

¹A great and wondrous 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.

²She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

³Then another sign appeared in heaven:

an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. ⁴His 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 he might devour her child the moment it was born.

⁵She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

⁶The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

⁷And there was war in heaven.

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

⁹The 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.

¹⁰Then 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 Christ.

For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

¹¹They overcame 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.

¹²Therefore 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.

¹⁴The woman

was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach.

¹⁵Then from his mouth the serpent

spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.

¹⁶But the earth

helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

¹⁷Then the dragon

was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

¹⁴I looked, and there before me was a white cloud,
and seated on the cloud was one “like a son of man”
with a crown of gold on his head
and a sharp sickle in his hand.

¹⁵Then 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.”

¹⁶So he who was seated on the cloud
swung his sickle over the earth,
and the earth was harvested.

¹⁷Another angel came out of the temple in heaven,
and he too had a sharp sickle.

¹⁸Still 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.”

¹⁹The angel swung his sickle on the earth,
gathered its grapes
and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath.

²⁰They 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.

⁶Then 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.

⁷He 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.”

¹²This calls for patient endurance on the part of
the saints
who obey God’s commandments
and remain faithful to Jesus.

- ²¹ As I watched,
this horn was waging war against the saints
and defeating them,
- ²² until the Ancient of Days came
and pronounced judgment in favor of the
saints of the Most High,
and the time came
when they possessed the kingdom.

Daniel 8,14.

¹⁴He said to me,

“It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings;
then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.”

Daniel 9,24–27.

²⁴“Seventy ‘sevens’

are decreed for your people
and your holy city

to finish transgression,
to put an end to sin,
to atone for wickedness,
to bring in everlasting righteousness,
to seal up vision and prophecy
and to anoint the most holy.

²⁵“Know and understand this:

From the issuing of the decree
to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes,
there will be seven ‘sevens,’
and sixty-two ‘sevens.’

It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench,
but in times of trouble.

²⁶After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’

the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.
The people of the ruler who will come
will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end will come like a flood:

War will continue until the end,
and desolations have been decreed.

²⁷He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’

In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes
desolation,
until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

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.”

Exodus 20:

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work,

neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant
or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your
gates.

¹¹For in six days the Lord made

the heavens and the earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

but he rested on the seventh day.

Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Deuteronomy 5:

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day

by keeping it holy,

as the Lord your God has commanded you.

¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work,

neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant
or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your
animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your
manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do.

¹⁵Remember

that you were slaves in Egypt

and that the Lord your God brought you out of there

with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you

to observe the Sabbath day.

¹⁴They (*the 10 Kings and the beast*) will make war against the Lamb,

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

¹⁵Then the angel said to me,

“The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits,
are peoples,
multitudes,
nations
and languages.

¹⁶The 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.

¹⁷For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose
by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule,
until God’s words are fulfilled.

¹⁸The woman you saw

is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

Offb 16,13–14

¹³Then I saw three

evil 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.

¹⁴They are spirits of demons

performing miraculous 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.

Offb 18,2–3

²With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!

She has become a home for demons

and a haunt for every evil spirit,

a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.

³For

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.”

¹ And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea.
And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. ... ² ...
The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.
... ⁵ The beast was given a mouth
 to utter proud words
 and blasphemies
 and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.
⁶ He opened his mouth
 to blaspheme God,
 and to slander his name
 and his dwelling place
 and those who live in heaven.
⁷ He was given power
 to make war against the saints
 and to conquer them.
And he 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 book of life
 belonging to the Lamb
 that was slain from the creation of the world.
⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear.
 ¹⁰ If anyone is to go into captivity,
 into captivity he will go.
 If anyone is to be killed with the sword,
 with the sword he will be killed.
This calls for
 patient endurance
 and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

⁹A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice:

“If anyone worships
the beast
and his image
and receives his mark
on the forehead
or on the hand,

¹⁰he, too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury,
which has been poured full strength into the cup
of his wrath.

He will be tormented with burning sulfur
in the presence
of the holy angels
and of the Lamb.

¹¹And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and
ever.

There is no rest day or night for those
who worship the beast
and his image,
or for anyone
who receives the mark of his name.”

¹²This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints
who obey God’s commandments
and remain faithful to Jesus.

¹After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven.

He had great authority,
and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.

²With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!

She has become a home for demons
and a haunt for every evil spirit,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable
bird.

³For 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.”

⁴Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people,

so that you will not share in her sins,

so that you will not receive any of her plagues;