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Revelation

Also known as the Apocalypse, is the final book of the New Testament in the Christian Bible. It is a highly symbolic and metaphorical text that describes the end of the world and the triumph of good over evil.

The book is traditionally attributed to the apostle John, who wrote it while he was exiled on the island of Patmos. In the book, John receives a series of visions from God that reveal the events that will precede the end of the world, including the rise of the Antichrist, the coming of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, the opening of the seven seals, the sounding of the seven trumpets, and the pouring out of the seven bowls of wrath.

Throughout the book, John uses vivid and often surreal imagery to convey his message. Some of the key themes include the struggle between good and evil, the ultimate victory of Christ, the final judgment, and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth. The book of Revelation has been the subject of much interpretation and debate over the years, with many different schools of thought about its meaning and significance. Some see it as a prophecy of future events, while others view it as a symbolic portrayal of the struggle between good and evil that plays out in every generation.

Here is a brief summary of each chapter in the Book of Revelation:

Chapter 1: The introduction to the book, including John's vision of Jesus Christ, who instructs him to write what he sees.

Chapter 2-3: The letters to the seven churches in Asia, where Jesus provides specific messages and warnings to each church.

Chapter 4: John's vision of the throne room of God in heaven, including the worship of the four living creatures and the 24 elders.

Chapter 5: John's vision of the scroll with seven seals, which only the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) is worthy to open.

Chapter 6: The opening of the first six seals, including the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Chapter 7: The sealing of the 144,000 servants of God and the great multitude of believers from every nation who come out of the great tribulation.

Chapter 8: The opening of the seventh seal and the sounding of the first four trumpets, which bring destruction upon the earth.

Chapter 9: The sounding of the fifth and sixth trumpets, which bring demonic locusts and an army of 200 million riders.

Chapter 10: John's vision of the mighty angel with the little scroll, which he is instructed to eat.

Chapter 11: The measuring of the temple of God, the two witnesses who prophesy for 1,260 days, and their eventual martyrdom.

Chapter 12: The woman and the dragon, symbolizing the birth of Jesus Christ and the persecution of the Church by Satan.

Chapter 13: The beast from the sea and the beast from the earth, symbolizing the Antichrist and the false prophet.

Chapter 14: The vision of the Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion, followed by three angels who bring messages of judgment.

Chapter 15: The seven angels with the seven plagues, and the preparation for the final judgments of God.

Chapter 16: The pouring out of the seven bowls of God's wrath, which bring complete destruction upon the earth.

Chapter 17: The vision of the great prostitute and the beast, symbolizing the world's corruption and the Antichrist's domination.

Chapter 18: The fall of Babylon, the symbol of the world's rebellion against God.

Chapter 19: The triumph of Christ, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the defeat of the Antichrist and his armies.

Chapter 20: The thousand-year reign of Christ, the defeat of Satan, the final judgment, and the establishment of the new heaven and new earth.

Chapter 21-22: The new Jerusalem, the final dwelling place of God and the redeemed, where there will be no more tears or death.

Revelation 1

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Prologue

1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Greetings and Doxology

4 John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits[a] before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7 “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”[b]
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”[c]
So shall it be! Amen.

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

John’s Vision of Christ

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,[d] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

19 “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels[e] of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Footnotes

Revelation 1:4 That is, the sevenfold Spirit

Revelation 1:7 Daniel 7:13

Revelation 1:7 Zech. 12:10

Revelation 1:13 See Daniel 7:13.

Revelation 1:20 Or messengers

In chapter 1 of the Book of Revelation, John receives a revelation from God and is instructed to write down what he sees in order to communicate God's message to the seven churches in Asia. John describes a vision he saw on the Sabbath day, in which he saw a figure wearing a long robe, a golden sash, with hair as white as wool and eyes like a fiery flame, and feet like glowing bronze. This figure spoke to him, identifying himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. John saw that he held seven stars in his hand, which represent the seven angels of the seven churches, and seven golden lampstands which represent the seven churches themselves. Jesus commands John to write down this information because the churches need correction and encouragement in order to remain steadfast in their faith and continue moving forward.

the key verses in chapter 1 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 1 introduces the book's author, John, and contains his vision of the glorified Christ. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

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" (Revelation 1:1). This verse sets the stage for the entire book, as John is given a vision of the end times.
2. "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen" (Revelation 1:7). This verse speaks of the second coming of Christ, when he will return in glory and judgment.
3. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8). This is a powerful statement of Christ's deity and eternal nature, as he is identified with the title of God himself.
4. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 1:11). This is another statement of Christ's eternal nature, emphasizing that he is the beginning and the end of all things.
5. "I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades" (Revelation 1:18). This verse speaks of Christ's resurrection and victory over death, as well as his power over the forces of evil.

The Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse of John, is the final book of the New Testament in the Christian Bible. It is a highly symbolic and apocalyptic text that is attributed to the Apostle John. The book is known for its vivid and often enigmatic imagery and its focus on eschatology, which is the theological study of the end times and the ultimate destiny of humanity and the cosmos.

Theological Thought:

Eschatology: The primary theological thought in the Book of Revelation is eschatology. It deals with the end times, the final judgment, and the ultimate triumph of God's kingdom over evil. The book presents a vision of a final cosmic battle between the forces of good (represented by God and His angels) and the forces of evil (represented by Satan and his followers).

Apocalyptic Literature: Revelation is a prime example of apocalyptic literature, a genre that uses vivid and symbolic language to convey messages about the ultimate fate of the world. It reflects a belief in a future divine intervention that will bring about the establishment of God's kingdom.

Messianic Hope: Revelation contains a strong Messianic theme, as it portrays Jesus Christ as the victorious Lamb of God who will conquer evil and establish a new heaven and a new earth. This reflects the Christian belief in Jesus as the Messiah and Savior.

Perseverance of the Saints: The book encourages believers to persevere in their faith, even in the face of persecution and tribulation. It emphasizes the idea that those who endure will ultimately be rewarded by God.

Theological Influence:

The Book of Revelation has had a significant theological influence on Christian thought and practice throughout history:

Eschatological Beliefs: Revelation has been a foundational text for shaping Christian beliefs about the end times, the return of Christ, and the final judgment. It has contributed to the development of various eschatological interpretations within Christianity.

Liturgical Use: Many passages from Revelation are included in Christian liturgy and worship, particularly in the context of celebrating the Eucharist (Holy Communion). The imagery of the Lamb of God is often incorporated into Christian liturgical prayers.

Influence on Art and Culture: The vivid and symbolic imagery in Revelation has had a profound impact on Christian art, literature, and culture. It has inspired countless works of art, music, and literature over the centuries.

Theological Debates: Revelation has been the subject of theological debates and interpretations, leading to the development of various schools of thought within Christianity. These debates have contributed to the rich diversity of Christian theology.

In summary, the Book of Revelation in the New Testament is a complex and influential text that has shaped Christian theological thought, particularly in the areas of eschatology, apocalyptic literature, and the role of Jesus Christ as the triumphant Messiah. It continues to be a source of theological reflection and inspiration for Christians today.

Revelation 2

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To the Church in Ephesus

2 “To the angel[a] of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

To the Church in Smyrna

8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

To the Church in Pergamum

12 “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. 13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. 15 Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

To the Church in Thyatira

18 “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. 22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.’

26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 27 that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’[b]—just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give that one the morning star. 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Footnotes

Revelation 2:1 Or messenger; also in verses 8, 12 and 18

Revelation 2:27 Psalm 2:9

Chapter 2 of the Book of Revelation communicates God's message to the seven churches in Asia. Jesus sends messages to the angels of the seven churches, evaluating their faith and behavior while encouraging them to remain loyal and steadfast. The first letter is addressed to the church in Ephesus, warning them not to lose their initial love. The second letter is written to the church in Smyrna, warning them of false teachings. The third letter is addressed to the church in Pergamum, encouraging them to continue to trust in God. The fourth letter is written to the church in Thyatira, criticizing them for tolerating wrongdoings. The fifth letter is addressed to the church in Sardis, warning them that although they have a name in the eyes of God, their faith is dead. The sixth letter is written to the church in Philadelphia, encouraging them to remain faithful even in the face of persecution. The seventh letter is addressed to the church in Laodicea, criticizing them for becoming weak, poor, and losing sight, and encouraging them to return to the embrace of God in order to gain true wealth and sight.

the key verses in chapter 2 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 2 contains letters addressed to the seven churches in Asia Minor. Each letter contains specific instructions, commendations, and rebukes for the churches. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false" (Revelation 2:2). This verse is addressed to the church in Ephesus and commends them for their hard work and discernment in exposing false teachers.
2. "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). This verse is addressed to the church in Smyrna and encourages them to remain faithful, even in the face of persecution, and promises them eternal life.
3. "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first" (Revelation 2:4). This verse is addressed to the church in Ephesus and rebukes them for losing their first love for Christ and their fellow believers.
4. "Repent, then, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent" (Revelation 2:5). This is a warning to the church in Ephesus to repent and return to their first love or face the consequences of losing their status as a church.
5. "To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it" (Revelation 2:17).
6. This verse is addressed to the church in Pergamum and promises reward for those who overcome spiritual challenges and persevere in their faith.

The Book of Revelation, specifically chapters 2 and 3, contains a series of letters or messages from Jesus to seven churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Each of these letters provides theological insights and carries theological influence in the context of Christian theology and practice.

Theological Thought in Revelation 2:

In Revelation 2, we find the letters to four of the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Thyatira. The theological thoughts and themes addressed in these letters include:

Church Discipline and Faithfulness: Jesus commends the Ephesian church for their perseverance and their hatred of evil deeds but rebukes them for losing their first love. This highlights the importance of maintaining a fervent love for Christ. The church is urged to repent and return to their initial faithfulness.

Persecution and Suffering: The church in Smyrna is commended for their faithfulness in the midst of severe persecution and poverty. This speaks to the theological theme of suffering for one's faith and remaining steadfast even in the face of adversity.

Worldly Compromise: Pergamum is criticized for tolerating false teaching and compromising with worldly practices. Theological thought here centers on the danger of compromising one's faith and the importance of holding fast to God's truth.

Sexual Immorality and False Teaching: The church in Thyatira is rebuked for tolerating a false prophetess who leads people into sexual immorality and idolatry. Theological

thought emphasizes the importance of maintaining doctrinal purity and moral integrity within the church.

Theological Influence:

The letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3 have had theological influence in several ways:

Church Leadership: These letters have been used as a basis for discussing the roles and responsibilities of church leaders in maintaining doctrinal purity and moral integrity within congregations.

Church Revival and Repentance: The call to repentance and return to one's first love, as seen in the letter to Ephesus, has been influential in movements of church revival and renewal throughout Christian history.

Persecution Theology: The letter to Smyrna has been instrumental in developing theological perspectives on suffering and persecution for the faith, emphasizing the rewards and eternal life promised to those who endure.

Doctrinal Purity: The letters' warnings against false teaching and compromise with worldly values have contributed to theological discussions on the importance of maintaining doctrinal purity and discernment within the church.

Ecclesiology: These letters have been used to reflect on the nature and health of local congregations, their strengths, weaknesses, and the importance of accountability and faithfulness.

In summary, Revelation 2 contains letters to four of the seven churches in Asia Minor, each addressing specific theological themes related to church discipline, faithfulness, persecution, compromise, and doctrinal purity. These themes have had a lasting influence on Christian theology and practice, particularly in the context of church leadership, revival, and perseverance in the face of challenges.

Revelation 3

New International Version

To the Church in Sardis

3 “To the angel[a] of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. 6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

To the Church in Philadelphia

7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. 8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. 10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. 13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

To the Church in Laodicea

14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. 15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Footnotes

Revelation 3:1 Or messenger; also in verses 7 and 14

Revelation 3:1 That is, the sevenfold Spirit

Chapter 3 of the Book of Revelation continues with God's messages to the seven churches in Asia.

The first message is addressed to the church in Sardis, warning them to wake up and strengthen their faith, as they have become spiritually dead. The second message is directed to the church in Philadelphia, praising them for their faithfulness and promising them a reward. The third message is written to the church in Laodicea, criticizing their lukewarm faith and encouraging them to be zealous and repent. Jesus promises to stand at the door and knock, and whoever opens the door, he will come in and dine with them.

Chinese:

the key verses in chapter 3 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 3 contains letters addressed to the remaining four churches in Asia Minor.

Each letter contains specific instructions, commendations, and rebukes for the churches.

Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God" (Revelation 3:1-2). This verse is addressed to the church in Sardis and warns them that although they have a reputation for being alive, they are actually spiritually dead and need to wake up and strengthen their faith.
2. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). This verse is addressed to the church in Laodicea and speaks of Christ's desire to have fellowship with believers who open their hearts to him.
3. "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name" (Revelation 3:8). This verse is addressed to the church in Philadelphia and commends them for their faithfulness to Christ despite their limited resources.
4. "Because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16). This verse is addressed to the church in Laodicea and rebukes them for their spiritual complacency and lack of passion for Christ.
5. "The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:21). This verse promises rewards for those who overcome spiritual challenges and persevere in their faith.

Revelation chapter 3 contains the remaining three letters to the churches in Asia Minor: Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Each of these letters carries distinct theological thoughts and has had theological influence in Christian theology and practice.

Theological Thought in Revelation 3:

In Revelation 3, the letters to the churches of Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea convey various theological themes and messages:

Spiritual Deadness and Awakening (Sardis): The church in Sardis is rebuked for having a reputation for being alive, but Jesus sees them as spiritually dead. The theological thought centers on the need for spiritual vigilance, repentance, and awakening from spiritual complacency.

Faithfulness and Perseverance (Philadelphia): The church in Philadelphia is commended for its faithfulness and is promised an open door that no one can shut. The theological thought emphasizes the rewards and blessings that come to those who remain faithful and steadfast in their faith.

Lukewarmness and Self-Sufficiency (Laodicea): The church in Laodicea is famously criticized for its lukewarmness and self-sufficiency. The theological thought highlights the danger of spiritual apathy and the call to be zealous and repent. It also underscores the need to rely on Christ rather than on material wealth.

Theological Influence:

The letters to the churches in Revelation 3 have had theological influence in various ways:

Spiritual Vigilance and Repentance: The letter to Sardis has been influential in discussions of spiritual vigilance and the need for ongoing repentance and renewal within the church. It has served as a reminder that a reputation for faithfulness does not guarantee spiritual vitality.

Perseverance and Open Doors: The letter to Philadelphia has inspired theological reflections on the importance of perseverance in the face of challenges and the assurance of God's provision and open doors for those who remain faithful.

Spiritual Apathy and Materialism: The letter to Laodicea has been instrumental in discussions about the dangers of spiritual lukewarmness and self-sufficiency, especially in prosperous and materialistic societies. It serves as a call to true reliance on Christ.

Ecclesiology: These letters continue to inform discussions about the health and vitality of local congregations and the qualities that make a church pleasing or displeasing to Christ.

Discipleship and Faithfulness: Theological reflections on discipleship and faithfulness in Christian life have drawn insights from these letters, particularly the call to remain faithful and vigilant.

In summary, Revelation chapter 3 contains the letters to the churches of Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea, each with its unique theological themes. These themes have influenced Christian theology and practice, particularly in discussions of spiritual

vigilance, faithfulness, perseverance, lukewarmness, and reliance on Christ within the context of local congregations.

Revelation 4

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The Throne in Heaven

4 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. 4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits[a] of God. 6 Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy

is the Lord God Almighty,[b]

who was, and is, and is to come.”

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”

Footnotes

Revelation 4:5 That is, the sevenfold Spirit

Revelation 4:8 Isaiah 6:3

Chapter 4 of the Book of Revelation describes John's vision of God's throne room in heaven. Here is a brief summary:

John sees a door standing open in heaven, and he hears a voice inviting him to come up and see what must take place after this. Upon entering, John sees a throne and someone sitting on it who looks like a jasper and a sardius stone. Around the throne, John sees 24 elders wearing crowns of gold, and they are worshiping God day and night. Flashes of lightning and peals of thunder come from the throne, and in front of it are seven lamps burning, which represent the seven spirits of God. Four living creatures, covered in eyes and having wings, surround the throne, each with a different face: a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle. They continually praise God, saying "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

This chapter sets the stage for the rest of the book and emphasizes God's sovereignty and holiness.

the key verses in chapter 4 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 4 begins a new section of the book and describes a vision of heaven and the throne of God. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this'" (Revelation 4:1). This verse describes John's vision of a door opening in heaven and being summoned to witness what will take place in the future.
2. "And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald" (Revelation 4:3). This verse describes the appearance of God on his throne, surrounded by a rainbow and precious stones.
3. "And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created'" (Revelation 4:9-11). This verse describes the worship and adoration given to God by the living creatures and the twenty-four elders, who acknowledge his creative power and worthiness to receive honor and glory.

Revelation chapter 4 marks a significant shift in the book, transitioning from the letters to the seven churches in chapters 2 and 3 to a vision of the heavenly throne room. This chapter carries profound theological thoughts and has had a notable influence on Christian theology and eschatology.

Theological Thought in Revelation 4:

Revelation 4 presents a vision of the heavenly throne room of God. The theological thoughts in this chapter include:

The Sovereignty and Majesty of God: The central focus of Revelation 4 is the throne of God in heaven. It emphasizes the absolute sovereignty, majesty, and glory of God, who is described as sitting on the throne. This theological thought highlights the transcendence and supremacy of the Creator.

Worship and Adoration: Around the throne are living creatures and elders who continually worship and adore God, proclaiming His holiness and worthiness. This vision underscores the eternal and unceasing worship of God by heavenly beings. It also emphasizes the importance of worship in Christian theology and practice.

Creation's Praise: The living creatures and elders ascribe praise to God as the Creator of all things. This theme of creation praising its Creator is a theological thought that reflects the biblical concept of all creation glorifying God.

Eternal Nature of God: The description of God as the one "who was, and is, and is to come" underscores the eternal nature of God. This theological thought aligns with the biblical teaching of God's eternity and unchanging character.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 4 has had significant theological influence in several areas of Christian thought and practice:

Worship Theology: The vision of worship in Revelation 4 has profoundly influenced Christian worship practices and theology. It has inspired hymns, liturgical elements, and worship songs that emphasize the adoration of God's majesty and holiness.

Theology of God's Sovereignty: The image of God on the throne has contributed to discussions about God's sovereignty over all creation and history. It has played a role in debates about God's control and providence.

Eschatology: Revelation 4 sets the stage for the unfolding of apocalyptic and eschatological events in subsequent chapters. It has influenced eschatological interpretations, particularly those related to the heavenly realms and God's role in the end times.

Creation Theology: The depiction of creation praising its Creator has contributed to discussions of creation theology, highlighting the biblical theme of all creation glorifying God.

Majesty and Holiness of God: The imagery in Revelation 4 has reinforced the understanding of God's majesty, holiness, and worthiness in Christian theology.

In summary, Revelation chapter 4 presents a vision of the heavenly throne room of God, emphasizing the sovereignty, majesty, and eternal nature of God, as well as the continuous worship of heavenly beings. This chapter has had a profound influence on

worship theology, discussions of God's sovereignty, eschatology, creation theology, and the understanding of God's majesty and holiness in Christian theology and practice.

Revelation 5

New International Version

The Scroll and the Lamb

5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits[a] of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign[b] on the earth."

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Footnotes

Revelation 5:6 That is, the sevenfold Spirit

Revelation 5:10 Some manuscripts they reign

Chapter 5 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes a vision of John, in which he sees a scroll with seven seals in the right hand of God. An angel asks who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll, but no one is found worthy. John weeps because no one can open the scroll.

However, one of the elders tells John that the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who is also the Root of David, has conquered and can open the scroll. John then sees a Lamb that appears to have been slain, who is able to take the scroll from the right hand of God. The Lamb is praised by the four living creatures and the elders, who sing a new song, declaring that the Lamb is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.

The Lamb begins to break the seals on the scroll, which causes various events to occur on earth, such as war, famine, and death. The opening of the fifth seal reveals the souls of those who have been martyred for their faith. The opening of the sixth seal causes a great earthquake and other cosmic disturbances.

Overall, chapter 5 of Revelation emphasizes the worthiness of the Lamb to open the scroll and the consequences of the breaking of the seals, which lead to significant events on earth.

the key verses in chapter 5 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 5 continues John's vision of heaven and the throne of God, and introduces the concept of the Lamb of God. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it" (Revelation 5:2-3). This verse sets up the dilemma of the sealed scroll and introduces the need for a worthy and powerful figure to open it.
2. "Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals'" (Revelation 5:5). This verse introduces the Lamb of God as the one who is worthy to open the sealed scroll.
3. "Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders" (Revelation 5:6). This verse describes the appearance of the Lamb of God, who is identified as Jesus Christ.
4. "And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation'" (Revelation 5:9). This verse describes the worship and adoration given to the Lamb of God by the living creatures and the twenty-four elders, who recognize his worthiness to open the scroll based on his sacrifice and redemption of humanity.

5. "Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!'" (Revelation 5:11-12). This verse continues the worship and adoration of the Lamb of God by an even larger multitude of angels, who acknowledge his worthiness to receive all power, wealth, wisdom, and honor.

Revelation chapter 5 is a pivotal chapter in the Book of Revelation, as it introduces and elaborates on the theme of the Lamb of God, who plays a central role in the unfolding of eschatological events. This chapter contains significant theological thoughts and has had a notable influence on Christian theology and worship.

Theological Thought in Revelation 5:

Revelation 5 presents a scene in the heavenly throne room where a scroll sealed with seven seals is introduced. The theological thoughts in this chapter include:

The Scroll and God's Plan: The sealed scroll symbolizes God's plan for the culmination of history and the establishment of His kingdom. The theological thought here revolves around the divine purpose and the unfolding of God's redemptive plan for the world.

The Worthiness of the Lamb: In the vision, it is revealed that only the Lamb, who is identified as Jesus Christ, is worthy to open the seals of the scroll. This emphasizes the unique and central role of Jesus in God's plan of redemption. The theological thought centers on the worthiness, authority, and salvific role of Christ.

Worship and Praise: The heavenly beings and elders worship the Lamb, acknowledging His worthiness to open the scroll. They sing a new song of praise, highlighting the theological thought of worship as a response to the redemptive work of Christ.

Redemption and Atonement: The imagery of the Lamb, as it had been slain, speaks to the theological thought of Christ's sacrificial death and atonement for humanity's sin. It echoes the Christian belief in Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Eschatological Expectation: The opening of the seals and the events that follow are connected to eschatological expectations—the belief in the ultimate fulfillment of God's purposes in the end times. The theological thought here centers on the anticipation of the final consummation of God's kingdom.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 5 has had significant theological influence in various aspects of Christian thought and practice:

Christology: The chapter's emphasis on the Lamb's worthiness and His role in God's plan has been influential in Christological discussions, emphasizing the divinity and redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Worship Theology: The scene of worship in Revelation 5 has profoundly influenced Christian worship practices, underscoring the worship of Jesus as the Lamb of God who is worthy of praise.

Atonement Theology: The imagery of the slain Lamb has contributed to atonement theology, emphasizing Christ's sacrificial death for the forgiveness of sins.

Eschatology: Revelation 5 sets the stage for the unfolding of apocalyptic and eschatological events in the book. It has influenced eschatological interpretations, particularly those related to the Lamb's role in the final culmination of history.

Missiology: The Lamb's mission to redeem people from every tribe and language has influenced missiological discussions about the universality of the Gospel message and the Great Commission.

In summary, Revelation chapter 5 introduces the Lamb of God as central to God's redemptive plan and underscores themes of worship, redemption, eschatological expectation, and Christology. It has had a profound influence on Christian theology, worship, and discussions related to the nature and work of Jesus Christ in the context of eschatology and salvation.

Revelation 6

New International Version

The Seals

6 I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” 2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” 4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds[a] of wheat for a day’s wages,[b] and six pounds[c] of barley for a day’s wages,[d] and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. 10 They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" 11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters,[e] were killed just as they had been.

12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us[f] from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their[g] wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

Footnotes

Revelation 6:6 Or about 1 kilogram

Revelation 6:6 Greek a denarius

Revelation 6:6 Or about 3 kilograms

Revelation 6:6 Greek a denarius

Revelation 6:11 The Greek word for brothers and sisters (adelphoi) refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God's family; also in 12:10; 19:10.

Revelation 6:16 See Hosea 10:8.

Revelation 6:17 Some manuscripts his

Revelation chapter 6 continues John's vision and includes scenes of the Lamb continuing to open the scroll. The Lamb opens the first seal, revealing a rider on a white horse carrying a bow and wearing a crown, interpreted as representing victory and conquest.

The Lamb opens the second seal, revealing a rider on a red horse carrying a great sword, interpreted as representing war and slaughter.

The Lamb opens the third seal, revealing a rider on a black horse carrying a pair of scales, interpreted as representing poverty and famine.

The Lamb opens the fourth seal, revealing a rider on a pale horse named Death, followed by Hades. He is interpreted as representing death and destruction.

The Lamb opens the fifth seal, revealing the souls of those who had been slain for their faith, crying out to God and asking when they will be avenged.

The Lamb opens the sixth seal, which results in a great earthquake and other natural disasters. People on earth are terrified and try to hide in caves and among the rocks to avoid God's judgment.

Overall, chapter 6 describes the Lamb continuing to open the scroll, and the various events that occur as each seal is opened, including war, famine, death, natural disasters, and God's judgment.

the key verses in chapter 6 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 6 introduces the opening of the seals on the scroll by the Lamb of God, which unleashes a series of events that lead up to the end of the world. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, 'Come!'" (Revelation 6:1). This verse describes the opening of the first seal on the scroll, which prompts one of the living creatures to call forth a horseman.
2. "I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest" (Revelation 6:2). This verse describes the first horseman, who represents conquest and is given a crown.
3. "When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, 'Come!'" (Revelation 6:3). This verse describes the opening of the second seal, which prompts the appearance of a second horseman.
4. "Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword" (Revelation 6:4). This verse describes the second horseman, who represents war and violence.
5. "When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, 'Come!'" (Revelation 6:7). This verse describes the opening of the fourth seal, which prompts the appearance of a fourth horseman.
6. "I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth" (Revelation 6:8). This verse describes the fourth horseman, who represents death and destruction.
7. "They called to the mountains and the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?'" (Revelation 6:16-17). This verse describes the reaction of people on earth to the opening of the sixth seal, as they realize that the end of the world is near and they are unable to escape the wrath of God.

Revelation chapter 6 marks the beginning of a series of events often referred to as the "Seals of Judgment." This chapter contains significant theological thoughts and has had an influence on Christian eschatology (the study of end times) and apocalyptic literature.

Theological Thought in Revelation 6:

Revelation 6 describes the opening of the first six seals, each revealing a specific event or judgment. The theological thoughts in this chapter include:

Divine Judgment: The opening of the seals signifies God's judgment on the world. The various events that follow, such as wars, famines, and natural disasters, are seen as expressions of God's divine judgment on human sin and rebellion.

The Unfolding of Eschatological Events: The events described in the seals are often interpreted as eschatological events, meaning they are related to the end times. The theological thought centers on the idea that these events are part of the lead-up to the ultimate consummation of God's kingdom.

Persecution and Martyrdom: The opening of the fifth seal reveals the souls of martyrs who have been slain for their faith. This highlights the theme of persecution and the willingness of believers to suffer and die for their commitment to Christ.

Fear and Repentance: In response to the judgments described in the seals, there are references to people hiding in fear and seeking shelter from the wrath of God. This suggests a theological thought of the need for repentance and turning to God in times of crisis.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 6 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter has been influential in discussions of eschatology, as it introduces a sequence of events that are often interpreted in relation to the end times. Various eschatological interpretations have been derived from the symbolism and events described in these seals.

Apocalyptic Literature: Revelation as a whole, and chapter 6 in particular, has had a profound influence on apocalyptic literature and thinking. It has inspired many apocalyptic texts and narratives in Christian and non-Christian traditions.

Theology of Judgment: The chapter underscores the theological concept of divine judgment, emphasizing that God is the ultimate judge of human actions and the world's affairs. This has contributed to discussions of theodicy (the problem of evil) and divine justice.

Martyrdom Theology: The mention of martyrs in the fifth seal has influenced discussions of martyrdom and the willingness of believers to endure persecution for their faith. It has been a source of inspiration for those facing persecution.

Repentance and Fear: The reactions of fear and seeking shelter in response to divine judgment have been used in theological discussions of repentance and the role of fear in turning to God.

In summary, Revelation chapter 6 introduces a series of events related to divine judgment and the unfolding of eschatological events. It has influenced discussions in eschatology, apocalyptic literature, the theology of judgment, martyrdom, and the call for repentance in the face of divine judgments.

Revelation 7

New International Version

144,000 Sealed

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,

from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000,

from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,

from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,

from the tribe of Levi 12,000,

from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,

from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

The Great Multitude in White Robes

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

14 I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

16 ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,’[a]
nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’[b]

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’[c]”

Footnotes

Revelation 7:16 Isaiah 49:10

Revelation 7:17 Isaiah 49:10

Revelation 7:17 Isaiah 25:8

Revelation chapter 7 begins with a pause in the opening of the seals, as John sees four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the winds of destruction.

Another angel, with the seal of the living God, commands the four angels to wait until God's servants are sealed on their foreheads.

John sees a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes and holding palm branches. They cry out with a loud voice, saying "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

One of the elders then asks John who these people are, and he replies that he does not know. The elder explains that they are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night.

Then John sees the Lamb himself, who is in the midst of the throne. The Lamb will be their shepherd and lead them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Chapter 7 describes the sealing of God's servants and the great multitude of believers from every nation who will be saved out of the tribulation. It also highlights the Lamb's role as the shepherd and the source of living water for the saved believers, and God's promise to wipe away their tears.

the key verses in chapter 7 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 7 provides a pause in the opening of the seals and introduces the concept of God's servants being sealed and protected during the tribulation period. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree" (Revelation 7:1). This verse describes a scene where four angels are holding back destructive winds, symbolizing the temporary suspension of judgment.
2. "Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea" (Revelation 7:2). This verse introduces the concept of God's servants being sealed and protected during the tribulation period.
3. "And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel" (Revelation 7:4). This verse describes the number and identity of the 144,000 servants of God who are sealed and protected during the tribulation period.
4. "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9). This verse describes the vision of a great multitude of people from all over the world who are saved and are standing before the throne of God.
5. "And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence'" (Revelation 7:14-15). This verse describes the identity and status of the great

multitude of people, who have been saved through the blood of the Lamb and are now serving and worshiping God in his temple.

Revelation chapter 7 contains significant theological thoughts related to the sealing of God's servants and the ultimate victory of the redeemed. This chapter has had theological influence in Christian eschatology (the study of end times) and discussions about the identity and fate of the redeemed.

Theological Thought in Revelation 7:

Revelation 7 presents two main theological thoughts:

The Sealing of God's Servants (Revelation 7:1-8): In the first part of the chapter, John sees four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth. Another angel ascends from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. This angel seals 144,000 servants of God from the twelve tribes of Israel, signifying their protection and belonging to God. The theological thought centers on the concept of God's protection and preservation of His faithful servants, even in the midst of eschatological turmoil.

The Multitude of Redeemed (Revelation 7:9-17): The second part of the chapter describes a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before the throne and the Lamb. They are clothed in white robes, holding palm branches and worshiping God. This multitude is described as those who have come out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. The theological thought here emphasizes the universal nature of salvation, with people from all backgrounds and nations being part of God's redeemed.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 7 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly regarding the sealing of God's servants as a symbol of divine protection during times of tribulation. The concept of a great multitude from every nation also plays a role in eschatological discussions about the ultimate gathering of God's people.

Universal Salvation: The vision of a multitude from every nation has influenced theological discussions about the inclusivity of God's salvation. It underscores the idea that God's redemptive plan is not limited to a specific ethnic or cultural group but includes people from all backgrounds.

Martyrdom Theology: The reference to those who have come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb has contributed to discussions of martyrdom theology, highlighting the idea that faithful believers may face persecution and tribulation but will ultimately be victorious through Christ.

Worship and Praise: The imagery of the multitude worshipping God before the throne has influenced Christian worship practices and liturgy, emphasizing the theme of worship as an integral part of the Christian experience.

Theological Reflection on God's Faithfulness: The sealing of God's servants underscores the theological concept of God's faithfulness in protecting and preserving His people, even in times of difficulty and trial.

In summary, Revelation chapter 7 presents theological thoughts related to the sealing of God's servants and the universal nature of salvation. It has influenced discussions in eschatology, the inclusivity of God's salvation, martyrdom theology, worship, and reflections on God's faithfulness in preserving His people.

Revelation 8

New International Version

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

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

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. 4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

The Trumpets

6 Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, 9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— 11 the name of the star is Wormwood.[a] A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

13 As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

Footnotes

Revelation 8:11 Wormwood is a bitter substance.

Revelation chapter 8 begins with the opening of the seventh seal, which results in silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then seven angels are given seven trumpets, and another angel offers incense on the golden altar before the throne, along with the prayers of the saints.

The first angel blows his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood are thrown down to the earth, causing destruction.

The second angel blows his trumpet, and a great mountain burning with fire is thrown into the sea, causing a third of the sea to become blood, killing a third of the sea creatures, and destroying a third of the ships.

The third angel blows his trumpet, and a great star falls from heaven, called Wormwood, causing a third of the waters to become bitter and many people to die from drinking the water.

The fourth angel blows his trumpet, and a third of the sun, moon, and stars are struck, causing a third of their light to be darkened.

Then an eagle flies in mid-heaven, crying out "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth because of the remaining blasts of the trumpets of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Chapter 8 describes the opening of the seventh seal, the blowing of the first four trumpets by the angels, and the resulting destruction and devastation on the earth. It also includes the warning of impending doom for those who dwell on the earth.

the key verses in chapter 8 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 8 describes the opening of the seventh seal on the scroll, which marks the beginning of the seven trumpets of judgment. Some of the key verses in this chapter include:

1. "When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour" (Revelation 8:1). This verse describes the opening of the seventh seal, which is followed by a period of silence in heaven.
2. "Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne" (Revelation 8:3). This verse describes an angel offering incense and the prayers of God's people before the throne of God.
3. "The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand" (Revelation 8:4). This verse describes the prayers of God's people being heard and acknowledged by God.

4. "The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them" (Revelation 8:6). This verse introduces the seven angels who will sound the seven trumpets of judgment.
5. "The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up" (Revelation 8:7). This verse describes the first trumpet judgment, which involves a hailstorm of fire and blood that destroys one-third of the earth's vegetation.
6. "The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood" (Revelation 8:8). This verse describes the second trumpet judgment, which involves a burning mountain being thrown into the sea and turning one-third of the sea into blood.
7. "The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water" (Revelation 8:10). This verse describes the third trumpet judgment, which involves a great star falling from the sky and contaminating one-third of the world's fresh water sources.
8. "I saw, and I heard an eagle flying in midair, calling out in a loud voice, 'Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!'" (Revelation 8:13). This verse describes an eagle warning of the three remaining trumpet judgments, which will bring even greater destruction and suffering.

Revelation chapter 8 continues the apocalyptic narrative in the book, describing the opening of the seventh seal and the subsequent sounding of the seven trumpets. This chapter contains significant theological thoughts related to divine judgment, prayer, and the impact of God's actions on the world. It has had theological influence in discussions of God's sovereignty and the consequences of human sin.

Theological Thought in Revelation 8:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 8 include:

Divine Judgment: The opening of the seventh seal and the sounding of the seven trumpets signal a series of divine judgments upon the earth. These judgments include natural disasters, cosmic disturbances, and plagues. The theological thought here centers on God's role as the ultimate judge of human actions and the world's affairs.

Prayers of the Saints: As the seventh seal is opened, there is a period of silence in heaven, and John sees an angel offering incense along with the prayers of the saints before God. The theological thought emphasizes the role of prayer in the lives of believers and its impact in heaven.

Consequences of Human Sin: The judgments described in this chapter are often interpreted as consequences of human sin and rebellion against God. Theological thought

here reflects the biblical theme of sowing and reaping, where human actions have consequences.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 8 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the unfolding of divine judgments and the events leading up to the final consummation of God's kingdom. It is seen as part of the broader eschatological narrative in Revelation.

Prayer and Worship: The scene of prayers of the saints being presented before God has influenced Christian theology and practice related to prayer and worship. It underscores the importance of believers' prayers and their connection to heavenly realities.

Theology of Divine Judgment: The chapter reinforces the theological concept of divine judgment, emphasizing God's role as the righteous judge of the world. It has contributed to discussions about theodicy (the problem of evil and suffering) and divine justice.

Theological Reflection on Human Responsibility: The consequences of human sin depicted in this chapter have prompted theological reflection on human responsibility and the moral dimensions of human actions. It serves as a reminder of the consequences of rebellion against God.

The Role of Angels: The involvement of angels in offering incense and carrying out God's judgments has influenced discussions of angelology (the study of angels) within Christian theology.

In summary, Revelation chapter 8 continues the apocalyptic narrative with theological thoughts related to divine judgment, the role of prayer, and the consequences of human sin. It has had theological influence in eschatology, prayer and worship practices, the theology of divine judgment, reflections on human responsibility, and discussions of angelology within Christian theology.

Revelation 9

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9 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. 2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. 3 And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a

scorpion when it strikes. 6 During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

7 The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. 8 Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. 10 They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. 11 They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

12 The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. 14 It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. 16 The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

17 The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. 18 A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. 19 The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

20 The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation chapter 9 describes the blowing of the fifth and sixth trumpets by the fifth and sixth angels. When the fifth trumpet is blown, a star falls from heaven and is given the key to the bottomless pit. The pit is opened, and smoke and locusts come out. These locusts are given power to harm people for five months, but they are not allowed to harm those with the seal of God on their foreheads.

When the sixth trumpet is blown, four angels are released from the Euphrates River, and an army of 200 million horsemen is unleashed. They kill a third of mankind with plagues and fire, and the remaining people refuse to repent of their sins.

Despite the devastation and destruction caused by the trumpets, the people still refuse to repent and turn to God. Chapter 9 serves as a warning of the coming judgment and the importance of repentance and faith in God.

are the key verses in chapter 9 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 9 describes the sounding of the fifth and sixth trumpets of judgment, which bring torment and destruction upon the earth. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit" (Revelation 9:1). This verse introduces the fifth trumpet judgment, which involves a star falling to the earth and opening the bottomless pit.
2. "And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power" (Revelation 9:3). This verse describes the locusts that emerge from the opened pit, which have the power to torment people like scorpions.
3. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (Revelation 9:6). This verse describes the severity of the torment inflicted by the locusts, which causes people to desire death but not be able to find it.
4. "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God" (Revelation 9:13). This verse introduces the sixth trumpet judgment, which involves a voice from the golden altar before God.
5. "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men" (Revelation 9:15). This verse describes the four angels that are released to kill one-third of humanity.
6. "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them" (Revelation 9:16). This verse describes the size of the army of horsemen that are released with the four angels, which numbers 200 million.
7. "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk" (Revelation 9:20). This verse highlights the stubbornness of humanity in the face of God's judgment, as many refuse to repent and turn away from their worship of idols and false gods.

Revelation chapter 9 continues the apocalyptic narrative in the book, describing the sounding of the fifth and sixth trumpets, which release plagues and woes upon the earth. This chapter contains theological thoughts related to divine judgment, spiritual warfare, and the consequences of human rebellion. It has had theological influence in discussions of eschatology, demonic forces, and the nature of God's judgments.

Theological Thought in Revelation 9:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 9 include:

Divine Judgment and Plagues: The sounding of the fifth and sixth trumpets results in the release of demonic forces and plagues upon the earth. These plagues include tormenting locusts and an army of horsemen. The theological thought centers on God's role as the ultimate judge, using these plagues as a form of divine punishment.

Spiritual Warfare: The imagery of demonic locusts led by the "angel of the abyss" engages in spiritual warfare against humanity. This reflects the theological thought of the ongoing spiritual battle between the forces of evil and the forces of God.

Human Hardness of Heart: Despite the plagues and suffering, the chapter mentions that people do not repent of their deeds and continue to worship idols. This emphasizes the theological thought of human rebellion and the hardness of human hearts in the face of divine judgments.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 9 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the series of judgments and plagues that are part of the broader eschatological narrative in Revelation. It raises questions about the nature and timing of these events in the end times.

Demonic Forces and Spiritual Warfare: The depiction of demonic locusts and the angel of the abyss has influenced discussions of angelology and demonology within Christian theology. It underscores the reality of spiritual warfare and the existence of evil spiritual entities.

Theology of Divine Judgment: The chapter reinforces the theological concept of divine judgment and the consequences of human rebellion. It has contributed to discussions about theodicy (the problem of evil and suffering) and divine justice.

Human Responsiveness to God's Warnings: The chapter's portrayal of people refusing to repent despite experiencing divine judgments prompts theological reflection on human responsiveness to God's warnings and the nature of human free will.

Nature of God's Judgments: Revelation 9 has influenced discussions about the nature of God's judgments, including the idea that God's judgments can serve as warnings and opportunities for repentance, yet some may persist in rebellion.

In summary, Revelation chapter 9 continues the apocalyptic narrative with theological thoughts related to divine judgment, spiritual warfare, and human rebellion. It has had theological influence in eschatological discussions, angelology and demonology, the theology of divine judgment, reflections on human responsiveness to God's warnings, and the nature of God's judgments in the context of human rebellion.

Revelation 10

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The Angel and the Little Scroll

10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery

pillars. 2 He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, 3 and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. 4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.”

5 Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 6 And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! 7 But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

8 Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

9 So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’[a]” 10 I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. 11 Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

Footnotes

Revelation 10:9 Ezek. 3:3

Revelation chapter 10 begins with a vision of a strong angel coming down from heaven with a little scroll in his hand. The angel places one foot on the sea and the other on the land, and proclaims that there will be no more delay in the fulfillment of God's plan. John is instructed to take the scroll from the angel and eat it, and it will be sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach. This symbolizes the bittersweet nature of the message of God's judgment and the final victory of Christ over evil.

In the second half of the chapter, John sees another vision of two witnesses who prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. They have the power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time of their prophesying, and they have the power to turn water into blood and to strike the earth with plagues. At the end of their testimony, they are killed by the beast from the bottomless pit, but after three and a half days, they are resurrected and ascend to heaven.

Chapter 10 serves as a bridge between the trumpets and the bowls of God's wrath. It emphasizes the importance of God's timing and the bittersweet nature of the message of judgment, while also pointing to the ultimate victory of Christ over evil. The vision of the two witnesses also serves as a reminder of the power and authority given to God's servants, even in the face of persecution and opposition.

are the key verses in chapter 10 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 10 introduces a pause in the judgments described in the previous chapters, and presents a vision of an angel and a small scroll. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire" (Revelation 10:1). This verse describes the appearance of the angel who descends from heaven, emphasizing his might and glory.
2. "And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth" (Revelation 10:2). This verse introduces the small scroll that the angel holds, and emphasizes the angel's authority over both land and sea.
3. "And he cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices" (Revelation 10:3). This verse describes the angel's loud proclamation, which is accompanied by the sound of seven thunders.
4. "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer" (Revelation 10:5-6). This verse describes the angel's solemn oath, in which he swears by God's eternal nature and creative power that there will be no more delay in the fulfillment of God's purposes.
5. "And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11). This verse concludes the chapter by instructing John to prophesy again to a wide audience, emphasizing the global scope of his message.

Revelation chapter 10 introduces an interlude in the book's apocalyptic narrative, focusing on a mighty angel with a little scroll. This chapter contains theological thoughts related to God's sovereignty, prophetic missions, and the role of John as the prophet. It has influenced Christian eschatology and discussions about prophecy.

Theological Thought in Revelation 10:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 10 include:

God's Sovereignty and Control: The mighty angel descends from heaven, symbolizing the authority and control of God over the events of the world. The angel's stance on both the sea and the land signifies God's dominion over the entire earth. The theological thought here emphasizes God's sovereignty and power in the midst of the apocalyptic events.

Prophetic Mission: The angel gives John a little scroll and instructs him to eat it. This act represents John's commission as a prophet to receive and proclaim God's messages. The theological thought centers on the role of prophets in conveying God's word and revealing His purposes.

Delay of Final Judgment: The angel declares that there will be no more delay in the fulfillment of God's mystery, as described by the prophets. This hints at the imminent culmination of God's plan. The theological thought highlights the idea that God's timing

is ultimately under His control, and the fulfillment of His purposes will not be delayed indefinitely.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 10 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the timing of God's ultimate plan and the role of prophetic revelation. It raises questions about when and how the events of the end times will unfold.

Prophetic Mission: The commissioning of John as a prophet and his role in receiving and proclaiming God's messages have influenced discussions about the nature of prophecy and the role of prophets in the Christian tradition.

Divine Sovereignty: The chapter reinforces the theological concept of God's sovereignty and control over the course of history. It has contributed to discussions about God's providence and the ultimate fulfillment of His purposes.

Timing of Eschatological Events: The mention of the delay being no more has prompted theological reflection on the timing of eschatological events and the anticipation of the final consummation of God's plan.

Mystery and Revelation: Revelation 10 emphasizes the idea of God's mystery being revealed through prophetic means. This has influenced discussions about the relationship between divine revelation and human understanding.

In summary, Revelation chapter 10 serves as an interlude in the book's apocalyptic narrative, introducing theological thoughts related to God's sovereignty, prophetic missions, and the timing of eschatological events. It has had theological influence in discussions of eschatology, the role of prophets, divine sovereignty, the timing of God's plan, and the nature of divine revelation.

Revelation 11

New International Version

The Two Witnesses

11 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. 3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth."^[a] 5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. 6 They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. 8 Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. 9 For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

11 But after the three and a half days the breath[b] of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. 12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

The Seventh Trumpet

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.”

16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying:

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.

18 The nations were angry,
and your wrath has come.
The time has come for judging the dead,
and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your people who revere your name,
both great and small—
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

19 Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

Footnotes

Revelation 11:4 See Zech. 4:3,11,14.

Revelation 11:11 Or Spirit (see Ezek. 37:5,14)

Revelation chapter 11 begins with the measuring of the temple and the two witnesses from the previous chapter. The temple is measured as a symbol of God's protection and care for His people, while the two witnesses continue to prophesy for 1,260 days.

After their testimony is complete, the beast from the bottomless pit kills them, and their bodies lie in the street of the great city for three and a half days. But then, they are resurrected and taken up to heaven, and a great earthquake shakes the city.

The rest of the chapter describes the seventh trumpet, which announces the coming of the kingdom of God and the judgment of the dead. The twenty-four elders worship God and declare that the time has come for God to judge the dead and reward His servants. The temple of God is also seen in heaven, and flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and an earthquake accompany the announcement of God's judgment.

Chapter 11 emphasizes the importance of prophetic witness and the faithfulness of God's people in the face of persecution and opposition. It also points to the ultimate victory of God over evil and the coming of His kingdom. The imagery of the temple and the two witnesses serves as a reminder of God's protection and care for His people, even in the midst of great trials and tribulations.

the key verses in chapter 11 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 11 describes the measuring of the temple, the ministry of the two witnesses, and the seventh trumpet. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein" (Revelation 11:1). This verse describes the command given to John to measure the temple of God, symbolizing God's ownership and protection of His people.
2. "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth" (Revelation 11:3). This verse introduces the two witnesses who are given power by God to prophesy for a specific period of time.
3. "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them" (Revelation 11:7). This verse describes the persecution and death of the two witnesses by the beast, representing the forces of evil.
4. "And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them" (Revelation 11:12). This verse describes the miraculous resurrection and ascension of the two witnesses, which strikes fear in the hearts of their enemies.
5. "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). This verse marks the sounding of the seventh trumpet and the triumph of God's kingdom over the kingdoms of this world, emphasizing the ultimate victory of Christ over all powers and authorities.

Revelation chapter 11 is a significant chapter in the book, featuring the two witnesses, the measuring of the temple, and the sounding of the seventh trumpet. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to the witness of the Church, eschatological events, and the ultimate victory of God. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions of the role of the Church, and interpretations of prophetic texts.

Theological Thought in Revelation 11:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 11 include:

The Witness of the Church: The chapter introduces the concept of the two witnesses who prophesy in sackcloth for 1,260 days (a symbolic period of persecution). They are often interpreted as representatives of the Church bearing witness during times of adversity. The theological thought centers on the perseverance and testimony of the Church in the face of opposition.

The Measuring of the Temple: John is instructed to measure the temple of God, but not the outer court, which is given to the Gentiles. This symbolizes the protection and preservation of God's people (the Church), while judgment is pronounced on those outside the covenant. The theological thought emphasizes God's care for His faithful remnant.

The Seventh Trumpet: The chapter concludes with the sounding of the seventh trumpet, signaling the culmination of God's redemptive plan and the inauguration of God's eternal kingdom. The theological thought centers on the final victory and the establishment of God's reign.

Eschatological Events: Revelation 11 introduces eschatological events, particularly the prophetic ministry of the two witnesses, the measuring of the temple, and the sounding of the seventh trumpet. These events are part of the broader narrative of God's ultimate plan for the end times.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 11 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the prophetic events and the culmination of God's plan. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the timing and nature of end-time events.

The Role of the Church: The concept of the two witnesses bearing witness during times of persecution has influenced discussions about the role of the Church in the world, especially in times of adversity and opposition.

Protection and Preservation: The measuring of the temple has prompted theological reflection on God's protection and preservation of His people, contrasting those within His covenant with those outside it.

Victory and the Kingdom of God: The sounding of the seventh trumpet has influenced discussions about the ultimate victory of God and the establishment of His eternal kingdom. It underscores the theological concept of God's final triumph.

Interpretation of Prophetic Texts: Revelation 11 has been instrumental in shaping approaches to interpreting prophetic texts, particularly those related to the witnesses, the temple, and the seventh trumpet.

In summary, Revelation chapter 11 features theological thoughts related to the witness of the Church, eschatological events, God's protection and preservation, and the ultimate victory of God. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about the role of the Church, interpretations of prophetic texts, and theological reflections on God's sovereignty and triumph in the end times.

Revelation 12

New International Version

The Woman and the Dragon

12 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”^[a] And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,

has been hurled down.
11 They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.
12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”

13 When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. 16 But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

Footnotes

Revelation 12:5 Psalm 2:9

Chapter 12 of the book of Revelation in the Bible describes a vision given to the Apostle John. The chapter begins with a description of a woman who is clothed with the sun, has the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. This woman is pregnant and cries out in pain as she is about to give birth.

Next, a great red dragon appears in the vision, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns on its heads. The dragon attempts to devour the child that the woman is giving birth to, but the child is caught up to God and his throne.

The woman then flees to the wilderness, where she is protected by God for 1,260 days, or three and a half years. In the vision, there is also a war in heaven, with Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon and his angels. The dragon is defeated and cast down to the earth.

The chapter ends with the dragon pursuing the woman, but she is given two wings of a great eagle to fly away to safety. The dragon then makes war with the rest of the woman's offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Chapter 12 is interpreted in various ways by different scholars and theologians. Some see the woman as representing Mary, the mother of Jesus, while others view her as a symbol of the Church or the people of God. The dragon is commonly interpreted as Satan or the powers of evil. The child is seen as Jesus Christ or as a symbol of the people of God. The war in heaven is viewed as a cosmic battle between good and evil.

the key verses in chapter 12 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 12 describes a symbolic vision of a woman, a dragon, and a male child, which represents the conflict between good and evil in the spiritual realm. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" (Revelation 12:1). This verse introduces the woman, who represents the people of God, and emphasizes her glory and beauty.
2. "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads" (Revelation 12:3). This verse introduces the dragon, who represents Satan and his demonic forces, and emphasizes his power and authority.
3. "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne" (Revelation 12:5). This verse describes the birth and ascension of the male child, who represents Christ, and emphasizes his authority and power over all nations.
4. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9). This verse describes the defeat and expulsion of Satan from heaven, emphasizing his deception and evil influence on the world.
5. "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12). This verse emphasizes the joy of heaven and the woe of the earth due to Satan's expulsion, and highlights the urgency of his wrath and the imminence of his final defeat.

Revelation chapter 12 is a pivotal chapter in the book, featuring a symbolic vision that includes the woman, the dragon, and the male child. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to spiritual warfare, the role of Israel, the birth of Christ, and the ultimate defeat of evil. It has had theological influence in Christian eschatology, Christology, and discussions about the cosmic battle between good and evil.

Theological Thought in Revelation 12:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 12 include:

Spiritual Warfare: The chapter depicts a cosmic battle between the dragon (identified as Satan) and the woman (often interpreted as representing both Israel and the Church). This battle underscores the theological thought of the ongoing spiritual warfare between the forces of evil and the people of God.

The Role of Israel: The woman in the vision is often associated with Israel, representing the people from whom the Messiah, the male child (Jesus), was born. This highlights the theological thought of Israel's significant role in God's redemptive plan.

The Birth of Christ: The male child represents Jesus Christ, who is born and is destined to rule all nations with a rod of iron. This emphasizes the theological thought of Christ's birth and His ultimate authority and reign.

The Defeat of Evil: The dragon is cast out of heaven and is defeated by the archangel Michael and his angels. This underscores the theological thought of the eventual triumph of good over evil, symbolizing Satan's ultimate defeat.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 12 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the cosmic battle between good and evil and the final victory of Christ over Satan. It shapes various eschatological interpretations and views on the ultimate outcome of history.

Christology: The chapter's focus on the birth and authority of the male child (Jesus) influences Christological discussions, emphasizing Jesus' unique role in God's redemptive plan and His future reign.

Israel in Prophecy: The association of the woman with Israel has influenced discussions about Israel's place in biblical prophecy and God's ongoing relationship with the Jewish people.

Spiritual Warfare: Revelation 12 has played a significant role in discussions about spiritual warfare and the cosmic battle between the forces of darkness and the people of God.

Cosmic Conflict: The chapter's depiction of a cosmic conflict between the dragon and the forces of good has prompted theological reflection on the nature of evil, the sovereignty of God, and the ultimate triumph of righteousness.

In summary, Revelation chapter 12 features theological thoughts related to spiritual warfare, the role of Israel, the birth of Christ, and the defeat of evil. It has influenced Christian eschatology, Christology, discussions about Israel in prophecy, reflections on spiritual warfare, and the cosmic conflict between good and evil in Christian theology.

Revelation 13

New International Version

The Beast out of the Sea

13 The dragon[a] stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. 2 The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. 3 One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but

the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. 4 People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?”

5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. 7 It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. 8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.[b]

9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.

10 “If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity they will go.
If anyone is to be killed[c] with the sword,
with the sword they will be killed.”[d]

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people.

The Beast out of the Earth

11 Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. 12 It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. 13 And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. 14 Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15 The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. 16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

18 This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.[e] That number is 666.

Footnotes

Revelation 13:1 Some manuscripts And I

Revelation 13:8 Or written from the creation of the world in the book of life belonging to the Lamb who was slain

Revelation 13:10 Some manuscripts anyone kills

Revelation 13:10 Jer. 15:2

Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation describes two beasts that emerge from the sea and the earth, respectively. The first beast, which has ten horns and seven heads, receives power from the dragon (identified earlier in the book as Satan) and is worshiped by people on Earth. The second beast, which has two horns like a lamb but speaks like a dragon, works in tandem with the first beast and performs miraculous signs to deceive people into worshiping the first beast. The chapter also introduces the idea of the "mark of the beast," which is required in order to buy or sell goods, and warns against accepting this mark, as it signifies allegiance to the first beast and thus to Satan. The chapter concludes with a call to those who have ears to hear to listen and understand the message. are the key verses in chapter 13 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 13 describes two beasts: one from the sea and one from the earth, who symbolize political and religious powers that oppose God and persecute His people. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy" (Revelation 13:1). This verse introduces the first beast, which represents a political power that opposes God and blasphemes His name.
2. "And all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). This verse emphasizes the popularity and influence of the beast, indicating that it will have widespread support and admiration.
3. "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:7). This verse describes the beast's persecution of God's people, emphasizing its power and authority over all people and nations.
4. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:16-17). This verse describes the mark of the beast, which represents a symbol of loyalty to the political power and enables economic participation, highlighting the oppressive nature of the beast's rule.
5. "If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (Revelation 13:9-10). This verse encourages the saints to endure persecution with patience and faith, and reminds them that God will ultimately bring justice to those who oppress them.

Revelation chapter 13 introduces two key figures: the beast from the sea (the first beast) and the beast from the earth (the second beast or false prophet). This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to eschatology, the nature of evil, persecution, and the role of false prophets. It has had theological influence in Christian discussions of the end times, the nature of evil, and the challenges faced by believers.

Theological Thought in Revelation 13:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 13 include:

The Beast from the Sea: The first beast, rising from the sea, is often associated with political and worldly power. It receives authority from the dragon (Satan) and is given the power to wage war against the saints and exercise authority over the earth. This theological thought centers on the nature of oppressive and anti-God forces in the world.

The Beast from the Earth (False Prophet): The second beast, coming from the earth, is often identified as the false prophet. It promotes worship of the first beast and performs deceptive signs. This emphasizes the theological thought of false religious influence and deception in the end times.

Persecution of Believers: The chapter describes the persecution of the saints by the first beast. Believers are called to endurance and faithfulness, even in the face of persecution. The theological thought here focuses on the challenges and tribulations faced by the Church throughout history.

Identification Mark (666): Revelation 13 introduces the famous number 666, often associated with the name or mark of the beast. This has led to theological speculation about its significance and meaning.

Satanic Influence: The chapter underscores the influence of Satan (the dragon) behind the actions of the two beasts. It raises theological questions about the source of evil and the spiritual warfare faced by believers.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 13 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the rise of oppressive powers, the role of false prophets, and the persecution of believers in the end times. It has influenced various eschatological interpretations.

Nature of Evil: Revelation 13 prompts theological reflection on the nature of evil and its manifestation in worldly powers and deceptive religious influences. It has shaped discussions about the theological concept of "the antichrist."

Persecution Theology: The chapter's depiction of persecution and the call for endurance has influenced discussions about persecution theology and the faithfulness of believers in the face of adversity.

The Mark of the Beast: The mention of 666 and the mark of the beast has led to theological speculation and interpretations about its symbolic meaning and implications for believers.

False Prophets: Revelation 13 highlights the role of false prophets in deceiving people. It has contributed to discussions about discernment, false teachings, and the need for sound doctrine within the Church.

In summary, Revelation chapter 13 features theological thoughts related to the rise of oppressive powers, false religious influences, persecution, the mark of the beast, and the nature of evil. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about the nature of evil and false prophets, reflections on persecution theology, and interpretations of the symbolic elements in the text.

Revelation 14

New International Version

The Lamb and the 144,000

14 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. 3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. 4 These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. 5 No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The Three Angels

6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

8 A second angel followed and said, “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,’ [a] which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, 10 they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” 12 This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

Harvesting the Earth and Trampling the Winepress

14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man[b] with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15 Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

17 Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." 19 The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. 20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.[c]

Footnotes

Revelation 14:8 Isaiah 21:9

Revelation 14:14 See Daniel 7:13.

Revelation 14:20 That is, about 180 miles or about 300 kilometers

Chapter 14 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes three distinct visions that John has. Here's a brief summary of each:

1. The Lamb and the 144,000 (Revelation 14:1-5): John sees a vision of the Lamb of God standing on Mount Zion with the 144,000 faithful followers of Jesus. They are described as having the Lamb's name and the Father's name written on their foreheads. A new song is sung by them, which only they can learn.
2. The Three Angels (Revelation 14:6-13): John sees three angels flying in the sky, each with a different message. The first angel proclaims the eternal gospel to the earth's inhabitants. The second angel announces the fall of Babylon, which is described as a great city that has led the nations astray. The third angel warns people not to worship the beast or its image and not to receive its mark on their forehead or hand. Those who do will experience God's wrath.
3. The Harvest of the Earth (Revelation 14:14-20): John sees a vision of a white cloud with someone on it who has a crown and a sickle. This person is identified as the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. He then proceeds to harvest the earth, which is described as ripe. The grapes are gathered and thrown into a great winepress of God's wrath, which produces blood up to the horses' bridles.

Overall, the chapter is filled with symbolism and vivid imagery, which makes it open to various interpretations. Nonetheless, the chapter highlights the judgment of God and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ over evil.

the key verses in chapter 14 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 14 describes a series of visions that reveal God's judgments against those who worship the beast and its image, and comfort for those who remain faithful to God. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads"

- (Revelation 14:1). This verse introduces the Lamb, a symbol of Christ, and the 144,000, who represent faithful followers of God.
2. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6). This verse describes an angel who proclaims the gospel to all people, emphasizing God's love and mercy.
 3. "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 14:8). This verse announces the fall of Babylon, a symbol of the world's corrupt and oppressive systems.
 4. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). This verse encourages the faithful to endure persecution with patience and obedience to God's commandments, highlighting the importance of faith in Jesus.
 5. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13). This verse offers comfort and hope to those who remain faithful to God, assuring them of eternal rest and reward in heaven.

Revelation chapter 14 contains theological thoughts related to the ultimate victory of God, the proclamation of the gospel, the harvest of souls, and the judgment of the wicked. This chapter has had theological influence in Christian discussions about eschatology (the study of end times), the nature of salvation, and the final destiny of humanity.

Theological Thought in Revelation 14:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 14 include:

The Lamb and the 144,000: The chapter begins with a vision of the Lamb (often identified as Jesus) standing on Mount Zion with the 144,000 who have His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. This emphasizes the theological thought of the redeemed and their unique relationship with Christ.

The Three Angels' Messages: Three angels are introduced in this chapter, each proclaiming a message. The first angel announces the eternal gospel to be preached to every nation, emphasizing the universal scope of salvation. The second angel pronounces the fall of Babylon, symbolizing the judgment of evil. The third angel warns against worshiping the beast and receiving the mark of the beast, highlighting the theological thought of choosing allegiance to God over allegiance to worldly powers.

The Harvest of Souls: The chapter describes a harvest of souls, with one like the Son of Man reaping the earth's harvest. This symbolizes the gathering of the righteous into God's kingdom and the final separation of the saved from the wicked.

The Winepress of God's Wrath: The chapter ends with a depiction of a great winepress of God's wrath, where the wicked are judged and experience the fullness of God's judgment. This emphasizes the theological thought of divine justice and the consequences of rejecting God.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 14 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the proclamation of the gospel, the judgment of evil, and the final destiny of humanity. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations.

Universal Salvation: The proclamation of the eternal gospel to every nation underscores the theological concept of universal salvation, emphasizing God's desire for all to be saved.

Allegiance to God: The warnings against worshiping the beast and receiving the mark of the beast have influenced discussions about Christian allegiance to God and the ethical challenges faced by believers in a world influenced by secular powers.

Final Judgment: Revelation 14's depiction of the winepress of God's wrath has prompted theological reflection on the nature of divine judgment and the consequences of rejecting God's grace.

The Role of Christ: The presence of the Lamb and His relationship with the redeemed has influenced discussions about Christ's central role in salvation and His role as the judge of all.

In summary, Revelation chapter 14 contains theological thoughts related to the victory of God, the proclamation of the gospel, the harvest of souls, and the judgment of the wicked. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about universal salvation, the importance of allegiance to God, reflections on divine justice, and the centrality of Christ in salvation and judgment.

Revelation 15

New International Version

Seven Angels With Seven Plagues

15 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed. 2 And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God 3 and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb:

“Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations.[a]
4 Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”[b]

5 After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. 6 Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Footnotes

Revelation 15:3 Some manuscripts ages

Revelation 15:4 Phrases in this song are drawn from Psalm 111:2,3; Deut. 32:4; Jer. 10:7; Psalms 86:9; 98:2.

Chapter 15 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes a vision that John has of seven angels with the seven plagues. Here's a brief summary:

1. The Angels with the Seven Plagues (Revelation 15:1-4): John sees a vision of seven angels with the seven last plagues. They are clothed in white linen and have golden sashes around their chests. They stand before the throne of God and sing a song of praise to him.
2. The Temple of the Tabernacle (Revelation 15:5-8): John sees a vision of the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven. The temple is opened, and he sees the seven angels coming out of the temple, each holding a golden bowl full of the wrath of God.

The chapter serves as an introduction to the seven bowls of God's wrath that are described in the following chapter. The vision of the angels with the plagues emphasizes the seriousness of God's judgment, and the song of praise highlights the justice and righteousness of God. The chapter concludes by stating that no one can enter the temple until the seven plagues are completed, indicating the severity of the coming judgment.

are the key verses in chapter 15 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 15 sets the stage for the final judgments that will come upon the earth, including the seven bowl judgments described in chapter 16. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God" (Revelation 15:1). This verse introduces the seven angels who will pour out the final judgments of God's wrath on the earth.

2. "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints" (Revelation 15:3). This verse describes the worship of those who have overcome the beast and his image, praising God for his power and justice.
3. "And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened" (Revelation 15:5). This verse describes the opening of the temple in heaven, revealing the presence of God and setting the stage for the final judgments.
4. "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled" (Revelation 15:8). This verse describes the overwhelming power and glory of God's presence, signaling the impending judgment of the seven plagues.

Revelation chapter 15 serves as a prelude to the seven bowl judgments described in the following chapter (Revelation 16). It presents a scene in heaven where the seven angels with the seven last plagues are introduced. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to God's righteous judgments, worship in heaven, and the culmination of divine wrath. It has influenced Christian discussions about divine justice, worship, and eschatology (the study of end times).

Theological Thought in Revelation 15:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 15 include:

Righteous Judgments of God: The introduction of the seven angels with the seven last plagues signifies the impending divine judgments that will be poured out upon the earth. The theological thought centers on God's righteous judgment on sin and evil.

Harvest and Wrath: The chapter begins with a vision of those who have conquered the beast and are standing beside a sea of glass mixed with fire, holding harps and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. This emphasizes the theological thought of the victorious harvest of the redeemed and the impending outpouring of God's wrath.

Worship in Heaven: The scene in heaven depicts worshipers who have conquered the forces of evil and sing praise to God. This underscores the theological thought of worship as a response to God's acts of judgment and redemption.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 15 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the final judgments of God and the worship of the victorious saints in heaven. It shapes various eschatological interpretations and views on the timing and nature of these events.

Divine Justice: The chapter prompts theological reflection on the concept of divine justice, emphasizing God's righteousness in judging sin and evil. It has contributed to discussions about theodicy (the problem of evil and suffering) and God's moral attributes.

Worship Theology: The depiction of worship in heaven has influenced Christian worship theology and liturgy, emphasizing the importance of worship as a response to God's character and actions, even in the midst of judgment.

Victory of the Saints: The portrayal of the redeemed as conquerors who have overcome the forces of evil has influenced discussions about the perseverance and ultimate victory of believers in Christ.

The Role of Christ: The reference to the song of Moses and the Lamb highlights the theological significance of Jesus as the Lamb of God who plays a central role in the redemptive narrative.

In summary, Revelation chapter 15 presents theological thoughts related to God's righteous judgments, worship in heaven, and the culmination of divine wrath. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about divine justice, reflections on worship theology, considerations of the victory of the saints, and the central role of Christ in the narrative of redemption.

Revelation 16

New International Version

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5 Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say:

"You are just in these judgments, O Holy One,
you who are and who were;

6 for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets,
and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

7 And I heard the altar respond:

“Yes, Lord God Almighty,
true and just are your judgments.”

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. 13 Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

15 “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. 19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. 21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,[a] fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Footnotes

Revelation 16:21 Or about 45 kilograms

Chapter 16 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes the pouring out of the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth. Here's a brief summary:

1. The First Bowl: Sores on Those Who Worshiped the Beast (Revelation 16:2): The first angel pours out his bowl, and foul and loathsome sores come upon those who have the mark of the beast and worship his image.
2. The Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood (Revelation 16:3): The second angel pours out his bowl, and the sea turns to blood, killing every living creature in it.

3. The Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood (Revelation 16:4-7): The third angel pours out his bowl, and the rivers and springs of water become blood.
4. The Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched with Fire (Revelation 16:8-9): The fourth angel pours out his bowl, and the sun scorches people with fierce heat.
5. The Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain (Revelation 16:10-11): The fifth angel pours out his bowl, and darkness and pain come upon the kingdom of the beast.
6. The Sixth Bowl: The Euphrates River Dries Up (Revelation 16:12-16): The sixth angel pours out his bowl, and the Euphrates river dries up, making way for the kings of the east to come to battle.
7. The Seventh Bowl: The Great Earthquake (Revelation 16:17-21): The seventh angel pours out his bowl, and a great earthquake occurs, with lightning, thunder, and a great hailstorm.

The chapter describes the culmination of God's wrath upon the earth and those who have rejected him. The bowls of God's wrath are poured out one by one, each bringing a new and devastating plague upon the earth. The chapter emphasizes the justice of God's judgment and the severity of the consequences for those who have rebelled against him. the key verses in chapter 16 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 16 describes the pouring out of the seven bowl judgments upon the earth, each bringing increasingly severe destruction and punishment upon those who have rejected God. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth" (Revelation 16:1). This verse sets the stage for the bowl judgments and emphasizes that they are a direct expression of God's wrath.
2. "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image" (Revelation 16:2). This verse describes the first bowl judgment, which brings painful and debilitating sores upon those who have aligned themselves with the beast.
3. "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory" (Revelation 16:8-9). This verse describes the fourth bowl judgment, which brings intense heat upon the earth and the people who dwell upon it, yet they refuse to repent.
4. "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done" (Revelation 16:17). This verse describes the final bowl judgment, which signals the end of God's wrath and the completion of his judgment upon the earth.

These key verses illustrate the severity of God's judgment upon those who have rejected him, and emphasize the importance of repentance and faith in him.

Revelation chapter 16 describes the pouring out of the seven bowl judgments, which represent the culmination of God's wrath on the earth. This chapter contains theological thoughts related to divine judgment, the consequences of sin, and the sovereignty of God.

It has influenced Christian discussions about eschatology (the study of end times) and the nature of God's judgment.

Theological Thought in Revelation 16:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 16 include:

Divine Judgment: The chapter portrays God's wrath being poured out in the form of seven bowl judgments, each bringing specific and severe plagues upon the earth. This underscores the theological thought of God as the ultimate judge who holds humanity accountable for its actions.

Consequences of Sin: The descriptions of the bowl judgments depict the devastating consequences of human sin and rebellion. These judgments include painful sores, the sea turning to blood, rivers and springs becoming blood, scorching heat, darkness, and a great earthquake. The theological thought centers on the idea that sin has dire consequences.

Unrepentance: Despite the severity of the judgments, there is a recurring theme of unrepentance among those who are affected. Instead of turning to God, they blaspheme His name. This highlights the theological thought that even in the face of judgment, some may refuse to repent.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 16 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes significantly to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the final judgments of God. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the nature and timing of these events.

Theology of Judgment: The chapter has influenced discussions about the nature of divine judgment, emphasizing God's justice and righteousness in dealing with sin and evil.

Human Response to God: The theme of unrepentance despite the judgments has prompted theological reflection on human response to God's warnings and the nature of human free will.

Theodicy: The chapter raises questions related to theodicy (the problem of evil and suffering) by depicting the severe consequences of sin and the suffering caused by God's judgments.

Sovereignty of God: The chapter underscores the sovereignty of God in orchestrating and executing His judgments on the earth. It has contributed to discussions about God's providence and control over human history.

In summary, Revelation chapter 16 presents theological thoughts related to divine judgment, the consequences of sin, and the unrepentant nature of some in the face of God's judgments. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about the theology

of judgment, reflections on human response to God, considerations of theodicy, and theological discussions about the sovereignty of God in the context of judgment.

Revelation 17

New International Version

Babylon, the Prostitute on the Beast

17 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. 2 With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”

3 Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. 5 The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

babylon the great

the mother of prostitutes

and of the abominations of the earth.

6 I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. 7 Then the angel said to me: “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.

9 “This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. 10 They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. 11 The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

12 “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will wage war

against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

15 Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. 16 The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17 For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled. 18 The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

Chapter 17 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes the vision of a woman riding a scarlet beast. Here's a brief summary:

1. **The Woman on the Beast (Revelation 17:1-6):** One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls of God's wrath shows John a vision of a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, adorned in purple and scarlet, and holding a golden cup. The woman is described as the great harlot who has committed fornication with the kings of the earth. The beast is described as having seven heads and ten horns.
2. **The Explanation of the Vision (Revelation 17:7-18):** The angel explains to John the meaning of the vision. The woman represents a great city that reigns over the kings of the earth. The seven heads of the beast represent seven mountains on which the woman sits, as well as seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one who is, and one who is to come. The ten horns represent ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but will receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast.

The chapter describes the judgment of the great harlot and the beast, and the overthrow of their power. The vision represents the corruption and idolatry of the world's systems of power, and their eventual downfall at the hands of God. It warns against placing trust in worldly powers and urges believers to remain faithful to God even in the face of persecution and opposition.

are the key verses in chapter 17 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 17 describes a vision of a great harlot, who represents a powerful city or system that has seduced the nations and led them into idolatry and immorality. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters" (Revelation 17:1). This verse introduces the vision of the harlot and emphasizes that her judgment is imminent.
2. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5). This verse describes the name that is written upon the forehead of the harlot, identifying her as the great city that has corrupted the nations and led them into idolatry and immorality.
3. "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast" (Revelation 17:12). This verse describes the ten kings who will give their power and authority to the beast, and who will ultimately turn against the harlot and destroy her.

4. "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Revelation 17:18). This verse identifies the harlot as the great city that holds power over the nations of the earth, and emphasizes that her judgment is certain and just.

These key verses emphasize the power and corruption of the harlot, and her ultimate judgment at the hands of the beast and the ten kings. They also highlight the importance of remaining faithful to God and avoiding the seductions of the world.

woman and the beast, the nature of evil, and the ultimate judgment of God. It has influenced Christian discussions about eschatology (the study of end times), the identity of the woman, and the concept of spiritual harlotry.

Theological Thought in Revelation 17:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 17 include:

Symbolism of the Woman and the Beast: The chapter presents a vision of a woman, often referred to as "Babylon the Great," sitting on a beast with seven heads and ten horns. The woman is described as dressed in purple and scarlet, holding a golden cup full of abominations. The theological thought centers on the symbolism of these figures, representing spiritual and political entities opposed to God.

Spiritual Harlotry: The woman is portrayed as a harlot who has committed spiritual adultery by aligning herself with worldly powers and seducing people into idolatry. This emphasizes the theological thought of the dangers of spiritual compromise and unfaithfulness to God.

Judgment and Destruction: The vision includes the announcement of the judgment and destruction of the woman and the beast. This highlights the theological thought that God will ultimately judge and overthrow all forces of evil and spiritual harlotry.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 17 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the identity of the woman, the nature of evil powers in the end times, and the concept of divine judgment. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the identity of "Babylon the Great."

Identity of "Babylon the Great": Interpretations of the identity of the woman have varied, with different Christian traditions and scholars proposing different understandings. These interpretations have influenced discussions about the identification of spiritual and political powers that oppose God.

Spiritual Harlotry: The depiction of the woman as a harlot has prompted theological reflection on the concept of spiritual harlotry or unfaithfulness to God. It serves as a warning against compromising one's faith and loyalty to God.

Theology of Evil: Revelation 17 contributes to discussions about the nature of evil and its manifestations in human history, particularly in the context of political and religious powers.

Divine Judgment: The chapter underscores the concept of divine judgment and the assurance that God will ultimately judge and bring an end to all forms of evil and rebellion against Him.

In summary, Revelation chapter 17 presents theological thoughts related to the symbolism of the woman and the beast, the dangers of spiritual harlotry, and the ultimate judgment and destruction of evil powers. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about the identity of "Babylon the Great," reflections on spiritual fidelity, considerations of the nature of evil, and theological discussions about divine judgment.

Revelation 18

New International Version

Lament Over Fallen Babylon

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. 2 With a mighty voice he shouted:

“‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!’[a]

She has become a dwelling for demons
and a haunt for every impure spirit,
a haunt for every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

3 For all the nations have drunk
the maddening wine of her adulteries.

The kings of the earth committed adultery with her,
and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

Warning to Escape Babylon’s Judgment

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“‘Come out of her, my people,’[b]

so that you will not share in her sins,
so that you will not receive any of her plagues;
5 for her sins are piled up to heaven,
and God has remembered her crimes.

6 Give back to her as she has given;
pay her back double for what she has done.

Pour her a double portion from her own cup.
7 Give her as much torment and grief

as the glory and luxury she gave herself.
In her heart she boasts,
‘I sit enthroned as queen.
I am not a widow;[c]
I will never mourn.’
8 Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her:
death, mourning and famine.
She will be consumed by fire,
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

Threefold Woe Over Babylon’s Fall

9 “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. 10 Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,
you mighty city of Babylon!
In one hour your doom has come!’

11 “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore— 12 cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; 13 cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

14 “They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.’ 15 The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn 16 and cry out:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!
17 In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!’

“Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. 18 When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ 19 They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,
where all who had ships on the sea
became rich through her wealth!
In one hour she has been brought to ruin!’

20 “Rejoice over her, you heavens!
Rejoice, you people of God!
Rejoice, apostles and prophets!
For God has judged her
with the judgment she imposed on you.”

The Finality of Babylon’s Doom

21 Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

“With such violence
the great city of Babylon will be thrown down,
never to be found again.

22 The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters,
will never be heard in you again.

No worker of any trade
will ever be found in you again.

The sound of a millstone
will never be heard in you again.

23 The light of a lamp
will never shine in you again.

The voice of bridegroom and bride
will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world’s important people.

By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

24 In her was found the blood of prophets and of God’s holy people,
of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”

Footnotes

Revelation 18:2 Isaiah 21:9

Revelation 18:4 Jer. 51:45

Revelation 18:7 See Isaiah 47:7,8.

Chapter 18 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes the judgment of Babylon, a great city that represents the world's system of commerce and materialism. Here's a brief summary:

1. The Fall of Babylon (Revelation 18:1-8): An angel announces the fall of Babylon and warns the people to come out of her, so that they do not share in her sins and receive her plagues. Babylon is described as a dwelling place of demons, a haunt of every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hateful bird.
2. The Lament for Babylon (Revelation 18:9-20): The kings, merchants, and seafarers who profited from Babylon mourn her downfall and lament their loss. They recognize the city's wealth and splendor, but also her moral corruption and idolatry. They fear that no one will buy their goods anymore, and that they will be ruined.

3. The Finality of Babylon's Judgment (Revelation 18:21-24): A mighty angel throws a great millstone into the sea, declaring that Babylon will be thrown down with violence and will be found no more. The voice of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters will be heard no more in her, and no craftsman will be found in her anymore. The blood of the prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth, will be found in her.

The chapter portrays the judgment of the world's system of commerce and materialism, which has corrupted and oppressed people and opposed God. It warns against seeking wealth and material possessions at the expense of moral and spiritual values, and urges believers to remain faithful to God and reject the world's system of sin and idolatry.

the key verses in chapter 18 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 18 continues the prophecy of the judgment of Babylon, the great city or system that represents the spiritual corruption and political power of the world. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory" (Revelation 18:1). This verse introduces the vision of an angel who announces the fall of Babylon and symbolizes the power and glory of God.
2. "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Revelation 18:2). This verse emphasizes the complete and final fall of Babylon, and describes the spiritual corruption that has infested it.
3. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). This verse emphasizes the importance of God's people separating themselves from the corruption of the world and avoiding its judgment.
4. "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:5). This verse emphasizes the justice and inevitability of Babylon's judgment, which is based on the accumulated sins and iniquities of the city or system.
5. "And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning" (Revelation 18:9). This verse describes the reaction of the worldly powers and leaders to the fall of Babylon, emphasizing their attachment to its wealth and power.

These key verses emphasize the complete and final fall of Babylon, the need for God's people to separate themselves from the corruption of the world, and the inevitability and justice of God's judgment. They also highlight the contrast between the spiritual corruption and worldly power of Babylon and the power and glory of God.

Revelation chapter 18 continues the vision of the fall of Babylon the Great, which was introduced in the previous chapter. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to the judgment of evil, the consequences of worldly wealth and power, and the call for God's people to separate from the systems of Babylon. It has influenced Christian

discussions about eschatology (the study of end times), the nature of spiritual idolatry, and the call for believers to be separate from worldly systems.

Theological Thought in Revelation 18:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 18 include:

Fall of Babylon the Great: The chapter depicts the fall of Babylon the Great, symbolizing the judgment and downfall of a worldly and corrupt system that opposes God. This underscores the theological thought of God's righteous judgment on human systems of oppression and idolatry.

Worldly Wealth and Power: The chapter highlights the excessive wealth and luxury associated with Babylon and its influence on the nations. It emphasizes the theological thought that the pursuit of wealth and power can lead to spiritual corruption and idolatry.

Lamentation and Mourning: The chapter includes the lamentation and mourning of those who had benefited from Babylon's wealth and power but are now faced with its destruction. This reflects the theological thought that earthly riches are temporary and can lead to sorrow when they are lost.

Call for Separation: In verses 4-5, there is a call for God's people to come out of Babylon so that they do not share in her sins or partake in her plagues. This emphasizes the theological thought of the need for believers to be separate from the corrupt systems of the world.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 18 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the fall of Babylon as a symbol of the ultimate judgment of worldly systems. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the nature of Babylon.

Nature of Spiritual Idolatry: The depiction of Babylon as a spiritually idolatrous system has influenced discussions about the nature of idolatry in the Christian life, including the dangers of placing worldly pursuits and power above God.

Separation from the World: The call for God's people to come out of Babylon has influenced discussions about the biblical concept of separation from worldly systems and values. It has contributed to debates about the role of Christians in society and their relationship with worldly structures.

Theology of Judgment: Revelation 18 underscores the concept of divine judgment and the consequences of pursuing worldly wealth and power at the expense of fidelity to God's values and principles.

Temporal Nature of Earthly Riches: The chapter prompts theological reflection on the temporal nature of earthly riches and the fleeting nature of human empires and material wealth.

In summary, Revelation chapter 18 presents theological thoughts related to the judgment of Babylon the Great, the consequences of worldly wealth and power, the call for separation from worldly systems, and the temporal nature of earthly riches. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about spiritual idolatry, reflections on separation from the world, considerations of the theology of judgment, and the understanding of the transitory nature of worldly wealth.

Revelation 19

New International Version

Threefold Hallelujah Over Babylon's Fall

19 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2 for true and just are his judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.

He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

3 And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

both great and small!”

6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
8 Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

9 Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.”[a] He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

king of kings and lord of lords.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”

19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. 21 The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Footnotes

Revelation 19:15 Psalm 2:9

Chapter 19 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes the triumphal return of Jesus Christ and the final victory over evil. Here's a brief summary:

1. The Rejoicing in Heaven (Revelation 19:1-10): After the destruction of Babylon, a great multitude in heaven praises God for His righteous judgment and salvation. They declare that the marriage of the Lamb has come and that the bride has made herself ready.
2. The Return of the King (Revelation 19:11-16): John sees heaven open, and a white horse and its rider come forth. The rider is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His robe and thigh, He has a name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords."
3. The Defeat of the Beast and False Prophet (Revelation 19:17-21): An angel invites the birds of the air to come and feast on the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men, horses, and their riders. The beast and the false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire.

The chapter portrays the final victory of Christ over evil and the establishment of His kingdom on earth. It highlights the joy and celebration in heaven at the defeat of evil and the marriage of the Lamb. It also warns against the consequences of opposing Christ and aligning with the forces of evil. The chapter ends with the defeat of the beast and the false prophet, signaling the end of their reign and the final judgment of God.

the key verses in chapter 19 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 19 describes the triumph of Christ and His followers over the forces of evil.

Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God" (Revelation 19:1). This verse describes the joy and celebration of the saints in heaven, who acknowledge the greatness of God and the salvation that He has provided.
2. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war" (Revelation 19:11). This verse introduces the image of Christ as a victorious warrior, who rides a white horse and judges the wicked with righteousness.
3. "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords" (Revelation 19:16). This verse emphasizes the authority and majesty of Christ, who is the King of kings and Lord of lords.
4. "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army" (Revelation 19:19). This verse describes the final battle between the forces of evil and the army of Christ, highlighting the opposition and hostility that the world shows towards God.
5. "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Revelation 19:20). This verse describes the defeat and judgment of the beast and the false prophet, who are cast into the lake of fire.

These key verses emphasize the triumph of Christ and His followers over the forces of evil, the authority and majesty of Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and the

judgment that will come upon the wicked. They also highlight the opposition and hostility that the world shows towards God, and the need for believers to remain faithful and steadfast in their allegiance to Christ.

Revelation chapter 19 is a pivotal chapter in the book, depicting the heavenly celebration of the fall of Babylon and the anticipation of the marriage supper of the Lamb. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to the triumph of Christ, the final defeat of evil, the worship of God, and the marriage of the Lamb to the Church. It has influenced Christian discussions about eschatology (the study of end times), the nature of worship, and the role of Christ as the conquering King.

Theological Thought in Revelation 19:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 19 include:

Triumph of Christ: The chapter opens with a great multitude in heaven rejoicing over the fall of Babylon. It emphasizes the theological thought of Christ's ultimate victory over all powers and the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

Final Defeat of Evil: The defeat of Babylon symbolizes the final judgment and defeat of all worldly and evil powers. This underscores the theological thought that God's justice will prevail, and evil will be ultimately vanquished.

Worship of God: The chapter describes heavenly worship and praise offered to God for His righteous judgments and the marriage of the Lamb. This highlights the theological thought that worship is a central response to God's acts of redemption and judgment.

Marriage Supper of the Lamb: The chapter anticipates the marriage supper of the Lamb, symbolizing the intimate union between Christ (the Lamb) and His Church. This emphasizes the theological thought of the Church as the bride of Christ and the joyous consummation of their relationship.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 19 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the triumphant return of Christ, the final defeat of evil, and the consummation of God's plan. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the culmination of history.

Nature of Worship: The depiction of heavenly worship has influenced Christian worship theology and liturgy, emphasizing the importance of worship as a response to God's character and actions.

Christology: Revelation 19 emphasizes the role of Christ as the conquering King and the Lamb who unites with His Church. This influences Christological discussions about Christ's redemptive work and His relationship with the Church.

Church as the Bride of Christ: The imagery of the marriage supper of the Lamb highlights the theological concept of the Church as the bride of Christ, emphasizing the intimacy of the relationship between Christ and His followers.

Victory over Evil: The chapter underscores the concept of God's final victory over evil and the assurance that justice will ultimately prevail.

In summary, Revelation chapter 19 presents theological thoughts related to the triumph of Christ, the final defeat of evil, the worship of God, and the marriage of the Lamb to the Church. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about the nature of worship, reflections on Christology and the relationship between Christ and the Church, and considerations of the victory of God over evil.

Revelation 20

New International Version

The Thousand Years

20 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They[a] 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 a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Judgment of Satan

7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Judgment of the Dead

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Footnotes

Revelation 20:4 Or God; I also saw those who

Chapter 20 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes the binding of Satan, the reign of Christ, and the final judgment. Here's a brief summary:

1. The Binding of Satan (Revelation 20:1-3): An angel comes down from heaven and binds Satan for a thousand years. During this time, he will not be able to deceive the nations.
2. The Reign of Christ (Revelation 20:4-6): John sees thrones, and people sit on them, who had been given authority to judge. They reign with Christ for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection, and those who take part in it are blessed and holy.
3. The Final Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15): John sees a great white throne, and the dead, small and great, stand before God. The books are opened, and the dead are judged according to their works. Anyone whose name is not found written in the book of life is cast into the lake of fire.

The chapter portrays the ultimate victory of Christ over Satan and the establishment of His reign on earth. It highlights the thousand-year reign of Christ and the blessings of those who participate in the first resurrection. It also warns of the final judgment and the consequences of rejecting Christ. The chapter ends with the hope of eternal life for those whose names are written in the book of life.

the key verses in chapter 20 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 20 describes the binding of Satan, the reign of Christ, and the final judgment. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:1-2). This verse describes the binding of Satan for a thousand years, which marks the beginning of Christ's reign on earth.
2. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6). This verse describes the blessedness of those who have part in the first resurrection, who will reign with Christ during the thousand-year period.
3. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth"

(Revelation 20:7-8). This verse describes the release of Satan at the end of the thousand-year period, and his attempt to deceive the nations.

4. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:11-12). This verse describes the final judgment, where the dead are judged according to their works.
5. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15). This verse emphasizes the severity of the final judgment, where those whose names are not found in the book of life are cast into the lake of fire.

These key verses emphasize the binding of Satan, the reign of Christ, the blessedness of those who have part in the first resurrection, the final judgment, and the eternal destiny of the wicked. They highlight the importance of faithfulness and obedience to Christ, and the need to be prepared for the final judgment.

Revelation chapter 20 is a significant chapter in the book, describing the binding of Satan, the millennial reign of Christ, the first resurrection, and the final judgment. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to eschatology (the study of end times), the reign of Christ, the fate of the wicked, and the concept of resurrection. It has influenced Christian discussions about the end times, the nature of Christ's rule, and the ultimate destiny of humanity.

Theological Thought in Revelation 20:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 20 include:

Binding of Satan: The chapter begins with the vision of an angel binding Satan and casting him into the abyss for a thousand years. This emphasizes the theological thought that during the millennial reign of Christ, Satan's influence and deception will be restrained.

Millennial Reign of Christ: Revelation 20 introduces the concept of the millennial reign of Christ, during which Christ and the saints reign for a thousand years. This underscores the theological thought of Christ's ultimate authority and His rule over the earth.

First Resurrection: The chapter mentions the first resurrection, in which those who have been martyred for their faith reign with Christ during the thousand years. This emphasizes the theological thought of the victorious and blessed state of believers who participate in this resurrection.

Final Judgment: Toward the end of the chapter, there is a description of the final judgment, often referred to as the Great White Throne Judgment. This underscores the

theological thought that all the dead, both small and great, will stand before God for judgment.

Fate of the Wicked: The chapter describes the fate of the wicked who are not found written in the Book of Life; they are cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. This emphasizes the theological thought of the eternal consequences of rejecting God.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 20 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes significantly to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the millennial reign of Christ, the resurrection, and the final judgment. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the sequence of end-time events.

Christ's Rule: Revelation 20 has influenced discussions about the nature of Christ's rule, especially in the context of the millennial reign. It has contributed to discussions about the reign of Christ over the earth and His victory over evil.

Resurrection Theology: The mention of the first resurrection has prompted theological reflection on the nature and timing of resurrections in Christian theology.

Final Judgment: The chapter's description of the Great White Throne Judgment has influenced discussions about the nature of divine judgment, the accountability of humanity, and the ultimate destiny of the wicked.

Eternal Consequences: Revelation 20 emphasizes the concept of eternal consequences for one's choices, particularly the fate of the wicked in the lake of fire. This has prompted theological discussions about the nature of hell and eternal punishment.

In summary, Revelation chapter 20 presents theological thoughts related to the binding of Satan, the millennial reign of Christ, the first resurrection, the final judgment, and the eternal fate of the wicked. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about Christ's rule, reflections on resurrection theology, considerations of divine judgment, and theological discussions about the eternal consequences of one's choices.

Revelation 21

New International Version

A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear

from their eyes. There will be no more death^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 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 water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb

9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia^[c] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits^[d] thick.^[e] 18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.^[f] 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Footnotes

Revelation 21:1 Isaiah 65:17

Revelation 21:4 Isaiah 25:8

Revelation 21:16 That is, about 1,400 miles or about 2,200 kilometers

Revelation 21:17 That is, about 200 feet or about 65 meters

Revelation 21:17 Or high

Revelation 21:20 The precise identification of some of these precious stones is uncertain.

Chapter 21 of the Book of Revelation in the Bible describes the new heaven and new earth, the holy city of Jerusalem, and the eternal state of believers. Here's a brief summary:

1. The New Heaven and New Earth (Revelation 21:1): John sees a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and first earth have passed away, and there is no more sea. God Himself will dwell with His people, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
2. The Holy City of Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-27): John sees the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven. It is described as a beautiful and precious city, with walls of jasper, gates of pearl, and streets of pure gold. The city has no temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city has no need of the sun or the moon because the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life can enter the city.
3. The Eternal State of Believers (Revelation 22:1-5): John sees the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. The tree of life, with its twelve kinds of fruit, is on either side of the river, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. There will be no more curse, and God's servants will worship Him and reign with Him forever.

The chapter portrays the hope and promise of a new heaven and new earth, a holy city of Jerusalem, and an eternal state of believers. It emphasizes the glory and majesty of God and the Lamb, the importance of being written in the Lamb's book of life, and the joy and fulfillment of being in the presence of God forever. The chapter ends with the invitation of the Spirit and the Bride to come and partake of the water of life freely.

the key verses in chapter 21 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 21 describes the new heaven and the new earth, and the holy city, the new Jerusalem. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" (Revelation 21:1). This verse introduces the new heaven and the new earth, indicating that the old order of things has passed away.
2. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). This verse describes the holy city, the new Jerusalem, which is portrayed as a bride adorned for her husband, indicating the intimate relationship between God and his people.
3. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4). This verse highlights the joy

and comfort of the new order, where God will wipe away all tears and there will be no more death or pain.

4. "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful" (Revelation 21:5). This verse emphasizes the trustworthiness of the words of God, and the certainty of the new order that he is bringing about.
5. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). This verse emphasizes the purity of the holy city, the new Jerusalem, and the requirement for those who enter it to be written in the Lamb's book of life.

These key verses describe the new order that God is bringing about, emphasizing the purity, joy, and intimacy that will characterize the holy city, the new Jerusalem. They emphasize the trustworthiness of God's promises and the importance of faithfulness to Christ in order to be part of this new order.

Revelation chapter 21 is a profound and symbolic chapter that describes the vision of the new heaven and the new earth, along with the New Jerusalem descending from heaven. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to the final state of God's creation, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the restoration of humanity's relationship with God. It has influenced Christian discussions about eschatology (the study of end times), the nature of heaven, and the hope of believers.

Theological Thought in Revelation 21:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 21 include:

New Heaven and New Earth: The chapter begins by describing the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, as the first heaven and earth pass away. This emphasizes the theological thought of the ultimate renewal and restoration of God's creation.

New Jerusalem: The vision also includes the New Jerusalem descending from heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. This underscores the theological thought of the eternal dwelling place of God's people, symbolizing the intimate relationship between Christ (the Bridegroom) and the Church (the bride).

God Dwelling with His People: The chapter highlights the presence of God dwelling with humanity in the New Jerusalem. It emphasizes the theological thought of God's desire for intimate fellowship with His people.

No More Suffering or Death: The chapter declares the absence of suffering, sorrow, crying, or death in the new creation. This underscores the theological thought of the ultimate victory of God over sin and its consequences.

Fulfillment of God's Promises: Revelation 21 emphasizes the fulfillment of God's promises to His people, including the promise of a new heaven, a new earth, and a new

Jerusalem. This highlights the theological thought that God is faithful to His covenant promises.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 21 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes significantly to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to the nature of the new creation, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the hope of believers. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the final state of God's kingdom.

Nature of Heaven: The description of the new heaven and the new earth has influenced Christian discussions about the nature of heaven as a renewed and restored creation.

Hope of Believers: Revelation 21 has provided a source of hope for believers, emphasizing the ultimate victory of God, the end of suffering, and the promise of eternal fellowship with Him.

Theological Anthropology: The absence of suffering, sorrow, crying, and death in the new creation has prompted theological reflections on the nature of humanity's existence in the presence of God.

Eternal Fellowship: The vision of God dwelling with His people has influenced discussions about the eternal fellowship and intimacy between God and His redeemed.

In summary, Revelation chapter 21 presents theological thoughts related to the new heaven and new earth, the New Jerusalem, God dwelling with His people, the absence of suffering and death, and the fulfillment of God's promises. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about the nature of heaven, reflections on the hope of believers, considerations of theological anthropology, and theological discussions about eternal fellowship with God.

Revelation 22

New International Version

Eden Restored

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

John and the Angel

6 The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

7 “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. 9 But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

10 Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. 11 Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

Epilogue: Invitation and Warning

12 “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

Footnotes

Revelation 22:16 The Greek is plural.

Chapter 22 of the Book of Revelation is the final chapter of the book and mainly describes the gospel of heaven, the glory of God, and the well-being of His servants. Here is a brief summary:

1. The Gospel of Heaven (Revelation 22:1-5): John sees a clear river of life and the tree of life flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. There will be no more curse, and God's servants will worship Him and reign with Him forever.
2. The Glory of God (Revelation 22:6-21): John is told that these things are true and warned not to change the words of God. John falls down to worship the angel, but the angel tells him that only God is worthy of worship. The angel tells John that the promises of God are soon to be fulfilled, but those who are impure will not be able to enter the holy city. John is commanded to tell these things to the people and reminds them that Jesus is coming soon.
3. The Well-Being of God's Servants (Revelation 22:14-15): Those who obey God's commandments will have the right to enter the holy city and enjoy the benefits of the tree of life and the gates. But those who are impure will not be able to enter the holy city and will be thrown into the lake of fire.

This chapter provides some details about heaven and emphasizes the glory of God and the well-being of His servants once again. It warns people not to change the words of God and reminds us to obey His commandments to enjoy the benefits of heaven.

the key verses in chapter 22 of Revelation in Christian Bible

Revelation 22 is the final chapter of the book, describing the river of life and the tree of life, and ending with a promise of Christ's return. Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1). This verse describes the river of life, emphasizing its purity and its source in the throne of God and the Lamb.
2. "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him" (Revelation 22:3). This verse emphasizes the absence of the curse of sin and the continued service of God's servants in the new order.
3. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12). This verse emphasizes the imminent return of Christ and the promise of rewards for those who have been faithful.
4. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last" (Revelation 22:13). This verse emphasizes the divine nature of Christ, as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and the first and the last.
5. "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" (Revelation 22:17). This verse emphasizes the invitation to all who are thirsty to come and partake of the water of life freely.

These key verses emphasize the purity, absence of curse, and divine nature of the new order that Christ will bring about. They also emphasize the imminent return of Christ and the invitation for all to come and partake of the water of life freely.

exhortations to the readers. This chapter contains important theological thoughts related to Christ's second coming, the eternal state of believers, the availability of salvation, and the urgency of responding to God's message. It has influenced Christian discussions about eschatology (the study of end times), the nature of salvation, and the call to faithfulness.

Theological Thought in Revelation 22:

The theological thoughts in Revelation chapter 22 include:

Christ's Second Coming: The chapter emphasizes the imminent return of Christ, with the repeated declaration, "Behold, I am coming soon." This underscores the theological thought of Christ's promised return to bring final fulfillment and judgment.

The New Jerusalem: The vision of the New Jerusalem continues from the previous chapter, describing its beauty and splendor. It emphasizes the theological thought of the eternal dwelling place of God's redeemed and the fulfillment of God's promises.

Availability of Salvation: Revelation 22 reaffirms the availability of salvation to all who desire it. It highlights the theological thought that the invitation to come to Christ is open to all who thirst and are willing to receive the gift of eternal life.

Urgency of Response: The chapter includes several exhortations and warnings, emphasizing the urgency of responding to God's message. It warns against adding or taking away from the book's prophecies and encourages readers to keep the words of the prophecy.

Faithfulness and Reward: Revelation 22 speaks of the rewards for those who are faithful, emphasizing the theological thought that God rewards those who endure and remain faithful to Him.

Theological Influence:

Revelation 22 has had theological influence in several areas:

Eschatology: This chapter contributes to discussions of eschatology, particularly in relation to Christ's second coming, the nature of the eternal state, and the urgency of the end times. It has shaped various eschatological interpretations and views on the return of Christ.

Nature of Salvation: Revelation 22 has influenced Christian discussions about the nature of salvation, emphasizing that it is freely available to all who respond in faith.

Urgency of the Gospel: The chapter's warnings and exhortations have influenced discussions about the urgency of sharing the gospel message and responding to God's call for repentance and faith.

Faithfulness and Reward: Revelation 22's emphasis on faithfulness and the promise of reward has prompted theological reflections on the nature of Christian perseverance and the hope of believers.

Canonical Integrity: The warnings against adding or taking away from the book's prophecies have contributed to discussions about the canonical integrity of the Bible and the importance of preserving its text.

In summary, Revelation chapter 22 presents theological thoughts related to Christ's second coming, the eternal state of believers, the availability of salvation, the urgency of responding to God's message, and the call to faithfulness. It has influenced Christian eschatology, discussions about salvation, reflections on the urgency of the gospel, considerations of faithfulness and reward, and theological discussions about the integrity of the biblical canon.

Notes:

The Book of Revelation in the Christian Bible is a highly symbolic and metaphorical text that has been the subject of much interpretation and debate among scholars and theologians. Some of the most difficult questions about this book that have yet to be definitively answered include:

1. What is the precise meaning of the book's many symbols and images? The book of Revelation is filled with complex and vivid symbolism that has been interpreted in various ways over the centuries. While some symbols are clear, others are more ambiguous and difficult to interpret.
2. Who is the "Beast" mentioned in Revelation? The Beast is a prominent figure in the book of Revelation, described as a symbol of evil and destruction. Some scholars believe the Beast represents a specific historical figure or empire, while others see it as a more general symbol of human sin and corruption.
3. When will the events described in Revelation take place? The book of Revelation describes a series of apocalyptic events that are believed by some to predict the end of the world. However, the exact timing and nature of these events are the subject of much debate and speculation.
4. What is the meaning of the book's many numerical codes and patterns? The book of Revelation contains a number of numerical codes and patterns, such as the "666" associated with the Beast. The meaning of these codes is not always clear and has been the subject of much interpretation and speculation.
5. How should the book of Revelation be interpreted in light of its historical and cultural context? The book of Revelation was written in a specific historical and cultural context, and some scholars argue that its meaning can only be fully

understood by taking this context into account. However, others believe that the book has a more universal and timeless message that transcends its historical setting.

These are just a few of the many difficult questions surrounding the book of Revelation, and scholars and theologians continue to debate and explore these issues in their ongoing efforts to understand this complex and enigmatic text.