii} **Revelation 3:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

^{xxiii} **Colossians 1:15-17 (ESV)**

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

^{xxiv} **Revelation 3:18 (ESV)**

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may

clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

xxv Revelation 5:6 (ESV)

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

xxvi John 1:29 (ESV)

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

xxvii Genesis 49:9 (ESV)

⁹ Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

xxviii Isaiah 11:1-5 (ESV)

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

xxix Matthew 28:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

xxx Revelation 6:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

xxxi Revelation 7:9,10 (ESV)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

xxxii Revelation 7:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

xxxiii Revelation 8:1 (ESV)

¹ When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

xxxiv Revelation 10:1 (ESV)

¹ Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire.

xxxv Revelation 11:4 (ESV)

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

xxxvi Revelation 11:8 (ESV)

⁸ and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.

xxxvii Psalm 1:5 (ESV)

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

xxxviii Psalm 24:3-4 (ESV)

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

xxxix Revelation 12:5 (ESV)

⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

xl Psalm 2:9 (ESV)

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

The LXX has the word "rule" in the place of the word "break," a revocalization.

^{xli} **Revelation 12:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

^{xlii} **Revelation 13:8 (ESV)**

⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

^{xliii} **Revelation 14:1 (ESV)**

¹ Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

^{xliiv} **Revelation 14:4 (ESV)**

⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,

^{xlv} **Revelation 14:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.

^{xlvi} **Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV)**

¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

^{xlvii} **Deuteronomy 18:15 (ESV)**

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

^{xlviii} **Matthew 22:11-14 (ESV)**

¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

^{xlix} **Revelation 17:6 (ESV)**

⁶ And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.

^l **Revelation 17:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

^{li} **Deuteronomy 10:17 (ESV)**

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

^{lii} **Psalms 136:3 (ESV)**

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

^{liii} **Daniel 2:47 (ESV)**

⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."

^{liv} **Revelation 20:4 (ESV)**

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

^{lv} **Revelation 21:5-7 (ESV)**

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

^{lvi} **Revelation 1:8 (ESV)**

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

^{lvi} **Revelation 21:22-23 (ESV)**

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

^{lviii} **Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV)**

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

^{lix} **1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV)**

¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.