

27. Revelation

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Introduction to The Revelation

The Greek word which is typically translated as revelation is *apokalupsis*. It means disclosure, to take off the cover. According to James Strong's Greek Concordance it is **translated**, in the King James Bible, as *appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation*. The way it's translated does not always give the best concept of what's intended.

This book is **not** "The Book of Revelations". The term is singular. There is only one revelation. It has several aspects to it, but The Revelation is singular.

Further, this is The Revelation of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah. It is a revelation, a disclosure, given by "His messenger". The Greek word is *aggelos*. It means a messenger, **not** an 'angel'. The word 'angel' comes from the pronunciation of this Greek word, ahn-geh-los. The Hebrew term for the same entity is *ma'lak*. It means a deputy, one sent by another with a message; a messenger.

The opening words can just as easily be translated as "The Revelation of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah". That would actually be a more appropriate title for this book. Many have failed to comprehend this truth.

In order to gain a more complete understanding of this book it's vital that one looks carefully at what the text actually says, not at what you "think" it says, or what you've been told it says. Please do your best to set aside your previous ideas and preconceived notions about this book. Take a deeper look at it.

This is not a novel. This is THE Revelation, THE Disclosure, that belongs to none other than **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah of Yisra'el. There is no other Messiah. He alone is the fulfillment of The Word of **YAHWEH** to His prophets. Because there is no other Messiah this book holds extremely significant information. Please do not treat it lightly.

This Revelation was given to The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**, by **YAHWEH** Himself. It was given to Him to show to His "slaves" (believers) certain things that would "shortly" literally - in an instant of time, suddenly take place.

This is not our normal understanding of the term. It does not mean "soon", it means suddenly, rapidly, in the twinkling of an eye. This concept alone will change your understanding of the details set forth.

This Revelation was then given to a slave (servant) named Yahnathan (John). However, this is not Yahnathan The baptizer, nor is it Yahnathan The Apostle, the beloved "disciple" of The Messiah. It's a different man named Yahnathan. This understanding is based on the best known methods of dating the writing. Some refer to him as Yahnathan The Elder. He was on the Isle of Patmos when this was given to him, apparently as a prisoner or slave, resulting from his trust in The Messiah. We might refer to him as Yahnathan of Patmos in order to distinguish him from other men named Yahnathan.

This Yahnathan wrote down what was revealed to him - by The Messiah Himself - through His messenger, after The Messiah had been given this disclosure by His Father.

This disclosure was apparently only able to be made after The Messiah had ascended into The Heaven of **YAHWEH** and sat down at His right hand, in a position of the highest honor and authority.

This is the **only book** in **YAHWEH's** Word that contains a promise of a supreme blessing to the one who reads it and/or to those who listen attentively to the words of the text. As you read it ask **YAHWEH** to help you comprehend what is presented.

May you truly receive the promised blessing as you read it.

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Chapter 1

1:1 The Revelation of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, which **YAHWEH** gave to Him to show to His slaves, things which of necessity will happen rapidly. And He signified it by means of sending it by His messenger to His slave Yahnathan,

doulos – a slave.

A slave is a “purchased possession”. It’s one who has been bought and paid for. Every believer is a slave, one purchased with the blood of The Messiah, YAHUSHUA, and therefore “owned” by Him.

tachos – a brief space of time; in haste – quickly, speedily. Yahnathan means favored by YAHWEH.

1:2 who was a witness of the word of **YAHWEH** and the evidence of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah as much as he experienced.

Yahnathan gives a testimony. He serves as a witness to all that he experienced concerning the Word of YAHWEH and the evidence presented about YAHUSHUA, The Messiah. His is a first person account of the things revealed by the messenger. There is no filtering this through another person. It is a direct reporting of what he experienced.

While most translations use ‘saw’, Strong’s Concordance identifies this as a Hebraism, a unique Hebrew idiom, which means to experience a thing. This was far more than merely watching (observing) these things. Yahnathan became a participant in them.

1:3 Happy is one who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and are protecting those things which are written in it. Indeed, the time is near.

1:4 Yahnathan to the seven assemblies which are in Asia. Favor to you and well being from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, and from the seven divine natures which are in the presence of His throne,

ekklesia – a calling out; a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation, synagogue, or “Christian” community of members.

It’s essential that you clearly understand there were no “churches” that existed in this time period. They were all assemblies, most of them very Hebraic in their orientation. Since the very beginning of Scripture the “people of YAHWEH” have been referred to as an assembly.

“Church” is a much later term, having roots in early Greek, *kuriakon*. From that came the German, *kirche*, and then the Dutch, *kerk*, to the English, church - around 1200 AD.

Note that these assemblies are in Asia, not Yisra’el. This means they would at the very least be likely to contain many Gentiles, as well as the Yisra’elite believers who lived there. Asia means slime; mire.

The throne is the seat of His authority. It carries great importance.

There are seven distinct “natures”, dimensions of the Divine nature. They are not necessarily “in front of the throne, but in its presence.

1:5 and from **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the first in rank of the sovereigns of the earth. To Him Who loved us and has washed from us our offenses with His own blood,

basileus - a sovereign; most commonly, a king. One who has

supreme authority over others.
YAHUSHUA is first in rank, now having authority over every sovereign on the earth in His ascended state.
Firstborn from the dead means the first resurrected and now having an immortal body.
There were others "raised from death", but they did not have immortal bodies.
"Sin" is an offense against YAHWEH. It is an act of rebellion against His instructions. This is certainly offensive to Him.

1:6 and has made us sovereigns
and priests of His Elohim and Father.
To Him be honor and dominion into the ages of eternity.
Amen.

dominion means sovereignty or control.

1:7 Behold!
He is coming amidst the clouds.
And every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.
And all the tribes of the soil will mourn over Him.
Even so Amen.

Behold is a very important term. Every time it's used it's in the imperative form - emphatic! It means, "Pay Attention!" Each time you see it an important matter is being presented that calls for your very serious consideration.
"See Him" - literally, with eyes wide open.
Note the reference to the soil. We are made from the soil. We are dirt!
AMEN! is a very strong statement. It literally means, Yes, so be it! Or, most assuredly. It is a most emphatic affirmation attesting to the reality of this prophecy. Not one person, living or dead, will escape seeing The Messiah when He comes!

1:8 *"I am The Aleph and The Tau,
The Beginning and The End,"*
says YAHWEH,
"Who is
and Who was
and Who is to come.
The Almighty."

See Isaiah. 41.4, 43.10-13, 44.6, 48.12.
Aleph is the first letter of the Hebrew "aleph-bet".
Tau is the last letter. The phrase signifies that everything from beginning to end is under the authority of YAHWEH.
Alpha and Omega are the corresponding first and last letters of Greek. Also, see Chapter 22.
Where "YAHWEH" exists the Greek text uses *kurios* - supreme in authority, i.e. controller; by implication, Master. - God, Lord, master, Sir.
The traditional text usually has "The Lord". But which "Lord" is it? In this instance there is only one clear answer - given by the context - it is YAHWEH.
He is the one giving The Revelation, and He is the one identified in The Old Covenant.
prantokrator - the all-ruling, i.e. God (as absolute and universal sovereign: - Almighty, Omnipotent.
Here we find "The Almighty" identified as "the all-ruling, i.e. God". This can only be YAHWEH.

1:9 I, Yahanathan, both your brother
and companion in the trouble
and the kingdom and endurance
of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
was on the island called Patmos
because of the word of YAHWEH
and because of the evidence given
of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah.

thlipsis - pressure. Translated as - afflicted(-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.
Note: this is not a reference to the Great Tribulation, but rather

to the difficulties of being a believer in the world.
Patmos means my killing.

1:10 I was by means of a Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
in The Day of **YAHWEH**.
And I heard behind me a noise like a great shofar

There is no definite article in the Greek before **pneuma**, which is traditionally translated as "spirit" when it refers to a state of mind or being, rather than to a current of air or a breath, its literal meaning.
"Divine Nature" is used in place of "spirit" because there is no such term as 'spirit' in Hebrew. It's a Greek creation that never existed prior to Greek culture.
The term refers to the nature or character of the being involved.
The Greek preposition, **en**, can mean in, with, by, and by means of.
"The Day of YAHWEH" is a direct reference to the prophesied "Day of Wrath" (or, **incorrectly**, The Day of The Lord. It is **not** a reference to either The Sabbath or to a 'Sunday'.
Where trumpet is given by the Greek text it is most likely a reference to the Hebrew shofar. This is the instrument used to get the attention of the people of YAHWEH.

1:11 saying,
*"I am The Aleph and The Tau,
The First and The Last."*

and, "What you see write on a scroll
and send it to the seven assemblies
which are in Asia,
to Ephesus,
to Smyrna,
to Pergamos,
to Thyatira,
to Sardis,
to Philadelphia,
and to Laodicea."

See Rev. 1.4 concerning the assemblies.
Ephesus means full purposed.
Smyrna means myrrh.
Pergamos means much marriage.
Thyatira means odor of affliction.
Sardis means red ones.
Philadelphia means brotherly love.
Laodicea means the people's rights.

1:12 Then, I turned to look at the voice
that had spoken with me.
And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands.
1:13 And in the midst of the seven lampstands,
one like a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet
and girded about the chest with a golden belt.

This phrase "son of man" is common in The Old Covenant. It refers most often to a prophet of YAHWEH. In The New Covenant it is a reference to The Messiah.

1:14 Now the hairs of His head were white like wool,
as white as snow, and His eyes were like a flame of fire.
1:15 His feet were like fine copper, as if refined in a furnace,
and His voice was like the sound of many waters.
1:16 He held in His right hand seven stars.
Out of His mouth projected a sharp two edged sword.
And His appearance was like the sun shining in its power.

1:17 And when I saw Him I fell at His feet as if dead.
Then He placed His right hand upon me saying to me,
"Do not be afraid."
I am The First and The Last.

The First = Aleph, The Last = Tau
These are the same terms used to refer to YAHWEH Himself.

1:18 I am even He Who lives.

I even became dead.
Yet behold! I am alive into the ages of eternity.
Amen.
And I hold the keys of Hades and of death.

hades - properly, unseen, i.e. "Hades" of the place (state) of departed beings (sic - Strong uses "souls")
- grave, hell.
Hades corresponds to **sheol** in Hebrew. It's the place of departed beings. It's often referred to or translated, **incorrectly**, as the grave or hell. It is neither. Those terms are used interchangeably and it makes this quite confusing.
The grave holds the physical body. Hades is the place where the vital essence of a person is apparently retained until Judgment Day.
The key of death is the power of offenses, which separates us from YAHWEH. Death is separation.

1:19 Write the things which you have seen,
and the things which are,
and the things which will take place after this.

What Yahonathan is told to write is very important. It establishes three categories of things that he is to write down. There are many interpretations of the meanings of these three things, but the context should be utilized to understand them properly.

1:20 The mystery of the seven stars
which you saw in My right hand,
and the seven golden lampstands:
The seven stars are the messengers of the seven assemblies.
And the seven lampstands which you saw
are the seven assemblies.

Chapter 2

2:1 To the messenger of the assembly of The Ephesians write,
These things says He who holds the seven stars
in His right hand,
who walks about in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:
2:2 I have seen your works,
and your hard labor,
and your endurance,
and that you are not able to put up with worthlessness.
And you have tested those
who assert that they are ambassadors yet are not,
and have discovered they are liars.
2:3 And you have put up with it.
And you have endured patiently.
And you have labored hard because of My name.
And you have not become weary.

Note the duplication of the terms in these two verses. A double mention is always emphatic, drawing our attention twice to the same things for emphasis. This is a very common practice in Hebrew writings and thought.
Note also the separation of phrases into distinct statements. This is very Hebraic. It's common to find this in the Hebrew text of The Old Covenant. It's an emphatic way of expressing the concepts. Far too many traditional texts run these into long and complicated sentences filled with commas. That approach misses the emphatic nature of Hebraic expression.

2:4 Nevertheless, I hold this against you,
that you have sent away your foremost love.

A special comment is needed. The verb **echo**, which is typically translated as "have", is a primary verb that means "to hold". The concept of holding something is far more powerful than that of simply having something. It infers ownership rather than mere possession. In this instance its value is crucial. A second verb is just as crucial. It is **aphiemi**. It means to send

forth or send away. The typical translation says "you have left". It's one thing to leave. It's far more significant to "send away". Leaving is a more or less passive act. Sending away is always an intentional act. Finally, there's the issue of the type of love involved.
The adjective is **protos**. It means foremost in time, place, order, or importance. It's typically translated as "first", signifying importance. Foremost carries a far stronger representation of the literal sense of the word.

2:5 Remember therefore from where you have dropped away.
Reconsider your actions and do the first works,
or else I will come to you suddenly.
And I will move your lampstand from its place
unless you reconsider your actions.

ekipto means to drop away or to be driven off course. It can figuratively mean to lose or to become inefficient. Apply those concepts to this verse to get its significance.
Repent is a term we seldom understand properly. It's a religious term. In the Greek it means to think differently; to change one's mind; to reconsider.
It doesn't mean to get all weepy and apologize to YAHWEH, feeling bad because of what you've done. It involves a change in your priorities, and your actions.
The implication of the last line is that this assembly would be eliminated if they did not change their minds, repent, and restore their foremost love, the love of YAHWEH.

2:6 On the other hand you do hold to this,
that you detest the works of the Nicolaitans which I also detest.

Nicolaitans means conqueror of the people.
The Nicolaitans believed we are released from the necessity of being doers of The Word of YAHWEH. This led to eating things sacrificed to idols, sexual immorality, and many other things. It was, in its essence, a "tradition of men" rather than The Word of YAHWEH. For this reason it was detestable to The Messiah, who suffered and died as a direct result of such practices among the Scribes and Pharisees of His time.

2:7 He who has an ear let him listen attentively
to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
is saying to the assemblies!

To him who conquers I will give to eat from the Tree of Life
which is in the midst of the paradise of **YAHWEH**.

Note who is to listen attentively. And note that the Divine Nature of YAHWEH is speaking to the assemblies - plural, not just to the one at Ephesus. This is true of the comments to each assembly. Each message applies to all the assemblies.
The reference to "paradise" takes us directly back to Genesis 3.22-24. The word for paradise means a park, or specifically an Eden. Go back and look at what Genesis says about eating from this tree.

2:8 And to the messenger of the Smyrnian assembly write,
These things says The First and The Last,
Who had become dead yet has come to life.

2:9 I have seen your works,
and your troubles,
and your poverty
(however, you are wealthy).
And I know the defamatory speech
of those who say they are Yisra'elites yet are not,
but instead are a congregation of The Adversary.

"Jews" is really not proper. It comes from the name for the tribe of Judah, Yahudah in Hebrew. Yet properly, this should be "Yisra'elites", because there are 12 tribes, not one.
sunagoge – an assemblage of persons; a Yisra'elite synagogue; by analogy, a "Christian church".
Satan is a direct transliteration from the Hebrew. It means

opponent or adversary.

2:10 Do not fear even one of those things which you are about to experience.

Behold! The False Accuser is about to throw some of you into prison in order that you might be tested.

And you will have trouble for ten days.

Be faithful until death!

And I will give to you the wreath of The Life.

The Greek word is **stephanos** - it does not refer to a crown as of a king, but rather refers to a prize for winning a contest, typically symbolized by a wreath among the Greeks. In this verse it's actually used as a synonym for a prize. The phrase, "The Life" is a figure of speech meaning "**the prize of Eternal Life**".

2:11 He who has an ear let him listen attentively to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** is saying to the assemblies!

He who conquers is by no means morally wronged by the second death.

Each repetition of the opening phrase adds more emphasis to it. It's similar to the Hebrew concept of "two witnesses" to confirm a matter. More witnesses means greater confirmation.

2:12 And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamos write, These things says He who has the sharp two edged sword.

2:13 I have seen your works and where you reside, where The Adversary's throne is.

Yet you hold fast to My name

and have not disavowed the trust of Me,

even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful witness, who was killed among you where The Adversary resides.

A throne is a seat of authority.
Antipas means against all.

2:14 Nevertheless, I hold a little against you because you have there those who hold fast to the instruction of Bil'am, who taught Balak to throw a snare in front of the children of Yisra'el; to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

Bil'am means confounding the people.
Balak means one who wastes.
Yisra'el means he who struggles with El (God).

2:15 In this same manner you also have those who hold fast to the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thing I detest.

2:16 Reconsider your actions!

Or else I will come to you suddenly and will battle against them with the sword of My mouth.

2:17 He who has an ear let him listen attentively to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** is saying to the assemblies!

To him who conquers

I will give to eat from the concealed manna.

And I will give him a white pebble,

and on the stone a new name written which no one has known except the one who is receiving it.

2:18 And to the messenger of the assembly in Thyatira write, These things says The Son of **YAHWEH**,

Who has eyes like a flame of fire,
and His feet are like fine copper:
2:19 I have seen your works,
and your love,
and your service,
and your trust,
and your endurance.
And your last works are even better than the first.

2:20 Nevertheless, I have a little against you
because you allow the woman, Izebel,
who describes herself as a prophetess,
to teach and to mislead My slaves,
to commit sexual immorality,
and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

A reminder: These two things, even from OC times, have
always been detestable to YAHWEH.
Izabel means unchaste.

2:21 Also, I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality.
But she did not repent.

2:22 Behold! I will throw her into a sickbed,
and those who commit adultery with her into great trouble
unless they reconsider their works.

2:23 And I will destroy her children with death.

And all the assemblies will know
that I am He Who searches the minds and hearts.
And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Lit. - the kidneys and the hearts. This is a metaphor for the
innermost thoughts and desires in Hebrew thought.

2:24 Now to you I say, and to the remainder in Thyatira,
as many as do not hold to this teaching,
who have not known the "depths of Satan" as they say;
I will throw upon you no other burden.

2:25 However, hold fast what you have until I arrive.

This is the second time this type of warning is given. It's very
significant.

2:26 And he who conquers
and protects My works until the end,
to him I will give authority over the nations
2:27 even as I have received from My Father.

*"He will rule them with a rod of iron;
They will be dashed to pieces
like the potter's vessels"*

(Ps. 2.8-9)

The text has been slightly adjusted to give a more proper flow
to the thoughts involved. No change in meaning is created.

2:28 And I will give to him the morning star.

day star; see 2 Pet. 1.9

2:29 He who has an ear let him listen attentively
to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
is saying to the assemblies!

Chapter 3

3:1 And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write,
These things says He Who has
the seven Divine Natures of **YAHWEH** and the seven stars.
I have seen your works,
that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

There are seven assemblies, seven messengers and now
seven Divine Natures. We know The seven stars are the
messengers of the seven assemblies. The seven vital

essences are seven "characteristics" of YAHWEH. See Isaiah 11.2.
The concept of "name" is important here. The Hebrew word for name means name, title, character, authority. It is a **designation**, that which identifies a person in some manner. It is not necessarily only a "name".

3:2 Be vigilant!

And firmly establish those who remain and are about to die.
Indeed, I have not found your works
satisfactory before **YAHWEH**.

3:3 Remember therefore how much you have received
and have heard!
And hold fast!
And reconsider!

However, if you will not be vigilant I will come upon you
like a thief, and you will not know at what hour
I will come upon you.

3:4 You have a few names even in Sardis
who have not defiled their garments.
And they will walk with Me in white
because they are deserving.

3:5 He who conquers will be clothed in white garments.
And I will not erase his name from The Book of Life.
And I will acknowledge his name in the presence of My Father
and in the presence of His messengers.

3:6 He who has an ear let him listen attentively
to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
is saying to the assemblies!

Note that this is always plural. It refers to all assemblies,
including those of today, not merely to the current one being
addressed.

3:7 And to the messenger of the assembly
in Philadelphia write,
These things says He Who is set apart,
He Who is truthful,
He Who holds the key of David,
Who opens up and not even one closes,
and closes and not even one opens up.

David means beloved.

3:8 I have seen your works!
Behold! I have provided before you an open entrance.
And not even one is able to close it
because you have a little ability.
And you have protected My word.
And you have not denied My name.

3:9 Behold!
I will give up those of the synagogue of The Adversary
who say they are Yisra'elites yet are not but instead lie.
Behold!
I will make them to come and worship before your feet
and to know that I have loved you.

3:10 Because you have protected
the message of My endurance.
I will also protect you from the hour of trial
which is about to come upon the whole world
to test those who are residing upon the earth.

3:11 Behold! I am coming suddenly!
Hold fast what you have

in order that no one might take your prize!

3:12 He who conquers
I will make a pillar in The Temple of My Elohim.
And he will no longer go out.
I will engrave upon him the name of My Elohim
and the name of the city of My Elohim, The New Yerushalaim,
which descends out of The Heaven from My Elohim.
And I will engrave upon him My new name.

Yerushalaim means complete teaching of deliverance.

3:13 He who has an ear let him listen attentively
to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
is saying to the assemblies!

3:14 And to the messenger of the Laodicean assembly write,
These things says The Amen,
the faithful and truthful witness,
the beginning of the creation of The Elohim:

Amen means firm, certain, true. Figuratively it means
trustworthy. Given the context, it appears to mean The
Trustworthy One.

3:15 I have seen your works, that you are neither cold nor hot.
Oh, that you would be cold or hot!

3:16 Accordingly, because you are lukewarm
and neither cold nor hot I will vomit you out of My mouth

3:17 because you say,
"I am rich,
have become wealthy,
and have need of nothing.",
yet do not understand that you are wretched,
and miserable,
and pitiable,
and blind,
and naked.

3:18 I advise you to purchase from Me gold refined in the fire
so that you may become wealthy, and white garments
so that you may become clothed.
Then the disgrace of your nakedness
will not be rendered apparent.
And rub in your eyes eye salve in order that you might see.

3:19 As many as I care about I admonish and discipline.
Therefore be zealous!
And reconsider your actions!

The word in this verse is **phileo**. It is brotherly love, not *agape*,
which is YAHWEH's type of love. It means to be a friend. The
distinction is very important.

3:20 Behold! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the door
I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

3:21 To him who conquers
I will grant to sit with Me at My throne,
just as I also have conquered
and have sat down with My Father at His throne.

3:22 He who has an ear let him listen attentively
to what The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
is saying to the assemblies!

Chapter 4

4:1 After these things I looked and behold!
A door was standing open in The Heaven.

And the first voice which I had heard like a shofar
was speaking with me saying,
“Come up here and I will show you what must take place
after these things!”

4:2 Instantly I was caused to be
in The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**.
And behold!

A throne had been set in The Heaven.

And One was sitting upon the throne.

4:3 And He Who was sitting thereon
was in appearance like a jasper stone and a sardius stone.
And there was a rainbow around the throne,
in appearance like an emerald.

4:4 Around the throne were twenty four thrones.
And on the thrones I saw twenty four elders sitting,
clothed in white robes.
And they had wreaths of gold upon their heads.

The concept is that of a laurel wreath, obtained as a prize for
winning a competitive event. These are not kingly styled
crowns.

4:5 And from the throne
proceeded lightnings and thunderings and sounds.
And seven lamps of fire were burning in front of the throne,
which are the seven Divine Natures of **YAHWEH**.

Aspects of His "Divine nature".

4:6 And in front of the throne was a transparent sea,
like crystal.
And in the midst of the throne and around the throne
were four living beings full of eyes in front and in back.

4:7 The first living being was like a lion.

The second living being like a young bull.

The third living being had a face like a man.

And the fourth living being was like a flying eagle.

4:8 The four living beings each had six wings
surrounding them.

And they were full of eyes within.

And they do not rest day or night, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy, Sovereign Elohim, The Almighty,
Who was
and Who is
and Who is coming!”

4:9 And whenever the living beings
give praise and honor and gratitude
to Him Who sits on the throne,

Who lives into the ages of eternity,

4:10 the twenty four elders fall down before

Him Who sits on the throne

and worship Him Who lives into the ages of eternity.

And they throw their wreaths in front of the throne saying,

4:11 “You are worthy, Sovereign,

to receive praise

and honor

and power

because You created all things,

and by Your will they exist and have been created.”

Chapter 5

5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne
a scroll written inside and on the back,
sealed with seven seals.

Such a scroll was used as a "title deed" to one's property in
Hebrew culture.

The seals are literally signets as on a ring. Seven in the number of completion or perfection, indicating a complete and perfect seal.

5:2 Then I saw a mighty messenger
proclaiming with a loud voice,
"Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

5:3 And no one in The Heaven or on the earth
or under the earth was able to open the scroll
nor even to look at it.

5:4 And I sobbed greatly
because not even one was found worthy
to open and to read the scroll nor even to look at it.

5:5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not sob.
Behold!

The Lion Who is from the tribe of Yahudah, the root of David,
has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Yahuda, means YAH will be praised.

5:6 Then I looked.
And behold!
In the midst of the throne and of the four living beings,
and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb
as if it had been butchered,
having seven horns and seven eyes,
which are the seven Divine Natures of YAHWEH
sent out into all the earth.

The term means butchered or slaughtered.
The Lamb is revealed in The Heaven in the same manner it
existed after being killed!
It appears The Lamb will bear the marks of torture and death
for Eternity.
Horns represent power or authority.

5:7 And He came and took the scroll
out of the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.

5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll
the four living animals and the twenty four elders
fell down before The Lamb, each having a harp
and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the set apart ones.

5:9 And they sang a new song saying,
"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals
because You have been slaughtered
and have purchased us for YAHWEH by means of Your blood
out of every family and language and people and nation.

5:10 And you have made us kings and priests of our Elohim.
And we will rule upon the earth."

Note who is identified as kings and priests. It is the four living
beings and the 24 elders.

5:11 Then I looked.
And I heard the sound of many messengers
surrounding the throne, the living beings, and the elders.
And the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand;
even thousands of thousands

5:12 saying with a loud voice,
"Worthy is The Lamb Who was slaughtered
to receive power
and wealth
and wisdom,
and strength
and honor
and magnificence
and blessing!"

5:13 And every creature which is in the sky
and on the earth
and under the earth
and such as are upon the sea
and all that are in it I heard saying,
"Blessing
and honor
and glory
and dominion
be to Him Who sits on the throne and to The Lamb
into the ages of eternity!"
5:14 Then the four living beings said,
"Amen!"
And the twenty four elders fell down and worshiped
Him who is alive into the ages of eternity.

Chapter 6

6:1 And I saw when The Lamb had opened one of the seals.
And I heard one of the four living beings
saying with a sound like thunder,
"Come and look!"
6:2 And I looked.
And behold!
A white horse.
And He who was sitting on it having a bow.
And a wreath had been given to him.
And he had come out conquering,
even in order that he might conquer.

stephanos - a victory wreath, not a kingly crown

6:3 When He had opened the second seal
I heard the second living being saying,
"Come and look!"
6:4 And a different horse, fiery red, had come out.
And it was granted to the one who was sitting on it
to take peace away from the earth,
even in order that people might slaughter one another.
And there had been given to him a great sword.

6:5 When He had opened the third seal
I heard the third living being saying,
"Come and look!"
And I saw.
And behold!
A black horse.

And he who was sitting on it
had a pair of scales in his hand.
6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst
of the four living beings saying,
"A quart of wheat for a denarius,
and three quarts of barley for a denarius.
Yet do not harm the olive oil and the wine."

A denarius was a day's wages. What's indicated is a very costly price for food.

6:7 And when He had opened the fourth seal
I heard the voice of the fourth living being saying,
"Come and look!"
6:8 And I saw.
And behold!
A pale *green* horse.
And the designation of him who was sitting on it was Death.
And Hades followed after him.
And authority had been given to them
over a fourth of the earth

to kill with a sword,
and with hunger,
and with death,
and with the dangerous animals of the earth.

This could include pestilences caused by even minute "dangerous animals", viruses, bacteria, etc.

6:9 And when He had opened the fifth seal
I saw under the altar the lives of those
who had been slaughtered
because of the word of YAHWEH
and because of the testimony which they held.
6:10 And they shouted with a loud voice saying,
"How long, Master, the holy and truthful one,
until You judge and avenge our blood
on those who are dwelling on the earth?"

despotes - absolute ruler

6:11 And white robes had been given to each of them.
And it had been said to them
that they should rest a little while longer
until their fellow servants and their brothers
who would be killed as they were was finished.

6:12 And I saw when He had opened the sixth seal.
And behold!
There was a great earthquake.
And the sun became black like sackcloth of hair.
And the moon became like blood.

There's a subtle shift in the wording at this point.
This indicates a change in the way things are being done. This
is always indicative of something new and different. Pay
attention to such shifts.

6:13 And the stars of the sky fell to the earth
like a fig tree drops its late figs
when it is shaken by a great wind.
6:14 And the sky was removed like a scroll when it is rolled up.
And every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

6:15 And the rulers of the earth,
and the chief men,
and the wealthy,
and the commanders,
and the powerful,
and every slave,
and every free man
hid themselves in the caves
and in the rocks of the mountains.
6:16 And they were saying to the mountains and rocks,
"Fall upon us and hide us
from the face of Him Who is sitting upon the throne
and from the wrath of The Lamb,
6:17 because The Great Day of His wrath has come,
and who is able to stand?"

orge is translated as wrath. It really represents a settled,
determined anger, not a sudden burst of rage. There's a
different word for that. This is much more deliberate in its
nature.
But it's also interesting to note that **orge** properly means
desire. It's only by analogy that it becomes "wrath".
Ultimately the destruction of all that is hurtful ("evil") is the true
desire of YAHWEH. Thus in sending forth His wrath He is
fulfilling His desire.

Chapter 7

7:1 And after these things I saw four messengers

standing at the four corners of the earth,
restraining the four winds of the earth
in order that the wind might not blow
upon the earth,
upon the sea,
or upon any tree.

7:2 And I saw another messenger ascending from the east
having the seal of The Living Elohim.

And he cried with a loud voice to the four messengers
to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

7:3 saying,

"Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees
until we have sealed the slaves of our Elohim
upon their foreheads!"

7:4 And I heard the number of those
who were being sealed.

One hundred and forty four thousand
from all the tribes of the children of Yisra'el
were sealed,

7:5 from the tribe of Yahudah
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Re'uben
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Gad
twelve thousand were sealed;

7:6 from the tribe of Asher
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Naphtali
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Menashe
twelve thousand were sealed;

7:7 from the tribe of Shim'on
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Levi
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Yisasskar
twelve thousand were sealed;

7:8 from the tribe of Zebulun
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Yoseph
twelve thousand were sealed;

from the tribe of Binyamin
twelve thousand were sealed.

Yahudah means YAH will be praised,
Re'uben means look, a son.
Gad means a troop.
Asher means happy.
Naphtali means my wrestling.
Manasseh means causing to forget.
Shim'on means listening attentively.
Levi means joined.
Yisasskar means he will bring a reward.
Yoseph means he will add.
Zebulun means dwelling.
Binyamin means son of the right hand.
Note: The tribe of Ephraim is missing, likely due to the extreme
rebellion on the part of Ephraim - which was the "Northern
Tribe of Yisra'el", otherwise known as Shomer'on (Samaria).
The tribe of Dan is also missing.

7:9 After these things I looked.

And behold!

A large crowd which no one was able to count
from all races, and clans, and peoples, and languages,
standing before the throne

and before The Lamb,
having been clothed with white garments,
and with palm branches in their hands.
7:10 And they were crying out with a loud voice saying,
“Our deliverance is of **YAHWEH** Who is sitting upon the throne
and of The Lamb!”
7:11 And all the messengers stood around the throne,
and the elders and the four living beings.
And they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshiped **YAHWEH**,
7:12 saying,
“Amen!
Blessing
and honor
and wisdom
and thanksgiving
and preciousness
and power
and might,
be to our Elohim into the ages of eternity.
Amen!”

7:13 And one of the elders responded saying to me,
“Who are these that are clothed in white robes?
And where did they come from?”
7:14 And I said to him,
“Master, you understand.”
Then he said to me,
“These are the ones who come out of the great trouble,
and have washed their robes
and have whitened them
by means of the blood of The Lamb.

thlipsis means pressure. Often translated as tribulation, it's also translated as affliction, anguish, persecution, or trouble. Regardless of what term you use the concept involves difficulty. In this instance it points toward one specific time of major trouble. Tribulation has become a “religious” word that few truly understand. See Jer. 30.7 which points to the time of Jacob's Trouble. This is the event in view here.

7:15 Because of this they are before the throne of **YAHWEH**
and serve Him day and night in His temple.
And He Who is sitting upon the throne will dwell among them.

Lit. - “tabernacle”, pitch His tent. This connects Revelation to The Exodus, the wilderness wanderings, and the entry into The Promised Land.

7:16 They will not be hungry anymore
nor will they be thirsty anymore.
The sun will not fall upon them nor burn any one

The language is a bit vague here, but the sense appears to be that the sun, which becomes a serious problem in the last days in particular, will no longer bring a burning heat to oppress them. Indeed, in eternity there will be no sun or moon any longer. See Rev. 21.23, 22.5.

7:17 because The Lamb
Who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them.
And He will guide them to living fountains of waters.
And **YAHWEH** will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Chapter 8

8:1 And when He had opened the seventh seal
there was silence in The Heaven for about half an hour.

8:2 And I saw the seven messengers
who were standing before **YAHWEH**.
And to them had been given seven shofars.

8:3 Then another messenger holding a golden censer came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense in order that he might offer it with the prayers of all the set apart ones upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

This is the "table of incense" that stood just outside the inner sanctuary of the Temple.

8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the set apart ones, ascended from the hand of the messenger in the presence of YAHWEH.

8:5 Then the messenger took the censer, completely filled it with the fire from the altar, and threw it upon the earth. And there were noises, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

8:6 Then the seven messengers who had the seven shofars prepared themselves to sound a blast.

8:7 And the first messenger sounded a blast. And it became hail and fire mixed with blood. And they were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the trees were burned to the ground. And all green grass was burned to the ground.

8:8 Then the second messenger sounded a blast. And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea.

And a third of the sea became blood.
8:9 And a third of the creatures in the sea, those that had life, died.
And a third of the ships were destroyed.

The creatures that died were those with *psuche*, inner essence or breath, life. One third of these died. This implies that some creatures do not have this characteristic. Lit. thoroughly rotted.

8:10 Then the third messenger sounded a blast. And a great star fell from the sky burning like a lamp. And it fell upon a third of the rivers and upon the springs of water.

This could mean like a torch, or it could also mean it was burning very brightly.

8:11 The name of the star is Wormwood.

bitterness

A third of the waters became wormwood. And many human beings died from the waters because they were made bitter.

8:12 Then the fourth messenger sounded a blast. And a third of the sun was struck, also a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were obscured. A third of the daylight did not shine, and likewise the night.

8:13 And I observed. And I heard one messenger flying in the midst of the sky saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who reside on the earth, because of the remaining sounds of the shofar

of the three messengers who are about to sound a blast!”

Chapter 9

9:1 Then the fifth messenger sounded a blast.
And I saw a star falling from the sky onto the earth.
To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

abusso – the abyss

9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit.
And smoke arose out of the pit
like the smoke of a large furnace.
And the sun and the air were obscured
because of the smoke of the pit.

9:3 And out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth.
And to them was given power,
like the power of the scorpions of the earth.

9:4 And they were told not to harm the vegetation of the earth
(not any green thing, nor any tree) but only those persons
who do not have the seal of **YAHWEH** on their foreheads.

9:5 And they were not given authority to kill them,
but rather to torture them for five months.
And their torture was like the torture of a scorpion
when it strikes a person.

9:6 And in those days persons will seek death
and will not find it.
They will even long for death,
but death will run away from them.

9:7 And the resemblances of the locusts
was like horses prepared for warfare.
On their heads were wreaths similar to gold ones
and their faces were like the faces of human beings.

9:8 And they had hair like women’s hair
and their teeth were like lions’ teeth.

9:9 And they had chests like chests of iron.
And the sound of their wings
was like the sound of chariots
with many horses running into warfare.

9:10 They had tails like scorpions
and there were sharp points in their tails.

Their authority was to hurt persons five months.

9:11 And they had as king over them
the messenger of the bottomless pit,
whose name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon,
and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

9:12 One woe is past.
Behold!
Still two more woes are coming after these things.

9:13 Then the sixth messenger sounded a blast.
And I heard a voice from the four horns

of the golden altar which is before **YAHWEH**

9:14 saying to the sixth messenger who had the shofar,
“Release the four messengers
who are restricted at the great river Euphrates.”

Euphrates means fruitfulness.

9:15 And the four messengers who had been prepared for the
hour
and day
and month
and year
were released to kill a third of mankind.

Note the intensity and the specificity - the hour, day, month and year. There is no "coincidence" in this timing. It's planned with certainty.

9:16 And the number of the troops of the horsemen was two hundred million.
I even heard the number of them.

9:17 And this is how I saw the horses in the vision and those who were sitting on them.
They had chests of flaming fire, hyacinth blue, and of sulfur yellow.
And the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions.
And out of their mouths came fire, and smoke, and brimstone.
9:18 By these three plagues a third of humanity was killed, by the fire, and the smoke, and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

9:19 Indeed, their power is in their mouth and in their tails. Indeed, their tails are like serpents, having heads. And with them they do harm.

adikeo - to be unjust, i.e. (actively) do wrong.

9:20 But the rest of humanity who were not killed by these calamities did not reconsider of the works of their hands, in order that they might not worship unclean natures, and images of gold, silver, copper, stone, and wood, which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk.

9:21 But they did not reconsider their murders
or their sorceries
or their sexual immorality
or their thefts.

Chapter 10

10:1 Then I saw another mighty messenger coming down out of The Heaven clothed with a cloud.
And a rainbow was over his head.
His face was like the sun,
and his feet were like columns of fire.

10:2 And He had a small book open in his hand.
And he placed his right foot on the sea
and his left foot on the land.

10:3 And he shouted with a loud voice like when a lion roars.
And when he had shouted
the seven thunders uttered their voices.

10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices I was about to write.
But I heard a voice from The Heaven saying to me,
"Seal up what the seven thunders have uttered
and do not write them."

Note the significance of this. Not everything is able to be revealed even yet. There are things coming that we do not yet know about.
YAHWEH speaks of "doing new things, things which you have not known before" See Is. 42.9, 48.6

10:5 Then the messenger whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to The Heaven
10:6 and swore by Him Who lives into the ages of eternity,
Who created the sky and the things that are in it,
and the earth and the things that are in it,
and the sea and the things that are in it,

that time will no longer exist.

This is very significant. Consider the implications for the end of "time" as you know it.

10:7 Instead, in the days of the sound of the seventh messenger, when he is about to sound, the mystery of YAHWEH will have been finished, even as He has declared to His servants, the prophets.

10:8 Then the voice which I heard from The Heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go! Take the small book which is open in the hand of the messenger who stands on the sea and on the land."

10:9 And I went to the messenger. And I said to him, "Give me the small book." And he said to me, "Take it and devour it! And it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

See Ezek 3. 1-5 where this same concept is presented to another prophet.

10:10 Then I took the small book out of the messenger's hand. And I devoured it. And it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. Yet as soon as I had devoured it my stomach became bitter.

10:11 Then he said to me, "You must prophesy again over many peoples, and races, and languages, and kings."

Chapter 11

11:1 Then a reed similar to a staff was given to me. And the messenger stood saying, "Wake up and measure The Temple of YAHWEH, the altar, and those who are worshipping there!

11:2 But leave out the court which is outside The Temple and do not measure it because it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will trample the set apart city for forty two months.

11:3 And I will provide My two witnesses. And they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days clothed in sackcloth."

42 months stated in terms of days, 30 days per month. 42 months is 3 1/2 years. Being clothed in sackcloth is significant. Traditionally it represent mourning.

11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before The Elohim of the earth.

11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them he must be killed in this manner.

11:6 These have authority to shut up the sky so that rain does not moisten in the days of their prophecy. They also have authority over the waters to turn them to blood,

and to strike the earth with every calamity whenever they desire.

The Greek term is *plege* and means a stroke or wound. It's often translated as plague, but more appropriately it means a calamity.

11:7 When they have finished their testimony the wild beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, conquer them, and kill them.

11:8 And their dead bodies *will lie* upon the street of the great city which non-carnally is called Sodom and Egypt, in which place also our Master was crucified.

Lit. - impaled on the torture stake.
Obviously this means Jerusalem.
Sodom means fettered.
Egypt means double straits, trouble.

11:9 And those from the peoples, and tribes, and languages, and nations will look at their dead bodies three and one half days. And they will not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

11:10 And those who are dwelling upon the earth will rejoice over them, and be glad, and send gifts to one another because these two prophets tortured those who are dwelling upon the earth.

11:11 And after the three and one half days the breath of life from **YAHWEH** entered them. And they stood upon their feet. And great fright fell upon those who were watching them.

Lit. - were spectators

11:12 Then they heard a great voice from The Heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they ascended to The Heaven in a cloud. And their enemies watched them.

11:13 In that same hour there was a great earthquake. And a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand persons were killed. And the remaining ones were terrified and gave praise to The Elohim of The Heaven.

11:14 The second woe has past. Behold! The third woe comes without delay.

11:15 Then the seventh messenger sounded a blast. And there were great voices in The Heaven saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Supreme Authority and of His Messiah! And They will reign into the ages of eternity!"

11:16 And the twenty four elders who were sitting upon their thrones in the presence of **YAHWEH** fell upon their faces and worshiped **YAHWEH**

11:17 saying, "We are grateful to You, Sovereign **YAHWEH**, The Almighty, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and are reigning.

11:18 And the nations have become enraged.

And Your wrath has come,
even the occasion for the dead to be judged,
and compensation to be given to Your servants, the prophets,
and to the set apart ones,
and to those who revere Your name, small and great,
and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

11:19 Then The Temple of **YAHWEH**
was opened in The Heaven,
and The Chest of His Covenant appeared in His Temple.
And there were lightnings,
and sounds,
and thunderings,
and an earthquake,
and great hail.

The word for chest is the same word used for "the Ark" of Noah. Literally, it is a box, or chest, a container. It is not a 'boat'. The same term is used for the 'basket' in which Moses was floated on The Nile.
Now, take special note that this very specific item is opened in The Heaven, not on the earth.

Chapter 12

12:1 Then a great sign appeared in the sky,
a woman having been clothed with the sun.
And the moon was under her feet,
and upon her head was a wreath of twelve stars.
12:2 And having a child in her womb
she cried out experiencing labor pains
and being tormented as she gave birth.

12:3 Then another sign appeared in the sky.
Behold!
A great fire like dragon having seven heads and ten horns,
and seven diadems upon his heads.

A diadem is indeed a kingly crown. It's different from the victory wreath given to competitors in a contest.

12:4 And his tail dragged
one third of the stars of The Heaven
and threw them onto the earth.
And the dragon stood before the woman
who was about to give birth
to devour her child as soon as it was born.

It's believed this represents the fallen angels who followed Lucifer and were thrown out of The Heaven.

12:5 And she gave birth to a male child
who would rule all nations with a rod of iron.
And her child was taken to **YAHWEH** and to His throne.

A reference to The Messiah
harpazo - to seize.
This term is traditionally applied to "the rapture". But it is often misinterpreted in that process.
In this instance the Greek states the child is seized to (or toward) YAHWEH. This implies it is "taken" to Him. Thus, it represents The Messiah who is now in His presence.

12:6 Then the woman ran away into the wilderness
where she has a place prepared by **YAHWEH**
in order that she might be nourished there
for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

12:7 Then warfare happened in The Heaven.
Michael and his messengers battled with the dragon.
And the dragon and his messengers battled,
Michael means who is like El (God).

12:8 but they had no strength,

nor was a place found for them in The Heaven any longer.
12:9 So the great dragon was thrown out,
the ancient serpent called The False Accuser
and The Adversary,
who deceives the whole world.
He was thrown onto the earth.
And his messengers were thrown down with him.

This is Lucifer. His name means light bearer. He is often referred to as Satan (the adversary) and the devil (the false accuser). He has messengers also, but they are harmful messengers, not good ones. The concept of the 'serpent' is questionable. It may indeed mean 'The Shining One'. The Hebrew terms come from the same root. This would connect more properly to Lucifer as the 'light-bearer' and the anointed cherub. He was certainly not snake-like. We are told he was extremely beautiful.

12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in The Heaven,
"This day deliverance has come, even the miraculous power
and the kingdom of our Elohim
and the authority of His Messiah
because the accuser of our brothers
who brought charges against them
in the presence of our Elohim day and night,
has been thrown down.

12:11 And they conquered him by the blood of The Lamb
and by the message of their testimony.
And they had not loved their lives even up to death.

12:12 For this reason rejoice Heavens,
and you who are dwelling in them!

Woe to the residents of the earth and the sea
because The False Accuser has come down to you,
having great indignation,
knowing he has a brief time."

12:13 And when the dragon saw
that he had been thrown onto the earth
he pursued the woman who gave birth to the male child.

12:14 And the woman was given two wings of a great eagle
in order that she might fly into the wilderness,
into her place where she is nourished
for a time and times and half a time
away from the presence of the serpent.

12:15 Then the serpent spewed water
like a river out of his mouth behind the woman
in order that he might cause her
to be overwhelmed by the river.

12:16 But the earth helped the woman.
And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river
which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

12:17 And the dragon was enraged against the woman.
And he went to make war with the rest of her offspring
who are keeping the precepts of **YAHWEH**
and have the testimony of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

Chapter 13

13:1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea.
And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea
having seven heads and ten horns,
and upon his horns ten diadems,
and upon his heads a blasphemous name.

13:2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard.

His feet were like the feet of a bear
and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.
The dragon gave to him his power, and his throne,
and great authority.

13:3 And I saw one of his heads
as if it had been mortally wounded.
But his deadly wound was healed.
And all the world marveled after the beast.

13:4 And they worshipped the dragon
who had given authority to the beast.
And they worshiped the beast saying,
"Who is like the beast?

Who is able to wage war against him?"

13:5 And he was given a mouth
speaking great things and defamations.
And he was given authority to continue for forty two months.

13:6 Then he opened his mouth
in blasphemy against **YAHWEH**
to defame His name, His tabernacle,
and those who are dwelling in The Heaven.

13:7 And it was granted to him to make war
against the set apart ones and to conquer them.
And authority was given to him over every
tribe, and language, and nation.

13:8 And everyone who is residing on the earth
will worship him whose names have not been written
in the Book of Life of The Lamb Who was to be slaughtered
since the establishment of the creation.

The concept of residing is that of being housed permanently. It's different than the term used in 13.6, which involves "tabernacling", occupying. This ties in to the concept that we will not have permanent houses in Heaven, but rather, will be permanent guests of YAHWEH in His House. The language is difficult to translate accurately. It's typically misunderstood. The verse states The Lamb was to be slaughtered right from the start of creation. In light of the story of Adam and Eve this is essentially what took place. Their sin created the necessity of His death. From that moment His death was certified as being essential in order to accomplish redemption from all sin – since the first one. This is extremely profound.

13:9 If anyone has an ear let him listen attentively!

13:10 If anyone leads others into captivity
he goes into captivity.
If anyone kills with the sword
he must be killed with the sword.
Herein is the endurance and the trust
of the set apart ones.

The concept is: "what you sow is what you reap".

13:11 Then I saw another beast rising up from the land.
And he had two horns like a lamb but he spoke like a dragon.

13:12 And he exercises all the authority
of the first beast in his presence.

And he makes the earth and those who are residing on it
to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed.

13:13 He does great signs, even such that he makes fire
come down from the sky onto the earth in the sight of men.

13:14 And he deceives those who are residing on the earth
by those signs which he had been given to do

in the presence of the beast,
telling those who are residing upon the earth
to make an image to the beast
which had the wound by a sword yet lived.
13:15 And he gave the gift of breath to the image of the beast,
in order that the image of the beast might even speak.
And he caused as many as would not worship
the image of the beast to be killed.

pneuma – a current of air, breath.

13:16 He makes everyone, both small and great,
rich and poor, free and slave,
receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,
13:17 even in order that no one may buy or sell
except one who possesses the mark
or the name of the beast,
or the number of his name.

Consider this very carefully.

Everyone knows about the "Mark Of The Beast".
But how many understand that the "system" is not confined to
"The Mark" alone? It includes his name or number as well.

13:18 In this is wisdom.
Let him who has intelligence
compute the number of the beast.
Indeed, it is the number of a human being.
And his number is 666.

Chapter 14

14:1 And I looked.
And behold!
A Lamb was standing on Mount Zion,
and with Him one hundred and forty four thousand
having His Father's name written upon their foreheads.

14:2 And I heard a voice from The Heaven
like the sound of many waters
and like the sound of great thunder.
And I heard the sound of harpists playing their lyres.
14:3 And they sang as it were a new song before the throne,
before the four living beings and the elders.
And not even one was able to learn that song
except the hundred and forty four thousand
who had been redeemed away from the earth.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women.
Indeed, they are virgins.
These are the ones who accompany The Lamb
wherever He leads them.
These have been redeemed away from human beings,
first fruits to **YAHWEH** and to The Lamb.

The reference to virgins, which normally means an unmarried
daughter, refers to their physical purity.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit.
Indeed, they are without fault before the throne of **YAHWEH**.

14:6 Then I saw another messenger flying in mid-sky,
having the eternal good news
to proclaim to those who are residing on the earth,
to every nation, tribe, language, and people;
14:7 saying with a loud voice,
"Revere **YAHWEH** and give praise to Him
for the hour of His tribunal has come!
Also worship Him Who made
the sky
and the earth,

and the sea
and springs of water.”

14:8 And another messenger followed saying,
“Babylon has fallen, has fallen that great city,
because she has made all nations
drink from the wine of the indignation of her immoral sex!”

Babylon means confusion.
There is a Hebraism expressed here that is not clear unless you understand the concept of the “double mention”. This involves repeating the same word twice for special emphasis. In this case it means “Babylon has fallen mightily, or dramatically!”

14:9 And a third messenger followed them
saying with a loud voice,
“If anyone worships the beast and his image
and receives a mark upon his forehead or upon his hand
14:10 he himself will also drink
from the wine of the indignation of **YAHWEH**
which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath.
He will be tortured with fire and brimstone
in the presence of the set apart messengers
and in the presence of The Lamb.
14:11 And the smoke of their torture ascends
into the ages of eternity.
And they have no intermission day or night,
who worship the beast and his image,
even whoever accepts the mark of his name.”

14:12 Here is the endurance of the set apart ones.
Here are those who keep the precepts of **YAHWEH**
and the trust of **YAHUSHUA**.

14:13 Then I heard a voice from The Heaven
saying to me, “Write.
‘Happy are the dead who are dying
for the sake of The Master from now on.
Yes, says The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
so that they may rest from their labors.
And their works accompany them.”

14:14 Then I looked.
And behold!
A white cloud.
And on the cloud was sitting one like a son of man,
having on his head a golden wreath
and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Many translations use capital letters here, seeking to make this into “The Son of Man.” There is no article, and this refers to a messenger, not to The Messiah.

14:15 And another messenger came out of The Temple
crying with a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud,
“Send out your sickle and harvest
because the time has come for you to harvest,
because the crop of the earth is mature!”

14:16 And he who was sitting on the cloud
sent out his sickle upon the earth.
And the earth was harvested.

14:17 Then another messenger came out of The Temple
which is in The Heaven, also having a sharp sickle.

14:18 And another messenger came out from the altar,
having authority over fire.
And he cried with a loud cry

to him who had the sharp sickle saying,
"Send out your sharp sickle and gather the bunches of grapes
of the vine of the earth,
for her clusters of grapes are fully mature."

Note: There are two separate harvests identified. One is the
"crop of the earth" and the other is the clusters of grapes.
Yisra'el is portrayed in Scripture as the vineyard of YAHWEH.

14:19 So the messenger thrust his sickle into the earth
and gathered the vine of the earth.
And he threw it into the great winepress
of the indignation of YAHWEH.
14:20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city.
And blood came out of the winepress
up to the bridles of the horses
for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

The distance is 200 miles. Surely this is the source of the
concept of "the grapes of wrath".

Chapter 15

15:1 And I saw another sign in The Heaven,
great and wondrous,
seven messengers holding the seven final calamities,
because in them the indignation of YAHWEH is completed.

15:2 And I saw something like a transparent sea
mixed with fire,
and those who have won the victory from the beast,
and from his image
and from his mark,
from the number of his name
standing on the transparent sea holding YAHWEH's lyres.

15:3 And they are singing The Song of Moshe,
the servant of YAHWEH, and The Song of The Lamb saying,
"Great and wondrous are Your works,
Sovereign YAHWEH, The Almighty One!
Just and true are Your ways,
The Sovereign of the set apart ones!

15:4 Who will not revere You, Master, and honor Your name,
because You alone are set apart
since all nations will come and worship in Your presence,
since Your justifications have been rendered apparent."

15:5 After these things I observed.
And behold!

The Temple of The Tent of The Testimony
in The Heaven was opened.

This is the Heavenly Tabernacle (Tent of The Testimony). The
earthly one built by Moshe was a copy of this.

15:6 And out of The Temple came the seven messengers
having the seven calamities, clothed in pure bright linen
and having their chests girded with golden belts.

15:7 And one of the four living beings
gave to the seven messengers
seven golden bowls full of the indignation of YAHWEH,
Who lives into the ages of eternity.

15:8 Then The Temple was entirely filled with smoke
by the magnificence of YAHWEH
and by His miraculous power.

And no one was able to enter The Temple
until the seven calamities of the seven messengers
have been completed.

Chapter 16

16:1 And I heard a loud voice from The Temple

saying to the seven messengers,
"Go out and pour out the bowls
of the indignation of YAHWEH upon the earth."

16:2 And the first one went out.
And he poured out his bowl upon the earth.
And a harmful and hurtful ulcer came upon the persons
who had the mark of the beast
and upon those who worshiped his image.

16:3 And the second messenger
poured out his bowl upon the sea.
And it became like the blood of a corpse.
And every thing in the sea which breathes died.

16:4 And the third messenger
poured out his bowl upon the rivers and springs of water.
And they became blood.

16:5 And I heard the messenger of the waters saying,
"You are just, Master,
The One Who is
and Who was
and Who is to be,
because You have condemned these
16:6 because they have poured out the blood
of set apart ones and prophets.
And You have given to them blood to drink.
Indeed, they are deserving of this!"

16:7 And I heard another from the altar saying,
"Even so, Sovereign YAHWEH, The Almighty One,
truthful and just are Your condemnations."

16:8 And the fourth messenger
poured out his bowl on the sun.
And he was permitted to burn persons with fire.
16:9 And persons were burned with great burns.
And they blasphemed the name of YAHWEH
who has authority over these calamities.
Yet they did not reconsider and give praise to Him.

16:10 And the fifth messenger
poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast.
And his kingdom became full of darkness.
And they chewed their tongues because of the pain.
16:11 And they blasphemed The Elohim of The Heaven
because of their pains and their ulcers.
But they did not reconsider their actions.

16:12 And the sixth messenger
poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates.
And its water was dried up
so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

16:13 And I saw three hurtful natures
similar to frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon,
out of the mouth of the beast,
and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

16:14 Indeed, they are natures of supernatural beings
performing signs,
being sent out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world,
to gather them to the battle
of that great day of YAHWEH, The Almighty.

16:15 "Behold!
I am coming like a thief!

Happy is he who is staying alert and is guarding his garments
in order that he does not walk naked
and they look at his indecency!"

16:16 And He gathered them together to the place
called Har Megiddo in the Hebrew language.

Har Megiddo means hill of slaughter.

16:17 And the seventh messenger
poured out his bowl into the air.
And a loud voice came out of The Heavenly Temple,
from the throne saying,
"It is finished!"

The very same words used by YAHUSHUA upon the torture
stake!

16:18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings.
And there was a great earthquake,
such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred
since human beings came upon the earth.

16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts.
And the cities of the nations fell.
And mighty Babylon was remembered
in the presence of YAHWEH,
to give to her the cup of the wine
of the fierceness of His indignation.

16:20 And every island fled away.
And mountains were not found.

16:21 And great hail from the sky fell upon persons,
about the weight of a talent.

about 95 pounds each

And human beings blasphemed YAHWEH
because of the calamity of the hail,
since that calamity was exceedingly great.

Chapter 17

17:1 And one of the seven messengers
who had the seven bowls came and talked with me,
saying to me, "Come!

I will show you the condemnation of the great whore
who is sitting on many waters,

17:2 with whom the kings of the earth
have committed sexual immorality.

And the inhabitants of the earth have been intoxicated
with the wine of her sexual immorality."

17:3 And he carried me away
in The Divine Nature of YAHWEH
into the wilderness.

And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet dangerous animal
which was full of blasphemous names,
having seven heads and ten horns.

17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet
and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls,
having in her hand a golden cup
full of abominations
and the filthiness of her sexual immorality.

17:5 And upon her forehead a title was engraved:

MYSTERY
BABYLON THE GREAT
THE MOTHER
OF THE WHORES

AND OF
THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.

17:6 And I saw the woman
being drunk with the blood of the set apart ones
and with the blood of the witnesses of YAHUSHUA.
And when I saw her I wondered with great wonder.

17:7 Then the messenger said to me,
"Why do you wonder?
I will tell you the mystery of the woman
and of the wild animal that carries her
which has the seven heads and the ten horns.
17:8 The wild animal that you saw was, and is not,
but will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into ruin.
And those who are residing on the earth will wonder,
whose names have not been written in The Book of Life
since the establishment of the world
when they see the dangerous animal that was, and is not,
and nevertheless exists.

17:9 Here is the mind which has wisdom,
The seven heads are seven mountains
upon which the woman is sitting.
17:10 There are also seven kings.
Five have fallen.
One exists.
And another has not yet come.
And when he comes he must remain a short time.

17:11 And the dangerous animal that was, and is not,
is himself also the eighth, but is of the seven.
And he is going into ruin.

17:12 The ten horns which you saw
are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet,
but instead they receive authority for one hour
as kings with the dangerous animal.

17:13 These have one purpose.
And they will deliver their power and authority
to the dangerous animal.

17:14 These will make war against The Lamb.
But The Lamb will conquer them
because He is Master of masters and Ruler of rulers.
And those who are with Him are invited, and chosen,
and faithful."

17:15 Then he said to me,
"The waters which you saw where the whore is sitting
are peoples, and crowds, and nations, and languages.
17:16 And the ten horns which you saw
upon the dangerous animal, these will detest the whore.
And they will make her desolate and naked.
And they will consume her flesh.
And they will burn her completely with fire.

17:17 Indeed, YAHWEH has put it into their hearts
to do His will, to form one purpose,
and to give their kingdom to the dangerous animal
until the words of YAHWEH have been completed.

17:18 And the woman whom you saw is that great city
which reigns over the kings of the earth."

Chapter 18

18:1 And after these things I saw another messenger coming down from The Heaven, having great authority. And the earth was illuminated by his magnificence.

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice saying, "Babylon the great has fallen, has fallen, and has become a dwelling place of unclean natures, and a prison for every unclean nature, and a prison for every unclean and detestable bird, 18:3 because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the indignation of her sexual immorality. The kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become wealthy through the power of her insolent luxuries."

18:4 And I heard another voice from The Heaven saying, "Come out of her, My people, in order that you do not become co-participants in her offenses, and in order that you do not receive from her calamities, 18:5 because her offenses have reached to The Heaven and YAHWEH has remembered her wrong doings!

18:6 Give back to her just as she given to you! Even render to her two fold, twice, according to her works! In the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her, 18:7 as much as she has honored herself and has lived luxuriously, as much as this give to her torture and grief, because she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen! And I am not a widow. And I will not see grief.'

18:8 Because of this her calamities will arrive in one day, death, and grief, and hunger. And she will be utterly burned with fire because mighty is Sovereign YAHWEH Who condemns her.

18:9 The kings of the earth who committed sexual immorality and have lived luxuriously with her will wail aloud for her and mourn for her when they see the smoke of her burning, 18:10 standing a distance away because of the terror of her torture saying, "Alas! Alas!

That great city Babylon, that mighty city, because in one hour your condemnation has come!

18:11 And the merchants of the earth will wail aloud and grieve over her because no one buys their merchandise anymore, 18:12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, and copper, and iron, and marble; 18:13 and cinnamon

and incense,
and fragrant oil
and frankincense,
and wine,
and oil,
and fine flour
and wheat,
and cattle,
and sheep,
and horses,
and chariots,
and bodies,
even lives of human beings.

18:14 The fruit that your life longed for
has gone away from you.
And all the things which are sumptuous and splendid
have gone away from you,
And you will find them no more, not at all!

18:15 The merchants of these things
who became wealthy by means of her
will stand a distance away because of the terror of her torture,
wailing aloud and grieving,

18:16 and saying,
"Alas! Alas! That great city that was clothed in
fine linen,
and purple,
and scarlet,
and adorned with gold
and precious stones
and pearls.",

18:17 because in one hour such great wealth
has been laid waste.

Every captain, all those on the ships, and the sailors,
and as many as work by means of the sea,
stood a distance away.

18:18 And they screamed when they saw
the smoke of her blazing saying,
"What is like this great city?"

18:19 They threw dust on their heads and screamed,
wailing aloud and grieving, and saying,
'Alas, alas!

That great city in which all who had ships on the sea
became wealthy through her magnificence.',
because in one hour she has been laid waste.'

18:20 Rejoice over her, Heaven,
and you set apart ambassadors and prophets,
because **YAHWEH** has determined
the condemnation upon her on your behalf!

Many translations use "avenged" in this verse. That's not what the Greek states. It may be the desire of many to have it so, and the literal sense actually might be understood in such a manner, but it's not what the text states.

18:21 And a mighty messenger took up a stone
like a large millstone and threw it into the sea saying,
"In this manner with violence the great city, Babylon,
will be thrown down!

And it will be found no more, not at all!

18:22 The sound of harpists, and minstrels, and flutists,
and trumpeters will be heard in you no more at all!
And no craftsman of any trade
will be found in you no more at all!

And the sound of a millstone
will be heard in you no more at all!
18:23 And the light of a lamp
will shine in you no more at all!
And the voice of bridegroom and bride
will be heard in you no more at all!
Because your merchants were the great men of the earth,
because through your medications
all the nations have been deceived.

pharmakeia is the Greek word that is usually translated as sorceries or witchcraft. But note that it really means medications.
This has far-reaching implications in our days.

18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets
and set apart ones and of all who were slaughtered
upon the earth.”

Chapter 19

19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice
of many groups in The Heaven saying,
“Hallelu-YAH!

Deliverance
and praise
and honor
and miraculous power
to our Sovereign, YAHWEH,

19:2 because true and just are His condemnations;
because He has condemned the great whore
who has corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality,
and He has avenged the blood of His slaves
shed by her hand.”

19:3 Again they said,
“Hallelu-YAH!
Her smoke rises up into the ages of eternity!”

19:4 And the twenty four elders and the four living beings
fell down and worshiped YAHWEH,
who is sitting upon His throne saying,
“Amen!
Hallelu-YAH!”

19:5 Then a voice came from the throne saying,
“Praise our Elohim, all His slaves,
even those who revere Him both small and great!”

19:6 Then I heard as it were the sound of a great multitude,
like the sound of many waters
and like the sound of mighty thunders saying,
“Hallelu-YAH!

Because Sovereign YAHWEH The Almighty reigns!

19:7 Rejoice and jump for joy and give Him praise
because the marriage of The Lamb has come
and His wife has prepared herself!

19:8 And to her it has been granted
to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright.
Indeed the fine linen is the justification of the set apart ones.”

19:9 Then he said to me,
“Write!
Happy are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”
And he said to me,
“These are the true words of YAHWEH.”

19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him.

But he said to me,
"Behold!
No!
I am your fellow servant and of your kindred
who have the witness of YAHUSHUA.
Worship YAHWEH!
Indeed, the witness of YAHUSHUA
is The Divine Nature of prophecy."

19:11 Then I saw The Heaven opened.
And behold!
A white horse.
And He who is sitting upon it
is called Faithful and True.
And in justification He condemns and engages in warfare.

19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire
and upon His head are many diadems
having a title engraved
that no one understands except He Himself.

19:13 He was arrayed with a garment
completely covered with blood.
And His designation is called The Word of YAHWEH.

19:14 And the armies in The Heaven
accompanied Him upon white horses,
clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
19:15 And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword,
that with it He might strike the nations.
And He Himself will shepherd them with a rod of iron.
And He tramples the winepress
of the wine of the indignation and of the wrath
of YAHWEH, The Almighty.

The concept is that of a gentle shepherd leading and tending to His flock, but with strict firmness in his manner. There is no room for foolishness with a staff of iron. Likewise, it will never break as a wooden one might.

19:16 And He has on His garment
and on His thigh a title written:
KING OF KINGS
AND SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS.

Or, Ruler of rulers and Master of masters.

19:17 And I saw a messenger standing in the sun.
And he shouted with a loud voice
saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of the sky,
"Come here!
Even gather together for the supper of The Mighty YAHWEH,
19:18 so that you may eat
the flesh of kings,
the flesh of captains,
the flesh of mighty ones,
the flesh of horses
and of those who are sitting on them,
even the flesh of everyone,
free and slave,
both small and great."

19:19 And I saw the dangerous animal,
the kings of the earth, and their armies
gathered together to make war against
Him Who is sitting on the horse and against His army.

19:20 Then the dangerous animal was captured,

and with him the false prophet
who worked signs in his presence,
by which he deceived
those who had received the mark of the beast
and those who worshiped his image.
These two were thrown alive
into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

19:21 And the remaining ones were killed
with the sword which proceeds
from the mouth of Him Who is sitting on the horse.
And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Chapter 20

20:1 And I saw a messenger coming down from The Heaven
holding the key to the bottomless pit
and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 And he seized the dragon, the ancient serpent
who is The False Accuser and The Adversary,
and bound him for a thousand years.

20:3 And he threw him into the bottomless pit.
And he shut him up.
And he set a seal over him
in order that he might deceive the nations no more
until the thousand years have been completed.
And after these things he must be released
for a brief period of time.

20:4 Then I saw thrones.
And they sat on them.
And judgment was committed to them.
And I saw the lives of those who had been beheaded
because of the witness of YAHUSHUA
and because of The Word of YAHWEH,
who had not worshiped the dangerous animal nor his image,
nor received his mark on their foreheads nor on their hands.
And they lived and reigned with The Messiah
for a thousand years.

20:5 But the rest of the dead did not live again
until the thousand years were completed.
This is the first resurrection.

20:6 Happy and set apart is one who has a part
in the first resurrection.
Over these the second death has no authority.
On the contrary they will be priests
of YAHWEH and of The Messiah,
and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

20:7 And when the thousand years have been completed
The Adversary will be released from his prison.

20:8 And he will go out to deceive the nations
which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog,
to gather them together into battle
whose number is like the sand of the sea.

Gog means to cover.
Magog means a covering

20:9 And they went up upon the breadth of the land
and surrounded the camp of the set apart ones
and the beloved city.
And fire came down from YAHWEH out of The Heaven
and devoured them.

20:10 And The False Accuser who was deceiving them,
was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone

where the dangerous animal and the false prophet are.
And they will be tortured day and night into the ages of eternity.

20:11 And I saw a great white throne
and Him who is sitting upon it,
from whose face the earth and the sky fled away.
And there was found no place for them.
20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great,
standing in the presence of **YAHWEH**.
And books were opened.
And a different book was opened which is The Book of Life.
And the dead were judged according to their works
from the things which were written in the books.

Note who is being judged. It's the dead, not the living. The concept is the unregenerate (not reborn) dead.

20:13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it,
and death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them.
And they were judged, each one according to their works.

Death apparently represents the grave.
Hades is the place of departed beings.
Thus it appears the bodies and the natures are reunited for eternity just prior to their judgment.

20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.
This is the second death.

Note that it's the lake of fire that is the second death.
It's what is commonly referred to as "Hell."

20:15 And if anyone was not found written in The Book of Life
he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
Indeed, the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
Also there was no more sea.

The New Heaven and the New Earth do not appear until after the 1,000 years and the final judgments. In this way, sin is completely eliminated and/or judged prior to the coming of the New Heaven and New Earth.

21:2 Then I, Yahanathan, saw the sacred city,
New Yerushalaim,
coming down out of The Heaven from **YAHWEH**,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Note that it's the city, New Yerushalaim (and would include those who dwell therein) that is prepared as a bride. Also not presented until after the final judgment. See v. 9-11.

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from The Heaven saying,
"Behold!
The Tabernacle of **YAHWEH**
is in the midst of human beings.
And He will dwell in their midst.
And they will be His people.
And **YAHWEH** Himself will be among them as their Elohim.

The term for tabernacle means tent. It represents the presence of **YAHWEH** as dwelling in the midst of the people.

21:4 And **YAHWEH** will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death, nor grief, nor crying.
And there will be no more pain
because the former things have passed away."

21:5 Then He who is sitting upon the throne said,
"Behold!
I make all things new."
And He said to me,

“Write!
Because these words are truthful and faithful.”

21:6 And He said to me,
“It is finished!

I am The Aleph and The Tau, The Beginning and The End!
I will give freely to him who is thirsty
from the fountain of the water of life.

Everyone searches the world in vain for the “fountain of youth”.
THIS IS IT! It's not found on the earth. It's found in YAHWEH!

21:7 He who conquers will be an heir of everything.
And I will be his Elohim.
And he will be My child.

21:8 But cowardly
and unbelieving,
and disgusting,
and murderers,
and sexually immoral
and sorcerers,
and idol worshippers,
and all liars
will have their part in the lake which burns
with fire and brimstone,
which is the second death.”

21:9 Then one of the seven messengers
who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last calamities
came to me and talked with me saying,
“Come!
I will show you the bride, The Lamb's wife.”

21:10 And he carried me away
in The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
to a great and high mountain
And he showed me the mighty city,
The Set Apart Yerushalaim,
descending out of The Heaven from **YAHWEH**,
21:11 having the magnificence of **YAHWEH**.
Her light was like a most precious stone,
even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.
21:12 Also she had a great and high wall
with twelve gates, and twelve messengers at the gates,
and names engraved upon them
which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Yisra'el,
21:13 three gates on the east,
three gates on the north,
three gates on the south,
and three gates on the west.
21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations.
And on them were the names
of the twelve ambassadors of the Lamb.

apostolos - means delegate, ambassador

21:15 And he who was talking with me had a gold reed
to measure the city and its gates and its wall.
21:16 And the city is laid out as a square.
Its length is as great as its breadth.
And he measured the city with the reed,
twelve thousand furlongs.
Its length,
breadth,
and height
are equal.

1500 miles approximately

21:17 Then he measured its wall.
One hundred and forty four cubits
according to the measure of a human being,
that is, of a messenger.

Note this relationship.

21:18 And the structure of its wall was of jasper.
And the city was pure gold, like clean glass.

21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city
were adorned with all kinds of precious stones.

The first foundation was jasper.

The second sapphire.

The third chalcedony.

The fourth emerald.

21:20 The fifth sardonyx.

The sixth sardius.

The seventh chrysolite.

The eighth beryl.

The ninth topaz.

The tenth chrysoprase.

The eleventh jacinth.

And the twelfth amethyst.

21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls.
Each individual gate was of one pearl.
And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

21:22 And I saw no temple in it
because Sovereign **YAHWEH**, The Almighty,
and The Lamb are its temple.

21:23 The city has no need of the sun
or of the moon to shine in it.
Indeed, the magnificence of **YAHWEH** illuminates it
and The Lamb is its light.

21:24 And the nations of those who have been delivered
will walk by His light.

And the kings of the earth bring their praise
and honor into it.

21:25 And its gates will not be shut at all by day.

Indeed, there will be no night there.

21:26 And they will bring the praise and the honor
of the nations into it.

21:27 And there will by no means enter into it
anything that defiles, or makes any thing detestable or a lie;
but only those who are written in The Lamb's Book of Life.

Chapter 22

22:1 And he showed me a pure river of living water,
radiant as crystal,
proceeding from the throne of **YAHWEH** and of The Lamb.
22:2 In the middle of its street and on both sides of the river
was the tree of life which bore twelve fruits
yielding its fruit according to one each month.
And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
22:3 And every curse will not exist any more.

And the throne of **YAHWEH** and of The Lamb will be in it.
And His servants will worship Him.

22:4 And they will see His face.

And His name will be on their foreheads.

22:5 And there will be no night there.

And they need no lamp or even the light of the sun
because Sovereign **YAHWEH** shines as their light.

And they will reign into the ages of eternity.

22:6 Then he said to me,

“These words are faithful and true.
And **YAHWEH**, Sovereign of the set apart prophets
has sent His messenger to show His servants the things
which must happen swiftly.

This repeats what was stated at the beginning of this book.
Thus, on the basis of “two witnesses” the prophecy is
confirmed as valid and true.

22:7 Behold!
I am coming suddenly!
Happy is he who keeps the words
of the prophecy of this book.”

22:8 And I, Yahanathan, saw and heard these things.
And when I had heard and seen I fell down to worship
before the feet of the messenger
who had shown me these things.

22:9 But he said to me,

“Behold!

No!

Indeed, I am your fellow servant
and of your brothers, the prophets,
and of those who keep the words of this book!
Worship **YAHWEH**!”

22:10 Then He said to me,
“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book,
because the time is near.

22:11 He who is being unjust is still unjust!

And he who is filthy is still filthy!

And he who is justified is still justified!

And he who is set apart is still set apart!

The mood is imperative in each of these. Contrary to typical
translations it seems appropriate to state these as above,
given the context.
This is part of the parting statement which deals with the end
state of these things. It suggests nothing is now going to
change - for eternity.

22:12 And behold!
I am coming suddenly!
And My compensation is with Me
to give to every one according to how his work shall be.

**22:13 I am The Aleph and The Tau,
The Beginning and The End,
The First and The Last.**

22:14 Happy are those who are doing these precepts
in order that they will have the privilege to the Tree of Life
and may enter into the gates into the city.

22:15 However, outside are
dogs
and sorcerers
and sexually immoral
and murderers
and idol worshippers,
and whoever is fond of and practices to lie.

22:16 I, **YAHUSHUA**, have sent My Messenger
to testify to you these things for the sake of the assemblies.
I am The Root and The Offspring of David,
The Bright and Morning Star.

There is an enigma here. Note the following:
v. 6. YAHWEH sends His messenger. Here YAHUSHUA says

He has sent His messenger.
v. 9. He is a fellow servant like the rest who are in The New Heaven and New earth.
v. 12. He is coming.
v. 13. He is the Aleph and Tau, Beginning and End, First and Last.
v. 16. He has sent His messenger, and He is the root and offspring of David, etc.
This makes YAHUSHUA identical with YAHWEH. Perhaps this is the result of an editing of the text (either at the beginning or at the end - or both), or an error in it. Otherwise, it's very difficult to understand. Here the two now seem to be the same being.
Yet both are identified in 1.4-5 as separate entities.

22:17 And The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
and of the bride say, 'Come!'

And he who is listening,

'Come!'

And he who is thirsting,

'Come!'

And whoever is desiring,

receive the water of life freely!

22:18 Indeed, I testify to everyone who is listening
to the words of the prophecy of this book:

If anyone adds to these things,

YAHWEH will add to him the calamities

that are written in this book.

22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words

of the book of this prophecy

YAHWEH will take away his part from The Book of Life,

from The Holy City, and away from the things

which are written in this book.

22:20 He who testifies to these things says,

'Surely I am coming!

Suddenly!' "

Amen.

Even so, come Master YAHUSHUA!

22:21 The favor of our Master **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
be with you all.

Amen.