

his mercy^a he saved us through the bath^b that brought us to life^c and through the making of us new by holy spirit.^d 6 This spirit he poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.^e 7 that, after being declared righteous^f by virtue of the undeserved kindness of that one,^g we might become heirs^h according to a hope of everlasting life.ⁱ

8 Faithful is the saying,^j and concerning these things I desire you to make firm assertions constantly, in order that those who have believed God may keep their minds on maintaining fine works.^k These things are fine and beneficial to men.

9 But shun foolish questionings^l and genealogies^m and strifeⁿ and fights over the Law,^o for they are unprofitable and futile. 10 As for a man that promotes a sect,^p reject^q him after a first and a second admoni-

CHAP. 3
a Ps 130:4
Ro 5:15
Ro 5:21
Ro 11:22
b 1Jo 1:7
1Jo 2:2
1Jo 3:5
Re 1:5
Re 7:14
c Ro 5:18
d Joh 3:5
Ro 8:14
Ro 8:23
2Co 5:17
Heb 6:4
e Ac 2:38
f Ro 5:1
Ro 5:9
g Ro 3:24
Ga 2:16
h Ro 8:17
i Ro 6:23
j 1Ti 1:15
k 1Ti 6:18
l 1Ti 6:4
1Ti 6:20
2Ti 2:23
m 1Ti 1:4
n Ro 13:13
p Php 2:3
o 1Ti 1:7
p 1Co 11:19
Re 2:6
q Ro 16:17
2Th 3:6
2Th 3:14
2Jo 10

tion;^a 11 knowing that such a man has been turned out of the way and is sinning, he being self-condemned.^b

12 When I send Ar-te-mas or Tych'i-cus^c to you, do your utmost to come to me at Ni-cop-o-lis, for there is where I have decided to winter.^d 13 Carefully supply Ze'na's, who is versed in the Law, and A-pol'los for their trip, that they may not lack anything.^e 14 But let our people also learn to maintain fine works so as to meet their pressing needs,^f that they may not be unfruitful.^g

15 All those with me send you their greetings.^h Give my greetings to those who have affection for us in the faith.

May the undeserved kindness be with all of you people.ⁱ

Second Col. a 2Co 13:2; 2Ti 4:2; b Heb 6:6; c Ac 20:4; Eph 6:21; 2Ti 4:12; d 1Co 16:6; e 1Co 9:14; Ga 6:6; Heb 13:16; f Ro 15:27; 1Co 9:11; g Col 1:10; 2Pe 1:3; h Php 4:21; 1Th 5:28.

TO

PHILEMON

1 Paul, a prisoner^a for the sake of Christ Jesus, and Timothy,^b our brother, to Phi-le'mon, our beloved one and fellow worker,^c 2 and to Ap'phi-a, our sister, and to Ar-clip'pus,^d our fellow soldier,^e and to the congregation that is in your house:^f

3 May you people have undeserved kindness and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.^g

4 I always thank my God when I make mention of you in my prayers,^h 5 as I keep hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the holy ones;ⁱ 6 in order that the sharing of

a Eph 4:1
b Ac 16:1
Heb 13:23
c Php 2:25
d Col 4:17
e 2Ti 2:3
f Ro 16:5
1Co 16:19
g Ro 1:7
h Eph 1:16
1Th 1:2
i Eph 1:15
Col 1:4

Second Col.
a Ga 5:6
b 2Co 7:13
c 2Ti 1:16
Heb 6:10
d 1Ti 6:13
e 2Co 8:8
Ga 5:13
f 2Ti 1:8
g Ga 4:19

your faith^a may go into action by your acknowledging of every good thing among us as related to Christ. 7 For I got much joy and comfort over your love,^b because the tender affections of the holy ones have been refreshed^c through you, brother.

8 For this very reason, though I have great freeness of speech in connection with Christ to order^d you to do what is proper, 9 I am exhorting you rather on the basis of love,^e seeing that I am such as I am, Paul an aged man, yes, now also a prisoner^f for the sake of Christ Jesus; 10 I am exhorting you concerning my child,^g to whom I became a fa-

ther^a while in my prison bonds, O-nes'i-mus,^b 11 formerly useless to you but now useful to you and to me.^c 12 This very one I am sending back to you, yes, him, that is, my own tender affections.^d

13 I would like to hold him back for myself that in place of you^e he might keep on ministering to me in the prison bonds! I bear for the sake of the good news. 14 But without your consent I do not want to do anything, so that your good act may be, not as under compulsion, but of your own free will.^f 15 Perhaps really on this account he broke away for an hour, that you may have him back forever, 16 no longer as a slave^h but as more than a slave,ⁱ as a brother beloved,^j especially so to me, yet how much more so to you both in fleshly relationship and in the Lord. 17 If, therefore, you consider me a sharer,^k receive^l him kindly the way you would me. 18 Moreover, if

a 1Co 4:15
b Col 4:9
c 2Ti 4:11
d Phm 20
e Php 2:30
f Eph 6:20
Php 1:7
g 2Co 9:7
1Pe 5:2
h 1Co 7:22
i Col 3:22
j 1Ti 6:2
k 2Co 8:23
l Ro 15:7

Second Col.

a Ga 6:11
b Phm 12
c Php 2:2
d Ac 28:23
e Ac 12:5
f Php 2:24
g Col 1:7
Col 4:12
h Ac 19:29
Ac 27:2
Col 4:10
i Col 4:14
2Ti 4:10
j Ga 6:18

he did you any wrong or owes you anything, keep this charged to my account. 19 I Paul am writing with my own hand:^a I will pay it back—not to be telling you that, besides, you owe me even yourself. 20 Yes, brother, may I derive profit from you in connection with the Lord: refresh my tender affections^b in connection with Christ.

21 Trusting in your compliance, I am writing you, knowing you will even do more than the things I say.^c 22 But along with that, also get lodging^d ready for me, for I am hoping that through the prayers^e of you people I shall be set at liberty^f for you.

23 Sending you greetings is Ep'a-phras^g my fellow captive in union with Christ Jesus, 24 also Mark, Ar-is-tar'chus,^h De'mas,ⁱ Luke, my fellow workers.

25 The undeserved kindness of the Lord Jesus Christ be with the spirit you people show.^j

TO THE

HEBREWS

1 God, who long ago spoke on many occasions^a and in many ways to our forefathers by means of the prophets,^b 2 has at the end of these days^c spoken to us by means of a Son,^d whom he appointed heir of all things,^e and through whom he made^f the systems of things. 3 He is the reflection of his glory^g and the exact representation of his very being,^h and he sustains all things by the word of his power;ⁱ and after he had made a purification for our sins^j he sat down on the right hand^k of the Majesty in lofty places.^l 4 So he has

CHAP. 1

a Nu 12:8
Isa 1:2
b Ex 24:3
Jer 7:25
Eze 33:33
Lu 1:70
Ac 3:21
c Ga 4:4
1Pe 1:11
1Pe 1:20
d Mt 17:5
Joh 3:17
Joh 13:34
e Ps 2:8
Joh 16:15
Ro 8:17
f Joh 1:3
1Co 8:6
Col 1:16
g Joh 1:14
Joh 17:5
h Joh 1:1
Col 1:15
i Col 1:17

become better than the angels,^a to the extent that he has inherited a name^b more excellent than theirs.

5 For example, to which one of the angels did he ever say: "You are my son; I, today, I have become your father"?^c And again: "I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son"?^d 6 But when he again brings his Firstborn^e into

J Da 9:24; Heb 9:26; 1Pe 1:19; k Ps 110:1; Ac 2:33; Ac 7:55; Ro 8:34; Col 3:1; 1Ps 33:13; Eph 1:20; Heb 8:1; Jude 25; Second Col. a Eph 1:21; 1Pe 3:22; b Ac 4:12; Php 2:9; c Ps 2:7; d 2Sa 7:14; Mr 1:11; Lu 9:35; 2Pe 1:17; e Joh 1:14; Joh 3:18; Ro 8:29; Col 1:15.

the inhabited earth, he says: "And let all God's angels do obeisance to him."^b

7 Also, with reference to the angels he says: "And he makes his angels spirits, and his public servants a flame of fire."^c 8 But with reference to the Son: "God is your throne forever^d and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom^e is the scepter of uprightness.^f 9 You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed^g you with the oil of exaltation more than your partners."^h 10 And: "You at the beginning, O Lord, laid the foundations of the earth itself, and the heavens are the works of your hands.ⁱ 11 They themselves will perish, but you yourself are to remain continually; and just like an outer garment^j they will all grow old, 12 and you will wrap them up just as a cloak,^k as an outer garment; and they will be changed, but you are the same, and your years will never run out."^l

13 But with reference to which one of the angels has he ever said: "Sit at my right hand, until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet?"^m 14 Are they not all spiritsⁿ for public service,^o sent forth to minister for those who are going to inherit^p salvation?

2 That is why it is necessary for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard^q by us, that we may never drift away.^r 2 For if the word spoken through angels^s proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice;^t 3 how shall we escape^u if we have neglected^v a salvation of such greatness^w in that it began to be spoken through our Lord^x and was verified^y for us by those who heard him, 4 while God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and var-

CHAP. 1

- a Ps 91:11
- Lu 22:43
- Joh 20:12
- b De 32:43
- LXX
- Ps 97:7
- c Ps 104:4
- d Mt 23:18
- Ac 2:30
- Re 3:21
- e Ge 49:10
- Nu 24:17
- Ps 2:9
- f Ps 45:6
- g Isa 61:1
- Lu 3:22
- Lu 4:18
- Ac 4:27
- Ac 10:38
- h Ps 45:7
- i Ps 102:25
- j Isa 51:6
- k Isa 34:4
- Re 6:14
- l Ps 102:26
- m Ps 110:1
- Mt 22:44
- Mr 12:36
- Lu 20:42
- n Ps 104:4
- Ac 23:8
- o Ps 34:7
- Ps 91:11
- Mt 18:10
- Lu 2:9
- Lu 2:13
- Ac 5:19
- Ac 12:7
- p Mt 19:29
- Mt 25:34
- Jas 2:5

CHAP. 2

- q Lu 8:15
- 2Ti 2:2
- r Ps 73:2
- Heb 3:12
- 2Pe 3:17
- Re 2:4
- s Ac 7:53
- Ga 3:19
- t De 4:3
- 1Co 10:11
- Jude 5
- u Heb 10:29
- v Mt 11:23
- Mt 22:5
- w Lu 1:69
- x Mr 1:14
- Joh 18:20
- y Lu 1:2

Second Col.

- a Ac 2:22
- 1Co 2:4
- b 1Co 12:4
- c 1Co 12:11
- Eph 1:9
- Re 4:11
- d Isa 11:9
- Ac 17:31
- 2Pe 3:13
- e Job 7:17
- f Ps 8:4
- Ps 144:3
- g Ps 8:5
- h Ge 1:26
- Ge 9:2
- i Ps 8:6

ious powerful works^a and with distributions^b of holy spirit according to his will?^c

5 For it is not to angels that he has subjected the inhabited earth to come,^d about which we are speaking. 6 But a certain witness has given proof somewhere, saying: "What is man that you keep him in mind,^e or the son of man that you take care of him?"^f 7 You made him a little lower than angels; with glory and honor^g you crowned him, and appointed him over the works of your hands.^h 8 All things you subjected under his feet."ⁱ For in that he subjected all things to him^j God left nothing that is not subject to him.^k Now, though, we do not yet see all things in subjection to him;^l 9 but we behold Jesus, who has been made a little lower than angels,^m crowned with gloryⁿ and honor for having suffered death,^o that he by God's undeserved kindness might taste death for every man.^p

10 For it was fitting for the one for whose sake all things are^q and through whom all things are, in bringing many sons to glory,^r to make the Chief Agents^s of their salvation perfect through sufferings.^t 11 For both he who is sanctifying and those who are being sanctified^u all stem from one,^v and for this cause he is not ashamed to call them "brothers,"^w 12 as he says: "I will declare your name to my brothers in the middle of the congregation I will praise you with song."^x

13 And again: "I will have my trust in him."^y And again: "Look! I and the young children, whom Jehovah gave me."^z

- j Mt 28:18; 1Co 15:27; Eph 1:22; Php 3:21; k Joh 13:3; Ac 2:35; 1Pe 3:22; 1Ps 110:1; m Php 2:7; n Da 7:14; o Isa 53:8; 1Pe 1:19; 1Jo 4:10; p Ro 5:9; q Isa 53:5; Ro 5:17; 1Ti 2:6; q Ro 11:36; r Ro 8:19; 2Co 6:18; 1Jo 3:2; s Ac 5:31; 1Co 8:6; Heb 12:2; t Lu 24:28; Heb 5:8; u Joh 17:19; Heb 10:14; v Joh 1:13; Joh 20:17; w Mt 12:50; Ro 8:29; x Ps 22:22; Ps 40:9; Lu 4:21; Lu 19:42; y Isa 3:17; z Isa 8:18; Joh 1:12; 1Jo 3:1.

14 Therefore, since the "young children" are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things,^a that through his death^b he might bring to nothing^c the one having the means to cause death,^d that is, the Devil;^e 15 and that he might emancipate^f all those who for fear of death^g were subject to slavery all through their lives.^h 16 For he is really not assisting angels at all, but he is assisting Abraham's seed.ⁱ 17 Consequently he was obliged to become like his "brothers" in all respects,^j that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God,^k in order to offer propitiatory^l sacrifice for the sins of the people.^m 18 For in that he himself has suffered when being put to the test,ⁿ he is able to come to the aid of those who are being put to the test.^o

3 Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling,^p consider the apostle^q and high priest whom we confess^r—Jesus. 2 He was faithful^s to the One that made him such, as Moses^t was also in all the house of that One.^u 3 For the latter is counted worthy of more glory^v than Moses, inasmuch as he^w who constructs it has more honor than the house.^x 4 Of course, every house is constructed by someone, but he that constructed all things is God.^y 5 And Moses as an attendant^z was faithful in all the house of that One as a testimony of the things that were to be spoken afterwards,^a 6 but Christ was faithful as a Son^b over the house of that One. We are the house of that One,^c if we make fast our hold on our freeness of speech and our boasting over the hope firm to the end.^d

7 For this reason, just as the holy spirit^e says: "Today if YOU

CHAP. 2

- a Mt 11:19
- Joh 1:14
- Joh 11:11
- b Isa 53:12
- Ro 6:5
- Ro 14:9
- c Ge 3:15
- Lu 10:18
- 1Jo 3:8
- d Job 1:19
- Job 2:6
- Re 6:9
- e Joh 8:44
- Joh 12:31
- Re 12:9
- f Ro 8:21
- g Ps 89:48
- Isa 25:8
- 1Co 15:26
- h Isa 25:7
- Ro 8:22
- i Ga 3:29
- Heb 9:15
- Re 14:4
- j Php 2:7
- k Heb 5:1
- Heb 7:26
- l Ro 3:25
- 1Jo 2:2
- 1Jo 4:10
- m Ro 5:10
- 2Co 5:18
- n Mt 26:28
- Heb 4:15
- o Heb 7:25
- Re 2:10
- Re 3:10

CHAP. 3

- p Ro 8:30
- 1Co 1:9
- Php 3:14
- 1Th 2:12
- 2Ti 1:9
- 2Pe 1:10
- q Joh 3:17
- Joh 7:29
- r Heb 8:1
- Heb 9:15
- s Joh 8:29
- Re 3:14
- t De 34:10
- u Nu 12:7
- v Mt 17:2
- 2Co 3:9
- w Zec 6:12
- Mt 16:18
- x 1Co 3:9
- 1Pe 2:5
- y Ge 2:3
- Eph 3:9
- z De 3:24
- a De 18:18
- b Mt 17:5
- c 2Co 6:16
- Eph 2:19
- d Ro 5:2
- 1Ti 3:13
- Heb 6:11
- e 2Sa 23:2
- Ac 1:16

Second Col.

- a Ps 95:7
- b Ex 15:23
- c Ex 17:7
- d Ps 95:8
- e Ps 105:40

people listen to his own voice,^a 8 do not harden YOUR hearts as on the occasion of causing bitter anger,^b as in the day of making the test^c in the wilderness,^d 9 in which YOUR forefathers made a test of me with a trial, and yet they had seen my works^e for forty years.^f 10 For this reason I became disgusted with this generation and said, "They always go astray in their hearts,^g and they themselves have not come to know my ways."^h 11 So I swore in my anger, "They shall not enterⁱ into my rest."^j

12 Beware, brothers, for fear there should ever develop in any one of you a wicked heart lacking faith by drawing away from the living God;^k 13 but keep on exhorting^l one another each day, as long as it may be called "Today,"^m for fear any one of you should become hardened by the deceptiveⁿ power of sin. 14 For we actually become partakers of the Christ^o only if we make fast our hold on the confidence we had at the beginning firm to the end,^p 15 while it is being said: "Today if you people listen to his own voice,^q do not harden YOUR hearts as on the occasion of causing bitter anger."^r

16 For who were they that heard and yet provoked to bitter anger?^s Did not, in fact, all do so who went out of Egypt under Moses?^t 17 Moreover, with whom did God become disgusted for forty years?^u Was it not with those who sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?^v 18 But to whom did he swear^w that they should not enter into his rest except to those who acted disobediently?^x 19 So we see

- f Ex 16:35; Nu 32:13; De 8:2; Ps 95:9; g Nu 14:11; Ps 78:8; h De 8:3; Ps 95:10; i Nu 14:23; j Ps 95:11; k Heb 2:1; Heb 12:15; 1Th 5:11; m Ps 95:7; n Mt 4:19; 2Th 2:10; o Eph 3:6; Heb 6:4; Heb 12:8; p Ro 11:22; 2Co 3:4; 1Jo 3:14; Re 2:10; q Ps 95:7; Joh 6:45; r Ps 95:8; s Ex 17:2; t Nu 14:2; Nu 14:4; u Nu 14:11; De 32:21; v Nu 14:22; Nu 14:29; 1Co 10:5; d Ps 95:8
- 1Co 10:10; Jude 5; w De 1:34; Ps 106:26; x Nu 14:30; De 1:35.

Christ,^a 18 how they used to say to you: "In the last time there will be ridiculers, proceeding according to their own desires for ungodly things."^b 19 These are the ones that make separations,^c animalistic men,^d not having spirituality.^e 20 But you, beloved ones, by building up yourselves^f on your most holy faith,^g and praying with holy spirit,^h 21 keep yourselves in God's love,ⁱ while you are waiting for the mercy^j of our Lord Jesus Christ with everlasting life in view.^k 22 Also, continue showing mercy^l to some that have doubts;^m 23 save themⁿ by snatching them out of the fire.^o But continue showing mer-

a 2Pe 3:2
b Ac 20:30
1Ti 4:1
2Ti 3:1
2Pe 2:1
2Pe 3:3
c Lu 11:23
Ro 16:17
1Co 1:10
Jas 3:16
3Jo 10
Re 2:15
d Ho 4:14
e 1Co 2:14
Heb 12:16
f Ac 20:32
1Co 3:10
g Ga 5:22
Col 2:7
1Th 5:11
h Lu 11:13
Ro 8:26
Eph 6:18
i Joh 15:10
Ro 8:39
1Jo 5:3
j 2Ti 1:18
Tit 3:5
k Tit 3:7
1Jo 1:2
1Jo 2:25

cy to others, doing so with fear, while you hate even the inner garment that has been stained by the flesh.^a

24 Now to the one who is able to guard^b you from stumbling and to set you unblemished^c in the sight of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior^d through Jesus Christ^e our Lord, be glory,^f majesty, might^g and authority^h for all past eternityⁱ and now and into all eternity.^j Amen.^k

1Mt 5:7; Mt 9:13; Jas 2:13; m Jas 1:6; n Ro 11:34; Ga 6:1; Jas 5:19; o Am 4:11; Zec 3:2; Mt 18:3; Second Col. a Pr 8:13; Ga 5:19; Re 3:4; b Ps 145:20; e Ro 8:33; Eph 1:4; Eph 5:27; Php 1:10; Col 1:22; d Lu 1:47; e Mt 20:28; Joh 3:16; Ro 5:8; 1Jo 4:9; f Ps 29:1; g Re 11:17; h Da 4:35; i Ps 90:2; j Hab 1:12; k Ro 16:27.

A REVELATION

TO JOHN

1 A revelation^a by Jesus Christ, which God gave him,^b to show his slaves^c the things that must shortly take place.^d And he sent forth his angel^e and presented it in signs^f through him to his slave John,^g 2 who bore witness to the word God gave^h and to the witness Jesus Christ gave,ⁱ even to all the things he saw. 3 Happy^j is he who reads aloud^k and those who hear the words of this prophecy,^l and who observe the things written in it;^m for the appointed time is near.ⁿ 4 John to the seven congregations^o that are in the district of Asia: "The One who has been previously spoken of has sent his angel^p to you, and from the seven spirits^q that are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, "the Faithful Witness,"^r "The firstborn from the dead,"^s

CHAP. 1
a 1Co 14:6
Ga 1:12
b Da 2:28
Joh 12:49
c Am 3:7
Re 7:3
Re 22:6
d Re 1:19
e Re 22:16
f Ac 2:22
g Mt 10:2
Mr 1:19
Joh 21:20
h Re 1:9
i Re 22:20
j Joh 13:17
k Ps 1:2
l 1Ti 4:13
m Lu 22:18
n Lu 11:28
Jas 1:22
o Da 8:19
Re 22:10
p Re 1:11
q Ex 3:14
Re 1:8
Re 4:8
Re 11:17
r Ps 89:37
Re 3:14
s Col 1:18

Second Col.
a Ps 89:27
1Ti 6:15
Re 19:16

and "The Ruler of the kings of the earth."^a

To him that loves us^b and that loosed us from our sins by means of his own blood^c— 6 and he made us to be a kingdom,^d priests^e to his God and Father— yes, to him be the glory and the might forever.^f Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds,^g and every eye will see him,^h and those who pierced him;ⁱ and all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in grief because of him.^j Yes, Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega,"^k says Jehovah God, "the One who is and who was and who is coming,^l the Almighty."^m

9 I John, your brother and a sharer with you in the tribula-

b Joh 15:9; c Heb 9:14; 1Pe 1:19; 1Jo 1:7; d Ex 19:6; Lu 22:29; e 1Pe 2:5; Re 5:10; Re 20:6; f 1Ti 6:16; g Da 7:13; Mt 26:64; Mr 13:26; Ac 1:11; 1Th 4:17; Re 14:14; h Eph 1:18; i Mt 27:49; j Mt 24:30; k Isa 48:12; Re 21:6; Re 22:13; 1Re 1:4; m Ge 17:1; Ex 6:3.

tion^a and kingdom^b and endurance^c in company with Jesus,^d came to be in the isle that is called Pat'mos for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus.^e 10 By inspiration^f I came to be^g in the Lord's day,^h and I heard behind me a strong voiceⁱ like that of a trumpet, 11 saying: "What you see write^j in a scroll and send it to the seven congregations,^k in Eph'e-sus^l and in Smyr'na^m and in Per'gammumⁿ and in Thy-a-ti-ra^o and in Sar'dis^p and in Philadelphia^q and in La-o-di-ce'a."^r

12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me, and, having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,^s 13 and in the midst of the lampstands someone like a son of man,^t clothed with a garment that reached down to the feet, and girded at the breasts with a golden girde. 14 Moreover, his head and his hair were white^u as white wool, as snow, and his eyes as a fiery flame;^v 15 and his feet were like fine copper^w when glowing in a furnace; and his voice^x was as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars,^y and out of his mouth a sharp, long two-edged sword^z was protruding, and his countenance was as the sun when it shines in its power.^a 17 And when I saw him, I fell as dead at his feet.

And he laid his right hand upon me and said: "Do not be fearful.^b I am the First^c and the Last,^d 18 and the living one;^e and I became dead,^f but, look! I am living forever and ever,^g and I have the keys of death^h and of Ha'des.ⁱ 19 Therefore write down the things you saw, and the things that are and the things that will take place after these.^j 20 As for the sacred secret of the seven stars^k that you saw upon my right hand, and of the seven golden lampstands:^l The seven

CHAP. 1

a Mt 24:9
b Heb 10:33
Re 2:10
c Lu 12:32
d Mt 10:22
e 2Ti 2:12
f Ro 8:17
g Ac 1:3
h 1Ch 28:12
i Mt 22:43
j Eze 40:2
k 2Co 12:2
l 1Co 1:8
m 1Co 5:5
n 1Re 1:15
o Hab 2:2
p Re 1:4
q Eph 1:1
Re 2:1
r Mt 2:8
s Re 2:12
t O Ac 16:14
Re 2:18
u Re 3:1
v Re 3:7
w Col 4:16
Re 3:14
x 2Ch 4:7
Re 1:20
y Da 7:13
Re 14:14
z u Pr 20:29
Da 7:9
v Re 19:12
w Re 2:18
x Re 1:10
y Re 1:20
z Isa 49:2
a Mt 17:2
b Mt 17:7
c Ac 26:23
Col 1:18
Re 1:5
d Joh 5:21
Joh 6:40
Re 2:8
e Lu 24:5
f 1Co 15:45
g Ro 5:6
1Pe 3:18
h Ro 6:9
1Ti 6:16
Heb 7:24
i Joh 38:17
Ps 9:13
j Isa 38:10
Mt 16:18
Joh 6:54
Joh 11:25
k Re 4:1
Re 22:6
l Re 1:16
1Re 1:12

Second Col.

a Mt 5:16
Php 2:15

CHAP. 2

b Ac 1:20
c Eph 1:1
d Re 1:16
e Re 1:13
f Joh 2:25
Re 2:19
Re 3:1
g 1Jo 4:1
h Ac 20:30
2Co 11:13

stars mean the angels of the seven congregations, and the seven lampstands mean seven congregations.^a

2 "To the angel^b of the congregation in Eph'e-sus^c write: These are the things that he says who holds the seven stars^d in his right hand, he who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands,^e 2 I know your deeds and your labor and endurance and that you cannot bear the words of the men, and that you put those who say they are apostles,^h but they are not, a you found them liars. 3 You are also showing endurance,ⁱ a you have borne up for my name's sake and have not grown weary.^k 4 Nevertheless, I hold t against you, that you have i the love you had at first.^l

5 "Therefore remember from what you have fallen, and repent^m and do the former deeds you do not, I am coming to you and I will remove your lampstand^o from its place, unless you repent. 6 Still, you do hate this, that you hate^p the deeds of the sect of Nic-o-la-us,^q which I also hate. 7 Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations: him that conquers^s I will grant him to eat of the tree of life,^t which is the paradise of God.^u

8 "And to the angel^v of the congregation in Smyr'na write: These are the things that he says, 'the First and the Last' who became dead and came to life again,^w 9 'I know your tribulation and poverty—but you are rich—and the blasphemy of those who say they themselves are Jews,^y and yet they are not but are a synagogue of Satan."

1Jo 2:19; Heb 12:1; j 1Pe 4:14; k Ga 6:9; l 24:12; m Ac 26:20; Re 3:19; n Re 2:16; o Re 1:1; p Ps 139:21; q 1Co 11:19; Re 2:15; r Mt 11:15; s 2:17; Re 2:29; t 1Jo 5:4; u Ro 2:7; v Re 2:10; w 2:1; v Re 1:17; w Ro 14:9; x 2Co 6:10; 1Ti 6:18; 2:5; y Ac 13:45; z 2Co 11:14; Re 3:9.

cowards and those without faith^a and those who are disgusting in their filth^b and murderers^c and fornicators^d and those practicing spiritism and idolaters^e and all the liars,^f their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire^g and sulphur.^h This means the second death.ⁱ

9 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues,^j and he spoke with me and said: "Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."^k 10 So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain,^l and he showed me the holy city^m Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.ⁿ 11 and having the glory of God.^o Its radiance was like a most precious stone, as a jasper stone shining crystal-clear.^p 12 It had a great and lofty wall^q and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names were inscribed which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.^r 13 On the east were three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.^s 14 The wall of the city also had twelve foundation^t stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles^u of the Lamb.

15 Now the one who was speaking with me was holding as a measure a golden reed,^v that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall.^w 16 And the city lies foursquare, and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city^x with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs; its length and breadth and height are equal. 17 Also, he measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to a man's measure, at the same time an angel's. 18 Now the structure of its wall was jas-

CHAP. 21

- a Ro 11:20
- b Heb 3:19
- c 1Jo 5:10
- d Ro 1:24
- e 1Co 6:9
- f 1Jo 3:15
- g Eph 5:5
- d Ga 5:20
- f Joh 3:44
- Ac 5:3
- ITi 1:10
- g Mt 5:22
- Mt 18:9
- Jas 3:6
- h Isa 30:33
- Mt 10:28
- Re 19:20
- i Pr 10:7
- Heb 10:26
- Re 2:11
- Re 20:6
- j Le 26:21
- Re 15:1
- k Ps 45:9
- Re 19:7
- l Isa 2:2
- Eze 40:2
- Mic 4:1
- m Isa 52:1
- n Heb 12:22
- Re 3:12
- Re 21:2
- o Isa 60:1
- p Ex 24:10
- q Isa 60:18
- r Ex 28:21
- Ex 39:14
- s Re 22:14
- t Heb 11:10
- u Mt 10:2
- Lu 6:13
- Ac 1:13
- Eph 2:20
- v Eze 40:3
- Re 11:1
- w Eze 40:5
- x Re 3:12

Second Col.

- a Re 4:3
- Re 21:11
- b Isa 54:11
- c Isa 54:12
- d Ex 28:18
- Eze 28:13
- e Ex 39:11
- Job 28:6
- f Ex 28:17
- Re 4:3
- g Ex 28:20
- Ca 5:14
- Eze 1:16
- Da 10:6
- h Ex 28:17
- Ex 39:10
- Job 28:19
- Eze 28:13
- i Ex 28:19
- Ex 39:12
- j Es 1:6
- Job 28:18
- Mt 13:46
- k Ac 7:49
- l Ps 11:4
- m Ex 6:3
- Re 15:3
- n Joh 4:23
- o Eph 2:20
- p Isa 60:19
- Re 22:5

per,^a and the city was pure gold like clear glass. 19 The foundations^b of the city's wall were adorned with every sort of precious stone:^c the first foundation was jasper,^d the second sapphire,^e the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,^f 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite,^g the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz,^h the tenth chrysolite, the eleventh hyacinth, the twelfth amethyst.ⁱ 21 Also, the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was made of one pearl.^j And the broad way of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass.

22 And I did not see a temple in it,^k for Jehovah^l God the Almighty^m is its temple,ⁿ also the Lamb is.^o 23 And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God lighted it up,^p and its lamp was the Lamb.^q 24 And the nations will walk by means of its light,^r and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.^s 25 And its gates will not be closed at all by day,^t for night will not exist there.^u 26 And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.^v 27 But anything not sacred and anyone that carries on a disgusting^w thing and a lie^x will in no way enter into it;^y only those written in the Lamb's scroll of life will.^z

22 And he showed me a river of water of life,^a clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb^b 2 down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river and on that side there were trees^c of life producing twelve crops of fruit, yielding their fruits each

q Joh 1:9; Ac 26:13; Heb 1:3; r Isa 60:3; s Ps 138:4; t Isa 60:11; u Isa 60:20; v Isa 60:5; w 1Co 6:9; Ga 5:21; x Ps 5:6; Col 3:9; Re 21:8; y Isa 52:1; z Da 12:1; Php 4:3; Re 13:8; CHAP. 22 a Eze 47:1; b Joh 1:29; c Re 2:7.

month.^a And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations.^b

3 And no more will there be any curse.^c But the throne of God^d and of the Lamb^e will be in the city, and his slaves will render him sacred service;^f 4 and they will see his face,^g and his name will be on their foreheads.^h 5 Also, night will be no more,ⁱ and they have no need of lamp-light nor do they have sunlight, because Jehovah God will shed light^j upon them, and they will rule as kings forever and ever.^k

6 And he said to me: "These words are faithful and true;^l yes, Jehovah the God of the inspired expressions^m of the prophetsⁿ sent his angel forth to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place.^o 7 And, look! I am coming quickly.^p Happy is anyone observing the words of the prophecy of this scroll."^q

8 Well, I John was the one hearing and seeing these things. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship^r before the feet of the angel that had been showing me these things. 9 But he tells me: "Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who are prophets^s and of those who are observing the words of this scroll. Worship God."^t

10 He also tells me: "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, for the appointed time is near."^u 11 He that is doing unrighteousness, let him do unrighteousness still;^v and let the filthy one be made filthy still;^w but let the righteous^x one do righteousness still, and let the holy one be made holy still.^y

12 "Look! I am coming quickly,^z and the reward^a I give is with me, to render to each one as

CHAP. 22

- a Eze 47:12
- b Eze 47:12
- c Zec 14:11
- d Ps 9:7
- e Re 3:21
- f Ro 1:9
- g Ps 17:15
- Mt 5:8
- h Re 14:1
- i Re 21:25
- j Isa 60:19
- lJo 1:5
- k Da 7:18
- Re 3:21
- Re 14:1
- l Tit 1:2
- Re 21:5
- m 2Sa 23:2
- 2Ti 3:16
- n Isa 3:21
- Jer 37:6
- o Re 1:1
- p Re 16:15
- Re 22:20
- q Joh 13:17
- Re 1:3
- r Ac 10:25
- s Joe 2:28
- t Ps 29:2
- Mt 4:10
- Re 19:10
- u Re 1:3
- v Da 12:10
- w 2Ti 3:13
- Jude 10
- x Ro 5:1
- y Php 3:16
- lPe 1:15
- z Isa 40:10
- a Heb 11:6

Second Col.

- a Ps 62:12
- Pr 24:12
- Jer 17:10
- Ro 2:6
- b Isa 44:6
- Re 1:8
- Re 21:6
- c Isa 48:12
- d lJo 1:7
- Re 1:3
- e Re 2:7
- f Re 21:12
- g De 23:18
- Mt 7:6
- Php 3:2
- h Ga 5:20
- i Eph 5:5
- j Col 3:9
- Re 21:8
- k Isa 11:10
- Re 5:5
- l Isa 11:1
- Isa 53:2
- Jer 23:5
- Jer 33:15
- Ro 1:3
- m Nu 24:17
- Re 2:28
- n Re 22:6
- o Re 21:9
- p Mt 11:28
- q Joh 4:14

his work is.^a 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega,^b the first and the last,^c the beginning and the end. 14 Happy are those who wash their robes,^d that the authority to go to the trees of life^e may be theirs and that they may gain entrance into the city by its gates.^f 15 Outside are the dogs^g and those who practice spiritism^h and the fornicatorsⁱ and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone liking and carrying on a lie.^j

16 "I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am the root^k and the offspring^l of David, and the bright morning star."^m

17 And the spiritⁿ and the bride^o keep on saying: "Come!" And let anyone hearing say: "Come!"^p And let anyone thirsting come:^q let anyone that wishes take life's water free.^r

18 "I am bearing witness to everyone that hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone makes an addition^s to these things, God will add to him the plagues^t that are written in this scroll; 19 and if anyone takes anything away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take his portion away from the trees of life^u and out of the holy city,^v things which are written about in this scroll.

20 "He that bears witness of these things says, 'Yes; I am coming quickly.'^w

"Amen! Come, Lord Jesus."

21 May the undeserved kindness of the Lord Jesus Christ be with the holy ones.^x

r Isa 55:1; Joh 7:37; Re 7:17; Re 21:6; s De 4:2; De 12:32; Pr 30:6; Joh 20:30; 2Co 11:4; Ga 1:8; lJo 4:3; t 2Jo 9; Re 15:1; u Re 2:7; Re 22:2; v Re 21:2; w Re 3:11; Re 22:7; x Ro 16:20; 2Th 3:18.